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BEN 1.21 – BASIC ENGLISH - II

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Time: 03 Hours

Answer all questions on the paper itself.

1. Fill in the blanks with a, an, or the.

1. Where is _____ Taj Mahal.
2. Who is _____ first boy in _____ class?
3. He gave me _____ envelope.
4. There is _____ boy walking along _____ Main Street
5. My uncle has sent me _____ e-mail today.
6. This is not _____ suitable place to live.
7. I have found _____ ink pen in front of _____ school gate.

(5 marks)

2. Match the following phrases in order to give a meaningful story. Put the number of the beginnings in the boxes against the ending. The first and the last are done for you.

1	Anton was		and ate it
2	One day Anton's father		it in the dustbin
3	Anton took the banana		walking down the street
4	He did not put	1	not a good boy
5	He threw the peel		gave him a banana
6	An old man was		in the street
7	He did not see		and fell down
8	He stepped on it		not get up
9	The old man could		the banana peel
10	Some men took		him in a car to a hospital
11	Then Anton was	12	that he had thrown the peel in the street
12	He was sorry		very sad

(10 marks)

3. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate **pronoun**.

Salma and her mother lived in a flat near a lake. Salma's mother was old but (1)_____ was quite independent and could still move about without much difficulty. (2)_____ would wake up before Salma and prepare breakfast for both of (3)_____. Often (4)_____ would make an omelet, served with soya sauce. Later in the morning, after Salma had gone to work, (5)_____ mother would walk slowly to the market and buy vegetables. Then (6)_____ would walk slowly back, stopping occasionally for a rest and a chat with old friends.

Salma (7)_____ would buy the heavy things like rice, oil, sugar and oats. Salma was concerned for (8)_____ mother because (9)_____ was getting obviously weaker. Although (10)_____ mother did not complain, Salma could observe the difference.

(10 marks)

4. Complete the sentences selecting the most suitable words in the boxes.

1. He _____ here _____.

will	last	be	is	next	week
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2. I would _____ to _____ my _____.

be	thanks	like	heartiest	for	express
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3. I _____ was very _____.

it	useful	much	thought	next	his
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4. The first _____ only _____ arrival in England.

then	letter	about	is	our	us
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5. They were _____ very _____ leave one _____.

sorry	all	to	going	in	another
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(10 marks)

5. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable form of the verbs in the brackets.

Fifty years ago, coal (1) _____ (be) the main source of power. It (2) _____ (use) to (3) _____ (heat) water to (4) _____ (make) steam. Trains full of passengers or goods (5) _____ (pull) across the land by steam locomotives; even more people and goods (6) _____ (carry) across the sea by steamships; the machinery in many factories (7) _____ (be) still driven by steam. But nowadays coal (8) _____ (be) not the most important fuel. Its place (9) _____ (take) by oil.

Oil (10) _____ (find) in many parts of the world, especially in America, Russia and the countries of the Middle East. Oil, like coal, was formed millions of years ago.

(10 marks)

6. Complete the phrases in order to get meaningful sentences.

1. When he heard someone was calling him -----

3. If I know the answer, -----

3. My friend plays football after-----

4. Do it before -----

5. Unless they inform you _____

(10 marks)

8. Read the passage and answer the questions.

A wise and saintly rich man, sensing his approaching death, called his son to his side and gave him these instructions, 'My son, I shall be leaving you very shortly. On the day when I die, and **they** have washed my body and come to wrap it in the shroud, I want you to put one of my socks on my foot. This is my final request of you. 'Soon after this, the old man did indeed die, leaving behind his goods and property, his children and his dependents. Family, friends, acquaintances and neighbors attended his funeral. The body had been washed and was almost completely wrapped in the shroud, when the son remembered his father's wish. Finding one of his old socks, he handed it to the washer of the dead, saying, 'In accordance with my father's last request; please put this sock on his foot. "That is quite impossible:' Said the man. 'Such a thing is utterly impermissible in Islam. I cannot act against the Sacred Law. '

