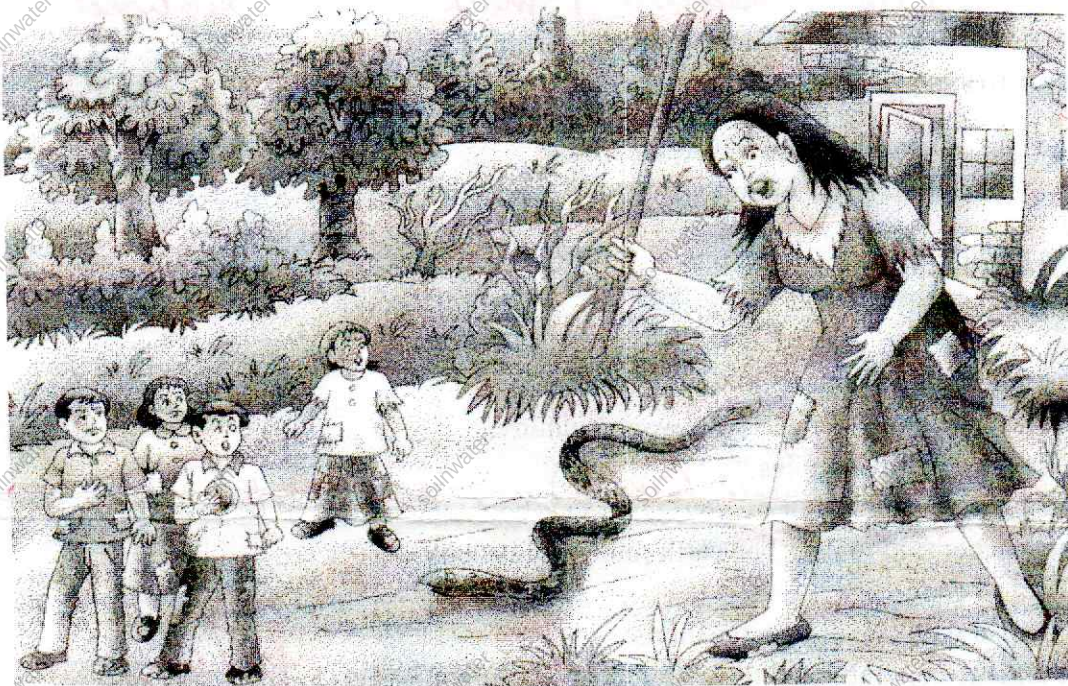


Q1. Write a composition in about 150-200 words on any **one** of the following topics:

[20]

- (a) The joys of the winter season.
- (b) Things that you can do to become a better student.
- (c) Write an original story that begins with the words: 'No one was ready to believe that.....'
- (d) An unforgettable journey.
- (e) An Autobiography of a school bag.
- (f) Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you.

Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Q2. Choose any **one** of the following:

[15]

- (a) Write a letter to the editor of the Hindustan Times complaining about the loud noise generated due to the constant use of loudspeakers in your colony. Highlight the problems and the inconvenience caused.
- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper mentioning the issue of irregular water supply in your locality and the difficulty caused due to this. Suggest some measures to solve the problem.

Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

[25]

There was once a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he should hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

On the first day, the boy had driven thirty seven nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learnt to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about this and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. Days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

Then the father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well.

my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say or do things in anger, they leave scars just like the ones that you see here. You can put a knife into a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say, 'I'm sorry', the wound will always be there."

The little boy understood the importance of these powerful words. He looked up at his father and said, "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you."

"Of course I can," said his father.

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) What task did the father give to his son? [2]
- (ii) How many times did the boy get angry on the first day? How do you know? [2]
- (iii) What did the father ask the boy to do once the nails had been hammered in? [3]
- (iv) What important lesson did the father wish to teach his son? [3]

(b) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage:

- (i) temper (ii) gradually (iii) dwindled (iv) scars (v) discovered

(c) Write the antonyms of the following words:

- (i) back. (ii) young (iii) pull. (iv) same (v) here

(d) Give the part of speech of the following words:

- (i) bad. (ii) nail (iii) looked (iv) you (v) and (vi) into

(e) Make sentences:

- (i) wound (ii) suggested

Q4. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

- (a) The teacher said to Lily, "Your work is untidy."
- (b) Ankur says, "I like apples."
- (c) He said to me, "I will bring your tapes to school tomorrow."
- (d) The teacher said to us, "The earth rotates on its axis."

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- (a) The teacher congratulated the children on their success.
- (a) The camp is located near a beautiful river.
- (b) They went around the world in a hot air balloon.
- (c) The family sat at the table to eat dinner.
- (d) The dog ran across the road.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions:

- (a) His speech was long but interesting.
- (b) Run to the bus stop or you will be late.
- (c) She stayed at home as she was ill.
- (d) He wasted his time so he failed.
- (e) You have to wait until the rain stops.

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of comparison:

- (a) The luckiest participant will win the prize. (lucky)
- (b) I don't think my situation can get any better. (good)
- (c) She is more beautiful than her sister. (beautiful)
- (d) Carl is as stubborn as his brother. (stubborn)
- (e) This is the prettiest flower I have ever seen. (pretty)

Q8. Punctuate:

- (a) how foolish of me to forget it !
- (b) the taxi driver said i can't get you to the airport in fifteen minutes.