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ML-201

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B.Com., Sem.-II (NEP)

AEC-125(A) : Practical English

(Ability Enhancement Courses)

Time : 1:00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 25

1. Answer any **five** questions in brief : **10**
- (1) Why did Sudha Murthy write a postcard to TELCO ?
 - (2) What advice did JRD give Sudha Murthy when she told him about her plans for the future ?
 - (3) What gift did the parrot bring back for the king ?
 - (4) How did the king discover the truth about the fruit ?
 - (5) How did Eurydice die ?
 - (6) How did Orpheus react to Eurydice's death ?
 - (7) How, according to Gardiner, can a compromise be brought between individual and social liberties ?

OR

1. Write short note on any **one** of the following : **10**
- (1) Gardiner's views on Liberty.
 - (2) The character of Sudha Murthy.
 - (3) The moral of the story – *The Wise Parrot*
2. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs from the given options : (Any **ten**) **10**
- (1) The maid _____ the dog for a walk every morning. (takes, will take, took)
 - (2) Meera _____ her breakfast before I reached her house.
(will finish, had finished, is finishing)
 - (3) The children _____ in the rain now. (play, plays, are playing)
 - (4) Guruji _____ for Varanasi yesterday morning. (left, will leave, had left)
 - (5) _____ this your pen ? (Are, Is, Were)
 - (6) Rajiv cut his face while he _____. (was shaving, shaved, had shaved)
 - (7) All the students _____ their assignments yesterday.
(submitted, will submit, are submitting)
 - (8) The patient _____ before the doctor came. (dies, had died, died)
 - (9) My son _____ ill since last week. (be, has been, was)
 - (10) The phone rang while I _____ my dinner. (was taking, took, will take)

- (11) God _____ those who help themselves. (help, helps, helping)
- (12) I _____ Mumbai by 8 am tomorrow.
(shall have reached, shall reach, were reaching)
- (13) They _____ cricket since two o'clock.
(have been playing, has been playing, will be playing)

3. Choose the correct option : (Any **five**)

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- (1) The parrot was called _____.
- (a) Hiranman Tota (b) Hiranmani Tota
(c) Mithoo Tota (d) Chhotu Tota
- (2) The first fruit of the tree was _____.
- (a) eaten by the king (b) poisoned by a snake
(c) stolen by the gardener (d) rotted due to heat
- (3) The chairman of TELCO when Sudha applied was _____.
- (a) JRD Tata (b) Sathya Murthy
(c) Sumant Mulgaonkar (d) Ratan Tata
- (4) When Sudha Murthy saw the advertisement for TELCO, she _____.
- (a) applied immediately
(b) wrote a polite letter to the company
(c) confronted the company on gender discrimination
(d) applied for a masters in the US
- (5) The three-headed dog was called _____.
- (a) Charlie (b) Maddy
(c) Cerberus (d) Rex
- (6) Orpheus lived in _____.
- (a) Thessaly (b) Naples
(c) Corinth (d) Panipath
- (7) According to Gardiner, civilized people should _____.
- (a) think only of their convenience (b) follow individual desires
(c) regard social norms and rules (d) disregard government laws
- (8) The essay suggests that the rule of the road symbolizes _____.
- (a) oppression (b) anarchy
(c) co-operation (d) suppression