MIDTERM EXAMINATION
Spring 2009
ENG101- English Comprehension (Session - 6)

Time: 60 min
Marks: 38

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

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option.

The UConn women basketball team's perfect season _____ in a championship win over Tennessee.

- ► fulminated
- ► fomented
- ► culminated
- ► alleviated

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

Fill in the blank with correct option.

A kind of _____ seemed to occur when David graduated from high school. He became a serious student all of a sudden.

- ► milieu
- ► metamorphosis
- ► epithet
- ► accolade

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

Which one of the following statements expresses fact?

- ► Professor Ahmad khan argues that the effect of carbon emissions on the surrounding environment will only get worse.
- ► This product might cause stomach upset for some people in years to come.
- ► In 2005, Brazil and FC Barcelona star Ronaldinho was named FIFA World Footballer of

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The Year.

► Local councilors should spend more time listening to residents and less time listening to each other.

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

Choose the best meaning/definition for the highlighted word.

Santos knew that the reading class would improve his vocabulary and comprehension, thus increasing his chances of success in **subsequent** college courses.

► less important
► out of order
► following
► . first

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

Which one of these means **'a loose garment'**?

► Cloak
► Clock
► Clone
► Clot

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

Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option.

You must have been _____ daydreaming _____ sleeping in class again.

► neither…or

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- both…or
- either…or
- either…and

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

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option. /pair of connectives.

James usually has his lunch at this restaurant _____ sometimes he eats elsewhere.

- if
- either
- neither
- but

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

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option /pair of connectives.

_____ the men _____ their supervisor is to be blamed for the mishap.

- Neither…and
- Either…and
- Neither…nor
- Either…nor

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

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Choose the best meaning or synonym for the highlighted word.

When your plan brings us great wealth, you will be rewarded for your **sagacity**.

- ▶ huge appetite for herbs
- ▶ good looks
- ▶ mistakes
- ▶ intelligence

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

Choose a suitable option to fill in the blank.
Coach Calhoun tried to _____ his team to try harder in the face of overwhelming odds.

- ▶ exhort
- ▶ instigate
- ▶ emulate
- ▶ flout

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

Choose a suitable option to fill in the blank.

Newton imagined light to _____ of particles emitted from luminous bodies.

- ▶ assist
- ▶ desist
- ▶ consist
- ▶ persist

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

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

- ▶ lect-
- ▶ fiss-
- ▶ depart-
- ▶ polit-

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

Read the cause in the given situation and choose the effect.
I ran as fast as I could, passing all the other runners in the race. I wasn't even tired, either.

- ► I won the race
- ► I came in last place in the race.
- ► I decided to run the last lap of the race again.
- ► I stopped at the store for a snack, since I was ahead of everyone else.

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

Fill in the blank with the most suitable phrasal verb.
She brought..... the deal even though nobody thought she was capable of doing it.

- ► off
- ► in
- ► out
- ► down

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

Identify the best answer which is not a synonym for the word 'sleepy'.

- ► lethargic
- ► soporific
- ► hyperbolic
- ► somnolent

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

Choose the phrasal verb most similar in meaning to: **Wear**

- ► Try on
- ► Fill out

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► Have on

► Turn on

Question No: 17 (Marks: 2)

Choose appropriate options for the sentence given below:

I (*accept*/except) all your compliments, but I **(advice/*advise*)** you to offer ***(fewer*/less)** of them at a time because **(its /*it's*)** not good for a person to hear too many positive things about himself in one day.

Question No: 18 (Marks: 2)

What is a consonant sound?

Question No: 19 (Marks: 3)

Write antonym for each underlined word in the blanks provided.

1. You could see the happiness on the girl's face when she won first prize.
2. The man sold his expensive art collection to the museum for a lot of money.
3. We turned the wrong direction and got lost. -

Question No: 20 (Marks: 5)

Underline two synonyms in each sentence.

1. Irma thinks you are very well informed, but Shelly believes you don't know what you're talking about**.**
2. Kerry gave a triumphant shout to celebrate our team's victorious record.
3. I couldn't recall her name and I don't even remember where we met.
4. Chris wasn't in his seat when the teacher passed out the morning assignment. He was tardy as usual. Then he missed the bus and was late for supper
5. George was demanded to confess his guilt. The other kids knew that George would never admit that he had done wrong.

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Question No: 21 (Marks: 10)

Write a précis of the given passage in your own words. The précis should be one third of the passage.

In 1828, baby Leo was born into the rich and powerful Tolstoy family of Central Russia. He would grow up to write two of the greatest novels in the history of literature and inspire social reform that would make an impact on the world. Not just another Russian author, Leo Tolstoy was a teacher, a philosopher, and the grandfather of non-violent revolution.

Tolstoy was an unsettled young man. He was a poor student who left his university when he could find no meaning in his studies. He joined the army but could not endure the violence and soon left that as well. By this time, Tolstoy was being noticed as a writer but he still felt unfulfilled. It was during this time that Tolstoy wrote his most famous books, 'War and Peace' and 'Anna Karenina'. In them, Tolstoy offered a new kind of fiction to Russian readers. He described events and characters so detailed and convincing that they blurred the line between the imaginary and real life. In Tolstoy's version, it was not great leaders that moved history, but the common people. His work has been called, "not art, but a piece of life."

Tolstoy suffered a mid-life crisis after writing 'Anna Karenina'. Giving up his fortune to live among the peasants, he decided he must find the meaning of life or else kill himself. What he found came from the core of his Christian faith—universal love and passive resistance to evil. Gandhi later adopted this message in his campaign to free India. Martin Luther King, Jr. did the same in his fight for racial equality in America. The effects of passive resistance can still be felt today. Tolstoy was a gifted writer, but it was his revolutionary ideas that changed the course of history and the world in which we live.

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