Despite this valid objection, the son insisted, 'That was my father's final request; it must certainly be carried out. 'The washer of the dead was unmoved. 'If you won't take my word for it,' he said, 'go and ask the mufti. He will confirm what I tell you, that it is not permissible. 'Holding up the funeral, they consulted the Mufti, preachers and scholars, all of whom declared that this was not permissible in Islam. Just then, an aged friend of the deceased interrupted the debate with these words to the son:

'My boy, your late father entrusted me with a letter which I was to hand over to you after his departure. Here, this letter belongs to you. 'So saying, he gave him an envelope. Taken by surprise, the boy opened the envelope and read out the contents of his father's letter. 'My son, all this wealth and property I have left to you. Now you see: at the last moment, they won't even let you give me an old sock to wear. When you yourself come one day to be in my condition they will also refuse to let you keep anything but your shroud. Eight yards of shroud are all you will be able to carry over from this fleeting world into the Hereafter. So pull yourself together and be prepared. Spend the fortune I have left you, not for the satisfaction of vain desires, but in ways pleasing to Allah, that you may achieve honor in both worlds. '

1. What happened to the wise rich man?

2. Why did the relatives flock together?

3. When did the son disturb the washer of the dead? Why?

4. What is the final request of the wise rich man?

5. How did the washer of the dead tackle the son?

6. What was the declaration of Mufti, preachers and scholars?

7. Whose instruction purely helped the child to obey them?

8. How did he solve the dispute?

9. What is the message or the moral character of this incident?

(10 marks)

9. Read the passage and answer the questions.

One day, a poor boy was selling clothing door to door, to pay for his education realized that he only had ten cents left in his pockets. He was hungry and so decided to ask for some food at the next house that he came to.

In the meantime he lost his hunger when a woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked her for a glass of water. She saw that he was very hungry so instead brought him a huge glass of milk. He drank it very slowly and then asked- « How much do I owe you? »

« You do not owe me anything at all », she replied: - « My mother taught us never to accept anything for doing someone a kindness». He replied: « Then I thank you from the bottom of my heart ».When Howard Kelly left the house, as well as feeling stronger physically, he sensed a return of his faith in the lord which he had nearly abandoned. Years later, this same woman fell gravely ill. The local doctors were mystified, so they sent her to the big city where they knew that the specialists would be able to diagnose this rare sickness.

Doctor Howard Kelly was called as a consultant. When he heard the name of the city where she lived, a memory burned brightly in his eyes. He got up and went to her room. As he entered her room, he immediately recognized her. He returned to the consultation room, determined to do his best to save her life. From that day on, he paid special attention to this case. After a long battle, the war was finally won. Doctor Kelly left instructions that the bill should be sent to him for authorization. He looked it over, wrote something in the margin, and sent it to her room. She thought that when she opened the envelope she would find an invoice that would take the rest of her life to pay in full. But when she finally opened it, something caught her attention in the margin of invoice.

She read these words: Paid in full with a glass of milk: Doctor Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy filled with her eyes and her heart.

She prayed. << Thank you Lord for your Love has crossed the hands and hearts of man >>.

1. Which phrase tells you that Doctor Howard Kelly wanted to spend himself for his studies?

2. What caused him to beg some food at the next house?

3. Did he ask for food at the next door as he decided? Then what did he do?

4. What did the woman do instead? Why?

5. Why did he say « How much do I owe you? »?

6. Which phrase tells you that the boy and the woman are god-fearing?

7. Which incident brought the woman to Doctor Howard Kelly?

8. Which phrase tells you the doctor was astonished when he heard the name of the city where he used to sell cloth?

9. How did he respond as soon as she realized the woman?

10. What do you understand by the phrase “the war was finally won”?

11. “When she opened the envelope she would find an invoice that would take the rest of her life to pay in full.” Did it happen? Why? Then how did the woman pay the bill?

(15 marks)

12. Assume that you are the woman who encountered the above incident and write an essay about your feelings and explain how you would react when you read these words: **‘Paid in full with a glass of milk: Doctor Howard Kelly’**. Include not more than 150 words.

(10 marks)