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**MODULE 1 (CO- Showcase practical phrasing using grammar) (Create)**

**SECTION A**

1.Rephrase this sentence as a simple one using an ing- phrase in the place of the first clause.

He climbed a wall near him and cried for help

2. Extend the predicate enlarge the subject and for the following sentence: *The girl danced.*

3. John, the Managing Director, left the office after making all arrangements for the next day’s Board Meeting and clearing all the pending files. (*Change this into a periodic sentence.)*

4. Identify the noun clauses in the following sentence.

Nobody knows where he is now but this is the house where he used to live in*.*

5. Complete using an adverb clause.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she went out for a walk.

6. If you behave yourself, others will respect you.

(Change this into type 2 condition)

7. Dr. Manmohan Singh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a noted economist.

(Apply a non-defining relative clause)

8. He ran a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Make use of a cognate object)

9.She promised to help me and she helped me.

(Rephrase the sentence avoiding the repetition)

10. She proceeded, by taxi, to the airport

(Improve the style)  
11. The two brothers decided to stand by one another.

(Make it up more grammatical)

12. Illustrate use of the reflexive pronoun.

13. Tiger is a wild animal.

(Examine the sentence)

14. Illustrate a sentence in which there are at least two adjectives predicatively used.

15. Choose the adjective and write in the proper order.

He bought a \_\_\_, \_\_\_, \_\_\_, \_\_\_ painting. (red and blue, large, splendid)

16. Apply the correct form of reflexive pronoun.

*He addressed ……. to the task diligently.*

17. Select the correct pronoun:

*It was the hour of need and all four brothers swore to stand by ……. (each other, one another, everybody)*

18. What is the meaning of the indefinite article in the following sentence?

They came wearing shirts of a colour.

19. Infer the clauses in the following sentence:

*He was inspecting the papers he had brought home from office, when he made an important discovery.*

20. Demonstrate as a simple sentence.

*When he saw the lion, the hunter climbed up a tree.*

21. Rephrase as a complex sentence.

*He confessed his crime*.

22. Construct the following sentences using prepositions of time.

a) I was not at home………. the night the robbers broke in.

b) A tour of Mumbai ……. night is absolutely interesting  
23. Rephrase the sentence using a phrasal verb:

The meeting was postponed.

24. Construct a sentence using the modal auxiliary that shows ‘*obligation’.*

25. Compare the difference in meaning of the following sentences

a) My sister, who is a doctor, will come home tomorrow.

b) My sister who is a doctor will come home tomorrow.

26. Identify the noun clause in the following sentence.

*You must remember that you are not children.*

27. Modify using the necessary articles

*Nile is river in Egypt*.

28. Apply appropriate preposition.

*a) You are …………. the weather if you are slightly ill.*

*b) London stands ……………………Thames.*

29. Find suitable phrasal verbs for the underlined word.

a) *He* ***experienced*** *really hard times but remained undaunted.*

*b) She* ***cheated*** *her partner*

30. Arrange the adjectives in the proper order.

*He saw a (big/golden/Chinese/old) statue.*

31. Complete the sentences using adverb clauses.

*a) ………………………………. I will make education free.*

*b) ………………………………… she went out for a walk.*

32. Apply reflexive pronouns to complete the sentences.

a*) I will go ………………………………*

*b) We seldom see ……………………….*

33. Apply appropriate form of *be*.

a) *There …………………...an art exhibition in the college tomorrow.*

*b) There …………………………. four choices to the question*

34. \_\_\_\_\_ he forgot himself and shouted at the manager ( Make use of a past participle phrase*)*

**SECTION B**

1. Change as directed.

a) He promised cane the students but \_\_ upon his word (fill in with a phrasal verb).

B) A bomb \_\_\_ near the park yesterday. (fill in with a phrasal verb).

c)I congratulated him \_\_\_\_ his promotion but he got angry \_\_\_\_ me and shouted \_\_\_ me.

(Fill in with suitable preposition).

1. Explain the idea that *Tom will be promoted but that he must pass the test* in five different ways.
2. a) He slept a ………………………… (Apply a cognate object)

b) They dismissed the servant. He was caught stealing money. (Combine using relative word)

1. Choose the appropriate form of verbs in the bracket.

a*)* Every morning she ……………. (wake) up early and gets ready for work.

b) They …………………………. (be) repainting the car.

c) I ……………………………. (teach) English for twelve years.

d) He …………………...(leave) for Kolkata tomorrow.

e) We ……………………. (watch) TV,when it started to rain.

