

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1. Write a composition of about 200 to 250 words on any one of the following topics: - [10]

- (a) You had set aside an evening to prepare yourself for an examination to be held the next morning. Your plans were disrupted when your aunt and uncle called in to visit your parents who had gone to the market. Describe how you entertained the guests and coped with your studies.
- (b) Write a short story which illustrates the truth of the statement, 'Honesty is the best policy.'
- (c) You woke up at night and saw a neighbouring house on fire. Narrate what happened next.
- (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) Write a letter to a friend who was expected to go for a movie with you but was unable to do so because of his/her father's illness. Tell your friend how the movie was, what you did after the movie and how much you missed his/her company.
- (b) You have been spending your free time reading novels instead of studying. As a result, you have not scored well in the First Terminal Exam. Write a letter to your father, who is posted in a different city, expressing your apologies for not being able to perform to his expectations and promising him that you will work hard and do well in the Final Exam.

Question 3. Your school is organising an Inter School Dance Competition for classes VI-VIII. Write an email to the principal of a neighbouring school informing 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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It is true that things that work the best in this world are not at all expensive and it cannot be truer than in the case of getting up early for a morning walk. If undertaken and performed regularly, like a religious task, it shows miraculous benefits. Morning walk is one of the most essential things in life. It exemplifies a certain kind of discipline wherein one performs the task, on a daily basis, for physical as well as mental well-being. A healthy mind stays in a healthy body and a morning walk is one of the best ways to achieve both, simultaneously. If done on a regular basis, morning walk has a number of advantages. Morning walk helps in improving the blood circulation and physical strength of a person. In the morning, one can experience a regenerating effect of the fresh air and the natural environment. It is a preparation for a good positive day. Most people in recent times undertake walk with the purpose of keeping themselves physically fit. Morning walk if done for forty to forty-five minutes, helps in burning calories, thereby losing weight. It keeps one active and energetic and takes away dullness, monotony and **lethargy** from one's life.

It is like a tonic which rejuvenates the sagging, enervating spirit. As one walks, worries and anxieties fade away, improving mental health by making one optimistic and positive. Moreover, one can enjoy music, can ruminate, plan for the day, and find solutions to problems in the solitude of one's own space and time. One can also enjoy the company of one's friends while enjoying the bounties of Nature. Morning walk also improves one's immunity level. It gives the body and the mind, the strength to fight all the diseases. It allows the body to get rid of harmful toxins that might not allow one to get a sound sleep.

Morning walk has become extremely important specially for people living in big cities because their life is not only full of hustle and bustle but is a mad race. It is a **rejuvenating** ritual that brings numerous benefits to physical and mental well-being. Additionally, sharing the morning air with others can strengthen relationships and build a sense of community. In essence, embracing this routine can lead to a more balanced and fulfilling life.

(a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage: - **[1X2=2]**

1. lethargy
2. rejuvenate

(b) Answer the following questions in your own words: - **[2X5=10]**

1. Mention two physical health benefits of a morning walk.
2. How is the morning walk good for the mind?
3. Other than improving physical and mental fitness, how else can a morning walk be beneficial?
4. Why does a walk undertaken in the morning prove to be more advantageous than one taken at any other time of the day?
5. What are the social benefits of a morning walk?

(c) Summarise the passage in not more than 50 words. **[5]**

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

[½X2=1]

1. It is like a tonic which rejuvenates the sagging, enervating spirit.

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

[½X6=3]

1. According to reviews, the desserts in that restaurant _____ not great.
2. Mother said that the quality of the dresses _____ good in that shop.
3. Neither of the men _____ any idea about the train timings.
4. One of you _____ to stay back to help me arrange the library books.
5. Some food _____ given to the poor man.
6. Coldplay's songs _____ my favourite.

Question 6. Identify whether the following sentences are SIMPLE, COMPOUND or COMPLEX:-

[½X6=3]

1. Mrs Praveen was furious, still she did not let it show on her face.
2. Although she is unwell, she is going for the dance rehearsal.
3. Unless she finishes all her household chores, she won't relax.
4. Walking on the pebbled path, she slipped.
5. I used to swim daily when it was hot in the summer months.
6. Men may come and men may go, but time goes on forever.

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

[1X5=5]

1. Reena said, 'I broke my ankle while practising somersaults.'
2. They said to me, 'We will inform the hostel about your injury.'
3. Gurmeet said to me, 'Are you going to attend Tanmay's wedding?'
4. Shubham said, 'Learning calligraphy is not that difficult.'
5. The nurse said to the patient's relatives, 'How may I help you?'