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**Question Bank**

**Class:F.Y.B.A**

**Subject: Compulsory English (ENG 1101)**

**Semester I**

**A] Answer these questions in one line each (1 mark each)**

1. When did the astrologer usually start his day's business?
2. Why did the astrologer think that he had committed a murder?
3. What mark did Guru Nayak have on his chest?
4. How much money did the astrologer charge per question?
5. How did the astrologer know the name of his customer?
6. How much money did Della have with her?
7. Why was Della crying?
8. To whom did Della go and why?
9. What were the two things that the James Dilingham Youngs took great pride in?
10. Who is the poet Robert Burns addressing in the poem?
11. What does Robert Burns compare his love to?
12. Till when does the poet Robert Burns promise to love his beloved?
13. Why did Sir Mohan smile at the mirror with an air of patronage?
14. Why did Lady Mohan stop at the hawker's stall?
15. Why did Sir Mohan wonder whether he would be travelling alone?
16. Why couldn't the two English soldiers believe their ears when they heard Sir Mohan speak English?
17. Tick the right answer from the choices given.
18. What is meant by where the world has not been broken up ...

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with 'a', an'or the'. in case more than one can be used, and In case you think one would be more appropriate than the other(s), use it to complete blank the sentence. If the blank space not need any of the three words, indicate this with an X.

19. ....peacock is in danger of extinction.
20. Could you get me..... kilogram of tea, please.
21. There is..... European and ..... Eskimo among the tourists.
22. .... Sally I know lives in Bhubaneswar.
23. Sajita found..... Wallet on her way home. She took.....wallet to the police station.

Some of the following sentences may have errors relating to the use of articles. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

24. The oranges and lemons are citrus fruits.
25. Asif is going to visit the Oxford University.
26. The elephants and the lions are found in India.
27. Have you been to Nilgiri hills?

28. History is not really Lisa's favourite subject, but she finds the history
29. the Greeks fascinating.
30. You can take Kerala Express to Shoranur.
31. The children have been sent to the bed.
32. Gold you buy here is of excellent quality.
33. Manoj heard a old tale about an unicorn.
34. Philosophy discussed in this book is very difficult to understand
35. The poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' is in
  - a. couplets.
  - b. four-ine stanzas
  - c. free verse
  - d. six-line stanzas
36. Narrow domestic walls?
  - a. where houses are not divided by walls
  - b. where the world consists of broken pieces
  - C. where the world is divided into different domestic households
  - d. where the world is divided by barriers of caste and creed.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable prepositions

37. The bag is.... the top rack ... the cupboard.
38. They are sorry..... having disturbed you.
39. The woman..... the car is my neighbour.
40. Did you see the article the applications.....biotechnology?
41. Shikha spent a day ... her aunt.. 12, Begumpet..... Hyderabad.
42. The baby slept peacefully..... the telephone rang.
43. ....the bandh, people went out to work.
44. Rini was angry..... Simon and spoke harshly..... him
45. The building is deserted..... pigeons and mice.
46. His clients are happy..... Mani's work.

Look at the verbs in the following sentences and say whether they are regular or irregular

47. I won a set of twelve coffee mugs at the fair.
48. The trees swayed in the wind.
49. We fried the potatoes with the brinjals.
50. My uncle smiled gently.
51. Nidhi looked surprised.
52. It rained hard in the afternoon.
53. The balloon burst with a loud bang.
54. The police found a bag of fake currency notes in the room.
55. I forgot my doctor's telephone number
56. The lake froze last winter.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb forms

57. Most snakes ..... (lay) eggs, but the pithon..... (give) birth to young ones.
58. I .... (eat) my breakfast already.
59. I ..... (live) in Delhi Since 1988.
60. Teacher: Ravi, what are you doing?  
Ravi: I .... (read) a story book, Ma'am.

**B] Write the answer in about 20 words (2 marks each)**

61. Write a few lines describing the astrologer's appearance.
62. Describe the place and time the astrologer used to sit.
63. What would have been the nature of the man's life, had he not left his village?
64. How could the astrologer win the confidence of his customers?
65. What was the stranger's challenge to the astrologer?
66. What advice did the astrologer give the stranger?
67. Who was Guru Nayak? How did the astrologer recognise him?
68. Answer the following questions with reference to the context.

