# Fundamentals of English Grammar

# 1 The Noun: Kinds of Nouns

#### 1.Common Nouns:

In each of the lists given, there is one word that does not belong to that category. Find it out and write it in the space given:

1. brother 2. farmer 3. park 4. pig 5. butter

Here are some nouns given. Pick up the appropriate word and fill up the blanks:

1. teacher 2. zoo 3. pilot 4. sailor 5. puppy

Fill in the blanks using the words appropriately.

1. Medicines 2. milk 3. fish 4. butcher 5. stationer

Here are names of some animals and their homes. Match them.

 $1.\, dog \qquad \quad a.\, fold \qquad \qquad (\quad d\ )$ 

2. lion b. stable ( e

3. sheep c. burrow (a)

4. horse d. kennel ( b

5. rabbit e. lair ( c

(Note: In excercise-4, Part-B is given wrong. So change the Part-B according to the key)

#### 2. Proper Nouns:

# Rewrite the following sentences using capital letters where necessary:

- 1. The Gita is a holy book.
- 2. Manmohan Singh is our Prime Minister.
- 3. Taj Mahal is one of the wonders of the world.
- 4. Mr. Rao is our English teacher.
- 5. Akbar was one of the greatest kings that ruled India.

#### 3. Collective Nouns:

## Fill in the blanks in the following. Choose the right noun from the list given:

1. thieves 2. flowers 3. stones 4. cattle 5. books

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable collective nouns:

### Choose the collective nouns from the list given:

1. troupe 2. brood 3. troop 4. herd 5. constellation

### 4. Material Nouns:

1. glass 2. iron 3. wool 4. wood 5. gold

#### 5. Abstract Nouns:

- 1. truth 2. honesty 3. strength 4. cleanliness 5. beauty
- 6. happiness

# 2 Pronouns

### Rewrite the following sentences using pronouns:

- Rama is a good boy. He is clever and hardworking. His teacher likes him very much. The teacher asks other boys to follow him.
- My father brought me a book. It has many pictures. I like them very much.
- Mr. Rao is our teacher. He teaches English. The students like him very much. They respect him highly.
- 4. One day my parents started for Mumbai by train. They arrived at the station late. It left the station before they reached the platform. They returned home sadly.
- Anu is my friend. She is very intelligent. She is hardworking also. So she always stands first in the class.

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns:

1. They, They 2. he, she 3. he, he, them 4. He, them 5. it

#### Kinds of Pronouns: 1. Personal Pronouns

### Fill in the blanks with suitable Personal Pronouns:

- 1. me, I 2. I, him 3. you, You, it 4. they, They 5. He,he 6. you, I, I 7. This, mine.
- 2. Reflexive Pronouns:

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable Reflexive Pronouns:

1. yourself 2. themselves 3. himself 4. themselves 5. ourselves

#### 3. Emphatic Pronouns:

### Fill in the blanks with suitable Emphatic Pronouns:

1. myself 2. himself 3. herself 4.himself 5. itself

#### 4. Possessive Pronouns:

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable Possessive Pronouns:

1. mine 2. yours 3. hers 4. theirs 5. his

#### 5. Demonstrative Pronouns:

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable Demonstrative Pronouns:

1. This, it 2. These, those 3. This, that 4. Those, these 5. That Fill in the blanks with Demonstrative Pronouns or Adjectives suitably:

1. This 2. That, this 3. These, those 4. That 5. These, those

# **3** The Relative Pronouns

Identify the Relative Pronouns and their antecedents in the following sentences:

Relative Pronouns	Antecedent
which	house
that	anything
who	man
that	examination
which	time

### Join the following pairs of sentences with a relative pronouns:

- 1. I know a man who has been to the States.
- 2. He is the doctor who cured me of malaria.
- 3. We met a girl who had lost her way.

- 4. The child whom I saw yesterday is dead.
- 5. I know the man who stole my bicycle.

## 4 The Verb: Kinds of Verbs

# Identify Transitive, Intransitive verbs and verbs of incomplete predication:

Transitive verb	Intransitive verb
Spoke	-
kicked	-
-	ran
-	rang
-	looked
-	looked

### Pick out the objects and complements in the following sentences:

Objects	Complements
-	-
lie	-
song	-
-	cold
-	true
-	happy

## **5** The Adverb: Kinds of Adverbs

# Pick out Adverbs in the following sentences and say what kind of adverbs they are:

- 1. yesterday: Adverb of time
- 2. well: Adverb of manner
- 3. so: Adverb of manner
- 4. once: Adverb of frequency
- 5. very: Adverb of degre.

