

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1. Write a composition of about 200 to 250 words on any one of the following topics-

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- (a) Do you have a pet? Write details about it and describe how you enjoy yourself with it.
- (b) Narrate a thrilling incident from your childhood which you still remember vividly.
- (c) Write a story beginning with: "On a stormy night a traveller....."
- (d) Study the picture 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: -

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- (a) A friend of yours has been hospitalized because of a fractured leg while playing football/basketball. Write a letter to him/her giving some cheerful news, a promise of a visit soon and wishing him/her a speedy recovery.
- (b) Write a letter to your cousin brother or sister telling him/her about a movie you have seen recently. Write what you liked or disliked about it.

Question 3. Your school is organising an Inter School Folk Dance Competition for the students of classes VI-VIII. Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school informing him/her about the competition and requesting him/her to send a team to participate.

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Question 4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: -

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This is the story of Henry, our pet Chameleon. Chameleons are a class by themselves, and are no ordinary reptiles. From their nearest relatives, the lizards, they are easily **distinguished** by certain outstanding marks. A chameleon's tongue is as long as its body. On its head is a rigid crest which looks like a fireman's helmet. His limbs are long and slender, and his fingers and toes are more developed than those of other reptiles.

Henry's most remarkable characteristics were his eyes. They were not beautiful. But his left eye was quite independent of his right. He could move one eye without disturbing the other. Many people believe that the chameleon is a dangerous and poisonous reptile. When

grandfather was visiting a friend in the country, he came upon a noisy scene at the garden gate.

Men were shouting, **hurling** stones and brandishing sticks. The cause of all this was a chameleon who had been discovered sunning himself on a shrub. The gardener declared that it was a thing capable of poisoning people at a distance of twenty feet, and as a result the entire household had risen in arms. Grandfather was in time to save the chameleon from certain death, and brought the little reptile home.

That chameleon was Henry and that was how he came to live with us. Henry did not cause any trouble in our house, but he did create something like a riot in the nursery school down the road.

It happened like this.

When the papayas in our garden were ripe, grandmother usually sent a basket of them to her friend, Mrs. Ghosh, who was the Principal of the nursery school. On this occasion, Henry managed to **smuggle** himself into the basket of papayas when no one was looking. (He did have a cage of his own but was seldom in it.) The gardener dutifully carried the papayas across to the school and left them in Mrs. Ghosh's office. When Mrs. Ghosh came in after making her rounds, she began admiring and examining the papayas. Out popped Henry.

Mrs. Ghosh screamed. Henry would probably have liked to blush a deep red, but turned a bright green instead as that was the colour of the papayas. Mrs. Ghosh's assistant, Miss Daniels, rushed in, took one look at the chameleon, and joined in the screaming. Henry took fright and fled from the office, running down the corridor and into one of the classrooms. There, he climbed onto a desk. While children ran in all directions, some to get away from Henry, some to catch him, but Henry made his exit from a window, and disappeared in the garden.

Grandmother heard all about the incident from Mrs. Ghosh, but did not tell her the chameleon was ours. I did not think Henry would find his way back to us, because the school was three houses away. But three days later, I found him sunning himself on the garden wall, and allowed himself to be recaptured.

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

[1X4=4]

1. distinguished *different/identified*
2. slender *thin*
3. hurling *throwing*
4. smuggle *hide/adjust*

(b) Answer the following questions:-

[2X5=10]

1. How can chameleons be distinguished from lizards? [2]
2. What was remarkable about Henry's eyes? [2]
3. What was the cause of a noisy scene at the garden gate? [2]
4. Write in brief, the riot created by Henry in the nursery school? [2]
5. Did Henry finally come back? How do you know? [2]

(c) Summarize the passage in not more than 50 words.

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(d) Mention the parts of speech of the words underlined in the sentence given below:- [½X1=1]

1. The gardener dutifully carried the papayas across to the school and left them in Mrs. Ghosh's office.

Question 5. Supply a correct verb in agreement with the subject: -

[½X6=3]

1. Neither of them was late yesterday.
2. Ninety rupees is too much for this bag.
3. Both the girls were awesome on the dance floor.
4. A pair of gloves is/was lying on the floor.
5. The horse and carriage is/was waiting for Mr. Gordon at the door.
6. The boys and the girls have to finish this project.

Question 6. Identify whether the following sentences are Simple, Compound or Complex:-

[½X6=3]

1. He not only robbed the woman, but also murdered her. *Compound*
2. She bought her uncle's car. *Simple*
3. Although he is ill, he will attend the classes. *Complex*
4. I went out after I had finished the work. *Complex*
5. The helpless deserve our pity. *Simple*
6. The bus stopped and I got off. *Compound*

Question 7. Change the following sentences to Indirect speech:-

[1X5=5]

1. He said to me, "Are you coming home with me today?" *if I was coming with him*
2. The judge said to the prisoner, "Stand up while I am speaking to you." *that he was*
3. My mother said to me, "Why have you made such a mess here?" *that I had*
4. Mary said, "I will not wear my hat as it is a fine day." *that she would not*
5. He said to him, "Please wait till I return." *that he would*