39. Explain the idea that *John will get higher marks but that he must work hard*  in five different ways.

40. Illustrate sentences which has both a defining and a non- defining relative clause in it.

**MODULE 2 (CO- Distinguish the realms of grammar) (Analyze)**

**SECTION A**

1. What is (a) Blending (b) Conversion?
2. List the following words under three headings: ***Movement words, Eat words*  *and Animal cries****.*

*a) trudge b) canter c) munch d) caw e) croak f) flounder g) swallow h) pick at*

*i) devour j) trumpet k) moo l) quack m) dash n) gorge oneself on o) hoot*

3. Illustrate two animal cry words and use them in sentences of your own.

4. Make use of reversative prefix each to the words ‘*comfort*’ and ‘*valuation.’*

5. Recall two ‘eye’ phrases and use them in sentences.

6. Choose the correct preposition

*There is a new star ……. the horizon* (in, on)

7. Name different kinds of hair.

8. What are the sounds the wind produces?

9. What are the different words denoting the movement of a horse?

10. Explain prefix.

**SECTION B**

11. Rephrase the following sentences in accordance with accepted usage

a) That was mere pretension. John was cheating you.

b) In the class he is hated both by the boys and girls.

c) He is shabby; you can notice it in his behavior.

d) The auditorium as well as its premises were crowded with people.

e) Do not believe Robin; he is both crooked, cunning and jealous.

12. Change as directed

a) The rider fell ……. his horse. (Down, from, off)

b) He said that he had not stolen anything. (Rewrite using ‘denied’ in the place of ‘said’)

c) Neither my brother nor I ……. Responsible for what has happened. (Insert the verb)

d) A judge should be …. in the case he is trying. (disinterested, uninterested)

e) Mangoes you give me were very good. (Correct the sentence).

13. Explain word formation.

14. Develop the sentences in accordance with accepted usage.

a) “*Here comes the C. I. and a few policemen”, cried someone.*

*b) Though he fell down, he escaped scarcely without a scratch.*

*c) There is a new horizon in the horizon.*

*d) The auditorium as well as its premises were crowded with people.*

*e) Special classes will be conducted on next Friday.*

15. Rephrase as directed

a) He talked in the last examination. He copied in the last examination. (Combine the sentence with *as well as)*

b) I am not interested in this. My brother too is not interested. (Combine the sentence using *neither…. .nor*)

16. Select the corresponding animal cries for the following.

a) Duck b) crickets c) owl d) dog e) cow

17. Rephrase the sentences.

a) “Here comes the C.I. and few policemen”, cried someone.

b) “It is I who is to blame for bringing in these fools”, lamented the manager.

c) I may be as disinterested in my studies as he is in his, but I won’t do such a thing.

d) He talked as well as copied in the last examination.

e) His failure is owing to his lack of interest in studies.

18. Change the sentences according to accepted usage.

a. I bought the ornaments from a jewellery in Cochin.

b. I have evening classes on every Tuesday.

c. Here comes the C.I. and a few policemen.

19. Find appropriate word or phrase for the following.

a) to bring the two hands together as when we pray.

b) to sit and lean against something

c) to drink something quickly and in large quantities

d) quick, light tapping sounds of rain drops

e) sitting in a chair, placing one leg on the other

20. Rephrase according to accepted usage.

a. I looked behind myself.

b. Did you notice that though he fell down, he escaped without scarcely a scratch?

c. The committee report comprised mainly of vague suggestions.

**MODULE 3 (CO- Explain the functional usage of language) (Evaluate)**

**SECTION A**

1. By the time the firemen arrived, the fire (destroy) the house completely.

(Make use of correct tense form)

1. Construct sentences using the idioms. a) Pandora’s box b) Naked truth
2. Construct sentences using the phrases. A) horse sense b) pride of place
3. What is meant by future in the past?
4. When do we use the ‘going to’ form?
5. What are the non-future uses of ‘will’ and ‘shall’?
6. Why do we use the future continuous rather than the simple future to make enquiries, requests etc.?
7. When do we use the future perfect continuous tense?

**SECTION B**

9.Construct sentences using the following idioms.

a*) at a snail’s pace b) lion’s share c) to blow hot and cold*

*d) to make both ends meet e) swan song*

10. a) He cooks his own meal. (Rephrase using present continuous tense)

b) Illustrate a sentence in which the past tense actually shows present tense.

11. Choose the appropriate idioms from the brackets:

(At a snail’s pace, turn a deaf ear, cock and bull story, bee in the bonnet, a cat on hot bricks, go to the dogs, pride of place)

1. Rohini tried to convince her teacher by telling her a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She was a very successful actress, but her drinking habit caused her career to\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Nervous about the lecture he had to give, Ravi was like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The opposition \_\_\_\_ to the speaker and staged a walk from parliament.
5. Once I got my graduation certificate it will definitely have \_\_\_ in my office.

