

Paper

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Composition (20 marks)

Q.1 Write an interesting composition of about 250-300 words on any one of the following topics. You must use at least five of the words provided in the wordbank. [20]

Topic 1:- Write an essay titled 'A visit to a hill station'

Word Bank:- extraordinary, scenic, divine, laborious, dignified, harmonious, Ravenous, delightful

OR

Topic2:- Write a descriptive essay titled 'The day I was caught red handed'

Word Bank:- self respect, attached, vague, disturbed, cheated, dutiful, accused, strangers.

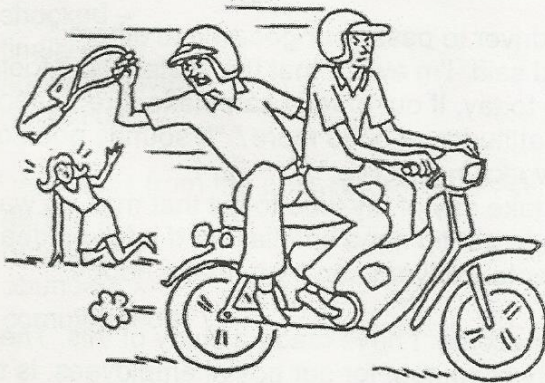
OR

Topic3:- Write about the time you were stranded at the train station due to a train delay. (Narrate your experience, how you spent the time, things you observed and so on ....)

Word Bank:- nauseating, dreadful, overwhelming, horrible, boredom, overbearing, gullible, disturbing

OR

Topic 4:- Write an interesting composition based on the picture given below. Give a suitable title to your composition.



Letter Writing (10 marks)

Q.2. Write a letter on any one of the following.

[10]

- a. Write a letter to your best friend telling him/her about your camping trip. Write about a reckless thing you did and give your reasons for the same.
- b. Write a letter to your aunt asking her to help you with an important school assignment. State the reasons for requiring her help and why you specifically chose her to request for help.

Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I was in New York the other day and rode with a friend in a taxi. When we got out, my friend said to the driver, "Thank you for the ride. You did a superb job of driving." The taxi driver was stunned for a second. Then he said, "Are you a wise guy or something?" "No, my dear man, and I am not putting you on. I admire the way you keep your cool in heavy traffic." "Yeah," the driver said and drove off.

"What was that all about?" I asked.

"I am trying to bring love back to New York," he said. "I believe it's the only thing that can save New York."

"How can one man save New York?"

"It's not one man. I believe I have made that taxi driver's day. Suppose he has 20 fares. He's going to be nice to those 20 fares because someone was nice to him. Those fares in turn will be kinder to their employees or shopkeepers or waiters or even their own families. Eventually the goodwill could spread to at least 1000 people. Now that isn't bad, is it?"

"But you are depending on that taxi driver to pass your goodwill to others."

"I am not depending on it," my friend said. "I'm aware that the system isn't foolproof so I might deal with ten different people today. If out of ten I can make three happy, then eventually I can indirectly influence the attitudes of 3000 more." "It sounds good on paper," I admitted, "but I'm not sure it works in practice."

"Nothing is lost if it doesn't. It didn't take any of my time to tell that man he was doing a good job. He neither received a larger tip nor a smaller tip. If it fell on deaf ears,, so what? Tomorrow there will be another taxi driver I can try to make happy."

"You're some kind of a nut," I said.

"That shows how cynical you have become. I have made a study of this. The thing that seems to be lacking, besides money of course, for our postal employees, is that no one tells people who work for the post office what a good job they're doing."

"But they're not doing a good job."

"They're not doing a good job because they feel no one cares if they do or not. Why shouldn't someone say a kind word to them?"

We were walking past a structure in the process of being built and passed five workmen eating their lunch. My friend stopped. "That's a magnificent job you men have done. It must be difficult and dangerous work."

"The workmen eyed my friend suspiciously.

"When will it be finished?"

"June," a man grunted.

"Ah. That really is impressive. You must all be very proud."

We walked away. I said to him, "I haven't seen anyone like you since The Man From LaMancha."

"When those men digest my words, they will feel better for it. Somehow the city will benefit from their happiness."

"But you can't do this all alone!" I protested. "You're just one man."

"The most important thing is not to get discouraged. Making people in the city become kind again is not an easy job, but if I can enlist other people in my campaign..."