A) Swifter than a snake that flies

To the charmer's thrill...

- i. What is being compared to a snake?
- ii. What does the word 'fly' here mean?
- iii. What is a charmer's thrill?

B) Life's dark tides may roll between,

Or Death's deep chasms divide

If you call me I will come

Fearless what betide.

- i. What does the poet mean by life's dark tides?
- ii. What are the obstacles that the poet wants to overcome in order to meet her lover?
- iii. Discuss the interplay of Life and death

**C] Write short notes in about 40 words (4 marks each)**

69. Why was Jim wearing a strange look when he came home and of his having bought the combs saw Della and what is the irony for Della's hair?
70. What are the stories behind Della and Jim's presents and how do they react after narrating their respective stories to each other?
71. What did Jim say when he discovered both their errors and what was his plan to forget it all?
72. Describe Lachmi in your own words.
73. Describe the different ways in which Sir Mohan and Lachmi board the train.
74. Why was Sir Mohan eager to talk to any Englishman on the train? What fond memories would he be able to bring back through these conversations?
75. What did the two English soldiers do with Sir Mohan?
76. Which words describe the poet's beloved in A Red ,Red Rose?
77. How does the poet Robert Burns express undying love for his beloved?

78. Which lines show that the poet Robert Burns is saying good bye to his beloved?
79. Read the poem 'If You Call Me' carefully and find out where there is a difference in the tone of the poet's desire to meet her lover.
80. Show how poet Sarojini Naidu has effectively used repetition to show the intensity of her love for her lover.
81. How does poet Sarojini Naidu describe the lightning's feet?
82. How did Cassius Marcellus Clay become Muhammad Ali and why?
83. In what ways did Islam help Ali in his profession?
84. Why did Muhammad Ali refuse to fight in Vietnam? What was the result of his refusal?
85. What is WORLD? What is it meant for?
86. After reading this essay, what impression do you get about Ali as a boxer?

**D] Write short answer (6 marks each)**

87. Attempt a character sketch of the astrologer.
88. Write a note on the astrologer's way of dealing with his clients.
89. Describe the astrologer's meeting with Guru Nayak.
90. How did the astrologer convince Guru Nayak about his future?
91. What according to you is the relevance of the title of the story – *The Gift of the Magi*?
92. Do you agree that love and sacrifice is the theme of the story – *The Gift of the Magi*?
93. What, according to Tagore are some of the qualities that the land of freedom should have? Does the poem apply to all countries or only to the country of the poet?
94. How does Tagore speak of sectarianism and communalism in *Where the Mind is Without Fear*?
95. How does Tagore refer to the struggle for perfection and rationality?
96. What is the mood of the poet in this poem? Provide evidences in explanation of your answer.
97. Write a brief dialogue on the following situation  
Dharam goes to his friend Pravin's house. His cousin, Smita, is with him. Dharam introduces the two each other.
98. Abhay meets Abdul, a friend at a supermarket. The two men greet each other and exchange a few words before taking leave.
99. Introduce yourself to your friend.
100. How did Muhammad Ali surprise the boxing pundits?
101. How did Ali 'fling the medal into murky depths of a river'?  
What does it mean? When did it happen?

**E] Long answer questions (12 marks each)**

102. Find out the meaning of the word karma. In the context of its meaning, do you think it is an appropriate title for the story.
103. There is a lot of humour and irony in the story. Pick out the sections in the story that are examples.
104. Do you think Lachmi bears any ill will towards her husband. Give examples from the story to substantiate your answer.

105. Does this incident with Sir Mohan remind you of a similar incident that had happened to a very famous Indian? Do you think the author has used this similarity very cleverly in this story to bring out the irony of the situation?
106. A simile is a poetic device in which two different things are compared. What are the two similes used in the poem and how does the poet use this device effectively?
107. The poet uses very simple language to express his love for his beloved. How do you think simplicity appeals to his readers?
108. How does poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' achieve meaning in the context of the Indian freedom struggle?
109. Do you think the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' is relevant even today? Give reasons for your answer.
110. Elaborate the central idea of the poem 'If You Call Me'.
111. What effect does the imagery of poem 'If You Call Me' have on the reader?