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MIDTERM EXAMINATION
ENG101- English Comprehension

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

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

Turn up

- ► Turn down
- ► Look out for
- ► Put out
- ► Turn up

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

Which suffix cannot be added to the root word 'employ' to make a new word?

less

- ► ment
- ► ing
- ► less
- ► er

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

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

Each class is to present __either___ a drama ___or__ a song for the concert.

- ► both…nor
- ► either…or
- ► either…and
- ► both…or

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

Read the sentence carefully and identify which of the given choices is closest in meaning to the word underlined. http://vustudents.ning.com

J.Paul Getty, the late billionaire, was so **frugal** that he had a pay telephone for the guests in his home.

thrifty

- ► Sensitive
- ► Generous
- ► Thrifty
- ► Honest

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

Read the statement carefully and choose 'inference' from the given options.

If you go to a birthday party, you can infer that:
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There will be a cake

- ► There will be a cake.
- ► The person is turning 20.
- ► There will be a clown.
- ► You will have bad time.

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

Choose the best meaning for the highlighted word.

1. A student of **contemporary** art must also study the classic works of artists from the past, recognizing that these masters produced the modern art of their own time.

modern

- religious
- not having to do with religion
- modern
- former

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

Choose the best meaning for the word underlined.

There is an optimum way to approach each kind of exam question. For a multiple-choice item, for example, first eliminate any clearly wrong answers. For an essay question, jot down an outline first. http://vustudents.ning.com

best

- time-consuming
- annoying
- best
- inconvenient

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

Choose the correctly spelled word from the options provided.

calendar

- callender
- calendar
- calendre
- calander

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

Click on the option that you think is correct.

Hemp cannot be used to produce marijuana, _because of__ its low THC content.

- as
- because
- because of
- and

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

- ► exhort
- ► instigate
- ► emulate
- ► flout

Question No: 11 (Marks: 2)

Define 'Time Relaters'.

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Time relaters means is how a person can manage his time with his other activities.

Question No: 12 (Marks: 2)

Choose appropriate options for the sentence given below:

He was a **principle** player who was more powerful **than** the staff member **who** engineered the race that **effected** the chairman's professional career.

Question No: 13 (Marks: 3)

How many kinds of irony are usually known? Define.
There are two kinds of irony are usually known:

1...Situational irony occurs when the discrepancy lies in the situation itself. You expect something but something *else* happens. Or a situation calls for an expected response but something unexpected happens instead e.g. there is a house on fire and you expect the fire fighter to aim a water hose / pipe at the fire, but instead he aims a petrol pipe / hose. That would be very
Ironical.

2...Verbal irony occurs when there is discrepancy between what is said and what is meant. e.g. Usually the exact opposite, or a near opposite, is what is meant: an eager cricket player looks out of the window and sees that it is raining.
"Oh, great!" he says, meaning exactly the opposite. Another example to illustrate this: After seeing a terrible performance by an actor in a movie someone might say "Now that's an actor who is sure to win the Best Actor Award for this year!" – Both e.gs. Illustrate verbal irony.

Question No: 14 (Marks: 3)

Name at least two Reading Skills to locate information in the text.

There are three ways to locate the information in the text.

1. First of all you have to identify the **topic** of a paragraph.
2. Then you have to pick the **main idea** of paragraph.
3. And then you have to recognize **details** which support the main idea.

Question No: 15 (Marks: 5)

Fill in the blanks with the following words:
although However whereas Yet despite

1. My friend Ammara has just bought herself some new shoes--- although------- she already has some 20 pairs
2. We decided to walk from coast to coast --yet----our lack of training.
3. The hotel wasn't really idyllic. --although--, we had a great time there.
4. I love cycling --whereas----my wife prefers walking.
5. I don't really believe everything he says. --However---, I thoroughly enjoy being with him.

Question No: 16 (Marks: 5)

Read the passage and answer the question.

It is early summer. August's long-awaited vacation time still seems ages away, but by the same toke, its torpor-producing heat and mildew-generating humidity have not yet arrived. Instead, these cool, end-of-June days practically insist on getting the picnic season under way immediately. But, alas, there is a difficulty: alfresco dining has a bad name among us. Tenth-rate hot dogs, carbonized chicken parts, and beef a-la-charcoal are principally what come to mind when we hear the words "outdoor food".

Q. What does the author want to convey through this passage.

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in this passage the aother telling about winter season. And it's fact. The both good and bad facts.

Question No: 17 (Marks: 5)

Locate 'gerund' in each sentence.

1. Hours of editing the newspaper ruined her day.
2. Hanging the pictures on the wall was more difficult than we had anticipated.
3. Try to slip away without telling your friends about it.
4. Each afternoon Miriam enjoyed swimming a few laps.
5. Winning at poker makes Don feel important.
6. I am demoting the officer for disobeying orders.
7. One of my favorite events is canoeing down the Mississippi River.
8. Sometimes wisdom simply means knowing about the importance of silence.
9. Without studying for the test, you are taking a big chance.

10. Abbey is enjoying listening to the Rolling Stones' music.

1. Editing
2. Hanging
3. Telling
4. Swimming
5. Winning
6. Disobeying
7. Canoeing
8. Knowing
9. Studying, taking
10. Enjoying, listening, Rolling