

ATTEMPT ALL FOUR QUESTIONS

THE INTENDED MARKS FOR QUESTIONS OR PARTS OF QUESTIONS ARE GIVEN IN BRACKETS []. (YOU ARE ADVISED TO SPEND NOT MORE THAN 45 MINUTES ON QUESTION 1, 55 MINUTES ON QUESTION 2, 30 MINUTES ON QUESTION 3 AND 50 MINUTES ON QUESTION 4.)

YOU SHOULD BEGIN EACH ANSWER ON A FRESH PAGE.

QUESTION 1.

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on **any one** of the following subjects: [20]

(You are reminded that you will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- (i) You were stranded alone in the middle of a rainy night while returning from a friend's birthday party. There was no transport and all the cab bookings were declined. Describe what you saw at night, the emotions you underwent and how you managed to get through the entire situation.
- (ii) You were travelling to Mumbai when you saw that the seat next to yours was occupied by a renowned writer. Narrate your experience as you spent three hours talking to him, listening to his story about how he shot from rags to riches, sharing your own life incidents with the writer and what you learnt from his multiple experiences.
- (iii) Where wealth accumulates, men decay. Argue **FOR** or **AGAINST** the given statement.
- (iv) Betrayal
- (v) Too little freedom for youngsters leads to frustration. Present your reflections on this statement.
- (vi) Write an original short story that ends with the following words:
.....and as the plane touched the ground, I breathed a huge sigh of relief.

QUESTION 2.

- (i) Write a report (in approximately 300 words) for a newspaper on the leakage of the question papers of a public examination in your city. Base your report on the points given below: [15]

The sudden announcement of cancellation of papers - panic and worry among parents and students - various accusations at the authorities - hurling of stones and rampage caused - intervention of the police - assurance of a thorough investigation.

(You may include other relevant details)

- (ii) You are a member of the Student Council of your school. Write a proposal in about 150 words for starting a Self-Defence training club to prepare the students for unforeseen circumstances. [10]

QUESTION 3.

Answer sections (i), (ii) and (iii)

(i) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instruction given after each: [5]

- (a) As soon as Roger received the mail, he left for Sweden.
(Begin: No sooner.....)
- (b) Nadeem said to his friend, "The rain prevented me from coming to this place."
(Begin: Nadeem told.....)
- (c) The Manager is too truthful to tell lies to his employees.
(Use: so.....that.....)
- (d) Chemical companies are producing new insecticides each year.
(Begin: New.....)
- (e) There were many obstacles in her way, all the same she succeeded..
(Begin: Notwithstanding.....)

(ii) In the following sentences, replace the **INCORRECT** underlined words to make the sentences meaningful and grammatically correct.

(Do not copy the sentence)

[5]

- (a) Jaideep's son carried forth his business in his absence.
- (b) She agreed to carry on my orders.
- (c) The male bird is distinguished with the female by its beak.
- (d) Joe is still unable to distinguish among his own twin sons.
- (e) If the proposal gets over, it will definitely make things better for us.
- (f) The thief could not get out with the money.
- (g) Atif sold forward his furniture before he emigrated to America.
- (h) The tickets for the Sunburn Music Festival were sold away in a couple of hours.
- (i) The wrestler tried his level best, but finally gave to.
- (j) The transformer had to be shut down as it gave in large amount of smoke.

(iii) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets.

Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order.

[5]

Chocolate chip cookies were first....1.... (make) by Ruth Graves Wakefield in the 1930s. Ruth and her husband, Kenneth, ran an inn in Massachusetts, USA. Ruth, a dietician and food lecturer used 2.... (prepare) food for the guests and was renowned for her impressive desserts. One day, while 3.... (make) cookies, she was out of an ingredient and 4.... (substitute) it with a chocolate bar. However, the chopped-up bar did not melt and mixed into the batter. The small pieces of chocolate only....5.... (soften) and the chocolate chip cookie....6.... (be) born. These original cookies 7.... (prove) to be such a great success that Ruth 8.... (repeat) the recipe. She 9.... (call) it the "Chocolate Crunch Cookie" and its recipe....10.... (publish) in several newspapers.

Question 4.

Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

The bridge over the railroad tracks was about a block from St. Ann's school on the way. But, to us kids, laden with the results of a last-day-of-school desk cleaning, the walk seemed longer.

The bridge, and not the stuffy, sweaty-smelling gym where our teacher bid us to spend our vacation "going over" what we learned, was where, as we heaved books and all thoughts of school onto the tracks below, vacation started officially.

Pages and papers flapped like gulls' wings in the soupy June heat, and relieved of the teacher's dour admonitions, summer stretched out before us like a vast lake, smooth and shimmering. September was a distant shore, too far away to even think about.

On the way home, my sister and I cast plans onto the clear surface-a picnic in the field sometime, a sleep-over in the back-yard sometime, a vacation in the lake sometime.

The 'sometimes' barely rippled the vast surface. Now, years later, back on the school calendar along with two children, the prospect of standing on summer's shore again helped keep me rising in the cold, pre- 7 a.m. dark to stir oatmeal and prod sleepy children out of bed and into clothes.

My thoughts scouted ahead eagerly as the umpteenth biweekly third grade book report had not passed the rough draft stage at 9 p.m., and when the coach scheduled an extra swim practice at the same time that the swimmer's sister had her dance lesson.

I longed to look at that shimmering, unbroken expanse as I contemplated calendar entries like 'car pool', 'science project due', 'practice, 4 p.m.'

As the days lengthened, I began to collect pebbles for when we reached the shore—titles of books to read, plans for picnic in the park sometime, thoughts of backyard barbecues, a visit to grandma's.

But now we're there, and I'm fighting to keep my disappointment to myself. Where is the vast lake of time? Why does the opposite shore loom so close, already crowded with dead-lines, school committee work, and soccer schedules?

In the years that I bypassed summer's shore to trudge along with the other adults, summer seems to have shrunk to a small river, and calendar entries are springing up like stepping stones that will carry us in no time to the other shore. Three weeks of baseball, a week at each grandma's, two weeks at camp.

It's not the vast lake I remember, but barely three months, hardly twelve weeks. May be what's missing is the books to heave on to the tracks (I'd gladly offer my kitchen calendar as a substitute). But even if there were a bridge nearby, the adults spoiled the whole thing sometime around 1966 with dire warnings about derailed trains.

I looked around expecting to see my disappointment mirrored in my children's faces. You mean this is what we have been looking forward to, I expect them to ask. But they don't.

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(i) (a) Find a single word from the passage that will exactly replace the underlined word or words in the following sentences:

[3]

- (1) Despite my mother's firm warnings, we went ahead and parked the car on the street.
- (2) Her sparkling jewellery served as a perfect fit for her gorgeous ensemble.
- (3) The authorities pondered over the reason for the discontentment of the people during the protest.

(b) For each of the words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the same word unchanged in spelling, but with a different meaning from that it carries in the passage.

[3]

(1) rising

- (A) Her habit of rising up early will reap good results.
- (B) Rising up early everyday made her feel dizzy.
- (C) At 6a.m, we watched the sun rise from behind the mountains.
- (D) The rising prices made people question the government.

(2) report

- (A) Everyone was flabbergasted when the report on 'gender bias' finally came out.
- (B) The chairman of the company rebuked the colleagues for submitting an incomplete report.
- (C) Susan wanted to report the loss of her luggage at the airport.
- (D) The report on democracy created a mayhem in the parliament.

(3) lesson

- (A) You cannot go out to play until you finish your lessons.
- (B) All the students disliked the Spanish lesson as the teacher was extremely rude and nonchalant.
- (C) Everything worse that happens in life has a special lesson attached to it.
- (D) You must give students an opportunity to make their own lesson plans.

(ii) Answer the following questions in your own words as briefly as possible:

(a) What plans did the author and her sister make while going back home?

[2]

(b) Explain the line-“The ‘sometimes’ barely rippled the vast surface”.

[2]

(c) At the end, how does the author describe her life?

[2]

(iii) Narrate, in not more than 100 words the reasons why the author was disappointed on not getting the ‘vast lake of time’ and the plans she had made for the vacation.

You are required to write the summary in the form of a connected passage. Failure to keep within the word limit will be penalized.

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