

**YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WRITE IN THE FIRST 15 MINUTES
THIS TIME IS TO BE SPENT IN READING THE QUESTION PAPER
THE TIME GIVEN AT THE HEAD OF THE PAPER IS THE TIME ALLOWED TO WRITE THE
ANSWERS**

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

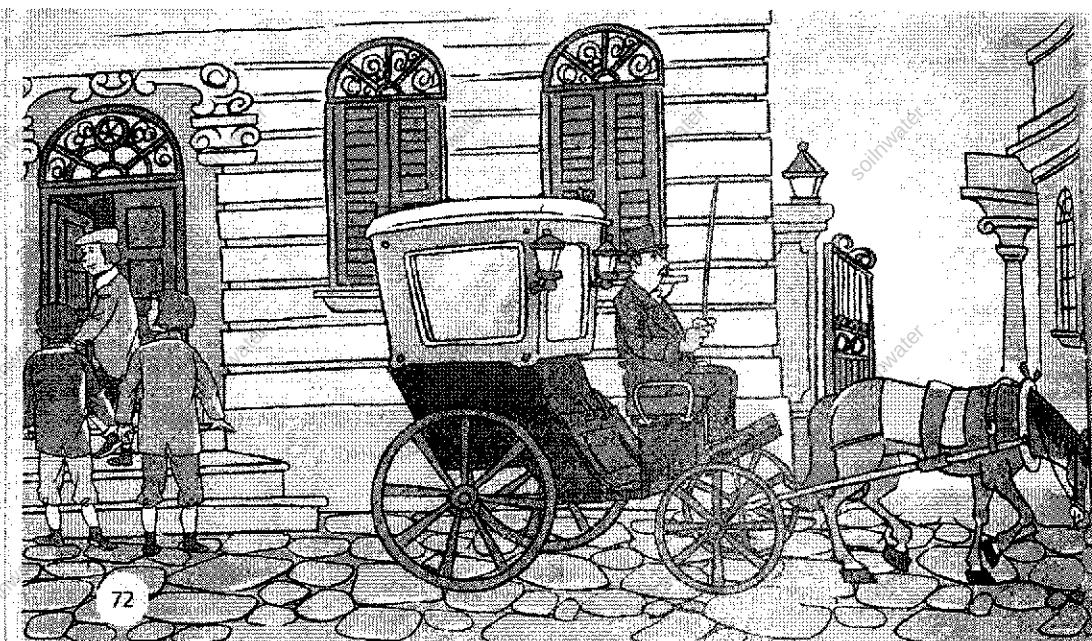
THE INTENDED MARKS FOR QUESTIONS AND PARTS OF QUESTIONS ARE GIVEN IN
BRACKETS []

Q1. (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

Write a composition of about 250 to 300 words on any one of the following topics: -

[20]

- Imagine that there was a train accident near your colony. Describe the scene of the accident and what you did to help the injured.
- Narrate an incident when you helped a friend who was in trouble. Explain what happened. What did you do to make the situation better?
- 'Tradition is an obstacle to progress.' Express your views either 'FOR' or 'AGAINST' this statement.
- Write an original story beginning: 'We were just about to board the train when....'
- Study the picture given below and give an account of what the picture suggests to you.



Q2. (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

Select ONE of the following:-

[15]

- Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper appealing for help for victims of a recent flood in your city.
- A heap of garbage has accumulated near your locality. The dump is not only an eye-sore, but also a health hazard. Write to the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation describing the inconvenience caused to the people and requesting him to get the garbage removed immediately.

We have been brought up to fear insects. We regard them as unnecessary creatures that do more harm than good. Man continuously wages war on them, for they contaminate his food, carry diseases or *devour* his crops. They sting or bite without provocation, they fly uninvited into our rooms on summer nights, or beat against our lighted windows. We live in dread not only of unpleasant insects like spiders or wasps, but of quite harmless ones like moths. Reading about them increases our understanding without dispelling our fears. Knowing that the *industrious* ants live in a highly organized society does not prevent us from being filled with hatred when we find hordes of them crawling over a carefully prepared picnic lunch.