12. Explain two differences between the present perfect and the present perfect continuous tense. (Give illustrative sentences)

13. Elaborate different steps for passivisation.

1. Build sentences using correct form of tense.

a) I have been hating him all these years.

b) I have graduated from this university in 2010.

c) The Bible said, “spare the rod and spoil the child”

d) When I open the cage, door, the parrot flew away.

e) Last time when I see you, you were going to start a bank.

1. Choose appropriate form of the given idioms

(*to get the sack, Achilles heel, take the bull by the horn, turn tail, make a beeline, Hobson’s choice, die is cast)*

a. When he saw me in the kitchen, he ………………………...for the door.

b. She decided to …………………………… and organize things by herself.

c. He ……………………………from his job for petty thieving.

d. Though he was a good person, his short temper was his………………………………….

e. The burglars ……………………….and ran at the sound of our security alarm.

1. Rephrase as directed
2. a) They made her apologise. (Change into passive)

b) I am hearing the song. (Correct the sentence)

**MODULE 4 (CO- Create sentences in connected narrative) (Create)**

**SECTION A**

1. Make use of question tags in the following statements

a) *There is something wrong, ………………………?*

*b) I am leaving tonight, ………………………………?*

2. *It will rain today*. (Illustrate two negative sentences)

3. He did not see any stars in the sky. (Modify using the alternative negative form)

4. How did you find your dog? What part of speech is ‘how’ in this sentence?

5. What is meant by alternative negatives?

**SECTION B**

6. Rephrase the sentences as directed:

a) People say that the ghost is haunting that old building (Rewrite in passive voice)

b) Everybody is interested (Insert the question tag)

7. Develop a telephone conversation between Justin and Jacob where Justin invites Jacob to spend the weekend with him.

8. Construct a telephonic conversation between two friends who are planning to attend a party together the next day.

1. Change as directed.

a) Close the door, \_\_\_ (Use question tag)

b) You are getting married, \_\_\_ (Supply same way question tag)

c) I am the captain of the team, \_\_\_ (Use question tag)

d) They have arrived already (Turn into a negative sentence).

e) It will rain today. (Turn into a negative sentence).

1. Compose an imaginary telephonic conversation between Raju and Ravi.
2. Explain telephone etiquette with special reference to the use of language.
3. Build questions for the following sentences.

*a) All the rooms are vacant.*

*b) The owner will get the house painted.*

*c) The train arrived on time.*

*d) I go to school by bus.*

*e) Yes, I met my brother yesterday*.

13. Choose the correct one from the brackets.

a) The man said \_\_\_ nothing (almost/ nearly)

b) The phone has gone \_\_\_ (dead/ deadly)

c) Suma is \_\_\_ by two years (elder/ older)

d) The news is only \_\_\_\_ true. (very/ so)

e) It was very \_\_\_ when he got back. (late/lately)

14. Illustrate with examples different types of questions.

**SECTION C**

15. Compose a conversation between a parent and a teacher regarding the progress of a child in the first term examination.

16. Construct a short speech that you as a primary school teacher would deliver on the occasion of Children’s Day in your school.

17. Develop an essay describing a person whom you admire.

18. Build a conversation with a person whom you met during a train journey.

19. Compose a talk on ’Rebuilding Kerala’.

20. Compose a telephonic conversation between a parent and a teacher.

**MODULE 5 (CO- Demonstrate English language for formal communication) (Understand)**

**SECTION B**

1. Explain different parts of a letter.
2. Rephrase the following into indirect speech.

*The M.D. said to the Sales Manager: “Why didn’t you attend the review meeting yesterday? It is a pity that even responsible officials fail to attend important functions”*

1. Show what a sunrise looks like.
2. Recall the incidents of your birthday celebration.
3. Rephrase into indirect speech.

a) “What is your Christian name?” the judge asked Winkle.

b) “Only David Sir, not Daniel at all.”

**SECTION C**

1. You are Freddy Thomas or Radha Menon. You are a post graduate. Demonstrate a job application letter.
2. Demonstrate a letter to your friend inviting her/him to spend the holiday with you.
3. Illustrate a resume and covering letter for applying to the post of a Marketing manager in a reputed firm
4. You are Rachel Varghese, an MBA graduate. Demonstrate a job application letter along with resume.
5. Illustrate a resume and job application letter to apply for the post of Executive Assistant in DRS India Pvt. Ltd. Your job needs skills related to IT and Logistics.
6. You are Michael Thomas. You are a postgraduate. Outline a job application letter along with resume for the post of HR Manager in a reputed firm.
7. Outline a letter to your friend inviting him/her to your wedding.
8. Summarize the review of a movie you have seen recently.
9. Explain the ‘Impact of social media among youth’.
10. Interpret English as an international language.
11. Explain how Kerala battled the recent flood.
12. Summarize the review of a book you have read recently.