

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [].

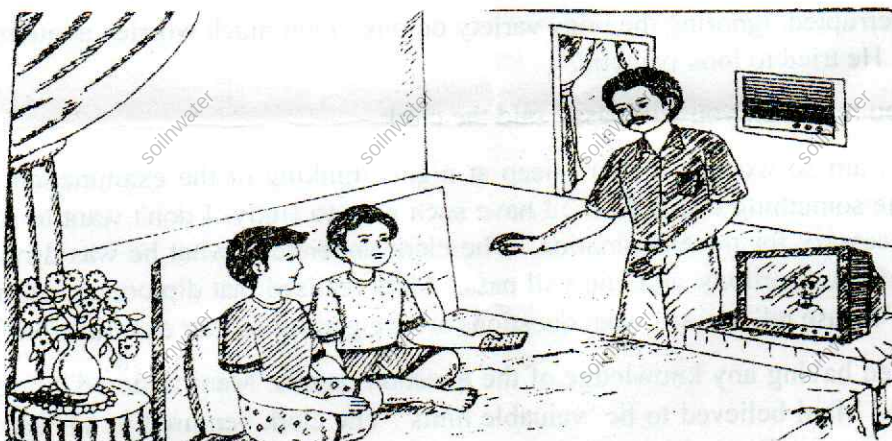
ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1.

Write a composition of about 250-300 words on any one of the following topics:
(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

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- Write an original story beginning with, "It was a dark windy night...."
- You have recently been to a holiday resort with your family and have enjoyed your stay there. Describe your experience at the resort, the surroundings and natural beauty and the places you visited near the resort.
- Write an imaginary account of your meeting with a character from your favourite novel or story.
- "Excessive use of AI tools and apps affects teenagers' creativity." Give your views either 'FOR' or 'AGAINST' the topic.
- Study the picture below. Write an original story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; but there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2.

Select one of the following:- (Do not spend more than 20 mins on this question)

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- Write a letter to your friend describing a day when you had to manage responsibilities at home in the absence of your parents. Explain the tasks you handled and the experience you had.
- The trees in your city are disappearing fast and being replaced by shopping malls and big townships. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city highlighting the condition of the residents due to traffic congestion and noise pollution.

Question 3.

- Your school is organising a Best out of Waste Competition on the occasion of 'No Plastic Day.' Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board informing the students about the event. [3]
- Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting to send a team for participation for the same. Give all the necessary details. [3]

Question 4.

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

[20]

At school, everybody seemed to be overwhelmed by the thought of the examinations. It was weeks since anybody had seen a smile on Shankar's face. Somu had become brisk and business-like. The Pea took time to grasp jokes and seldom made any either. And as for Rajam, he came to school at the stroke of the first bell, took down everything the teacher said and left at the stroke of the last bell, hardly uttering a dozen words to anybody. Mani was beginning to look worried and took every opportunity to take Shankar aside and have his doubts (that arose from time to time as he plodded through his texts) cleared. He dogged the steps of the school clerk. There was a general belief in the school that the clerk was all-wise and knew all the question papers of all the classes.

One day, Mani went to the clerk's house and laid a neat bundle containing fresh brinjals at his feet. The clerk was pleased and took Mani in and seated him on a stool.

The clerk looked extremely **amiable**, and Mani felt that he could ask anything at that moment and get it. The clerk was murmuring something about his cat that was nestling close to him. Most of what he was saying did not enter Mani's head. He was waiting eagerly to open the topic of question papers. The clerk had meanwhile passed from cats to eye-flies; but it made little difference to Mani who was waiting for him to pause for breath to launch his attack.

'You must never let these eye-flies buzz near your eyes. All cases of eyesore can be traced to it. When you get an eyesore, the only thing you can do is to rub the eye with a slice of raw onion....'

Mani realised that the clerk would not stop and interrupted, 'There is only a week more for the examination, sir....'

The clerk was slightly puzzled: 'Yes, indeed a week more..... You must take care to choose only the juicy variety, the large juicy variety, not the small onion....'

'Sir,' Mani interrupted, ignoring the juicy variety onions, 'I am much worried about my examination.' He tried to look pathetic.

'I'm glad. If you read well you will pass,' said the clerk.

'You see, sir, I am so worried, I don't sleep at nights thinking of the examination.... If you could possibly tell me something important.... I have such a lot to study- I don't want to study things that may not be necessary for the examination.' The clerk understood what he was driving at, but said, 'Just read all of your portions, and you will pass.' Mani realised that diplomacy was not his line. He asked bluntly, 'Please tell me, sir, what questions are we getting for our examinations?'

The clerk denied having any knowledge of the question papers. Mani flattered him by asking, if he could give what Mani believed to be 'valuable hints'. The clerk ventured to advise, 'You must pay particular attention to Geography. Maybe you will have to practice map-drawing a lot. And in Arithmetic make it a point to solve at least five problems every day, and you'll be able to tackle the subject.'

