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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
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English

ENG 5D 01—ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

I. Answer the following in a sentence *or* two. Each question carries 2 marks :

1 Select the most appropriate synonym for the word 'jeopardy' :

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| a) Confusion. | b) Danger. |
| c) Sympathy. | d) Peace. |

2 The word closest in meaning to the given word 'rendezvous' is :

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| a) Journey. | b) Clever. |
| c) Meeting. | d) Happy. |

3 Select the appropriate antonym for the word 'condescending'

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| a) Snobbish. | b) Mature. |
| c) Respect. | d) Peril. |

4 Find the correct meaning of the expression 'blow of steam' from the given options :

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| a) Spend a lot. | b) Smart. |
| c) Try to relax. | d) Try to save time. |

5 Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition :

It was raining _____ yesterday.

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| a) on. | b) since. |
| c) against. | d) for. |

6 Full in the blanks with the appropriate articles in the given sentence :

_____ mangoes kept in _____ basket are ripe.

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19 Correct the following sentences :

- a) Have you ever being to Kozhikode ?
- b) My mother cooks rice yesterday.

(Ceiling : 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* of the following 10 marks :

20 Read the following passage and answer the questions below :

The Romans, who once controlled areas of Europe, North Africa and Asia Minor, adopted the construction techniques of other civilizations to build tunnels in their territories. The Persians, who lived in present-day Iran, were one of the first civilizations to build tunnels that provided a reliable supply of water to human settlements in dry areas. In the early first millennium BCE, they introduced the qanat method of tunnel construction, which consisted of placing posts over a hill in a straight line, to ensure that the tunnel, kept to its route, and then digging vertical shafts down into the ground at regular intervals. Underground, workers removed the earth from between the ends of the shafts, creating a tunnel. The excavated soil was taken up to the surface using the shafts, which also provided ventilation during the work. Once the tunnel was completed, it allowed water to flow from the top of a hillside down towards a canal, which supplied water for human use. Remarkably, some qanats built by the Persians 2,700 years ago are still in use today.

- a) Who were the first civilisations to build tunnels and what was its purpose ?
- b) What was the method employed by the Persians ?
- c) How did the Romans adopt construction techniques ?
- d) What was one of major use of the tunnel constructed ?
- e) How old are these tunnels ? Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

21 Arrange the sentences A, B, C, D and E to form a logical sequence and to construct a coherent paragraph :

- A) Yet the polar bear experiences no such consequences
- B) One reason for this is that they have up to 11 centimetres of fat underneath their skin.
- C) They are uniquely adapted 'to the extreme conditions of the Arctic Circle, where temperatures can reach -40°C.

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- D) Humans with comparative levels of adipose tissue would be considered obese and would be likely to suffer from diabetes and heart disease.
- E) Polar bears are being increasingly threatened by the effects of climate change, but their disappearance could have far-reaching consequences.

(10 marks)