

TGPSC Group-1 Mains English Paper – 2024

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

5 × 2 = 10

A long time ago, on a big tree in the lap of a mountain, there lived a bird named **Sindhuka**. It was a rather special bird because its droppings turned into gold as soon as they hit the ground. One day, a hunter came to the tree in search of prey and he saw Sindhuka's droppings hit the ground and turn into gold. The hunter decided to catch the bird and set a trap. The bird, quite unaware of the danger, was caught in the hunter's trap. The hunter shoved it happily into a cage. But he suddenly realised that he could present the bird to the king as a loyal citizen. The next day, the hunter took the bird to the king and presented it to him with great reverence. The king was delighted to receive such an unusual gift. However, the king's prime minister was reluctant to accept the bird. He cautioned the king not to believe the hunter and advised him to release the bird from the cage. After a little thought, the king ordered the bird to be released. The bird flew out and sat on a nearby doorway and defecated. To everyone's surprise, the dropping immediately turned into gold. The king mourned his loss.

Questions:

- (i) Where did the hunter find Sindhuka?
- (ii) What was the special feature of the bird?
- (iii) What did the hunter do after trapping Sindhuka?
- (iv) Why was the king's prime minister reluctant to accept the bird?
- (v) Why did people get surprised at the end?

2. Make a precis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length. Suggest a suitable title.

A man may usually be known by the books he reads as well as the company he keeps. There is companionship in books as well as in men. One should always live in the best company, whether it be of good books or good men. In fact, books are a source of information and knowledge on a variety of subjects. A good book may be among the best of friends. It is the same today as it always was, and it will never change in the future. It is the most patient and cheerful of companions. It does not turn its back upon us in times of adversity or distress. It always receives us with the same kindness. Books give instruction in youth. As a young person, you can enjoy reading books. They console us in old age. They can help us develop creativity and imagination. Books are a record of our past cultures.

3. Expand the idea of one of the following in about 150 words:

1 × 10 = 10

- (i) Failures are the stepping stones to success.
- (ii) Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
- (iii) A little learning is a dangerous thing.

4. Write a letter to the Editor of a prominent daily newspaper highlighting the effects of air pollution.

10 Marks

5. Re-arrange the following sentences in the correct sequence and write them as a paragraph:

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- (i) Years went by. The younger son began to get restless because he was unhappy with his wife.
- (ii) They were living together happily.
- (iii) Once upon a time, there lived a rich farmer.
- (iv) He went to his father and asked for his share of the property.
- (v) He had two sons.

6. Rewrite the following sentences after making necessary corrections:

10 × 1 = 10

- (i) You must understand that such a thing will not permitted again.
- (ii) No one told about it me.
- (iii) Circumstances obliged to resign Rahul his post.
- (iv) I have to choose among these two pictures.
- (v) Thomas Edison was discovered the bulb.
- (vi) "Please give me five rupees," the beggar said the passer-by.
- (vii) "What a splendid building!" the tourist says the tourist when he saw the Taj Mahal.
- (viii) He said, "If Ravi approached me I would certainly help him."
- (ix) He did not went to college yesterday.
- (x) Vinay was born in Purulia at West Bengal.

7. Use the following Idioms/Phrases in sentences of your own:

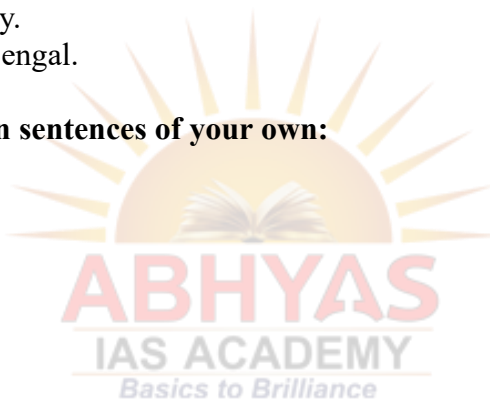
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- (i) All in all
- (ii) As a matter of fact
- (iii) Apple-pie order
- (iv) At arm's length
- (v) Beat around the bush
- (vi) Dead against
- (vii) Fool's paradise
- (viii) French leave
- (ix) A hard nut to crack
- (x) In a nutshell

8. Write the Synonyms of the following words:

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- (i) Brave
- (ii) Loyal
- (iii) Holy
- (iv) Zeal
- (v) Accomplishment