'And what about English?'

'Oh, don't worry about that. Have you read all your lessons?'

'Yes, sir,' Mani replied without **conviction**.

'It is alright, then. You must read all the important lessons again, and if you have time, yet again, and that will be ample.'

These answers satisfied Mani greatly. On his way home, he smiled to himself and said that the four annas he had invested on brinjals was not after all a waste.

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

a) amiable

- i) unfriendly
- ii) friendly
- iii) annoyed

(ii)

(iii)

(i)

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b) conviction

- i) uncertainty
- ii) doubt
- iii) belief

II. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'accepted'?

- i) denied
- ii) invested
- iii) ample

III. Answer the following questions:-

- 1) What effect did the coming examinations have on: Shankar, Somu, the Pea and Rajam?
- 2) What was a general belief in the school?
- 3) Why did Mani give the clerk fresh brinjals?
- 4) What did the clerk believe was the reason for eyesore? What was the remedy?
- 5) Why did Mani try to look pathetic?

IV. What valuable hints were given to Mani by the clerk? Write your answer in not more than 50 words.

Question 5.

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

Example: I _____ (0) (slow) the car as I saw the new house.

Answer: slowed

I _____ (1) (pull) up into the driveway and _____ (2) (see) the way they _____ (3) (build) up the balcony. I _____ (4) (forgot) that the bricks of the house _____ (5) (be) chocolate brown. The new people _____ (6) (make) the tiny balcony into a study room.

Question 6.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word:-

- (a) The burglars broke _____ the house when the family was away.
- (b) I offered _____ help but they politely refused.
- (c) The little girl ran _____ the road to buy chocolates from the shop.
- (d) They immediately sent _____ the doctor.
- (e) The officer refrained _____ making any comment.
- (f) The doctor was accused _____ negligence.

Question 7.

Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence. Choose the correct option: -

- (i) We lost our ticket. We lost our luggage.
 - (a) We had lost our ticket as well as our luggage.
 - (b) We lost our ticket as well as our luggage.
 - (c) Having lost our ticket we lost our luggage.
 - (d) We will lose our ticket as well as our luggage.
- (ii) You can take a break. You are feeling tired.
 - (a) You can take a break if at all you are tired.
 - (b) You can take a break as it should be tiring.
 - (c) You can take a break if you are feeling tired.
 - (d) You could take a break if you will feel tired.

(iii) I started early from school. I was late for the class.

(a) Although I started early from school, I was late for the class.

(b) I started early from school although I was late for the class.

(c) I started early from school although I was getting late for the class.

(d) Although I start early from school I will be late for the class.

Question 8.

Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of the sentence. Choose the correct option: -

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(a) "Have you walked alone this long distance today?" he said to Shriya. (change to indirect speech)

(i) He asked Shriya if she had walked alone that long distance that day.

(ii) He asked Shriya had she walked alone this long distance that day.

(iii) He asked Shriya if she hadn't walked alone that long distance that day.

(iv) He asked Shriya if she walked alone this long distance that day.

(b) Who is taking you to the exhibition? (change to passive voice)

(i) By whom have you been taken to the exhibition?

(ii) By whom are you being taken to the exhibition?

(iii) By whom will you be taken to the exhibition?

(iv) By whom will you being taken to the exhibition?

(c) As soon as Varun entered his office, he was summoned by his boss. (Begin: No sooner....)

(i) No sooner did Varun entered his office than he was summoned by his boss.

(ii) No sooner had Varun entered his office when he was summoned by his boss.

(iii) No sooner did Varun enter his office than he was summoned by his boss.

(iv) No sooner did Varun enter his office when he was being summoned by his boss.

(d) Virat Kohli is one of the greatest all-rounders of India. (change to positive degree)

(i) Very few all-rounders of India are as great as Virat Kohli.

(ii) Very few all-rounders of India have been as great as Virat Kohli.

(iii) No other all-rounder has been as great as Virat Kohli of India.

(iv) No other all-rounder of India is as great as Virat Kohli.

(e) This mountain is so high that I cannot climb it. (Use: too....to)

(i) This mountain is too high for him to climb.

(ii) This mountain is too high for me to climb.

(iii) This mountain was too high to be climbed.

(iv) This mountain was too high for them to climb.

(f) She said to me, "Let us go for a movie." (change to indirect speech)

(i) She suggested me to go for a movie.

(ii) She suggested to me that we should go for a movie.

(iii) She said to me that we can go for a movie.

(iv) She said to me that we have to go for a movie.

(g) Everybody worships the rising sun. (change to interrogative sentence)

(i) Who worshipped the rising sun?

(ii) Who does not worships the rising sun?

(iii) Who does not worship the rising sun?

(iv) Who is not worshipping the rising sun?