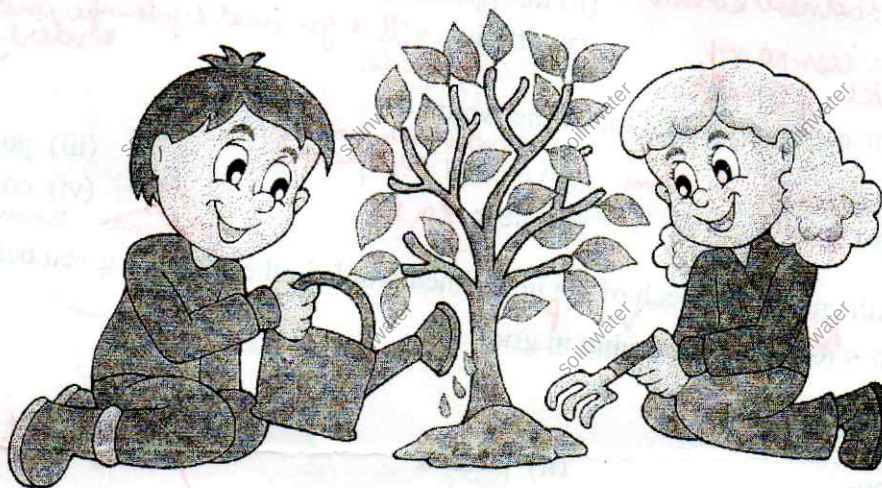


Q1. Write a composition on any ONE of the given topics:

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- Narrate the most exciting day of your life.
- Describe a trip to a hill station.
- Uniforms should be compulsory in the schools. Write your views either FOR or AGAINST the topic.
- Write an autobiography of a horse.
- Study the picture given below and write a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



Q2. Write an informal letter on any ONE of the following:

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Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to your birthday party. Giving him all the details of how you plan to celebrate it.

OR

Your brother has shown very poor performance in his first terminal examination. Write a letter advising him to realize the value of time and encouraging him to do well in the next examination.

Q3. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: -

[25]

Once the Emperor and Birbal were sitting in the palace balcony and watching the sunrise. The sun rays falling on the sparkling waters of the Yamuna river gave it a golden sheen. The emperor used to watch this natural beauty everyday. Today, Birbal too was watching this natural beauty along with the emperor.

Suddenly their attention was diverted due to a loud noise. They noticed some thieves running after looting some travellers. The poor travellers were crying in grief.

The Emperor ordered his guards to catch the thieves but the thieves had already disappeared. The guards returned empty handed.

The Emperor was furious to see the soldiers coming back empty handed. Nothing could have been worse than the incapability of the royal guards in capturing the thieves who had dropped the passers - by near the palace itself.

The Emperor was terribly frustrated at this. He asked Birbal, "Birbal, all this has happened because our administration is not efficient. Isn't it a matter of shame? A common man is being robbed in front of the Emperor and the Emperor is incapable of doing anything in this regard: why is it so?"

Birbal said, "Your Majesty, though a lamp spreads light all around but it is always dark under the lamp."

The Emperor was very much pleased with Birbal's reply. He compensated the travellers by giving them money and clothes etc. He also sent armed guards to escort them to their homes safely.

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

- 1/2 (i) What was the emperor once watching? With whom? *Birbal*
- 1/3 (ii) What did they suddenly notice?
- 1/2 (iii) Why was the emperor furious with the guards?
- 1/3 (iv) What was Birbal's reply to The Emperor's question?
- 1/3 (v) How did the emperor help the travellers in the end?

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

(i) grief *mainly pain suffering sadness sorrow*

(ii) disappeared *vanished*

(iii) incapable *unable to do, achieve, helpless*

(iv) escort *to go along, guide, lead, take, go with*

(v) efficient *well organised, systematic, methodical, orderly, capable*

(c) Write the antonyms of the following words:-

(i) sunrise *sunset, sundown*

(ii) natural *man made, artificial*

(iii) poor *rich, uncommon*

(iv) empty *full*

(v) near *far*

(vi) common *different, unusual, rare, unique*

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

The poor travellers were crying in grief.

(e) Make sentences:-

(i) furious

(ii) pleased

Q4. Rewrite the possessive form of the following:-

(a) the bungalow of my uncle.

My uncle's bungalow

(b) the cries of the women.

Women's cries

(c) the uniforms of the drivers.

The drivers' uniforms

(d) the food meant for the puppies.

The puppies' food

(e) the duties of the students.

The students' duties.

(f) the church named after St. Peter.

St. Peter's church

Q5. Pick out the adverbs in the following sentences:-

(a) The guests will arrive soon.

(b) The hall was almost packed.

(c) This pen writes quite well.

(d) The old man faced the difficulties courageously.

(e) He never tells a lie.

(f) She did fairly well in the examination.

2 Q6. Fill in the blanks with personal pronouns:-

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- (a) Father took my sister and me to the pictures.
(b) She requested her mother to give her some money.
(c) Rishi and I/she/he/they went to meet him/her them

3 Q7. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb given in the brackets:-

[3]

- (a) Ninety rupees is too much for the bag. (is/are)
(b) Rea likes to play monopoly. (like/likes)
(c) Either he or she has drawn this. (has/have)
(d) French as well as Sanskrit is taught in our school. (is/are)
(e) Neither Sam nor his parents have arrived yet. (has /have)
(f) Both the girls were awesome on the dance floor. (was/ were)

- a. is
b. likes
c. has
d. is
e. have
f. were

4 Q8. Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate relative pronoun :-

[4]

- (a) Here is the book which You lent me ~~the book~~.
(b) We met a beggar who He had a wooden leg.
(c) This is the girl whose Her courage saved us.
(d) Our ~~new neighbours~~ whom we like very much invited us to tea. We like them very much.

Our new neighbours whom we like very much invited us to tea.