- Q.1. How did the author's friend compliment the taxi driver? [2]
- Q.2. Why was the taxi driver stunned? Give two reasons for your answer. [2]
- Q.3. What did the author's friend hope to accomplish by complimenting the taxi driver? [2]
- Q.4. How did the author's friend hope to influence the attitudes of 300 people? [2]
- Q.5. Why was the author's friend not worried about his theory not working in practice? [2]
- Q.6. What had the author's friend discovered about the postal employees problems? [2]
- Q.7. How did the author's friend motivate the workmen? [2]
- Q.8. Why was the author's friend confident of the mission he had undertaken? [2]
- Q.9. Find words from the passage which mean the following. [2]
- a. shocked –
  - b. finally –
  - c. apprehensively –
  - d. magnificent -
- Q.10. Find words from the passage which mean the opposite of the following. [2]
- a. denied x
  - b. optimistic x
  - c. abundant x
  - d. commended x

### Grammar Section (35 marks)

Please note: This section of the question paper is in the form of a worksheet. Write all the answers to this section on this paper itself. Detach only this section and tie it along with your answer booklet.

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Q.1. Change the given sentences to Indirect Speech: [4]

1. She said, "I have to go to the temple today."
2. My mother said to me, "I advise you to try and save some money instead of spending it all."
3. The politician said, "I assure everyone that the government has made a lot of positive changes in the system."
4. The principal said, "I congratulate the tenth standard students for the wonderful result this year."

Q.2. Identify the Voice in the given sentences. [3]

1. The boys were tested for intelligence, vocabulary and grammatical accuracy.
2. We have seen a new development in the school.
3. The dog was given a sound beating by his master.
4. The homeless people looked on helplessly as their companions suffered.
5. The peon cleans the water filter before the first period.
6. The library was refurnished during the holidays.

Q.3. Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks. [4]

1. The money lender \_\_\_\_\_ (gives/give) money on interest.
2. Man \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy/destroys) things that he should treasure.
3. A herd of sheep \_\_\_\_\_ (graze/ grazes) in this meadow every day.
4. Around the World in eighty days \_\_\_\_\_ (were/ was) written by Jules Verne.
5. The new pair of shoes \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is) in the cupboard.
6. Neither the doctor nor the patient \_\_\_\_\_ (were/was) found.
7. Dinesh and Mahesh \_\_\_\_\_ (have/has) bought a new car.
8. Being selfish when preparing for class assignments \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) not the right attitude.

Q.4. Make a sentence each with the following idioms. [4]

1. Spill the beans
2. Get a taste of one's own medicine
3. Take the law into one's own hand
4. Take a leaf out of someone's book

Q.5. Fill in the blanks with the correct option. [3]

1. The professor gave his students a \_\_\_\_\_ (compliment/complement)
2. The priest stood at the \_\_\_\_\_ (alter/altar) and offered the prayers.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (chord/ cord) snapped when too much weight was put on it.
4. We will \_\_\_\_\_ (pore/pour) hot coffee in your mug.
5. I gave her the \_\_\_\_\_ (advice/advise) yesterday.
6. The driver used the \_\_\_\_\_ (break/brake) several times.

Q.6. Change the Voice of the given sentences. [4]

1. I was told to rest for a few days by the doctor.
2. The coach led his team to victory.
3. The cat chased the mouse for half an hour.
4. This hilarious cartoon was drawn by the cartoonist

Q.7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. [4]

1. He argued \_\_\_\_\_ his son \_\_\_\_\_ the vacation plans.
2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ the impression that you have \_\_\_\_\_ complete this task today.
3. The dealer was going \_\_\_\_\_ a simple look but his decorator was \_\_\_\_\_ blame for the extravagance.
4. I will not be convinced \_\_\_\_\_ the policy unless the director approves \_\_\_\_\_.

Q.8. Do as directed: [5]

1. We need to save money for our future. (Change to Singular)
2. The witch carried away the maiden on her broom. (Change to Masculine)
3. My brother gave me a gift on my birthday. (Change to Passive Voice)
4. A child is eligible to vote when he turns eighteen. (Change to Plural)
5. The horse won the race so his master patted him. (Change to Feminine)

Q.9. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. [2]

1. \_\_\_\_\_ moon is \_\_\_\_\_ satellite of \_\_\_\_\_ earth.
2. We wasted almost \_\_\_\_\_ hour looking for her.

Q.10. Punctuate the following. [2]

1. The officer said to his platoon do not give up we will surely survive this
2. his father reprimanded why were you out so late yesterday

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