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| <b>Date : 05/05/2026</b> | <b>Total Marks : 60</b> | <b>Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm</b> |
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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. **Choose** the correct option: If the driver \_\_\_\_\_, the accident \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) didn't speed / wouldn't happen  
B) hadn't sped / wouldn't have happened  
C) hasn't sped / won't happen
2. **Choose** the correct determiner: "There is \_\_\_\_\_ (few/little/many) hope of a settlement now."
3. **Choose** the correct concord: "The jury \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were) divided in their opinion."
4. **Identify** the clause: "The man who was robbed called the police."  
A) Noun Clause  
B) Adjective Clause  
C) Adverb Clause
5. **Identify** the negative question:  
A) Why did you go there?  
B) Won't the court stay the execution?
6. "Brief" in legal writing refers to:  
A) A short duration  
B) A concise statement of a client's case  
C) A small piece of paper
7. **Synonym** of **Acquit**: (A) Convict (B) Release (C) Arrest
8. Change into **Negative Question**: Which is the correct negative question for: "He was at the scene."
9. Change to **Active Voice**: "The task has been completed by them."
10. The prosecution rested its case. (Choose whether the underlined word here is Noun/Verb/Adjective/Conjunction/Adverb)
11. The witness spoke honestly. (Choose whether the underlined word here is Noun/Verb/Adjective/Conjunction/Adverb)
12. **Identify** the error: "Neither the plaintiff nor his lawyers was present."
13. Change into **Reported Speech**: The lawyer said, "I will file the affidavit tomorrow."

**Q. 2. Read the following passage and answer the following questions: (15)**  
**The Art of Critical Thinking**

Critical thinking is more than just an academic skill; it is a survival tool in the information age. It involves the objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgment. For students, this means not accepting information at face value. Instead of passive learning, critical thinking encourages questioning the source, identifying biases, and looking for evidence. In the business world, managers use this to solve complex problems and make ethical decisions. By developing this habit, individuals can distinguish between "fake news" and verified facts, making them more informed citizens and effective professionals.

**Questions (2M each):**

1. Define critical thinking based on the passage.

2. Why is critical thinking considered a "survival tool" today?
3. What should a student do instead of passive learning?
4. How do managers utilize critical thinking in a professional setting?
5. What is the ultimate benefit of being a critical thinker according to the text?

**Grammar (5M):**

1. Critical thinking is **more than** just an academic skill. (Identify the Part of Speech of the bold word).
2. It involves the objective analysis. (Change into a Negative sentence).
3. Managers use this to solve complex problems. (Identify the Tense).
4. Give a Synonym for: **Objective**.
5. Give an Antonym for: **Passive**.

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

The Supreme Court (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the final arguments in this case today. While the defendant (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (deny) all charges, the evidence (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) otherwise. The case began last year after a witness (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (testify) that she saw the accused leaving the scene. At the time, while the police (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (investigate) the premises, they found a hidden weapon.

Since the trial started, the legal team (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (work) on this landmark case for months. The defendant (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (already/file) the necessary affidavit, so the proceedings can finally move forward. However, the police (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (not yet find) the original contract, which usually (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (dictate) that the lessee pays rent on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

By the time the court adjourns today, the judge (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) a preliminary verdict.

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

- a. Once in a blue moon
- b. A blessing in disguise
- c. Call it a day
- d. The ball is in your court
- e. Better late than never

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

1. Gender Equality at Workplace
2. Justice Delayed is Justice denied
3. Capital Punishment

**Q.6. Letter Writing (any one): (05)**

1. You are the chairman of your housing society and come across many hawkers and street vendors selling items outside the gate of your society. Write a letter to the local civic body to bring this issue to their attention and provide a suggestion for regulating their presence without hampering their livelihoods.

**OR**

2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her for a school reunion happening the next month.

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