

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All the answers should be written on the answer script provided to you. First 10 minutes are allotted for reading the question paper only.

### SECTION I- COMPOSITION

Write a composition of about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics: (20)

- Narrate an incident in which you felt you were the victim of envy.
- You went on an excursion with your friends to a hilly area. Suddenly there was heavy downpour, floods and landslides. You were confined there for three days. Describe what you experienced.
- Science has made man's life quite comfortable. Express your views for or against this statement.

### SECTION II- LETTER WRITING

Write on any one of the following:

(10)

- Write a letter to your neighbour about the nuisance caused by his dog.
- Write a letter to the principal of your school complaining about a senior who has been bullying/harassing you and your friends.

### SECTION III- COMPREHENSION

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (20)

I felt that I was alone and that my room seemed to me to be more empty than ever before. I was surrounded by a sensation of infinite and overwhelming **solitude**. I sat down, but then a kind of nervous impatience **agitated** my legs so that I got up and began to walk about again. I was feverish, for my hands, which I had clasped behind me, almost seemed to tremble. Then suddenly a cold shiver ran down my back, and I thought the damp air might have penetrated into my room, so I lit the fire for the first time that year. But soon I felt that I could not possibly remain quiet. So, I got up again and decided to go out to seek a friend to bear me company. I could not find anyone and returned home.

When I go out I always double-lock the door of my room. Now I found it merely, closed, which surprised me.

I went in and found my fire still burning, so that it lighted up the room a little. In the act of taking up a candle, I noticed somebody sitting in my armchair by the fire, warming his feet, with his neck toward me. I thought very naturally that some friend or the other had come to see me. No doubt the porter, whom I had told when I went out, had lent him his own key. In a moment, I remembered all the circumstances of my return, how the street door had been opened immediately and that my own door was only latched and not locked.

I could see nothing of my friend but his head. He had evidently gone to sleep while waiting for me, so I went up to him to rouse him. I saw him quite clearly; his right arm was



hanging down and his legs were crossed, while his head, which was somewhat inclined to the left of the armchair, seemed to indicate that he was asleep.

"Who can it be?" I asked myself. I could not see clearly, as the room was rather dark so I put out my hand to touch him on the shoulder, and it came in contact with the back of the chair. There was nobody there; the seat was empty.

I at once jumped up with fright. For a moment, I drew back as if some terrible danger had suddenly appeared in my way; then I turned round again, and looked at the armchair. I remained standing upright panting with fear, so upset that I could not collect my thoughts, and was ready to drop.

I lay **quietly** on my back. Then an irresistible desire seized me to look round the room, and I turned onto my side. My fire was nearly out, and the few glowing embers threw a faint light on the floor by the chair, where I fancied, I saw the man sitting again.

I quickly struck a match, but I had been mistaken, for there was nothing there. Since that time, I have been afraid of being alone at night.

- i. Give meanings of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers will be accepted: (3)
  - a. solitude:
  - b. agitated:
  - c. quietly:
- ii. What was the experience of the narrator as expressed in the first paragraph? (3)
- iii. Mention the unusual things that the narrator noticed when he returned home. (3)
- iv. Describe the man in the narrator's room. (3)
- v. What happened when the narrator touched the man on the chair? (3)
- vi. What was the 'irresistible desire' that the narrator was seized with? (3)
- vii. What was the last thing the narrator did that made him feel afraid of being alone at night? (2)

#### SECTION IV-GRAMMAR

- I. Fill in the blanks with the correct options: (5)
  1. The soldiers penetrated deep \_\_\_\_\_ the jungle.
    - a. Into
    - b. Out
    - c. Above
    - d. Over
  2. The Chairman will preside \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
    - a. Above
    - b. Over
    - c. Beside
    - d. Besides

3. His statement does not correspond \_\_\_\_\_ yours.

- a. Of
- b. For
- c. Through
- d. To

4. She burst \_\_\_\_\_ tears after hearing the bad news.

- a. Over
- b. Up
- c. Into
- d. Onto

5. She takes \_\_\_\_\_ her mother in many ways.

- a. After
- b. Through
- c. Of
- d. Off

II. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. (5)

1. Can you give me \_\_\_ notebook? (the/an)
2. Mave is \_\_\_ honest man. (a/an)
3. \_\_\_ Qutub Minar belongs to the Sultanate Period in India. (an/the)
4. Can I get \_\_\_ hot bowl of soup? (a/an)
5. Freya got \_\_\_ beautiful souvenir from Paris. (a/an)
6. Do you want to go to \_\_\_\_\_ park today? (the/an)
7. School children in UK have to wear \_\_\_\_\_ uniform. (a/an)
8. My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ surgeon. (an/a)
9. Riya comes from \_\_\_\_\_ ordinary family. (an/the)
10. My grandmother lives in \_\_\_\_\_ small city centre. (an/the)

III. Identify the Adjectives and state its kinds: (5)

1. The programme is good comedy.
2. Much rain fell in the month of June.
3. We like to go out in my father's boat.
4. Ravi said that, that book belonged to him.
5. What kind of a story do you like?

IV. Identify the Adverbs and state its kind: (5)

1. Radha works diligently in order to get promoted.
2. Barking dogs seldom bite.
3. The birds were chirping merrily.
4. I am highly impressed with her presentation.
5. Fox is often believed to be cunning animal.



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V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions: (6)

1. The bridge collapsed \_\_\_\_\_ it was made of stones.
2. He will try \_\_\_\_\_ he is forced to.
3. He is cheerful \_\_\_\_\_ he has worked the whole day.
4. Lydia likes to sing \_\_\_\_\_ dance when she is happy.
5. You will do well \_\_\_\_\_ you study hard.
6. He was rowing the boat \_\_\_\_\_ I slept.

VI. Fill in the blanks with a verb form that agrees with the subject: (4)

1. Janaki and her husband \_\_\_\_\_ throwing a party next month.  
(is/are)
2. Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ get along with cats. (do not/does not)
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ returned the cameras she borrowed from me. (hasn't/  
haven't)
4. Where \_\_\_\_\_ they gone? (have/ has)
5. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ me to be a successful writer. (want/wants)
6. He along with his wife \_\_\_\_\_ his native place very often.  
(visit/visits)
7. One of my cousins \_\_\_\_\_ a forensic surgeon. (is/are)
8. A good dictionary \_\_\_\_\_ a lot. (cost/costs)

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