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Sub.: General English – I (BLW - 1001)

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Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figure indicate to the right full marks.

Q. 1. Do as Directed (Any Ten) (10)

1. The defendant _____ (has/have) already filed his response to the petition.
2. Please distribute the assets _____ (between/among) the three legal heirs.
3. If the witness _____ (was/were) present, the trial would have proceeded today.
4. Change the statement **into Passive Voice**: "The Supreme Court dismissed the interim appeal."
5. Add the appropriate **Question Tag**: "The judge didn't grant bail, _____?"
6. Change into **Reported Speech**: The lawyer said, "I will file the affidavit tomorrow."
7. Use the appropriate **Connective**: "The evidence was strong. The jury was still unconvinced."
(Join them)
8. "If you do not pay the fine, you will face imprisonment." (**Rewrite with 'Unless'**)
9. Change into **Negative Question**: Which is the correct negative question for: "You have received the summons."
10. A person _____ (who/whom) enters a property without permission is a trespasser.
11. **Short Response**: "Has the verdict been announced?" (Formal negative)
A) No, it hasn't. B) No, it isn't. C) No, it didn't.
12. **Identify** the sentence with a '**possessive**' and '**demonstrative**' determiner.
A) The judge signed the paper.
B) My lawyer filed this petition.
C) This is a very long case.
13. "The contract was cancelled _____ its illegality."
A) because
B) due to
C) in spite of

Q. 2. Read the following passage and answer the following questions: (15)

The Evolution of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

In the past, the primary goal of a business was strictly profit maximization. However, the modern era has ushered in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). This concept suggests that companies should be accountable to the society and environment they operate in. CSR activities can range from environmental conservation and fair trade practices to funding local education. When a company invests in the community, it builds a positive brand image and earns the loyalty of its customers. For students, understanding CSR is vital as it balances the scales between economic growth and social welfare.

Questions (2M each):

1. How has the goal of business changed over time?
2. What does the concept of CSR suggest to companies?
3. Mention two examples of CSR activities listed in the passage.
4. What are the benefits of CSR for a company's brand?
5. Why is CSR important for management students to understand?

Grammar (5M):

1. Companies should be accountable. (Use "Must" instead of "Should").
2. It builds a positive brand image. (Change the Voice).
3. CSR is vital. (Add a Question Tag).

4. Give a Synonym for: **Accountable**.
5. Give an Antonym for: **Modern**.

Q. 3. Fill in the blanks using appropriate tenses in the paragraph. (Write answers only with the correct number) (10)

A contract (1)_____ (be) a legally binding agreement that (2)_____ (create) obligations between parties. Last month, the plaintiff (3)_____ (offer) to sell his property to the defendant for a fixed sum. While the defendant (4)_____ (consider) the proposal, he (5)_____ (receive) a better deal from another seller. However, because he (6)_____ (already/sign) a letter of intent, the plaintiff now (7)_____ (claim) a breach of contract. Currently, both legal teams (8)_____ (review) the clauses regarding “free consent” and “consideration”. The court (9)_____ (examine) similar precedents for the past three weeks. If the judge finds the agreement valid, the defendant (10)_____ (pay) damages for the loss incurred.

Q. 4. Write the meaning of the following phrases and use them to make your own sentences: (10)

- a) Break a leg
- b) Piece of cake
- c) Under the weather
- d) Spill the beans
- e) Break the ice

Q. 5. Write an essay on any one of the following: (10)

1. Artificial Intelligence in the Legal Profession
2. Right to Privacy in the Digital Age
3. Legalization of same-sex marriage in India

Q. 6. Letter writing (any one): (05)

1. Write a letter to your brother congratulating him on his success. He secured the first rank in Maharashtra in his 12th boards.

OR

2. You recently purchased furniture for your office from Furniture World but realized that the quality of it was extremely poor. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the Furniture World.