# **6** The Adjective : Kinds of Adjectives

### Say to which class each of the following adjectives belongs.

- 1. last: Descriptive Adjective
- 2. strong: Adjective of Quality
- 3. Which: Interrogative Adjective
- 4. every: Demonstrative Adjective
- 5. great : Descriptive Adjective
- 6. second: Numeral Adjective
- 7. What: Interrogative Adjective
- 8. such: Demonstrative Adjective
- 9. Several: Numeral Adjective
- 10. all: Adjective of Quantity

#### Fill in the blanks:

- 1. sad 2. lazy 3. rude 4. sweet 5. long 6. ugly
- 7. harsh 8. wise 9. poor 10. healthy

# **7** The Preposition

### Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

#### At or in

1. at, in 2. at, in 3. at, in 4. in, at

In or into

5. in 6. into 7. in 8. into

In or within

9. within 10. in 11. in 12. in

By or with

13. by 14. with 15. with 16. by

Beside or Besides

17. beside 18. Besides 19. Besides 20. beside

Between or Among

21. between 22. among 23. among 24. between

Since or For or From

25. since 26. for 27. from

On or Upon

29. on 30. upon 31. on

### Insert suitable prepositions:

1. across 2. of 3. under

4. to,on

5. by

6. to,in

7. into

8 over

9. of

10. over

11. into, with

12. for

13. for

14. from

15. of

16. for

17. to

18, from

19. of

20, with

2.1. for

22. between

23. among

24. to

25. to



## The Conjunction

### Identify the conjunctions in these sentences:

1. until

2. than 6. when 3. unless 7. though 4. even if 8. unless

5. before 9. so, that

### Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions:

1. and 2. but 3. but

4. whether

5. if

### Fill up the blanks using conjunctions from the list given.

1. therefore 5. though

2. because

3. If

4. or 8. till

6. but

7. unless

9. but 10. though

### Join the sentences with conjunctions 'and' or 'though':

- 1. Though Rani is stout she can run fast.
- 2. My father and my brother is going to Chennai.
- 3. He is poor in Mathematics though he is good at English.

- 4. Rajani is industrious, but she is also clever.
- 5. I cannot meet him though he may come.
- 6. Bread and Butter is a healthy food.

### Combine the following sentences using or, because or unless.

- 1. Be regular to the class or you will miss the lessons.
- 2. He is very popular because he is good to everyone.
- 3. Unless you walk quickly, you will not be on time.
- 4. Is this my book or your book?
- 5. We can travel by land or water.
- 6. Unless you deserve the prize, you will not get it.

# **9** The Sentence

### Make a meaningful sentences:

- He has a chain of gold.
  The sun rises in the east.
- 3. He has four brothers. 4. I like apples most.
- 5. Akbar was a great king.

### Rewrite the following sentences using capital letters.

- 1. Rome was not built in a day.
- 2. February comes after January.
- 3. Mary has a little lamb.
- 4. December is the last month of the year.
- 5. Hyderabad is the fifth largest city in India.

# 10 Subject and Predicate

### Divide the following sentences into subject and predicate.

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Subject	Predicate
2. He	has a chain of gold
3. Honest	is the best policy
4. Akbar	was a great emperor
5. Little Tom	sat in a corner
6. A barking dog	never bites

### Fill in the blanks with subjects suitable for the predicates.

1. Birds 2. The cow

3. The farmer

4. The pilot

5. The basket

6. Sita

7. The milkman

8. The doctor

9. The elephant

10. The police

### Supply a suitable predicate to the following subjects:

1. gives us rain

2. is very beautiful

3. is a faithful animal

4. smell sweet

5. shines brightly at night

6. love us

7. is a teacher

8. twinkle in the night sky

9. fly in the air

10. swim in the water

## 11 The Noun: Gender

### Give the feminine forms of nouns in the following:

1. horse x mare

2. brother x sister

3. boy x girl

4. poet x poetess; king x queen

5. lion x lioness; cock x hen

### Give the masculine form of nouns in the following:

1. He is my nephew.

2. The horse gave him trouble.

3. The tiger chased the bull. 3. The count loves his son very much.

5. Our host is a widower.

### Rewrite the following sentences.

- 1. The girl returned home to meet her brother.
- 2. The queen has left her husband and ran away.
- 3. My aunt has two nieces and three nephews.
- 4. The man saved his wife. He could not save himself.
- 5. He is the man who has helped me in crisis.

# **12** The Noun: Possessive Case

### Write down the possessive form of the following singular nouns:

1. The boy's book.

2. The girl's name.

3. The woman's child.

4. The mother's baby.

5. The horse's owner.

6. My uncle's house.

7. My brother's car.

8. The lion's roar.

9. The landlord's property.

10. The lawyer's work.

### Write down the possessive form of the following plural nouns:

1. The babie's cries 2. The children's daughter

3. The birds' wings 4. The geeses' feet

5. The horses' tails 6. The mens' clothes

7. The dogs' teeth 8. The ladies' valets

9. The cows' milk 10. The boys' shouts

### Rewrite the following in the plural form:

1. The children's cries 2. The dogs' tails

3. The babies' smiles 4. The mens' shouts

5. The women's laughter 6. The lion's feet

7. The girls' books 8. The boys' paintings

9. The birds' songs 10. The robber's photos

### Write the following in the possesive form:

1. My uncle's factory 2. The grocer's shop

3. The children's property 4. My friend's house

5. My sister's book 6. Mr. Raghu's car

7. Mary's bicycle 8. The boy's parents

9. The people's history 10. The birds' songs

# 13 The Adjective : Degrees of Comparison

Give the comparative and superlative degrees of the following adjectives:

