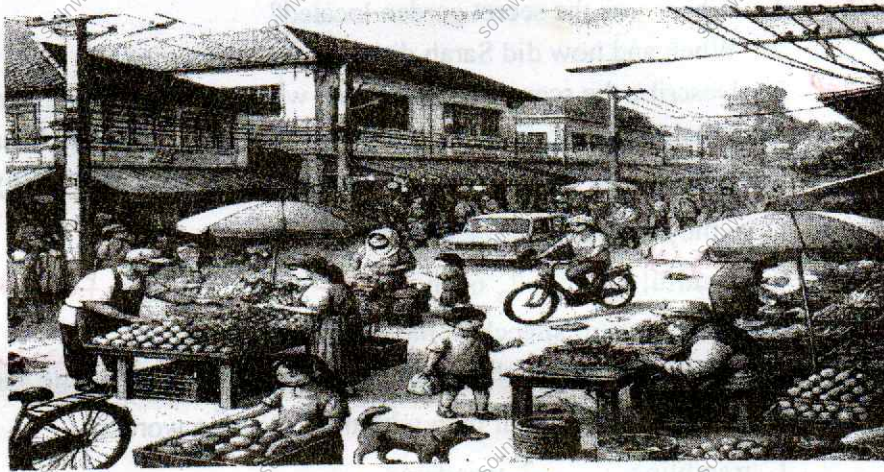


ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1. Write a composition of about 150-200 words on any one of the following topics: 18/ [20]

- You got a chance to visit a foreign country during the winter vacation. Describe the place and your experience there.
- One night you find a crystal ball lying in your garden. As you pick it up you are transported to the land of the aliens. What happens there, then?
- Write a story based on the moral- Greed leads to downfall.
- Study the picture given below. 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. Write a letter on any one of the following topics: 13/ [15]

- Recently you went to a restaurant for dinner and there you saw your favourite sports star. You got an opportunity to spend some moments with him or her. In a letter to your friend (who stays in another town), give a brief account of this memorable meeting.
- Your grandfather has promised to give you a gift for your birthday. Write a letter thanking him for the offer. Also, tell him what you would like as a gift and why.

Question 3. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Your school is organizing an Inter-School Poem Recitation competition for the students of classes VI - VIII. Draft a notice, for your school notice board, inviting the students to participate. Give all the necessary details for the same. [4]

Question 4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: [20]

Once upon a time, in a small village nestled among rolling hills, there lay a secret garden. It was hidden behind an old wall, covered with climbers, far from people's curious eyes. No one knew who had planted it or looked after it, but the flowers within were the most beautiful anyone had ever seen.

One sunny morning, Sarah stumbled upon the garden while exploring the outskirts of the village. **Fascinated** by the whispers of colorful blooms, she peeped through the cracks in the wall and decided to investigate further. With trembling hands, she pushed open the worn-out gate and stepped inside.

To her amazement, Sarah found herself surrounded by an impressive, large display of colors and scents. Roses of every hue danced in the gentle breeze, while daffodils nodded their golden heads in greeting. Butterflies moved swiftly from flower to flower, their delicate wings shining in the sunlight. As Sarah wandered deeper into the garden, she discovered a small pond nestled in a shady corner. Its surface was adorned with water lilies, their delicate petals floating like jewels upon the water. Mesmerized by the calmness of the scene, she sat down beside the pond and closed her eyes, getting deeply lost in the sights and sounds around her.

From that day on, Sarah visited the secret garden every time she got a chance. She would spend hours exploring its hidden corners, wondering at the beauty that lay within. And though she never discovered who was responsible for creating such a magical place, she was grateful for the joy it brought her each day.

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

1. fascinated attracted captivated quickly rapidly fast 2. swiftly fast 3. adorned decorated 4. exploring travelling through surveying final investigate

(b) Answer the following questions:

- Where was the secret garden located?
- When and how did Sarah discover the secret garden?
- Describe the scene that Sarah saw when she entered the garden.
- What did Sarah find in the shady corner of the garden? What was on its surface?
- How would Sarah spend her time in the secret garden? Why was she grateful for it?

(c) Give the antonyms of the following words:

1. beautiful ugly 2. open close 3. lost found 4. joy sorrow grief loneliness

(d) Give the parts of speech of the underlined words:

From that day on, Sarah visited the secret garden every time she got a chance.

(e) Make sentences of your own with the following words:

1. trembling 2. wandered

Question 5. Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of the word given in the bracket:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

- Rajasthan is the hottest (hot) state in India.
- This cake is more d. (delicious) than the one we had last time.
- My elder (old) brother is a doctor.
- Pandit Nehru was a great (great) leader.
- Today's weather is worse (bad) than what it was yesterday.
- Lead is the heaviest (heavy) of all metals.

hottest
more d.
elder
great
worse
heaviest

Question 6. Fill in the blanks with a suitable conjunction:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

- The driver applied the brakes but the train didn't stop.
- Hurry up or we might get late.
- People like the nightingale as because it sings sweetly.
- Wait here until I come back.
- The rider fell off the horse and hurt his leg.
- You will be granted leave if you apply in time.

but
or
as/because
until
and
if

Question 7. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- Mother said to them, "Who is coming today?" asked was that day
- I said to the shopkeeper, "Are these apples good?" if those apples were good
- The teacher said, "Karan always speaks politely."
- The gardener says, "The roses will win the first prize."
- The policeman said, "We are trying to clear the traffic jam."

that they were.