

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS VIII

M.M.75 TIME 2 HOURS

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

Q1. Write a composition (250- 300 Words) on any 'ONE' of the following

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- Write an original story which begins:-
'It was raining heavily and as I dashed towards a deserted building.....'
- 'A Scientist makes a greater contribution to society than a teacher.' Give your views either 'FOR' or 'AGAINST' the statement.
- Give an account of an experience that taught you to appreciate what you have.
- Write a sequel (Sequence/Series) of your favourite Fairy Tale.
- Study the picture given below and write what it suggests to you.



Q2. You saved the life of a child from fire. Write a letter to your friend giving him/her the details of what had happened.

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OR

Your School is organizing a tour to Rajasthan during the winter break. Write a letter to your father seeking his permission to join this educational tour. (Give all the necessary details)

Q3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

The balloon took off quite slowly, but within minutes they were high above the field. The **spectators** were still waving to them but soon they too were out of sight.

It was Andy's first trip in a balloon and he felt **nervous**. Pete, his companion knew all about balloons-he went up in one every weekend if the weather was fine -but he was too busy to answer Andy's questions. "Just enjoy it," he said as they took off. "It's a wonderful **experience**." Andy was not sure. But the view was interesting. He passed the time trying to make out landmarks- villages, farms and rivers. Everything looked so different from the air.

"Where are we heading?" he asked Pete. Pete pointed towards the north.

"That's our general direction for the moment," he said. Unfortunately this wind keeps pushing us towards those hills." He pointed to some mountains in the west. "There's nothing to worry about, though. I'll take the balloon higher."

A quarter of an hour later Pete was beginning to look worried too. They were close to some very thick clouds. "I don't like the look of these," he said. A few minutes later they were in the middle of the clouds and they could see nothing. Suddenly it was very cold.

"I wasn't expecting weather like this," Pete said. "Well, let's have some coffee to warm us up." He poured out two cups and handed one to Andy. Andy needed a hot drink at that moment.

"We're still going towards those mountains, aren't we?" he asked Pete.

"Yes but don't worry," Pete replied. "We'll go right over the top."

They **drifted** on and on through the clouds. Every moment Andy expected the balloon to hit the side of the mountain. But it never happened. Suddenly they were out in the sunlight again.

"The trouble is," Pete said, "I'm not exactly sure where we are now!"

Andy looked down. "Isn't there a farm down there?" he asked, pointing to some buildings. "Why don't we land and ask. May be they will be able to help us out and give us directions."

Pete **hesitated**. They were lost, but he did not want to ask for help. After all he was supposed to be experienced at going up in the balloon. For him to ask for directions would prove that he was lost.

"All right," he said in the end.

A few minutes later, they made a perfect landing only a couple of hundred yards from the farmhouse. The farmer himself came out to greet them.

"You're a long way from home!" he said in answer to Pete question. "Well we will think about that later. Come in and join us for tea. It isn't often that people come to visit us by balloon!"

(a) Give the meanings of each of the following as used in the passage. One word answers or a short phrase will be accepted:

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- (i) spectators
- (ii) nervous
- (iii) poured
- (iv) drifted
- (v) hesitated

(b) Answer the following questions in your own words:

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- (i) Why was Andy nervous? Who else was with him? *Pete his companion*
- (ii) How did they spend their time there? *make landmarks*
- (iii) Why was Pete beginning to look worried a quarter of an hour later?
- (iv) What did Pete and Andy do while in the midst of the clouds?
- (v) What did Andy expect would happen while drifting through the clouds? Did it happen?
- (vi) What problem did they face once they were out in the sunlight again?

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(c) In not more than 60 words describe Andy and Pete's adventure.

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(d) Give a title to 3(c) and give a reason to justify your choice.

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Q4. Identify whether the underlined words are phrase or a clause: -

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- (a) She lives near my friend's house.
- (b) I was waiting, outside my hostel.
- (c) She understands what you cannot explain in words.
- (d) The girl in brown frock is my sister.
- (e) I expect that I will win the first prize.

Q5. Identify whether the following are simple, compound or complex sentences:-

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- (a) Susie, who lives in Chicago, is a well known singer.
- (b) John went to the movies although he had a lot of work to do