No matter how much we like honey, or how much we have read of the uncanny sense of direction which bees possess, we have a horror of being stung. Most of our fears are unreasonable, but they are difficult to erase. At the same time, however, insects are strangely fascinating. We enjoy reading about them, especially when we find that like the Praying Mantis, they lead perfectly horrible lives. We enjoy staring at them, as they go about their business, unaware -we hope - of our presence. Who has not stood in awe at the sight of a spider *pouncing* on a fly, or a column of ants triumphantly carrying home an enormous dead beetle?

Last summer, I spent many days in the garden watching thousands of ants crawling up the trunk of my prized peach tree. The tree has grown against a warm wall on a sheltered side of the house. I am specially proud of it, not only because it has survived several severe winters, but because it occasionally produces luscious peaches. During the summer I noticed that the leaves of the tree had begun to dry. Clusters of tiny insects called Aphids were to be found on the underside of the leaves. They were visited by a large column of ants which obtained a sort of honey from them. I immediately embarked on an experiment which, even though it failed to get rid of the ants, kept me fascinated for twenty four hours.

I bound the base of the tree with sticky tape, making it impossible for the ants to reach the Aphids. The tape was so sticky that they did not dare to cross it. For a long time, I watched them scurrying around the base of the tree in confusion. I even went out at midnight with a torch and noted with satisfaction and surprise that the ants were still swarming around the sticky tape without being able to do anything about it. I got up early next morning to find the ants were climbing up the wall of the house and then on to the leaves of the tree. I realized sadly that I had been completely defeated by their intelligence. The ants had been quick to find an answer to my thoroughly unscientific methods.

- (a) For each word given below choose the correct meaning as used in the passage from the options provided:-

[3]

i) devour

1. walk quickly
2. eat quickly
3. throw
4. carry

ii) industrious

1. well behaved
2. naughty
3. hard working
4. fascinating

iii) pouncing

1. releasing
2. jumping
3. offering
4. losing

- (b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words: -

[9]

i) What do we regard insects as?

[1]

ii) Why is man continuously waging war on insects?

[2]

iii) Why does the writer say that knowing about insects does not make man change his attitude towards them?

[2]

iv) How are insects strangely fascinating?

[2]

v) What was the reason that the leaves of the tree were beginning to dry in summer?

[2]

- (c) In not more than 50 words describe what the writer did to prevent the ants from reaching the aphids.

[8]

Q4. Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiner: -

[½X6=3]

- i) Ram is _____ honest man who runs _____ small shop around the corner.
- ii) Do _____ of you like Pizza? I thought of ordering _____.
- iii) We invited _____ friends over to _____ house for a barbecue.

Q5. Fill in each of the number blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

[½X8=4]

The first time I 1 (see) Boris, he 2 (play) tennis. He 3 (not look) the kind of kid who 4 (play) tennis; he 5 (have) a round face, which his hair 6 (make) even rounder. He 7 (be) overweight with legs like a piano. He 8 (play) a strange kind of tennis.

Q6. Place the adverbs given in brackets in a suitable position in the sentences given below.

Choose the correct option: -

[4]

- i) The North-East Express is late. (often)
 - a) The North-East Express often is late.
 - b) The North-East Express is often late.
 - c) The often North-East Express is late.
- ii) This house can fetch a high rent. (fairly)
 - a) This house can fetch a fairly high rent.
 - b) This house can fairly fetch a high rent.
 - c) This house can fetch a high rent fairly.
- iii) I have finished my dinner. (just)
 - a) I just have finished my dinner.
 - b) Just I have finished my dinner.
 - c) I have just finished my dinner.
- iv) Do you live at the same address? (still)
 - a) Do you still live at the same address?
 - b) Do you live still at the same address?
 - c) Do you live at the same still address?

Q7. Change the following sentences to Passive voice. Choose the correct option: -

[4]

- i) We were renovating the living room.
 - a) The living room was been renovate by us.
 - b) The living room was being renovated by us.
 - c) The living room was being renovating by us.
- ii) He was given plenty of facilities.
 - a) Plenty of facilities were given to him.
 - b) Plenty of facilities are being given to him.
 - c) Plenty of facilities could have been given to him.
- iii) He writes a letter.
 - a) He is writing a letter.
 - b) A letter was being writer by him.
 - c) A letter is written by him.
- iv) Do the children play football?
 - a) Children play football.
 - b) Is football played by the children?
 - c) Is football being played by the children?