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COMPULSORY HSSC–II

SECTION – A (Marks 20)

Time allowed: 25 Minutes

Section – A is compulsory. All parts of this section are to be answered on this page and handed over to the Centre Superintendent. Deleting/overwriting is not allowed.

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Answer Sheet No. _____

ہر سوال کے سامنے دیے گئے، کریکولم کے مطابق درست دائرہ کو پر کریں۔ **Invigilator Sign.** _____

Fill the relevant bubble against each question according to curriculum: **Candidate Sign.** _____

	Question	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
1.	Each of the two brothers is a singer. The underlined word is a/an:	Personal Pronoun	Distributive Pronoun	Reflexive Pronoun	Reciprocal Pronoun	○	○	○	○
2.	The black buzzing bee flew over my head. Identify the figure of speech:	Simile	Metaphor	Alliteration	Personification	○	○	○	○
3.	Students submitted an _____ to complete their application. Choose the word with correct spellings:	Affedevit	Afidevit	Affidevite	Affidavit	○	○	○	○
4.	A person needs to see his dentist twice a year. Underlined word is an example of:	Anaphoric reference	Cataphoric reference	Endophoric reference	Exophoric reference	○	○	○	○
5.	The old man sobbed with grief at the funeral. **Synonym** of the underlined word is:	Ecstasy	Happiness	Glee	Distress	○	○	○	○
6.	A genre that intends aesthetic and often rhythmic qualities of language is called:	Fiction	Non-fiction	Poetry	One-act play	○	○	○	○
7.	Which sentence contains an opinion?	The sun was shining.	It was a beautiful day.	We planned a trip.	We came back.	○	○	○	○
8.	I _____ him for a long time.	Know	Have known	Known	Has known	○	○	○	○
9.	Which of the following sentences contains an adverb of degree?	He is far better now.	She sings delightfully.	We rose early.	Cut it length wise.	○	○	○	○
10.	Reading is his favorite pastime. The underlined word is:	Present participle	Past participle	Gerund	Infinitive	○	○	○	○
11.	They visited ____ European country last year. Choose the correct article.	The	A	An	No article	○	○	○	○
12.	Abdullah, the captain of the team, scored highest runs. The underlined part is:	Verb phrase	Adverb phrase	Appositive phrase	Object phrase	○	○	○	○
13.	Identify the sentence which illustrates the use of relative pronoun:	Who is there in the room?	He met Ali who was late.	Which way shall we go?	You will hurt yourself.	○	○	○	○
14.	We _____ take care of our neighbors. Select modal verb of **obligation**.	Could	Dare not	Used to	Ought to	○	○	○	○
15.	Eat up your dinner or you won't have any pudding. The given sentence is:	Simple	Compound	Complex	Compound complex	○	○	○	○
16.	The sequence of events that makes up the narrative of a story is:	Climax	Anticlimax	Resolution	Plot	○	○	○	○
17.	They went where living was cheaper. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an:	Noun clause	Adverb clause	Adjective clause	Main clause	○	○	○	○
18.	Identify the sentence with correct order of adjectives:	A beautiful, small, old table.	A small beautiful, old table.	An old, small, beautiful table.	A small, old, beautiful table.	○	○	○	○
19.	Which one of the following sentences exemplifies future perfect tense?	I'll be staying here till Sunday.	In next June, we shall live here.	Before sunset, he will have left the place.	I shall be reading the paper then.	○	○	○	○
20.	The snake crawled _____ its hole. Choose the correct preposition:	Between	Into	At	On	○	○	○	○

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Time allowed: 2:35 Hours **Total Marks Sections B and C: 80**

SECTION – B (Marks 40)

Q. 2 Read the given passage and answer the questions including Question No. (i) appended to it.
Note: Question No. (i) about summary carries 08 marks while the rest of the questions carry 04 marks each.
(8+5 x 4 = 28)

Gender inequality defines the practice of granting or denying rights or privileges to the people based on their gender. Despite the fact that women make more than 50% of the world population, gender based **discrimination** against women still remains an **undeniable** fact in Pakistan and across the globe, potentially **hampering** its socio-economic advancement and progress. The major half of the population is badly neglected in almost all the fields of life, especially education, health, economic opportunities and political participation.

The issue of gender inequality is, sometimes, wrongly **ascribed** to religion. As the matter of fact, its primary causes are the various cultural norms and the patriarchal mind set.

