

**D.K.M. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE – 1**  
**SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**  
**APRIL – 2017**  
**MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

15CPEN4B

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 75

**SECTION – A (5 X 6 =30)**

Answer ALL the questions.

1. a) Define Grammar.

(Or)

b) Why does Grammar matter?

2. a) Define Phrase and Clause with examples.

(Or)

b) What are the parts of the sentence?

3. a) Write a short note on transformational grammar.

(Or)

b) Write a short note on Generative Grammar.

4. a) Mention some tips for writing good English.

(Or)

b) Define Sentence expansion with example.

5. a) **Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases.**

1) I would rather have coffee..... tea.

a) Instead of b) Instead from c) Instead to.

2) ..... the rains, we went out.

a) In spite of b) in spite c) in spite on.

3) ..... fire, break glass to escape.

a) In case of b) in case c) in case with

4) I am standing here ..... my friends.

a) In behalf of b) on behalf of c) on behalf.

5) We solved the problem ..... a new device developed by our engineers.

a) by means of b) by means c) by means to

6) ....., I had a happy childhood.

a) In the whole b) On the whole c) The whole of.

7. Can you help me .....?

a) in any way b) in any way c) any way

8. She didn't allow cancer to discourage her ....., she began to work twice as hard

a) On the contrary b) in the contrary c) to the contrary.

9. ...., we are impressed with her performance.

- a) in general b) on general c) in generally

10. I am seeing him in May - ..... in June.

- a) or rather b) rather c) in rather.

(Or)

**b) Find out the principal clause and subordinate clause or clauses in the following sentences.**

1. James spoke as though he were a born orator.
2. They felt that the farmer must be put to death.
3. When at last he returned to the village, the people told him his mother had died.
4. The newspaper will tell us tomorrow what the world does today.
5. The few books that were produced in the Middle Ages were written by hand.

### **SECTION – B (3 X 15 =45)**

**Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

6. Discuss the need to study Grammar.
7. Discuss the structure and patterns of sentence.
8. Write an essay on IC analysis.
9. Write in detail on the levels of usages of English.
10. You have to read the following sentences and underline the word or words that belong to the part of speech specified in the bracket.
  1. Sita went to the market and she bought some eggs.(Pronoun)
  2. I want to go now .(adverb)
  3. What are you doing there?(verb)
  4. There is a mouse underneath the piano.(preposition)
  5. Masons build houses.(noun)
  6. John is my best friend in Calcutta (Proper nouns)
  7. She looked up but didn't see anything.(adverb)
  8. My family live in different parts of India.(collective noun)
  9. That was a difficult question.(adjective)
  10. She was very impressed with her results.(adverb)
  11. Although she is poor, she is happy.(conjunction)
  12. Have we bought cane chairs?(adjective)
  13. The thief disappeared quickly.(adverb)

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