

Std. X

Date: 28/11/2018

Sub: English Language

Marks- 80

Time: 2 hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ENGLISH Paper - 1

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 in answering Question 1
and 20 minutes in answering Question 2*

Question 1

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

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

[20]

(a) Write an original short story entitled "A Fortunate Mistake."

(b) "Every man is the architect of his own future." Express your views for or against this statement.

(c) You were asked to teach a junior class for a day. Narrate your experiences.

(d) Imagine visiting your school after ten years. Describe what you would expect to find.

(e) Study the picture given below. Write 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

[10]

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

Select any one of the following:

- (a) You have been chosen the Head Boy / Head Girl of your school. Write a letter to your parents telling them about some of your responsibilities and explaining why you think you have been chosen for this position.
- (b) Write a letter to the municipal authorities of your city, objecting to the construction of a shopping mall close to your house, giving reasons as to why the construction work should be abandoned.

Question 3

[5+5]

- (a) You are the secretary of the Literary Club of your school. Your school is hosting an inter-school extempore speech competition. Write a notice for your school informing the students about this event.
- (b) Write an e-mail to an eminent writer, giving him/ her the details of the aforementioned competition and requesting him / her to act as a judge at this event. (R4-Q3A)

Question 4

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

I carried the *indignant* owlet back home in my pocket, and introduced him to the family with a certain *trepidation*. To my surprise, he was greeted with unqualified approval and no objection was raised to my keeping him. He took up residence in a basket kept in my study and, after much argument, he was christened Ulysses.

From the first day he showed that he was a bird of great strength of character, and not to be trifled with. As we all had to share the room, I felt it would be a good idea if he and Roger got on intimate terms. So as soon as the owl had settled down, I performed the introductions by placing Ulysses on the floor, and telling Roger to approach and

make friends. Wagging his tail briskly, in an ingratiating manner, he approached Ulysses, who squatted on the floor with anything but a friendly expression on his face. He watched Roger's approach in an unwinking stare of ferocity. Roger's advance became less confident. Ulysses continued to glare as though trying to hypnotize the dog. Roger stopped, his ears dropped, his tail wagging only feebly, and he glanced at me for inspiration. I ordered him sternly to continue his overtures of friendship. Roger looked nervously at the owl, and then with great *nonchalance* walked round him, in an effort to approach him from back. Ulysses, however let his head revolve too, and kept his eyes still fixed on the dog. Roger, never having met a creature that could look behind itself without turning round, seemed a trifle nonplussed. After a moment's thought he decided to try the skittish, let's -all-have-a-jolly-game approach. He lay down on his stomach, put his head between his paws, and crept slowly towards the bird, whining gently and wagging his tail with abandon. Ulysses continued to look as though he was stuffed. Roger, still progressing on his stomach, managed to get quite close, but then he made a fatal mistake. He pushed his woolly face forward and sniffed loudly and interestedly at the bird. Now Ulysses would stand a lot, but he was not going to be sniffed at by a mountains dog covered with black curls. He decided that he would have to show this ungainly and wingless beast exactly where he got off. He lowered his eyelids, clicked his beak, hopped up into the air, and landed squarely on the dog's muzzle, burying his razor-sharp claws in the black nose. Roger, with a stricken yelp, shook the bird off and retired beneath the table; no amount of coaxing would get him to come out until Ulysses was safely back in the basket.

[Source: The Pageant of Fireflies: My Family and Other Animals
- Gerald Durrell]

(a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. [3]

One-word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

(i) indignant

(ii) trepidation

(iii) nonchalance

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

(i) How was the owl greeted on being taken home? [2]

(ii) Where was Ulysses kept? [1]

(iii) How did Ulysses react to Roger's overtures of friendship? [2]

(iv) What did Ulysses do when Roger sniffed at him? [2]

(v) How did Roger react to this treatment by Ulysses? [2]

(c) In not more than 50 words describe Roger's overtures of friendship till the time he made a fatal mistake? [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]

Example:

(0) had

To say Mr. Prakash Gupta _____ (0) (have) a quiet life would be an understatement. As Principal of a Government school in a Delhi suburb, routine and simplicity had ruled his days. Today on his sixtieth birthday, he _____ (1) (retire) from service. He _____ (2) (hand) over charge to his successor and _____ (3) (wait) in his old office to say goodbye to his staff. He heard them _____ (4) (whisper) at the door and _____ (5) (feel) a thrill unfamiliar to the austere surroundings of the school. When he _____ (6) (step) out into the small, muddy playground, he was shocked at what he _____ (7) (see). A helicopter _____ (8) (be) ready to transport him to his village home ! This was a farewell gif from his devoted staff.

- (b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. [5]

- (i) The principal announced that she took great pleasure _____ presenting an award to the best athlete of the year.
(ii) The kitchen was infested _____ rats.
(iii) I think I'll dispose _____ my old books once the exams get over.
(iv) It is only by making sound investments, that one can adequately provide _____ the future.
(v) He went to the airport to see his parents _____.
(vi) Because she lived _____ her means she was always in debt.
(vii) The burglar quickly made with cash and jewelry.
(viii) He was touched _____ pity when he heard the news.

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

- (i) Social service is demanding. It has its own rewards.
(ii) Pollution levels are increasing. Many children are getting sick.
(iii) It is simple. A child can understand it.
(iv) Forgive us. We forgive our enemies.

- (d) Rewrite 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) Pranav knew the answer to the question.

(Rewrite to end with Pranav)

(ii) Although he is a miser, he donated generously.

(Begin: Despite

(iii) If you solve more puzzles, you will become more intelligent.

(Begin: The more

(iv) Last year I had gone down the car track to the South.

(Use *made in place gone*)

(v) She did not want to hear the story again, since she had heard it before.

(Begin: Having

(vi) Had I not helped her, she would not have succeeded.

(Begin: But

(vii) Both the players are not adequately prepared for the tournament.

(Begin: Neither

(viii) Chuck was so short sighted that he could not get recruited into the army.

(Use *too* in place of *so*)

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