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HS 3251 — PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH – II

(Common to : All Branches (Except Marine Engineering))

(Regulations 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of tenses by choosing from the options given below the statements. (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) In recent decades, the efficiency of the United Nations \_\_\_\_\_ by a growing number of countries.
- (i) will have been questioned
  - (ii) would be questioned
  - (iii) has been questioned
  - (iv) had been questioned
- (b) We \_\_\_\_\_ no problems whatsoever with the dam since it \_\_\_\_\_ forty years ago.
- (i) had / has been constructed
  - (ii) were having / was being constructed
  - (iii) have had / was constructed
  - (iv) had had / had been constructed
- (c) He \_\_\_\_\_ this novel since last Monday.
- (i) had been reading
  - (ii) has been reading
  - (iii) have been reading
  - (iv) is reading

- (d) It seems likely that by the end of the week, the costs involved in the construction of the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ by the Ministry.
- (i) would have been announced
  - (ii) would be announced
  - (iii) are being announced
  - (iv) will have been announced

2. Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one. (4 × ½ = 2)

- (a) There are lots of birds nesting \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) under the eaves
  - (ii) there
  - (iii) now
- (b) After school, the children played tag \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) at the park
  - (ii) roughly
  - (iii) and baseball
- (c) Come \_\_\_\_\_ with me.
- (i) home
  - (ii) over
  - (iii) into the store
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the chair sat mouldering in the attic.
- (i) Sad to say
  - (ii) For one hundred years
  - (iii) Incredibly

3. Complete the sentences by changing the words in brackets as directed. (4 × ½ = 2)

- (a) He will be prepared \_\_\_\_\_ (proposing) his idea to the manager (into infinitive).
- (b) He was satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ (getting) it across (into infinitive).
- (c) He is afraid \_\_\_\_\_ (to hurt) your feelings (into gerund).
- (d) Rosy did not like \_\_\_\_\_ (to stay) indoors during holidays (into gerund).

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the words given within the brackets : (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) A \_\_\_\_\_ of foreign languages, especially French and German, is required for the job. (KNOW)
  - (b) Judo requires both skill and \_\_\_\_\_ (STRONG).
  - (c) We decided to buy the house because the price was very \_\_\_\_\_ (REASON)
  - (d) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain is about 2000 metres (HIGH)
5. Identify the errors in the following statements. (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) I told him bluntly (1) / that he is a lazy fellow (2) / and that he had done (3) / his work very badly (4)
  - (b) I live on a top floor (1) / of an old house (2) / when the wind blows (3) / all the windows rattle (4)
  - (c) We all are indebted to him (1)/for holding not only high moral values (2) / but also rendering dedicated service (3) / for the betterment of human race (4)
  - (d) The Ministry of labour conducts its basic survey (1) / on trade unions each year (2) / gathering information with all (3) / labour unions as of June 30 (4)
6. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words choosing them from the options given : (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) The two brothers looks so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is difficult differentiate them.
    - (i) same
    - (ii) similar
    - (iii) identical
    - (iv) alike
  - (b) My friend has good \_\_\_\_\_ over English and Hindi.
    - (i) authority
    - (ii) command
    - (iii) expertise
    - (iv) hold
  - (c) Every week, in the office, one hour is \_\_\_\_\_ to games and sports.
    - (i) conferred
    - (ii) dedicated
    - (iii) conceded
    - (iv) devoted
  - (d) Some people \_\_\_\_\_ themselves into believing that, they are the only honest and hardworking employees in the company.
    - (i) force
    - (ii) fool
    - (iii) delude
    - (iv) keep

7. Complete the following sentences using appropriate conjunctions. ( $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$ )
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ he is a busy, he spends time with his family.
  - (b) Raju will play today \_\_\_\_\_ he gets a chance.
  - (c) You can't succeed \_\_\_\_\_ you work hard.
  - (d) We must reach there \_\_\_\_\_ anyone else.
8. Identify the correct reported speech in the following statements. ( $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$ )
- (a) "I'm going to Istanbul tomorrow," he said.  
He said \_\_\_\_\_ going to Istanbul \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) he is / tomorrow
  - (ii) he was / the previous day
  - (iii) I was / the next day
  - (iv) He was / the next day
- (b) "I'll give you half of the money if you keep your mouth shut," he said to me.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ mouth shut.
- (i) told me that half of the money I could keep
  - (ii) reminded me that half of the money I could keep
  - (iii) offered me half of the money if I kept my
  - (iv) promised me half of the money for my
- (c) "How far is it?" he said "and how long will it take me to get there?"  
He \_\_\_\_\_ to get there.
- (i) asked how far and how long it would take
  - (ii) asked how far it was and wanted to know what time
  - (iii) asked how far it was and how much
  - (iv) asked how far it was and how long it would take him
- (d) "I'll drop you from the team if you don't train harder," said the trainer.  
The trainer \_\_\_\_\_ to drop us from the team if we \_\_\_\_\_ harder.
- (i) accused / won't train
  - (ii) warned / hadn't trained
  - (iii) threatened / didn't train
  - (iv) warned / trained

