

# TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE

## SANSKRIT VISHARAD (B.A.) EXAMINATION: JANUARY – 2023 SECOND SEMESTER Sub. : English - II (19E427)

Date: 10/01/2023

Total marks: 80

Time: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Instructions: 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

### SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

**Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

Once upon a time, there was an astrologer who spent a great deal of time gazing at the stars, so much so that even when he was walking, he was always looking up at the sky.

His friends were often cross with him about his absent-mindedness, but he was so interested in the stars in the sky that he did not mind his friends' thought.

One day he decided to look for signs about his own future in the stars. With that thought in mind, he walked among the hills one dark night. He looked at the stars' constellations, plotted the movements, and thought about what might happen.

Suddenly, he began to look worried. The stars showed that he would soon find his life in danger. What could that danger be? He worried about this. He walked on, his gaze fixed on the stars.

Suddenly he heard a shout. Someone grabbed his arms and pulled him back. He had been about to walk off the edge of a cliff. A stranger had saved him. "Why were you walking with your eyes fixed on the stars?" asked the stranger. "I was trying to see what the stars had to say about my fate." replied the astrologer.

"Well, all you needed to do was to look at the ground and you would have seen that you were in danger of falling off the cliff and killing yourself" said the stranger. Then he added, "We do not need to look at the stars to know our future. We need to look at ourselves and our way of life to know our future."

1. What made the astrologer anxious? (2)
2. What advice the stranger give the astrologer? (2)
3. Do you believe in astrology? Justify. (2)
4. Give one word from the passage for (a) snatched (b) a high, steep rock (c) to look steadily (d) a group of stars (2)
5. Do as instructed: (2)
  - (a) A stranger had saved him. (Identify the tense)
  - (b) He heard a shout. (Frame a w/h question to get the underlined part as an answer)

### SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

**Q. 2 A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10)**

- 1) An eagle saw water \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- 2) She is well-conversant \_\_\_\_\_ Sanskrit language.
- 3) She was doubtful \_\_\_\_\_ his success in the exam.
- 4) Both the dresses are similar \_\_\_\_\_ colour.
- 5) He cut the wire \_\_\_\_\_ a knife.
- 6) Many people died \_\_\_\_\_ corona two years ago.
- 7) His childlike innocence appealed \_\_\_\_\_ all.
- 8) Never cheat \_\_\_\_\_ your employer.
- 9) Corruption is rampant \_\_\_\_\_ government employees.
- 10) He started walking hurriedly \_\_\_\_\_ the railway station to catch a local train.

**(B) Make describing words (adjectives) from the following words: (10)**

Decision, sin, hospitality, moment, truth, acceptance, knowledge, insult, familiarity, monthly

**Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option:**

**(10)**

- 1) My father has given his (ascent/assent) to go on a picnic.
- 2) Those who carry on (elicit/illicit) trade in opium are liable to be prosecuted.
- 3) The chemist (immersed/emerged) the metal rod in acid.
- 4) She was saved from (imminent/ eminent) death.
- 5) A poor farmer was struck by (lightening/lightning).
- 6) Most people (loathe/loath) snakes.
- 7) All unauthorized structures were (raised/razed) to the ground.
- 8) He has engaged a (counsel/council) to defend him in the High Court.
- 9) Will you (canvas/canvass) votes for me?
- 10) Nothing can (alter/altar) my decision.

**(B) Fill in the gaps with appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets:**

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- a) Prof. Sengupta \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Kolkata for forty years before he settled in Delhi.
- b) We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) the whole performance because we left before the last act.
- c) The number of American companies investing in India \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) for the last five years.
- d) She \_\_\_\_\_ (pray) to God before she eats every meal.
- e) The weather vane \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a rooster design on it.
- f) Jaundice \_\_\_\_\_ (be) water- borne disease.
- g) The little boy \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to pee, so his father stopped the car.
- h) If you spend a day in the sun with your shoulders bare, they \_\_\_\_\_ (burn).
- i) She \_\_\_\_\_ (do) well in the exam. I am proud of her.
- j) Yesterday, he \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the whole evening watching TV.

**Q. 4 A) : Do as instructed in brackets:**

**(10)**

- 1) Smith and Jones are always together. The former is a painter, and the \_\_\_\_\_ is a pop singer. (Insert 'latter' or 'later' in the gap)
- 2) He failed in the interview as he had \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of the subject. (Insert appropriate word: 'little/ a little')
- 3) She will help you in your need. (Add question tag)
- 4) I have warned him many times. (State whether the underlined verb phrase is transitive or intransitive)
- 5) There was \_\_\_\_\_ explosion in \_\_\_\_\_ Central Mall yesterday. (Insert appropriate articles )
- 6) My aunt said, "I don't know what to do." (Change into indirect speech)
- 7) Make sure you get (too much/plenty of) sleep every night. (Choose the correct option)
- 8) The whole (incidence/incident) taught us a lesson. (Choose the correct option)
- 9) Did you see \_\_\_\_\_ rashes on his skin? (Insert appropriate word: 'some/any')
- 10) Two years \_\_\_\_\_ , we were living in Bhopal. (Insert appropriate word: 'ago/before')

**B) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words:**

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- 1) Human intelligence and artificial intelligence
- 2) Advantages of online education
- 3) Make books your friends