

Q1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

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The stranger arrived on a cold February morning, covered from head to foot. He wore a long winter coat, gloves, and a big hat that hid most of his face. He entered the Coach and Horses, an Inn in the village of Iping. Snow clung to his shoulders as he shivered and asked for a warm room he might stay in. The innkeeper, Mrs Hall, rushed to serve her new guest after he generously handed her some gold coins. When he was settled in, Mrs hall saw that he was very strange indeed. Even with his over coat and hat off, he was still covered from head to foot. Besides his regular clothing, the stranger wore gloves, and large, blue spectacles. Above his spectacles, his entire head had been wrapped untidily in a white bandage. He held a white napkin in front of the lower half of his face. This he would not put down even when he spoke with Mrs Hall. All she could see was the tip of his nose, which was bright pink and shiny. 'He must have been involved in a terrible accident!' Mrs Hall thought to herself. Still, she thought the stranger seemed rather rude, as he wasn't keen to make conversation with her.

Later that day the clock Smith, Mr Henfrey, was let into the stranger's room to repair a clock. He found Mrs Hall's new guest just as odd as she did. However, he did manage to get some information out of the mysterious stranger. Mr Henfrey discovered that he was an experimental scientist. Further, the scientist told him he had been involved in an accident, which made his eyes very sensitive. Due to this, he had to wear shaded glasses even when he was indoors. The explanation seemed fair to the clock smith but he still found the man very strange.

The next day, the stranger's luggage arrived from the train station. It was brought in Mr Fearenside's cart. There were some trunks, and a box filled with many books. What was strange were the dozens of boxes filled with curious, delicate glass bottles, all packed in straw. When the stranger came out to check on his luggage, he was again covered from head to foot. Unfortunately, he didn't notice Fearenside's dog, who dashed towards him. The animal growled and lunged, trying to bite the stranger's hand. He missed, but managed to rip his glove instead. Then, the dog went for the strangers leg and tore a large part of his trousers! Luckily, Fearenside got his animal under control before the situation could get any worse.

A crowd of villagers had gathered outside the inn, all shouting as the animal was brought to heel. The stranger took one look at his torn trousers and glove, got up and dashed back into his room. Concerned, Mr Hall went to check on his guest. Seeing the bedroom door ajar, he stepped in. The blinds were drawn and the room was dark. Inside, he saw the strangest thing. What looked like an arm without a hand came towards him, and a face made of three large and oddly shaped spots. Before he could make out what it really was, Mr hall was given a violent blow to his chest and pushed out of the room. The door slammed in the face of the puzzled man and was locked. It all happened so quickly, but what on Earth had Mr hall just seen?

(a) Give the synonyms/meanings of the following words:

- (i) shivered *shake tremble* (ii) generously *abundantly liberally* (iii) terrible *bad horrible fearful* (iv) mysterious *secret*

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(b) Answer the following questions:

- (i) When did the stranger arrive at the inn? What was he wearing? [2]
(ii) Who was Mrs Hall? What was her initial reaction to the stranger? [2]
(iii) Who met the stranger after Mrs Hall? What did this person learn about the stranger? [2]
(iv) What did Mr Hall see when he entered the stranger's room? [2]

(c) In not more than 50 words summarise the passage.

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(d) Identify and write the Part of Speech for the following :

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- (i) untidily *Adv* (ii) curious *adj* (iii) without *prep*

Q2. Write a letter on any ONE of the following topics:

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- (a) Your school is organising an educational tour to Rajasthan, next month. Write a letter to your father giving him the details of this tour and also seeking his permission for the same.

OR

- (b) Your friend did not perform well in the examination and he is sad about his performance. Write a letter to your friend consoling him and also advising him how he should prepare for the final examinations.

Q3. Change the following into Passive Voice:

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- (i) The teacher told us a story. *We were told a story by...* A story *was*
(ii) John gave him a book. *He was given a book by John* A book *was given to him*
(iii) Who did this? *By whom*
(iv) They painted the door green. *The door was painted green by them*
(v) Will your brother pay your fees today? *Will the fees be paid*
(vi) We shall play the match tomorrow. *The match shall be played tomorrow*
(vii) Who discovered America? *By whom*
(viii) This play surprised the visitors. *The visitors were surprised by this play.*

Q4. Rewrite the following sentences by joining them with appropriate conjunction:

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- (i) Rudy plays the trumpet. His brother plays the trombone. *and*
(ii) My sister does not speak Russian. My sister does not read Russian. *neither speaks nor*
(iii) Tell the truth. I will not punish you. *if*
(iv) He is a rogue. He is a fool. *either or*
(v) He is poor. He is honest. *still but*
(vi) She must join the class. She will be suspended. *as for*
(vii) Don't sail now. The winds are too strong. *because*

Q5. Identify the adjectives and state their kind:

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- (i) Ali sold his old bicycle. *Quality*
(ii) Is there any tea in the cup? *quantity*
(iii) Rohan snatched her book. *possession*
(iv) Every boy was given a pen set. *distributive/Indefinite*
(v) Those children are not listening to us. *Demonstrative*
(vi) Which speech won the first prize? *Interrogative*

*old.
any
her
every
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Q6. Punctuate the following sentences:

[1+1+2=4]

- (i) *N* november is the month when we travel.
(ii) *W* what a piece of work is man!
(iii) *S* she said to me what are you looking for? "

iii Here is the book you want.