

English Paper – 1

Answer 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 questions

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

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1

and 20 minutes in answering Question 2

Question 1.

[20]

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this.)

Write a composition (350-400 words) on any one of the following:

- Describe what you think are the two most serious environmental problems faced by us, how they are affecting our Earth and offer and after some advice as to what ought to be done about them.
- A rich American friend has asked you to take him on a tour of your country with all expenses paid where did you take him and what did you show him to give a varied picture of the life in India .Narrate.
- Which in your opinion is more important - a healthy body or a healthy mind? Give relevant arguments in support of your opinion.
- Write a story beginning with "It was a cold winter night...".
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



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Question 2.

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

Select one of the following:

- a) Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to read the newspaper everyday. Tell him why newspapers are necessary for education; how it brings not only news but opinions on social, economic and political subjects also.
- b) Road-side have created a nuisance on the road outside your school. Write a letter to the Mayor of your town complaining about this danger and give some suggestions on how to solve this problem.

Question 3.

a) You are the Head Boy/Girl of the school. Write a notice inviting names of students for the educational tour of Mumbai and of Goa in the Christmas holidays. [5]

b) Write an email based on the content given in question (a) to the tour and travel agency inquiring about the details of the tour. [5]

Question 4.

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

[20]

Cameron Mounger and I have been friends since we were teenagers. Both of us liked music, and several years after we left school, Cam, as we called him, became a disc jockey. Recently he told me the story about the day he was down to his last dollar. It was the day his luck and his life changed.

The story in the early 1970s when Cam was an announcer and disc jockey at a radio station in Texas and attained celebrity status. He met many country-music stars, and he enjoyed flying to Nashville – the Centre of country music – in the company plane with the station owner.

One night Cam was in Nashville for a show. After it was over, an acquaintance invited him back-stage with all the stars. "I didn't have any paper for autographs, so I took out a dollar note," Cam told me. "Before the night was over, I had virtually every star's autograph. I guarded that dollar note and carried it with me always. I knew I would treasure it forever."

Then the radio station where he was working was put up for sale and many employees found themselves without a job. Cam landed part-time work at another station, and planned to hang on to this long enough for a full-time position to open up.

That winter was extremely cold in Texas. The heater in Cam's old car emitted only a hint of warm air; the windshield defroster didn't work at all. Life was hard, and Cam was

broke. With the help of a friend who worked at a local supermarket, he occasionally got food that had spoilt and was being throw away. "This kept my wife and me eating, but we still had no cash."

One morning as Cam left the radio station he saw an old man sitting in an old yellow car in the car park. Cam waved to him and drove away. When he came back to work that night, he noticed the car again, parked in the same space. After a couple of days, it dawned on him that the car had not moved. The fellow in it always waved cordially to Cam as he came and went. What was the man doing sitting in his car for three days in the terrible cold and snow?

Cam discovered the answer the next morning. This time the man rolled down the window. He introduced himself and said he had been in his car for days with no money or food, Cam recalled. He had come from out of town to take a job. But he arrived three days early and couldn't go to work right away.

Very reluctantly, he asked if he might borrow a dollar for a snack to get him by until the next day; when he would start work and get a salary advance. I didn't have a dollar to lend him; I barely had petrol to get home explained my situation and walked to my car, wishing I could have helped him.

Then Cam remembered the dollar which the country - music stars in Nashville had signed. He wrestled with his conscience a minute or two, pulled out his wallet and studied the note one last time. Then he walked back to the man and gave it to him. "Somebody has written all over this," the man said, but he didn't notice that the writing was dozens of autographs. He took the note.

"That very morning when I was back home trying not to think about what I had done, things began to happen," Cam told me. "The phone rang; a recording company wanted me to do an ad that paid \$500. It sounded like a million; In the next few days more opportunities came to me out of nowhere. Good things kept coming steadily, and soon I was back on my feet." The rest, as they say, is history. Things improved dramatically for Cam. His wife had a baby. Cam opened a successful car repair shop and built a nice home. And it all started that morning in the car park, when he parted with his last dollar.

Cam never saw the man in the old yellow car again. Sometimes he wonders if the man was a beggar or an angel.

It doesn't matter. What matters is that it was a test - and Cam passed.

(a) Three words or phrases are given below. Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. [3]

- (i) virtually (ii) emitted (iii) dawned

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

- i. What was Cam's first occupation in life? [1]
- ii. How did he get signatures of singing stars? [2]
- iii. On what did Cam get the autographs? Why? [2]
- iv. How did he lose his full-time job? [2]
- v. Why did the man in the yellow car ask for a loan of one dollar? [2]

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(c) In not more than 60 words, explain how Cam's life changed when he made his greatest sacrifice. [8]

Question 5 (a) 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 word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

A brave young policeman (1)..... (lay) down his life while (2) (chase) a robber. Early next morning an (3) (arm) robber (4)..... (strike) the house of a businessman . he (5)(scale) the walls and managed to open the kitchen door. He was noticed by a woman who (6).....(raise) an alarm. The policeman on duty (7).....(run) after him and the robber fired at him (8)..... (result).....in his death.

(b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word: [4]

- i) The teacher was pleased ----- the results of the test.
- ii) It was kind ----- him to be so helpful.
- iii) He may turn -----when we least expect him.
- iv) He is very popular -----the students.
- v) I differ with you ----- this issue.
- vi) The function has been called -----.
- vii) Have you gone ----- the script even once.
- viii) Her request for a transfer was turned-----.

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(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. [4]

- i) Angels fear to tread in some places. Fools rush in there.
- ii) He died very suddenly. This was a great shock to the family.
- iii) She did her best . Everybody thinks so.
- iv) The police are trying to help the man. His bicycle was stolen.

(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

- i) John has probably forgotten the date of the examination.

(Begin : In.....)

ii) None can do a better job.

(Change into Interrogative)

iii) He is fatter than I.

(Begin : I.....)

iv) Why did he deprive you of your property ?

(Begin : Why were.....)

v) Margaret said to me , " Please do not forget to meet me tomorrow."

(Begin : I was.....)

vi) The principal gave Alan some good advice.

(Begin : Alan.....)

vii) My mother makes fresh food for us

(Use : fail)

viii) I can't bear to listen to too noisy music.

(End :hate)

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