9. Combine the following sentences using a relative clause. (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) Mr. Honeywell is a good teacher. Everyone likes him.
  - (b) The Marybelle Hotel is opening up again. I stayed there a few years ago.
  - (c) The exercise was very complicated. Nobody could do it.
  - (d) The man was arrested yesterday. He escaped from prison a week ago.
10. Out of four alternatives given for idioms/phrases underlined in the following sentences, choose the one which expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase. (4 × ½ = 2)
- (a) Fair weather friend always tries to fish in the troubled waters of his friends and benefactors.
    - (i) To borrow money
    - (ii) To steal belongings of
    - (iii) To get benefit in bad situation
    - (iv) To extend a helping hand
  - (b) His arrogant behavior with others has left him high and dry.
    - (i) To be penniless
    - (ii) To be very sick
    - (iii) To be very famous
    - (iv) Isolated
  - (c) All the residents of the colony painted the town red on the eve of festival.
    - (i) To white wash buildings
    - (ii) To renovate buildings
    - (iii) To celebrate noisily in public places.
    - (iv) To create nuisances.
  - (d) The chairman pulled a long face when the house did not accept the suggestions put forth by him.
    - (i) To look disappointed
    - (ii) To get annoyed
    - (iii) To be agitated
    - (iv) To make a quarrel

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

Question No. 11 is compulsory.

11. Discuss the Do's and Don'ts of a job interview in detail. (16)
12. (a) Elaborate on the different techniques of persuasive speeches. (16)

Or

- (b) Draft an email response to a user that has recently filed a customer service complaint. (16)
13. (a) Write a compare and contrast essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words. (16)
- (i) Rural life vs. urban life
  - (ii) Meeting people online vs. meeting in real life
  - (iii) Fast food vs. home cooking

Or

- (b) Write a set of eight recommendations that are to be made to old people who live alone. (16)
14. (a) Make a checklist for an industrial visit. (16)

Or

- (b) Write a precis for the following passage. Also, give a suitable title. (16)

With nearly a quarter of global greenhouse gas coming from all types of transportation, can we keep ourselves off gas-powered vehicles to avoid the worst effects? As more governments push for urgent action on climate change, quite a few companies are betting on their future – that millions of consumers are finally ready for electricity – powered vehicles. Modern battery – powered cars are selling fast and zero – emission planes are coming. These changes, both leading to a more sustainable future, are reinventing how we get from here to there.

Cars and trucks are undergoing their greatest improvement since the automobile's existence more than a century ago. Almost overnight, the era of the electric car has arrived. Electricity has the advantage that it works without smell and with less noise. Global annual sales of electric vehicles are expected to soar from just over 3 million today to 14 million

by 2025. Just a month after Ford unveiled an electric version of the popular F-150, customers had reserved more than 100,000 of them. The price is about \$10,000 above the gas – powered one, but Ford says the electric model will cost much less to maintain. Everything creating a green revolution on the ground is of limited help in the sky for the time being.

High-storage batteries are useless at present when it comes to the technological challenge of launching a few hundred people into the sky and carrying them thousands of miles. No battery yet invented can power, say, a Boeing 747 from New York to London. Promising improvements, however, do add up.

Developments with zero-emission, battery-powered electric engines are already happening in commercial flights, involving trips of limited duration and distance. Airlines specializing in short journeys with small planes will lead the way to electric flight.

Our planet's health depends on zeroing out carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, and yet, by the time table needed to address the climate challenge, the shift away from gas-powered vehicles remains far too slow. Nevertheless, the train has left the station. Someday, electric-powered transportation will be as common as air.

15. (a) Assuming yourself as the proprietor of a reputed company, draft a company profile, (INVENT NECESSARY DETAILS) (16)

Or

- (b) Write a letter requesting an internship in a leading company of your choice. Also, include an impressive resume. (16)