Males are considered physically powerful and females as psychologically sensitive or weak. From birth, male and female offsprings are raised differently. Since their babyhood, boys are let to play with toys like trucks or other sports related things. Girls, on the other hand, are introduced more commonly to dolls, dresses and playhouses, where they take care of dolls as if they were children. Women are supposed to be **submissive** to men and are viewed as a property. They are not allowed to take independent decisions even about some of their very **fundamental** and **sheerly** personal matters like education, marriage and job etc. These trends set by the society put men and women on certain paths, and throughout life, are seen as two very different species who have very different personalities and should always stay on separate paths.

QUESTIONS:

(i) Write down summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. (7+1=08)

(ii) What is meant by gender inequality?

OR

What is the condition of women in Pakistan and in the world regarding gender based discrimination?

(iii) Identify the probable causes of gender inequality.

(iv) According to the passage why are males and females brought up differently?

OR

What does the writer mean by 'Patriarchal mind set'? Does it prevail in our society?

(v) According to author how are women treated in our society?

(vi) Why in writer's opinion are women not allowed to take independent decisions?

OR

Use the words that are bold and underlined in sentences of your own. (Any four)

Q. 3 a. Read the following poetic extract carefully and answer the questions appended to it: (2+2+2 = 06)

(I) If you can dream–and not make dreams your master;
If you can think–and not make thought your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the thing you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools:

QUESTIONS:

(i) Explain the two imposters the poet is talking about?

(ii) What is the theme of the stanza?

(iii) Explain any two poetic devices used in the stanza.

(OR)

(II) All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first, the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail

QUESTIONS:

(i) What is the significance of the words 'exits' and 'entrances'?
(ii) According to poet what is the first stage?
(iii) Write the poetic devices used in the stanza with examples. (any two)

b. Answer any ONE of the following parts: **(06)**

(i) State the central theme or message of the novel you have recently read. How do the characters, actions or decisions reflect this theme?

(ii) What are the most important events in your favorite novel? Why do you believe they are important and what could have happened differently?

SECTION – C (Marks 40)

Note: Attempt ALL the questions.

Q. 4 Write an essay in about 250 – 300 words on any **ONE** of the following topics: **(12)**

Role of Technology in Education

Outline: Introduction ------ importance of education ------ use of technology in daily life ------ technology in educational institutions ------ benefits in educational process ------ online education ------ challenges ------ conclusion.

(OR)

Deforestation and Climate Change

Outline: Introduction ------ importance of forests ------ current rate of deforestation ------ how it contributes to climate change, carbon, disruption of water cycles ------ loss of biodiversity ------ conclusion.

Q. 5 a. There are errors of pronoun, preposition, adjective, article, punctuation, spellings and verb in the given paragraph.
Rewrite the paragraph after correcting any five errors. Underline the corrected words: **(05)**

Education is one of most important aspect in the development from a nation. Without an educating population it is impossible for the country to progress. Unfortunately many countries neglecting education, resulting in poorty. The government must, takes steps to improve education system.

b. Use the following idiomatic expressions in the blanks to complete the sense of the passage (05)

(i) A bird's eye view (ii) Once in a blue moon (iii) A dead letter
(iv) Blue stocking (v) Rank and file

The company's new policy has been _____ rarely enforced, except _____ when the CEO decides to revive it. During a recent meeting, she gave us _____ of the plans, but the _____ employees remained skeptical. Meanwhile, our team leader, a self-proclaimed _____, has been brainstorming ways to make the policy more effective.

c. Change the following conversation into indirect form of narration: **(05)**

"It's a book that, says the same thing almost all the books in the world say" said the old man. "It describes people's inability to choose their own destiny. And it ends up saying that everyone believes the world's greatest lie". "What is the world's greatest lie? "the boy asked, completely surprised. "Its this: that at a certain point in our lives, we lose control of what is happening to us, and our lives become controlled by fate. That's the world's greatest lie". "We will only understand the miracle of life when we allow the unexpected to happen". said the boy.

Q. 6 Suppose you are a member of the literary society of your college. The principal has asked you to prepare a report on the condition of the college library. Your report should include the following: **(08)**

(i) The condition of the library building, reading hall and seating capacity.
(ii) Number of books and magazines available for borrowing.
(iii) Condition of the reference section.
(iv) Recommendations for the purchase of new books and other improvements.

Q. 7 Change the following passage into present tense: **(05)**

He resumed his seat in the door way, clamped his elbows on his knees. Rested his face in his hands and peered through the rent in the curtain. When I asked him where the kettle was, he ignored me. I certainly was sorry, I had offended him.