MIDTERM EXAMINATION
Fall 2008
ENG101- English Comprehension (Session - 2)

Question No: 1 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence.

Ever since he married Jane, he's had a new ____ on life.

- ► title
- ► rent
- ► lease
- ► loan

Question No: 2 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Which one of these means '**tranquil**'?

- ► Placoid
- ► Placid
- ► Plague
- ► Placate

Question No: 3 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Read the sentence carefully and decide which of the five choices provided comes closest in meaning to the word underlined.

My Corvette's **voracious** appetite for gasoline made me decide to trade it in for an economy car, the Chevette.

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- ► Tiny
- ► Huge
- ► Sensational
- ► Finicky

Question No: 4 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option.

We are planning to go to _____ Spain _____ France during the holidays.

- ► either…nor
- ► either…or
- ► neither…and
- ► both…nor

Question No: 5 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Indicate the correct form of verb in the sentence given below.

The population has increased by 6% since 1970.

- ► Present
- ► Infinitive
- ► -ing
- ► -ed

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Question No: 6 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option.

"Would you marry a man who has _____ fame _____ money?" Mary asked her best friend.

- ► either…and
- ► neither….. nor
- ► both…nor
- ► either…nor

Question No: 7 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose a suitable option to fill in the blank.
I don't think these flowers are _____ to New England. At least I've never seen them.

- ► exigent
- ► fluent
- ► indigenous
- ► ingenuous

Question No: 8 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Which one of the following cannot be used for the suffix -ial?

- ► part-
- ► debat-
- ► mart-
- ► commerc-

Question No: 9 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

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Choose the best available substitute word for the following root/prefix:

Alter-/Altr-

I.

- ► large, great
- ► change, other
- ► outside, beyond
- ► good, well

Question No: 10 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

When the suffix 'ness' is added to the word 'happy', what will be the correct spelling?

- ► hapiness
- ► happyness
- ► happiness
- ► hapyness

Question No: 11 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Fill in the blank with appropriate connector.

With neither a naturally aggressive disposition _____ particularly large size, the mimic octopus survives quite easily because of its natural adaptations.

- ► or its
- ► nor a
- ► with its
- ► and a

Question No: 12 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Read the cause in the given situation and choose the effect.

I awoke in the morning and ate breakfast. Then I pulled out my toothbrush and smeared ADA-approved toothpaste all over the bristles.

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- ▶I took a shower.
- ▶I combed my hair.

- ▶I left for the bus stop.
- ▶I brushed my teeth.

Question No: 13 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

What is the definition of effect?

- ▶The result of what happened in a given situation.
- ▶What happened in a given situation?
- ▶The reason something happened in a given situation.
- ▶The order of events in a given situation.

Question No: 14 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Choose the correctly spelled word from the options provided.

- ▶callender
- ▶calendar
- ▶calendar
- ▶calander

Question No: 15 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

Pick the most suitable phrasal verb to complete the sentence given below.
She brought her children ..... on her own after the divorce.

- ▶over
- ▶in
- ▶out
- ▶up

Question No: 16 (Marks: 1) - Please choose one

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How many consonant sounds are there in English language?

- ▶20
- ▶24
- ▶26
- ▶23

Question No: 17 (Marks: 2)

Fill in the blanks with participle.

1. Mike has ----- three sandwiches. (eat)
2 Someone has ----- my toothbrush! (use)
3. I have ----- him for ten years. (know)
4. My mother has ------- the hole in my sock. (mend)

Question No: 18 (Marks: 2)

How vowel sounds are produced?

Question No: 19 (Marks: 3)

How a language learner can take maximum help from a dictionary?

Question No: 20 (Marks: 5)

Write the correct prefix in the blanks to make negative forms of the adjectives.

1. He makes these ____modest statements of his own brilliance.
2. He was short and overweight and generally fairly ____attractive.
3. He's a good teacher, but inclined to be a bit ___patient with slow learners.
4. He's been ____honest in his dealings with us.
5. His sisters thought that his autobiography was _____loyal to the family.

Question No: 21 (Marks: 10)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions. (3+3+4)
Q1- Suggest a suitable 'Topic' for the passage.

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“Anxiety of teenaged boys”

Q2- Identify the statement that effectively sums up the 'Main idea.'

Q3- How do teenagers react to the ridicule?

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