

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1.

Write a composition of about 150 to 200 words on any one of the following topics: -

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- a) Describe a visit to your favourite cafe.
- b) Write a short story which illustrates the truth of the statement, 'Kindness costs nothing.'
- c) Imagine you had a pencil that brought drawings alive. Express how you used that pencil.
- d) Study the picture given below. Write a composition which may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2.

Write a letter on any one of the following topics: -

[15]

- a) You did something to annoy your parents and they punished you by giving you a 'no screen day'. Write a letter to your friend sharing your experience of the day.
- b) Write a letter to your aunt telling her how you are planning a surprise birthday celebration for your father. Also, invite her for the same.

Question 3.

Your school is organising an Inter School Mathematics Quiz Competition for classes VI to VIII. Draft a notice for the school notice board inviting and informing the students about the same.

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Question 4.

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: -

[20]

Ella and a woman she called Rabbit went to Marta's sewing workshop with the hope of getting a job. As soon as they entered, Marta **examined** them closely from head to toe, her sharp eyes missing nothing.

"You don't look like proper seamstresses," Marta said rudely. "However, I will give you a trial to see what you can do."

She picked up a green blouse from a large pile of clothes and threw it towards Rabbit. "Open the stitches and make it bigger," she ordered. "It belongs to a customer who has gained weight."

Marta then turned to Ella and handed her a small piece of paper. "Another customer wants a dress for a concert this weekend," she said. "Memorise these measurements and return the paper to me. Use the mannequin kept nearby and choose the fabric yourself."

Ella felt nervous and confused as she read the instructions. Marta told her to wash her hands and wear clean clothes, adding that cleanliness was extremely important in her workshop.

Ella nodded silently, trying hard to control her tears. Marta reminded her firmly that she was in charge. At that moment, Ella noticed a silent woman standing in one corner of the workshop. Feeling uneasy, she quickly looked away.

"The first fitting is at four o'clock," Marta announced.

Ella was shocked. The thought of making a dress so quickly seemed impossible to her. Still, she gathered her courage and said that she would try.

Marta laughed and said she fully expected Ella to fail. When Ella tried to introduce herself, Marta replied coldly that she did not care.

Ella felt frightened and unsure of herself. Just then, she remembered her grandmother's advice: You can do anything if you believe in yourself. These words filled her with strength and confidence, and she finally began her work.

a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage: -

[1×4=4]

1. mannequin

2. examined checked

3. uneasy

4. coldly

b) Answer the following questions:-

[2×5=10]

1. Why did Ella and Rabbit go to Marta's workshop? How were they welcomed by Marta?

2. What task was Rabbit given by Marta?

3. What instructions did Marta give Ella about the dress?

4. Why was Ella nervous and confused?

5. What gave Ella strength and confidence?

c) Give the antonyms of the following words:-

[½×4=2]

1. courage coward - ½ mark

2. unsure

3. gained

4. impossible

d) Identify the part of speech of the words underlined in the sentence given below:-

[½×4=2]

The thought of making a dress so quickly seemed impossible to her.

e) Use the following words in sentences of your own:-

[1×2=2]

1. memorise

2. frightened

Question 5.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable conjunction: -

- a) _____ it was raining, they decided to go for a walk.
b) She is free today _____ tomorrow. *as well as*
c) You can have tea *or* coffee.
d) He studied very hard *yet/still* he failed the exam.
e) The power went out, *so/therefore* we lit some candles.
f) The cake tasted exactly *as* I thought it would.

although/though
and/as well as
or
yet/but/still
so/therefore
as

[$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$]

Question 6.

Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of the word given in brackets:-

- a) This is the _____ meal I have ever eaten! (bad)
b) This suitcase is _____ than the other one. (heavy)
c) Mount Everest is the _____ mountain in the world. (high)
d) This exam was _____ than the previous one. (difficult)
e) This room is too small; we need a _____ one. (large)
f) A cat is not so *friendly* as a dog. (friendly)

worst
heavier
highest
more diffi
larger
friendly

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Question 7.

Change the following sentences to Indirect Speech: -

- a) My brother said, "I am driving to Chandigarh tomorrow."
b) Alice said to him, "I will call you today."
c) The stranger said to me, "Do you *no marks* know the way to the station?"
d) My father said, "Where is the newspaper?"
e) The professor said, "Water boils at 100°C."

[$1 \times 5 = 5$]