Comparative	Superlative
1. stronger	strongest
2. worse	worst
3. weaker	weakest
4. sweeter	sweetest
5. hotter	hottest
6. thicker	thickest
7. shorter	shortest
8. bigger	biggest
9. better	best
10. taller	tallest
11. cleverer	cleverest
12. colder	coldest
13. larger	largest

### Fill in the blanks with correct forms of adjectives given in

#### brackets:

1. more intelligent	2. more ferocious
3. biggest	4. more useful
5. mightier	6. oldest
7. most beautiful	8. hotter
9. more beautiful	10 highest

# 14) The Articles

#### Put A or An in the blanks:

1. A 2. An

3. An

4. A 5. A

6. An 7. A

8. An

9. A

10. A

### Fill in the blanks with A, An or The where necessary:

1. No articles

2. The

3. No articles

4. No articles, a

5.No articles, a

6. the

7. the

8. The

9.The

10. The, a

### Fill in the blanks with suitable articles where necessary:

1. The, the

2. a

3. an

4. an, a, a

5. the, no articles 6. a

7. The, the

8. the

9.the, the

10. a

# 15 The Verb: Tenses

# Change the verbs in the simple present tense into present continuous tense:

- 1. The river is flowing under the bridge.
- 2. He is waiting for you at the station.
- 3. Children are playing in the garden.
- 4. He is telling me an interesting story.
- 5. Mother is cooking dinner for us.

# Rewrite the following sentences after changing the present continuous verbs into the present perfect tense:

- 1. She has written a letter to her father.
- 2. They have played in the garden.
- 3. He has taken senselessly.
- 4. She has waited for you at the bus station.
- 5. The farmer has cut the corn.

### Rewrite the following sentences changing the simple present tense verbs into the simple past tense.

- 1. He answered the letter to night.
- 2. It rained all night.
- 3. I hoped to get a holiday.
- 4. She worked hard to pass in 1st class.
- 5. They had plenty of time.

### Rewrite the following sentences, filling the blanks with correct tense forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. goes, is going 2. am going, will, come

3. is eating, do, like 4. learnt, am learning

5. sits, is sitting 6. visits, is visiting

7. are watching, have, finished 8. will be leaving, went

9. go, are leaving 10. was sleeping, had gone out

11. was suffering, had died 12. has finished, finished

13. went, was sleeping

14. are waiting,

have been waiting

15. carries, is carrying

# **16** Tense Forms of Verbs

# Give the Past Tense form and the Past Participle form of the following Present Tense Verbs:

earned, earned
 killed, killed
 wrote, written
 did, done

5. hurried, hurried 6. changed, changed

7. lived, lived 8. died, died

9. knocked, knocked 10. spoke, spoken

11. won, won 12. stole, stolen

13. shot, shot 14. struck, struck

#### Rewrite the sentences in the Past Tenses:

I heard a noise.
 It was very hot that day.

3. Children liked sweets.4. He entered the room then.

5. We elected him President. 6. We went out for a walk.

7. He entered the room. 8. She collected old stamps.

9. They lost all hope. 10. The baby woke up.

11. I was sorry to know this. 12. I was not afraid to speak the truth.

13. He had the power to punish them.

14. We ate to live. 15. Birds loved to sing.

# Fill in the blanks with suitable Past Tense / Past Participle forms of verbs.

- 1. Posted 2. broken 3. saw 4. acted 5. walked
- 6. bought 7. gave 8. eaten 9. happened 10. has escaped

# 17 Agreement of the Verb with the Subject Pick out the correct form of yerb:

1. make 2. is 3. are 4.is 5. are 6. is 7. have

# **18** Comparison of Adverbs

#### Fill in the blanks.

- 1. more eloquently 2. unwillingly
- 3. sooner 4. more cheaply
- 5. angrily

# 19 Punctuation and the Use of Capitals

### Punctuate the following using capitals where necessary.

- We met our friend George and his family at the station last Monday.
- The shop deals in pens, pencils, paper, ink and all stationery articles.
- 3. Gandhiji's weapons of war were truth and non-violence.
- 4. Gandhiji, the Father of our Nation brought us freedom.
- 5. We went to Agra to see the Taj Mahal.

# **20** Comprehension Passages

#### Passage I

### Now answer the following questions:

- 1. i) the largest of birds.
  - ii) about a hundred and twenty kilos.
  - iii) a lengthy neck and a flat head.
- 2. by two long legs.
- 3. Each of the legs has two toes. One of them very small.
- 4. The brain is smaller than one of its eyes.
- 5. It sits down and stretches its long neck out along the ground.
- 6. Say whether the statements are 'True' or 'False'.
  - i) False ii) True iii) True iv) True v) True

### Passage II

### Now answer the following questions:

- 1. Two blacksmiths.
- 2. They worked with hammers all day long.
- 3. He lost all peace and calmness.
- He gave each of the blacksmiths a hundred rupees, requesting them to move into a new house.
- 5. Yes, He was successful in making them shift to new houses.
- 6. They exchanged their houses.
- 7. The clever Blacksmiths.
- 8. Goldsmith. He makes jewellery with gold.