

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1. Write a composition of about 200-250 words on ANY ONE of the following topics:- [20]

- Narrate your experience of travelling alone for the first time, describing your feelings, challenges, and what you learned.
- Describe your experience of a rainy day, including the sound of the rain, the feeling of getting wet, and how you spent the day indoors.
- Imagine you get tricked into your favourite video game and become the main character. Describe the missions you complete and the enemies you face.
- Study the picture given below carefully and write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you; 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: - [15]

- Write a letter to your friend advising him/her not to use a mobile phone and briefing him/her about cyber-crime.
- Write a letter to your cousin giving him/her details of all the fun and frolic you had on your school trip.

Question 3. Your school is organising an Inter House English Debate Competition for the students of classes VI to VIII. Draft a notice for your school notice board informing the children about the same. [4]

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

Earth is the planet on which we live. It is also known as the blue planet. The first thing that stands out is its blue colour. It is the only planet where water exists in liquid form. The Earth's atmosphere consists of nitrogen, oxygen and other gases.

Earth is a very active planet. The Earth's crust is divided into great plates which are pushed by slow currents. At the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean where the crust is the thinnest, a new crust is forming. When the plates in the other regions of the Earth collide, they cause earthquakes. The Earth is not an isolated planet. It has a satellite of its own, known as the Moon, which stands out for its size. Its diameter is one fourth the size of the Earth. Very close to earth is the planet Mars.

It was thought that Mars, the red planet, was inhabited by the 'Martians,' who had built an extensive network of 'canals' on the planet's surface. It has since been **confirmed** that there are no canals and there has been no intelligent life on Mars. It has two satellites Phobos and Deimos -- small irregular bodies. Mars has been explored by interplanetary probes. The Viking probes landed on its surface in 1976. There are big mountains on the surface of Mars; Mount Olympus is the highest at 78,000 feet. It is an ancient volcano much higher than any other mountain on Earth. At present the only mass of water that exists is in the form of ice. It is in the polar caps. Mars has a very thin atmosphere composed of carbon dioxide. Each Martian Year leads to the changing of seasons that bring enormous dust storms. Likewise, there are many interesting facts about the planet Venus too.

Venus is the planet that comes closest to the earth and shines very brightly in the sky. The surface temperature on Venus is about 860° F which is 400°C. The atmosphere is very dense. Its surface cannot be observed directly because the planet is permanently covered with a thick layer of clouds. Venus is a planet which is geologically active and probably has active volcanoes. There are mountains higher than the Everest. The Russian interplanetary probes called Venera landed on the surface of Venus. It shows images of flat terrain covered with rocks.

- a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage:- [1×4=4]
- collide *Crash, bang, slam, smash into, hit, strike*
 - isolated *- remote, on the way, lonely, solitary, alone.*
 - confirmed *established fact, proven/approved, sure, assured, verify*
 - enormous *huge*

- b) Answer the following questions in your own words:- [2×5=10]

- Why do earthquakes take place?
- What is the atmosphere of Mars composed of? Name its two satellites.
- What happens in each Martian year?
- Give two interesting facts about the planet Venus.
- Which country's interplanetary probe landed on Venus? What images did it show?

- c) Summarise the passage in not more than 50 words:- [5]

- d) Identify the parts of speech of the words underlined below:- [½×2=1]

The Viking probes landed on its surface in 1976

- Question 5. Fill in the correct form of the Verb given in the brackets:- [½×6=3]

- My parents _____ (travel) to Japan before. *have travelled*
- I _____ (watch) a movie when the bell _____ (ring). *was watching, rang*
- She _____ (do) well in her upcoming exams. *will do*
- He _____ (eat) a candy without asking. *ate*
- When you come, I _____ in the school library (sit). *will be sitting*

- Question 6. Change the following sentences to passive voice:- [1×4=4]

- She baked a cake for the party. *A cake was baked by her for the party.*
- Does the artist paint beautiful pictures? *Are beautiful pictures painted by the artist?*
- Children are reading books in the library. *Books are being read by the children in the library.*
- Who watered the plants yesterday? *By whom were the plants watered yesterday?*

- Question 7. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given after each sentence.

Make other changes that are necessary without changing the meaning of the sentence:- [1×4=4]

- This is not the way to treat your aged parents*
(i) ~~Is this the way to treat your aged parents?~~ (change to assertive sentence)

- I shall always remember his kindness*
(ii) ~~I shall always remember his kindness.~~ (change to negative sentence)

- What an innocent smile the baby has!*
(iii) ~~The baby has a very innocent smile.~~ (change to exclamatory sentence)

- Who does not worship the rising sun?*
(iv) ~~Everyone worships the rising sun.~~ (change to interrogative sentence)