Section - A (Vocabulary - Lexical Competencies)

I. A] Choose the most accurate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the underlined lexical item on each of the following sentences: 5 x 1 = 5

1) Consider me in your wisdom.  a) They assured him their help.  b) He is clever in judging others.
   c) Kishor is sure of winning the medal.  d) For statistical purposes, census is taken.

2) Man is a compliment to a woman.  a) The husband praised his wife.  b) Complain is a complete planned food.
   c) The angles of triangle are supplementary.  d) She has completed her work.

3) I am fascinated with the idea of seeing the lake.  a) She has a passion for fashionable things.  b) Mano is afraid of challenges.
   c) We should fulfill the wishes of our parents.  d) The beautiful picture attracted everyone.

4) Slight avocation will seduce attention.  a) This picture tempts me to eat more icecreams.
   b) The water in the tank was decreased.  c) My father will make sure we get the tickets for the journey.
   d) Good friends generate good habits.

5) Leaving us stranded in the civilization of Milan.  a) The children were delighted to visit the zoo.
   b) The trader was embarrassed when he was caught.  c) Robinson Crusoe was marooned on the island.
   d) The medical report confused the patient.

B] Choose the accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the meaning of the underlined word in each of the following sentences: 5 x 1 = 5

6) Anil was my friend, faithful and just to me.  a) humble  b) disloyal  c) truthful  d) plain

7) Women can play an important role in establishing peace.  a) harmony  b) violence  c) restlessness  d) disturbance

8) It snows continuously.  a) intermediate  b) alternately  c) intermittently  d) regularly

9) It shall be found that much is omitted.  a) added  b) increased  c) included  d) revised

10) Bhutia is the highest abandoned village in this world.  a) adapted  b) unrestrained  c) deserted  d) inhabited

C] Answer any ten of the following: 10 x 2 = 20

11) Write a sentence with the plural form of "index" or "Syllabus".

12) Write a sentence using the expanded form N L C.

13) I will tell you a _______ about my dog’s _______. [Fill in the blanks with tale / tail]

14) Syllabify any two of the following: banana, fantastic, donkey, daughter

15) Write sentences using the word ‘love’ as a noun and ‘loved’ as a verb.

16) Write a sentence using the American English word for "ground floor".

17) Write a sentence using the American English word for "tin".

18) Write a sentence using your own compound word "black-board".

19) Write a sentence using a word with the prefix ‘un’ or the suffix ‘ful’.

20) Form compound words: (a) noun + verb  b) gerund + noun

21) Form a word by blending the words "electronic" + "mail" and use the blended word in a sentence of your own.

22) Write a sentence using the clipped word "photograph" and "refrigerator".

Section - B (Grammatical Competencies) Marks: 20

II. A] Fill in the blanks of the following sentences: 10 x 1 = 10

24) We _______ keep the rules of road. [use a modal verb]

25) How _______ you oppose the leader? [use a semi-modal]

26) A wide variety of liquids _______ (use) in chemical plants. [use the given verb in a suitable form]

27) That is the house _______ I was born. [use a relative pronoun]

28) He is the person _______ I want to meet. [use a relative pronoun]

29) Frame a sentence in the SVOC pattern.

30) Frame a sentence in the S V O D pattern.

31) "The eggs were hatched by the hen". [This is an example of .... passive voice]

32) He did not study well. He did not pass. [use 'if']

33) Work hard _______ you will fail. [use a link word]

B] Transform the following sentences as instructed: 5 x 2 = 10

34) Report the dialogue:
   Aarthi : Dad, get me an icecream now.
   Arul : No dear, you will catch cold.
   Aarthi : Please dad, buy this time. I will never ask you here after.
III. A] Identify each of the following sentences with the semantic field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue: 5x1=5

39) India is marching towards 0% illiteracy.
40) Sahana is planning to visit the U.S on tourist visa.
41) With the recession, value of shares came down.
42) E-governance has reduced the usage of paper.
43) Monsoon rains cheered up the prospect of good harvest. (Travel, Computer, Commerce, Agriculture, Education)

B) Read the following passage and answer in your own words. The questions given below: 5x2=10

Fish have a wider field of vision than man. The interesting fact is that they can see both front and back, since their eyes are usually at the side of the head. More interesting is the largest "tooth carp", it has four eyes, enabling to see objects above and below the surface of water. But the most interesting is the flat fish which has both eyes on one side of its head. The eye on one side of the head moves to the other side as the fish grows. Generally fish take oxygen from water by means of gills. But "lung fish" have lung like structures that enable them to take oxygen from air. In some cases, the small fish are eaten by the large ones and the large ones in turn are eaten by the larger ones. This long chain of eating and being eaten is called "food chain".

Questions:
44) What is interesting about the vision of fish?
45) In what way is the largest "Toothcarp" interesting?
46) What is the most incredible about the Flat fish?
47) How do Lung fish take in oxygen?
48) What is "food chain"?

IV. A] Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of about 100 words: 1x5=5

49) The funeral oration of Brutus.
50) How did Johnson collect the words for his dictionary?
51) How does Gandhi relate "Ahimsa" and "Satyagraha" to the women?

B) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following: 1x10=10

52) Gandhi, the ceaseless Crusader.
53) What prompted Samuel Johnson to write a dictionary of the English language?
54) Write an essay on the trekking experience of the author Aitushi Deshpande.

V. A] Read the following five sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each of them: 6x1=6

i) But to act, that each tomorrow
    Find us farther than today
55) When should we act?
56) Why should we act today?

ii) To live, unknown beyond the cherished circle
57) What is the meaning of "Cherished circle"?

iii) A NOISELESS, patient spider;
    I marked where on a little
    Promontory it stood isolated.
58) Who is the speaker?

iv) Speech that came like leech-craft
    And killed us almost, bleeding us white
59) What is leech-craft?

v) You were the dawn, and sunlight filled the spaces, where owls were hovering.
60) What is compared to the dawn?

B) Read the following three sets of lines and answer the questions given below: 3x1=3

i) "Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came"
61) Mention the figure of speech used in this line.
ii) "Dust thou art, to dust returnest!"
62) What is the allusion here?

iii) "Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding"
63) Write out the words in alliteration.

C) Explain any two of the following sets of lines with reference to the context: 2x3=6

64) "Trust no future, how e'er pleasant
    Let the dead past bury its dead"
65) "As humble plants by country hedgerows
    That treasure up the rain"

66) Surrounded, detached in measureless ocean of space.

D) Write a paragraph of 100 words on any one of the following: 1x5=5

67) Describe the spider's persistence.
68) What do women demand by way of rights?
69) Bring out the message of the poem "A Psalm of life".