

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

ATTEMPT ALL FIVE QUESTIONS

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes on Question 1 and 20 minutes on Question 2.

QUESTION 1.

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

[20]

Write a composition (300–350 words) on any one of the following:

- (i) Write an original story beginning with, "With a heavy heart, I knocked on the door....."
- (ii) You can never forget the valuable lessons learnt from your favourite grandparent. Give a narration of how he/she has shaped your life.
- (iii) Describe a memorable school excursion that you enjoyed.
Your description should include the journey, the destination, the activities, the people around you and the experiences that made the trip unforgettable.

- (iv) 'Freedom of speech should have certain restrictions.'

Express your views either FOR or AGAINST the statement.

- (v) Study the picture given below and write a story or 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. However, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



QUESTION 2.

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

[10]

Select any **one** of the following:

- (i) Your cousin has recently been selected as the captain of the school football team. However, he is worried about managing his studies with the responsibilities of being a team captain. Write a letter to your cousin, encouraging him and offering suggestions for managing both the duties effectively.
- (ii) These days, the habit of reading books has declined among students. Write a letter to the Principal of your school, expressing your concern and suggesting useful measures.

QUESTION 3.

- (i) Your school is organising an Interschool Sketching Competition for classes IX-XII. Write a notice informing the students about the event. [5]
- (ii) Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him to send teams to participate in the event. [5]

Question 4.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

It was Sunday morning. Nicky and I were just finishing our shopping. "Let me see.....," Nicky said. "We have been to the supermarket, the baker's and the greengrocer's..... Is that the lot?"

I looked at my list. "I just need a couple of things from the chemist's," I told her. "All right," Nicky said. "While you are doing that, I'll just go around to the bookstore and pick a book for myself."

We arranged to meet at a café in a quarter of an hour. I arrived first. When Nicky came in, she looked quite excited.

"Did you find your book, then?" I asked as she sat down.

"Yes," Nicky said.

"Something special?" I asked. I was curious because Nicky was not a great reader, except for newspapers and magazines. She sometimes borrowed books, but she rarely bought them.

"Well, yes," Nicky admitted.

"What's all the mystery?" I asked. "Tell me about it!"

"It isn't exactly a mystery, Kay," Nicky began. I waited for her to go on. "Well do you remember that woman who used to live opposite the church – Miss Hunter?"

"The one who used to wear funny clothes and had a large dog? Wasn't she an artist?"

"Well, yes," Nicky said. "She did paint – but only as a hobby. As a matter of fact, she was a writer – and I have just bought her latest book!" Nicky took the book out of her bag and **passed** it across the table. The title was 'Death comes to the village'.

"A detective story," I said. "Hey, do you think we are in it?"

"I'm pretty sure I am," Nicky said, looking rather pleased with herself. "You see, Miss Hunter and I were quite good friends and she often said she was going to put me into her next book!"

"Shall we have a look?" I asked. But Nicky picked the book up and put it in her bag. "I'd like to read it first," she said. "But I will lend it to you, of course, once I finish reading....."

Some time passed after our meeting in the café and I heard nothing from Nicky. Once I saw her across the street and tried to get her attention, but she avoided looking up, and pretended that she hadn't heard me calling out to her and tried to lose herself in the crowd of shoppers walking the streets.

I decided to ring her up and ask her about the book. "Oh that!" she muttered.

"You don't sound very pleased," I said. "Weren't you in the book after all?"

"Yes," Nicky said. "I'm in the book all right! But who do you think I am? I'm the village postwoman! I pass on all the gossip in the village! I even open letters sometimes! I'm the most unpleasant woman in the whole book! That woman is no friend of mine, I can tell you!"

- (i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [2]

1. lot

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| (a) plenty | (b) a great deal |
| (c) collections | (d) crowd |

2. passed

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| (a) proceed | (b) moved |
| (c) faded away | (d) gone |

- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'agreeable'? [1]

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| (a) pleased | (b) avoided |
| (c) pretended | (d) unpleasant |

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

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| (a) Which places had the two friends visited before deciding to meet at the café? | [2] |
| (b) Why was Nicky excited? | [2] |
| (c) How did Nicky react when Kay asked to 'have a look'? | [2] |
| (d) Later what did Nicky do when Kay tried to attract her attention from across the street? | [1] |

- (iv) In not more than **50 words**, relate what prospect excited Nicky and how it turned into a huge disappointment later. [8]

Question 5.

- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the number word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [3]

Example: (0) wrote

Einstein (0)(write) to President Roosevelt (1)(warn) him of the disaster that could occur if the Nazis developed the atom bomb first. Just as he knew that the bomb was (2)(be) developed, he also had an idea that when it was going (3) (use). Just before the bomb (4)(drop) on Japan, Einstein wrote to the President (5)(beg) him not to use the terrible weapon. The rest of Einstein's life was dedicated to (6)(promote) peace. After the war ended, he declared, "The war has been won, but the peace is lost."

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[3]

- (a) The judge has finally handed his landmark verdict on Tuesday morning.
- (b) Amy is trying her level best to keep fatty foods.
- (c) My neighbour drew me an argument.
- (d) The small cottage sits quietly two massive oak trees.
- (e) The train sped swiftly the dark mountain tunnel.
- (f) While he was sitting..... the bus, he finished reading the whole book.

(iii) Choose the correct option to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so.**

[3]

1. My mother drifted off to sleep. She was watching a miniseries on television.

- (a) My mother drifted off to sleep since she is watching a miniseries on television.
- (b) My mother has been watching a miniseries on television when she drifted off to sleep.
- (c) My mother drifted off to sleep despite watching a miniseries on television.
- (d) My mother drifted off to sleep while watching a miniseries on television.

2. It started drizzling. The girls went indoors.

- (a) The girls went indoors when it started drizzling.
- (b) It started drizzling because the girls went indoors.
- (c) It having started drizzling, the girl went indoors.
- (d) Although it started drizzling, the girls went indoors.

3. The company expanded its operations. It also hired fifty new software engineers.

- (a) The company expanded its operations also hiring fifty new software engineers.
- (b) Besides expanding its operations, the company hired fifty new software engineers.
- (c) Besides expanding its operations, the company also hired fifty new software engineers.
- (d) The company expanded its operations and hired fifty new software engineers.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each.

[8]

1. As soon as the passengers boarded the flight, the crew members greeted them.

(Begin: Hardly....)

- (a) Hardly had the passengers boarded the flight than the crew members greeted them.
- (b) Hardly did the passengers board the flight when the crew members greeted them.
- (c) Hardly the passengers had boarded the flight, the crew members greeted them.
- (d) Hardly did the passengers boarded the flight, crew members greeted them.

2. Jenny said to the lady doctor, "Will you be discharging the patient tomorrow?"
(Begin: Jenny asked.....)
- (a) Jenny asked the lady doctor if she will be discharging patient tomorrow.
 - (b) Jenny asked the lady doctor whether he would be discharging the patient tomorrow.
 - (c) Jenny asked the lady doctor if she would be discharged the patient the next day.
 - (d) Jenny asked the lady doctor whether she would be discharging the patient the next day.
3. I am trying my best to profit from the deal. (Add a question tag)
- (a) I am trying my best to profit from the deal, aren't I?
 - (b) I am trying my best to profit from the deal, am I?
 - (c) I am trying my best to profit from the deal, weren't I?
 - (d) I am trying my best to profit from the deal, didn't I?
4. The City Council is funding a project that will be modernising public transport. (Change the voice)
- (a) A project that will be modernising public transport have been funded by the City Council.
 - (b) A project is being funded by the City Council that will be modernizing public transport.
 - (c) A project that will be modernising public transport is being funded by the City Council.
 - (d) A project that will be modernising public transport is have been funded by the City Council.
5. Our plans were executed flawlessly in spite of initial doubts.
(Begin: Despite...)
- (a) Despite initial doubts, our plans were executed flawlessly.
 - (b) Despite initial doubts our plans were being executed flawlessly.
 - (c) Our plans despite initial doubts were executed flawlessly.
 - (d) Despite of initial doubts, our plans were executed flawlessly.
6. This position carries significant risk and demands a high level of commitment.
(Begin: Not only...)
- (a) Not only this position carries significant risk but also demands a high level of commitment.
 - (b) Not only does this position carries significant risk but also demands a high level of commitment.
 - (c) Not only does this position carry significant risk but also demands a high level of commitment.
 - (d) Not only did this position carries significant risk, but also demands high level of commitment.
7. Lake Baikal is the deepest freshwater lake in the world. (Change to positive degree).
- (a) No other lake in the world is deeper than Lake Baikal.
 - (b) No other freshwater lake in the world is as deep as Lake Baikal.
 - (c) No other freshwater lake in world is so deep like Lake Baikal.
 - (d) No other freshwater lake is as deep as Lake Baikal in the world.
8. The research team analysed the properties of radioactive elements cautiously.
(Use: caution)
- (a) The research teams analysed the properties of the radioactive elements within caution.
 - (b) The research team analysed the properties of the radioactive elements for caution.
 - (c) The research teams analysed the properties of the radioactive elements exercising caution.
 - (d) The research team analysed the properties of radioactive elements with caution.