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VIII. Write a dialogue between a customer and a shopkeeper about returning a defective product. (4)

(OR)

Complete the following dialogue between a Librarian and a student :

- Librarian :** Your books are _____ by three days.
Student : I'm sorry. I couldn't return them _____ I was out of town.
Librarian : You'll have to pay a small _____ for the delay.
Student : Sure, may I _____ the books today?
Librarian : Yes, but please return them _____ next week.



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GENERAL ENGLISH

Eloquentia - 1

(SEP Scheme)



Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Read all the questions carefully and write answers.
2. Write all the question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A

(Literary Components)

I. Answer any Five of the following questions in a sentences or two each.

(5×2=10)

1. What did the poet request for at the end of the poem, 'Telephone Conversation'?
2. How does the poem, 'Ode to an 'Ocean' suggest that human well-being is tied to the ocean?
3. How was the foreigner dressed in the story 'A Horse and two Goats'?
4. Solomon sold back his property to ----- for ----- dollars.
5. What was the name of the book that Hughie's father had left for him?
6. What is Mr. Balfour's habit?
7. Define Feminity.

II. Answer any Four of the following questions in about a page each. (4×5=20)

1. Wole Soyinka mentions that his colour is not entirely black. Explain with reference to the poem 'Telephone Conversation.'
2. How is Muni portrayed as a character who leaves a lasting impression?
3. Narrate the circumstances which led to the sale of Jenk's Whiskers.
4. Hughie is, 'Poor in wealth and rich in heart' justify with reference to 'The Model Millionaire'.
5. Why was becoming a class monitor a big deal according to Adichie?

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III. Answer any Two of the following questions in about two pages each.

(2×10=20)

1. Analyse the theme of racial prejudice in "Telephone Conversation".
2. Discuss the significance of the title 'Ode to an Ocean' in relation to the poem's message.
3. Examine the character of Muni and the significance of clay horse statue in the story 'A Horse and Two Goats.'

SECTION - B

(Grammar Component)

IV. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it :

(5×1=5)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the ability of machines to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence. Today, AI is used in almost every field – from medicine and education to transportation and entertainment. For example, doctors use AI to detect diseases early, and students use AI tools to learn languages, solve problems, or prepare for exams. Self-driving cars use sensors and AI algorithms to observe the road, make decisions, and avoid accidents.

However, the rapid growth of AI also raises important questions. Many people worry that machines might replace human jobs, especially in industries like manufacturing and customer service. Others fear that relying too much on AI may reduce human creativity and critical thinking. Experts suggest that instead of fearing technology, society should focus on using AI responsibly. When used wisely, AI can save time, reduce errors, and help humans focus on tasks that require imagination and emotional understanding. The key is to balance technological advancement with ethical responsibility.

1. What is Artificial Intelligence?
2. Give two examples of, how AI is used in daily life.
3. Why do some people worry about the growth of AI?
4. How can AI be helpful to humans?
5. Find a synonym for "development" from the passage.

V. Do as directed :

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (2)
- She saw _____ owl perched on _____ branch of an old oak tree.



2. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. (2)
The book fell _____ the shelf and landed _____ the floor.
3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (2)
The children _____ (play) outside when it suddenly _____ (start) raining.
4. Add suitable question tags to the following sentences. (2)
 - a) The fruits are fresh, _____?
 - b) We didn't miss the beginning of the movie, _____?
5. Frame questions using the appropriate question word to get the underlined word or phrase as the answer. (2)
 - a) We celebrated the festival at my grandmother's house.
 - b) The gardener waters the plants every morning.

VI. Answer the following questions :

1. Why is direct eye contact important? (2)
2. Which of the following is a synonym for 'escalated'? (1)
 - a) decreased
 - b) increased
 - c) remained
 - d) multiplies
3. Which of the following is the antonym of 'exceptional'? (1)
 - a) remarkable
 - b) unusual
 - c) ordinary
 - d) amazing
4. Fill in the blanks by adding the suitable affixes (able, ment, pre, tion) to the given base words. (2)
His (manage) _____ skills made him a very (rely) _____ employee.
5. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones. (1)
The soldier had to remain in (stationery/stationary) _____ position while the general inspected the (plain/plane) _____ field.

VII. Change the following sentences into Direct or Indirect speech : (4)

1. Ravi said to Sheela, "I am going to start my exercises today."
2. My father asked me, "Have you cleaned your room?"
3. Mother said, "Don't touch the stove."
4. Rahul said that he would finish the work by evening.