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BCG-401 : ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

Note :— Attempt *five* questions in all, selecting at least *one* question from each section. The *fifth* question may be attempted from any section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION—A

1. (A) Complete the sentences using could, couldn't or managed to :
- (1) I looked everywhere for the mobile, but I \_\_\_\_\_ find it.
  - (2) They didn't want to come with us at first, but we \_\_\_\_\_ persuade them.
  - (3) I looked very carefully and I \_\_\_\_\_ see somebody in the distance.
  - (4) I had forgotten to bring my camera, so I \_\_\_\_\_ take any pictures.
- (B) Put the verb into the correct form, active or passive :
- (5) The letter \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a week ago and it (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
  - (6) The park gates \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) at 8.30 p.m. every evening.
  - (7) Water \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) most of the earth's surface.

(C) Complete the sentences with say or tell :

(8) Mary \_\_\_\_\_ good morning to me and walked into the class.

(9) Garima \_\_\_\_\_ me that she was bored with her job.

(10) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ anybody what has happened.

2. (A) Make one sentence from two. Use who/that/which :

(1) Some stories have unhappy endings. I don't like them.

(2) My sister studies in university. She has topped in the class.

(3) Where is the cheese ? It was in the fridge.

(4) Harry works for a company. It makes umbrellas.

(5) A building was destroyed in the fire. It has now been rebuilt.

(B) Complete the sentences with although/in spite of/because/because of :

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.

(7) I went home early \_\_\_\_\_ I was feeling unwell.

(8) She accepted the job \_\_\_\_\_ the salary, which was rather low.

(9) I couldn't get to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ the noise.

(10) I didn't get the job \_\_\_\_\_ I had the necessary qualifications.

## SECTION—B

3. (A) Identify the nominalised subjects in the following sentences :
- (1) The management's decision to shut down the factory has made a lot of people unemployed.
  - (2) The disappearance of so many species in the last century is a cause of concern.
  - (3) The destruction of Ukraine in the war is a major setback to the world peace.
  - (4) The clearing of forests to build wide roads must be stopped immediately.
  - (5) The public's lack of appreciation of art usually discourages the artists.
- (B) Write words that are similar in meaning to the following :
- (1) Financially successful
  - (2) Not enough
  - (3) Clear and firm
  - (4) Expensive
  - (5) Cultural history.
4. (A) Decide which form of the verb, the active or the passive, correctly completes the following sentences :
- (1) In court, the advocate argued that a key part of the evidence \_\_\_\_\_.  
(had not properly analysed/had not been properly analysed)
  - (2) The expert concluded that the suspect \_\_\_\_\_ the threatening e-mail.  
(may have written/may have been written)

- (3) A phone call \_\_\_\_\_ just before the attack.  
(had made/had been made)
- (4) Sociolinguists \_\_\_\_\_ in how languages vary.  
(interested/are interested)
- (5) After a few months in a new country, behaviour, values and identity \_\_\_\_\_ to adapt to a new culture.  
(will shift/will have been shifted)
- (B) Identify the technical terms and the definition markers in the following texts :
- (1) Matter is defined as anything that occupy space and weight.
- (2) Family is the most important influence in teaching children how to interact with one another, a process known as socialization.
- (3) Phonetics is the study of speech sounds made in human languages.
- (4) Cognates refer to words in two or more languages that share the same origin and have similar spellings and meanings.
- (5) Achieved status refers to the social position an individual reaches through choice, ability and competition.

#### SECTION—C

5. Discuss the thesis in the poem 'Porphyria's Lover'.
6. Discuss Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" as an inspirational poem.

#### SECTION—D

7. When does language learning begin? Write a detailed note.
8. Summarize the main ideas in the essay "Managing Earth's Greenhouse".