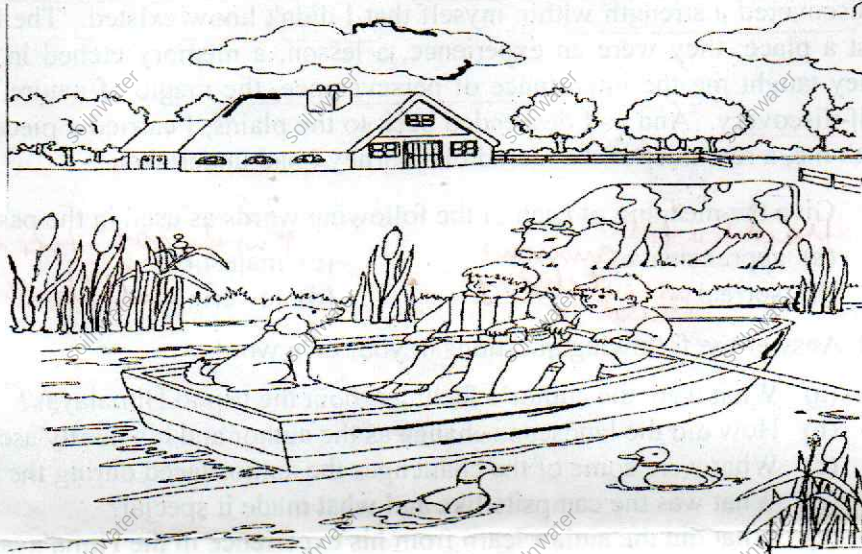


ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

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

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- Describe a day you will never forget, whether it was a special occasion, an exciting adventure, or a day filled with emotions.
- Imagine you find a mysterious key that unlocks a secret door in your house. What lies behind it?
- Write an original story beginning with the words, "One fine morning I was walking to school when....."
- 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:-

[12]

- Write a letter to your grandmother explaining how you saved a stray dog. Narrate how you found it, took good care of it and how it recovered.
- Write a letter to your friend describing a school play you participated in. Share the role you played, the preparations you made and how the performance turned out.

Question 3. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Your school is hosting an Inter School Art competition for classes VI-VIII. Draft a notice for your school notice board informing the students about the event.

[4]

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

[20]

My summer vacation was usually spent at my grandparents' house in Kerala, amidst lush green paddy fields and the aroma of spices. But this year, things took a different turn. My parents announced a surprise trip – a trek to the Himalayas! I was thrilled, though a little apprehensive. I had only seen pictures of snow-capped mountains, and the idea of actually being there felt surreal.

We flew to Delhi and then took a long, winding road trip to a small village nestled in the foothills. The landscape changed dramatically as we ascended. The flat plains gave way to rolling hills, and the air grew crisper and cooler. The vibrant green of Kerala was replaced by the rugged beauty of the mountains, dotted with colorful prayer flags fluttering in the wind.

Our trek began the next morning. The initial excitement soon gave way to the reality of the climb. The path was steep and rocky, and I huffed and puffed with every step. My backpack felt heavier than ever, and I longed for the familiar comfort of my bed. But the

breathtaking views kept me going. We passed through forests of pine and deodar, the sunlight filtering through the leaves creating an ethereal glow. We crossed gushing streams, the water icy cold against my skin.

As we climbed higher, the air thinned, and the vegetation became sparser. The landscape transformed into a stark, **majestic** expanse of rock and snow. The **towering** peaks, covered in a blanket of white, seemed to touch the sky. I felt a sense of awe and wonder I had never experienced before. It was as if nature was displaying its full power and glory. In the evening, we reached our campsite. It was a small clearing overlooking a vast valley. The setting sun painted the sky in hues of orange, pink, and purple, creating a spectacle that was simply mesmerizing. As darkness fell, the stars came out, shining brighter than I had ever seen them. The silence was profound, broken only by the gentle rustling of the wind.

The trek wasn't easy. There were moments when I felt like giving up, when my legs ached, and my breath grew short. But the experience was transformative. I learned about resilience, about pushing my limits, and about the incredible beauty of the natural world. I discovered a strength within myself that I didn't know existed. The Himalayas weren't just a place; they were an experience, a lesson, a memory etched in my heart forever. They taught me the importance of perseverance, the magic of nature, and the power of self-discovery. And as I descended back to the plains, I carried a piece of the mountains with me, a reminder of the incredible journey I had undertaken.

- (i) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage:- [4]
- (a) apprehensive *afraid/fearful* (c) majestic *grand/magnificent* (d) towering *tall/high*
- (b) surreal *unreal/strange*
- (ii) Answer the following questions in your own words:-
- (a) What were the author's feelings about the trip to Himalayas? [2]
- (b) How did the landscape change as the author and his family ascended? [2]
- (c) What were some of the challenges the author faced during the trek? [2]
- (d) What was the campsite like and what made it special? [2]
- (e) What did the author learn from his experience in the Himalayas? [2]
- (iii) Give the **parts of speech** of the underlined words in the following sentence:- [$\frac{1}{2} \times 1 = 1$]
- The landscape changed dramatically as we ascended.
- (iv) Summarise the passage in not more than 50 words. [5]

- Question 5.** Identify whether the following sentences are Simple, Compound or Complex:- [3]
- (a) Although the sun was shining, it was still cold. *Complex*
- (b) She went to the store and bought some milk. *Compound*
- (c) The dog barked loudly. *Simple*
- (d) Having finished his work, he relaxed. *Simple*
- (e) She sings and dances with great enthusiasm. *Compound*
- (f) Because the game was cancelled, we went home. *Complex*

- Question 6.** Change the following sentences to Indirect speech:- [5]
- (a) Rohan said to me, "Who paid the bill yesterday?" *had*
- (b) She said to him, "I am leaving now and will return in two hours." *the day before*
- (c) She said to me, "Do you know how to swim?" *if I knew*
- (d) He said to the boys, "Do not waste your money." *advised*
- (e) The girl said to him, "Please show me your purse." *requested her his purse*

- Question 7.** Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given after each sentence. Make other necessary changes but do not change the meaning of the sentence:- [6]
- (a) No other city in India is as big as Kolkata. (change to comparative degree) *Kolkata is bigger than any*
- (b) The Ganges is one of the longest rivers in India. (change to positive degree) *Very few rivers in India are as long*
- (c) This problem is more difficult than any other I have faced. (change to superlative degree) *This is the most difficult problem I have ever faced*
- (d) Everyone hates a liar. (change to interrogative sentence) *Who doesn't*
- (e) She is an amazing dancer. (change to exclamatory sentence) *What an amazing dancer!*
- (f) This information is true. (change to negative sentence) *This info is not false.*