9. Write the Antonyms of the following words:

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- (i) External
- (ii) Input
- (iii) Debit
- (iv) Wise
- (v) Strange

10. Correct the spelling of the following words:

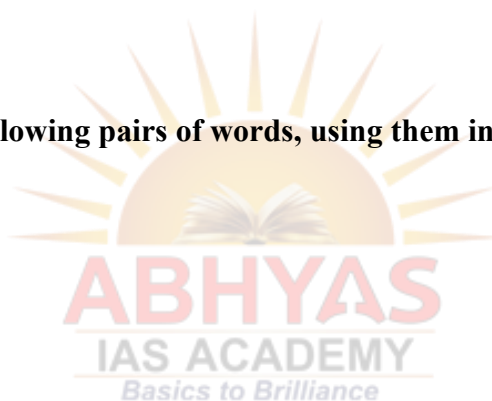
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- (i) Truly
- (ii) Neumonia
- (iii) Begining
- (iv) Marvallous
- (v) Beleivable
- (vi) Arguement
- (vii) Couragious
- (viii) Occassion
- (ix) Seperate
- (x) Tommorrow

11. Distinguish the meaning of the following pairs of words, using them in sentences:

10 × 2 = 20

- (i) Fan (verb); Fan (noun)
- (ii) Record (verb); Record (noun)
- (iii) Building (verb); Building (noun)
- (iv) Fire (verb); Fire (noun)
- (v) Lift (verb); Lift (noun)
- (vi) Play (verb); Play (noun)
- (vii) Work (verb); Work (noun)
- (viii) Sleep (verb); Sleep (noun)
- (ix) Heat (verb); Heat (noun)
- (x) Stitch (verb); Stitch (noun)



12. Fill in the blanks using suitable Prepositions / Conjunctions / Tenses:

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- (i) Rakesh stood _____ me and held my hand.
- (ii) Those who aim _____ the stars must hit the trees first.
- (iii) _____ you or your elder brother has done it.
- (iv) His dress is _____ fashionable _____ that of his sister.
- (v) Work hard, _____ you should fail.
- (vi) As you sow, _____ shall you reap.
- (vii) She was studying when her mother _____ (return) home from office.
- (viii) Water _____ (boil) at 100 degrees centigrade.
- (ix) The train _____ (leave) before I reached the station.
- (x) Priya _____ (work) hard since March 2024.

13. (a) Change the following sentences into Passive Voice:

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- (i) They grow rice.
- (ii) Anshika played the guitar at the party.
- (iii) Can he win the race?
- (iv) Inform the police.
- (v) Who will look after your parents in your absence?

13. (b) Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech:

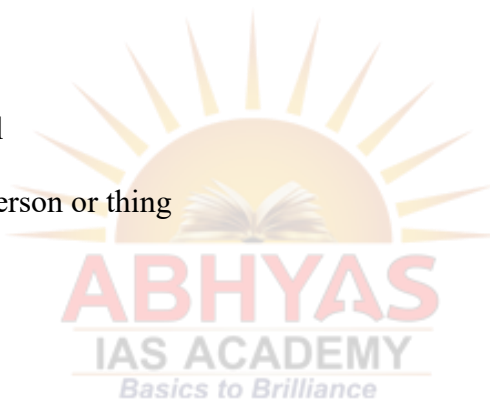
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- (i) He says, "My mother gets up at 5 in the morning."
- (ii) The doctor said to me, "You must eat healthy food."
- (iii) The doorkeeper said to him, "Where did you find this bundle?"
- (iv) "Is the officer in the office?" the complainant said to the clerk.
- (v) He said to the little boy, "Will you have a ride on the horse?"

14. Write appropriate one-word substitutes for the following:

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- (i) The study of rocks and soil
- (ii) The study of languages
- (iii) One who does not consume alcohol
- (iv) Love for mankind
- (v) Mentally identifying with another person or thing
- (vi) Study of celestial bodies
- (vii) Study of religion
- (viii) One who is a flatterer
- (ix) One who loves his country
- (x) One who believes in many gods



15. Punctuate the following passage:

5 Marks

Compact discs have revolutionized the music industry with their surprisingly realistic sound the six-inch discs look like thin plastic sandwiches with aluminium at the centre they have digitally recorded material that is read by laser beams so the sound has none of the crackling of vinyl records.