

# Ed.CET - 2009

## General English

### PART - A

#### GENERAL ENGLISH

(Marks : 25)

(1-5) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

In the past, man's worst enemy was nature. He lived under the continual threat of famine and pestilence, a wet summer could bring death to a whole nation, and every winter was a menace. Mountains stood like a barrier between people and people, a sea was less a highway than an impassable division. Today, nature, though still an enemy, is an enemy almost completely conquered. Modern agriculture assures us of an ample food supply. Modern transportation has made the resources of the entire planet accessible to all inhabitants. Modern medicine and sanitation allow dense populations to cover the ground without risk of pestilence. True, we are still at the mercy of the more violent natural convulsions. Against earthquake, flood and hurricane, man has not devised adequate protection. But these major cataclysms are rare. At most times, nature is no longer formidable, she has been subdued.

1. Which of the following statements reflects the underlying conviction of the passage?
  - (1) Man can do wonders.
  - (2) Man's knowledge has no end.
  - (3) Man has been able to control nature to a great extent.
  - (4) Man has been able to control nature completely.
2. Man has not yet succeeded in controlling
  - (1) earthquakes
  - (2) hurricanes
  - (3) floods
  - (4) all the above three natural calamities
3. Modern medicine has helped man
  - (1) to live longer everywhere in the world.
  - (2) to lead a healthy life in hygienic conditions.
  - (3) to live in thickly-populated areas without fear of epidemics.
  - (4) to balance populations with available resources.
4. The modern transport system is a blessing in that
  - (1) it has decreased the distances between any two places.
  - (2) it has made all commodities available to everyone.
  - (3) it has brought comfort to towns and villages.
  - (4) it has encouraged people to travel for pleasure.
5. The word 'cataclysm' in this passage means
  - (1) a great destructive event.
  - (2) a great enjoyable event.
  - (3) a sad event.
  - (4) a natural event.

6-7 Identify the parts of speech of the words underlined, in sentences 6 and 7

6. New Delhi is the capital of our country

- (1) pronoun, adjective
- (2) noun, preposition
- (3) noun, adjective
- (4) pronoun, adverb

7. If you study hard, you will get good marks

- (1) noun, pronoun
- (3) conjunction, adjective
- (2) pronoun, preposition
- (4) conjunction, adverb

8. The sentence : You'd better consult a doctor., has the following function of giving

- (1) a command.
- (2) an apology.
- (3) permission.
- (4) a piece of advice.

9. Identify the sentence with correct capital letters and marks of punctuation

- (1) Manmohan Singh is the Prime Minister of India.
- (2) Manmohan Singh is the prime Minister of India.
- (3) Manmohan singh is the Prime minister of India.
- (4) Manmohan singh is the prime minister of India.

10. Identify the pair of words that rhyme

- (1) sink : sing
- (2) bring : king
- (3) sink : ring
- (4) tear (v) : tear (n)

11. The sentence : I'm sorry., has the following function of giving or making

- (1) a suggestion.
- (2) an advice.
- (3) a piece of advice.
- (4) an apology.

12. Identify the sentence that contains appropriate articles.

- (1) They spent exhilarating holiday near Himalayas.
- (2) They spent the exhilarating holiday near the Himalayas.
- (3) They spent an exhilarating holiday near the Himalayas.
- (4) They spent an exhilarating holiday near Himalayas.

13. Identify the correct propositions for the blanks in the sentence :  
You have fallen \_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
(1) in, with      (2) into, for      (3) into, with      (4) in for
14. Identify the pair of homonyms.  
(1) too : to      (2) bun : fun      (3) sun : shun      (4) pair : pear
15. Identify the synonym of the word underlined in the sentence :  
My friend commends me for my activities.  
(1) scolds  
(2) praises  
(3) hates  
(4) loves
16. Identify the antonym of the word underlined in the sentence :  
I do not lend anything to anyone.  
(1) give  
(2) return  
(3) extend  
(4) borrow
17. Although he is poor, he is contented.  
The above sentence can be written as :  
(1) He is contented in spite of he is poor.  
(2) He is poor, so he is contented also.  
(3) He is poor, but he is contented.  
(4) He is contented for he is poor.
18. Mohan is the tallest boy in the class.  
(1) No other boy in the class is so tall as Mohan.  
(2) Some boys are as tall as Mohan in the class.  
(3) A few boys in the class are so tall as Mohan.  
(4) Most other boys are as tall as Mohan.
19. My father bought me a pen.  
The above sentence can be changed into the passive as :  
(1) My father has bought a pen for me.  
(2) A pen has been bought by my father.  
(3) I was bought a pen by my father.  
(4) A pen was bought by me for my father.

20. Peter said to his sister, "Give me your pen."  
We can write the above sentence in the indirect speech as :

- (1) Peter asked his sister to give him her pen.
- (2) Peter told his sister to give her his pen.
- (3) Peter requested his sister to give her his pen.
- (4) Peter asked his sister give him per pen.

21. Identify the grammatically correct sentence.

- (1) The train left when I had reached the station.
- (2) The train had left before I had reached the station.
- (3) I reached the station when the train had left.
- (4) The train had left when I reached the station.

22. Identify the correct phrase to fill in the blank in the sentence :

He has been ill \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) since Monday
- (2) since a week
- (3) since four days
- (4) from Monday

23. This suitcase is too heavy for me to lift.

The above sentence can be changed as :

- (1) This suitcase is very heavy for me to lift.
- (2) The suitcase is so heavy for me to lift it.
- (3) This suitcase is so heavy that I cannot lift it.
- (4) This suitcase is too heavy that I cannot lift.

24. Identify the grammatically correct sentence.

- (1) She will prefer tea than coffee or fruit juice.
- (2) He is capable of coping with any problem.
- (3) They bought some furnitures last Monday.
- (4) I am always loving my children.

25. Identify the correct ending to the sentence:

Tell me \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) when you will be able to meet me.
- (2) when will you be able to meet me?
- (3) when you will be able to meet me?
- (4) when can you meet me?