1. Write an essay on any one of the following (20)
   – Women empowerment is no longer necessary.
   – The biggest problem affecting youths of today.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

   Despite the beliefs of over 17-21 million people worldwide, there is no evidence that accidents
   are more likely to happen on Friday the 13th. On the contrary, some studies have shown there are
   actually fewer accidents on Friday the 13th. A recent report completed by a Dutch insurance company
   showed that there were fewer incidents of fires and theft on Fridays that fell on the 13th than on any
   other Fridays in the same year. It is highly probable that this reduction in accidents owes itself to the
   fear of Friday the 13th itself. If people are more cautious on Friday the 13th, then there are likely to
   be fewer accidents.

   If, then, there is no significant evidence that Friday the 13th is any more dangerous than any
   other day of the year, why do friggatriskaidekaphobics remain convinced of its unluckiness? Historically,
   the date is associated with the Last Supper of Christ, in which there were thirteen people, and the
   thirteenth guest, Judas, caused Jesus’ crucifixion on Good Friday. Norse mythology also contains a
   story in which twelve gods were interrupted by a thirteenth uninvited guest, Loki, who caused the
   death of another god. While these historical or folk traditions may have something to do with this
   belief, people may also use associational links to justify their superstitions. If a friggatriskaidekaphobic
   loses his wallet on Tuesday the 21st, for example, he would probably not assign any meaning to the
   date on which this event occurred. If the same individual lost his wallet on Friday the 13th, however,
   he might be likely to conclude that the inauspicious nature of Friday the 13th was at fault.

   (a) What did the report compiled by the Dutch insurance company suggest? (2)
   (b) Why are there fewer accidents on Fridays that fall on the 13th? (2)
   (c) Why is Friday the 13th considered to be unlucky? (3)
   (d) How might a friggatriskaidekaphobic use associational links to justify his fear of Friday the
       13th? (2)
   (e) Based on your reading of the passage, what do you think the word friggatriskaidekaphobic
       means? (2)
   (f) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage: (5)
       (i) evidence  (ii) Contrary  (iii) superstitions
       (v) significant  (v) inauspicious
3. Use **any eight (8)** of the following idioms and phrases in sentences to highlight their meaning: 

(a) To eat one’s own words  
(b) To be dressed to the nines  
(c) Apple of one’s eyes  
(d) To turn a deaf ear  
(e) A bolt from the blue  
(f) To burn the midnight oil  
(g) between a rock and a hard place  
(h) to break the ice  
(i) to eat humble pie  
(j) an uphill task  
(k) in the same boat  
(l) fool’s paradise

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate Parts of Speech from the alternatives given below: 

(i) I am ____________ sorry about this mistake.  
   (a) Terrifically  
   (b) terrified  
   (c) terribly

(ii) I was very impressed with her ____________.  
    (a) Beautifully  
    (b) beauty  
    (c) beautifulness

(iii) If you work ____________, you will succeed.  
     (a) Hard  
     (b) hardly  
     (c) hardly

(iv) I am deeply saddened by the ____________ of my best friend.  
     (a) Lost  
     (b) loose  
     (c) loss

(v) The money they found was not ____________ but they took it anyway.  
    (a) Their’s  
    (b) theirs  
    (c) there

(vi) John ____________ for a walk every morning.  
     (a) Goes  
     (b) went  
     (c) go

(vii) The hotel was much ____________ than she expected.  
      (a) Farther  
      (b) further  
      (c) far

(viii) This book is ____________ to that.  
      (a) More better  
      (b) far better  
      (c) as better

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions and conjunctions: 

i) ____________ he is poor, he is generous.  
   (a) Yet  
   (b) since  
   (c) though

ii) He sat ____________ me on the train.  
    (a) Beside  
    (b) besides  
    (c) aside

iii) He lives in the apartment ____________ mine.  
     (a) Under  
     (b) underneath  
     (c) below

iv) He is guilty; ____________, he must be punished.  
    (a) In case  
    (b) yet  
    (c) hence

v) ____________ he quit smoking, he has become healthier.  
   (a) Since  
   (b) though  
   (c) therefore

vi) The police promised to look ____________ the matter of the missing necklace.  
    (a) For  
    (b) up  
    (c) into

vii) I ran ____________ your mother yesterday.  
     (a) Across  
     (b) into  
     (c) through

viii) He no longer cared ____________ looking after himself.  
      (a) For  
      (b) about  
      (c) with
5. Convert the following sentences as directed: 

(i) He gave his best efforts. He failed. (*Change into compound*)
(ii) I was exhausted and therefore I fell asleep. (*Change into complex*)
(iii) Unless you agree to keep silent, I shall lock you in this room. (*Change into compound*)
(iv) You must work or you will starve. (*Change into complex*)
(v) He is punctual. He is successful. (*Change into compound*)
(vi) Returning to his room after attending the feast, Tom immediately went to sleep. (*Change into simple*)
(vii) She will not fail. I am sure of that. (*Change into compound*)
(viii) That you are rich does not make you greater than others. (*Change into simple*)

6. Convert the following sentences as directed: 

(i) Everybody acknowledges that he was a great man. (*Change into negative*)
(ii) No one has completed their assignment. (*Change into interrogative*)
(iii) Can you please close the door for me? (*Change into imperative*)
(iv) I would like to be as beautiful as a rose. (*Change into exclamatory*)
(v) A good person never forgets to help others. (*Change into affirmative*)
(vi) Alas! My dog has died! (*Change into assertive*)
(vii) He finishes his tasks on time. (*Change into interrogative*)
(viii) He exclaimed joyfully that they have won the match. (*Change into exclamatory*)

7. Choose the correct words or expression which mean the following: 

(i) Publishing or copying a book or work of art without the author’s permission
   (a) trademark  (b) plagiarism  (c) creative differences
(ii) to undertake legal work without charge
   (a) quid pro quo  (b) status quo  (c) pro bono
(iii) Favouring one’s own relatives or friends by giving them jobs
   (a) nepotism  (b) Neapolitan  (c) prejudice
(iv) A system of government by one person with absolute power
   (a) theocracy  (b) mob rule  (c) autocracy
(v) A huge or monstrous creature
   (a) hermaphrodite  (b) behemoth  (c) gazillion
(vi) Creating discord on the internet by starting quarrels or upsetting people
   (a) spamming  (b) deviance  (c) trolling
(vii) A change in the form of something into a completely different one.
   (a) Genesis  (b) metamorphosis  (c) exchange
(viii) A mass departure of people
   (a) Exodus  (b) numbers  (c) immigration

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct words: 

(i) Her life was a _____________ one, with so many people depending on her.
   (a) Mellifluous  (b) burdensome  (c) lonesome
(ii) As a diplomat’s daughter, she was very good at _____________ awkward situations.
   (a) Arresting  (b) placating  (c) defusing
(iii) He ______________ into the fountain with all his clothes on.
   (a) plunged  (b) dipped  (c) bolted
(iv) His life was a ____________ of painful events.
   (a) Content  (b) series  (c) block
(v) since giving up cigarettes, i find myself ____________ sweets.
   (a) craving  (b) hungering  (c) sustaining
(vi) His contribution was __________, since it was only a small amount.
   (a) Negotiable  (b) invisible  (c) negligible
(vii) his hand writing was so terrible, it was ________________
      (a) Illegal  (b) illegible  (c) uneligible
(viii) Her arrogance knows no ________________
      (a) Bounds  (b) person  (c) boundaries

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