

Greenlawn's high School, Mumbai

Terminal Examination 2024

Time: 2 hours
Std. X A / B / C

English Language
English Paper 1

Marks: 80
8/10/2024

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:

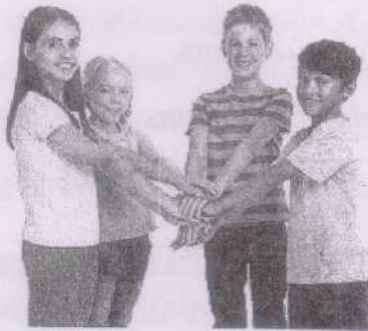
[20]

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

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

- i. Write a short story which brings out the truth of the saying, "**Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.**"
- ii. '**Students get distracted from their studies is the addictive nature of digital technology**'. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- iii. You along with your friends had gone to visit a newly opened theme park. You all were enjoying yourself when there was an unexpected cyclonic storm. Narrate your experience of being caught in the cyclonic storm.

- iv. You had just stepped out of a shop when you saw an accident on the road in front of the shop. Describe the scene of an accident and your emotional response to it.
- v. Study the picture given below. Write a 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:

- i. You have accidentally broken your neighbour's glass windowpane while playing cricket. As your neighbour happens to be out of station, write a letter of apology to him/her offering to get the windowpane replaced.
- ii. Your school bus halts one kilometre away from your home. As a result you have to walk a long distance through a busy intersection to take the bus to school. It is a harrowing experience when you return from school. Write a letter of complaint to the bus in charge of your school requesting him to set up a halt for the bus near your home.

Question 3: [10]

- i. You are the Secretary of the Literature club of your school. Draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board, informing the students about the 'Literature Fest' to be organised in your school. Invite students to take part in this event. Give all the necessary details.
- ii. Write an email to a literary person, requesting him/her to be the Guest of Honour at the 'Literature Fest' to be organised in your school.

Question 4: [20]

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

When James learned from his hostess that there was not another house within three miles, that could accommodate him with a bed, and his horse with lodging and oats, he thanked Heaven for his good fortune in stumbling upon this homely habitation, and determined to pass the night under the protection of the old cottage. She gave him to understand that her husband, who was a farmer, had gone to the next town to dispose of his merchandise, and in all probability, would not return till next morning. James sounded the old woman with a thousand artful interrogations, and she answered with such appearance of truth and simplicity that he concluded that his person was quite secure, and after he had his supper, desired she would conduct him into the chamber where she proposed he should take his rest. He seemed extremely satisfied with his lodging, which in reality exceeded his expectations; and his kindly landlady, cautioning him against letting the candle approach the straw, took her leave, and locked the door on the outside.

James, whose experiences taught him to be suspicious and ever on his guard against the treachery of his fellow-creatures could have dispensed with this instance of her care in confining her guest to his chamber, and began to be seized with strange fancies, when he observed there was no bolt on the inside of the door, by which he might secure himself from intrusion. Consequently, he began to take a survey of every object in the apartment, and in the course of his enquiry, had the mortification to find the dead body of a man, still warm.

Such a discovery could not fail to fill our hero with horror, for he concluded that he himself would undergo the same fate before morning. In the first moments of his fear he ran to the window, with a view to escape by that outlet, but found his flight effectually obstructed by strong bars. Then his heart began to palpitate, and his knees to totter, his mind filled with thoughts of death and he immediately resolved to take measures for his own safety.

He undressed the corpse that lay bleeding amidst the straw and deposited it on the bed in the attitude of a person who sleeps at his ease, then he extinguished the light, took possession of the

place from whence the body had been removed, and, holding a loaded pistol in each hand, waited expectantly. About midnight the door was softly opened; he saw the shadow of two men stalking towards the bed. When they reached it one of them thrust a dagger into the heart of the corpse. The strike was repeated and the assassins concluding the work was effectively done retired for the present with a design to rob the deceased at their leisure.

a. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)

i. habitation (line 3)

- a. possession
- b. vacancy
- c. dwelling
- d. ejection

ii. stalking (line 26)

- a. ignoring
- b. hunting
- c. retreating
- d. fleeing

iii. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word: obstructed? (1)
(line 20)

- a. stopped
- b. jammed
- c. released
- d. packed

b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

- a. What information did James receive from the old woman that led him to believe that the cottage would be a suitable place to spend the night? [2]
- b. What did the old woman say about her husband? [2]
- c. Why did James feel that he would be safe in the cottage? [2]
- d. What observations caused James to feel uneasy as soon as he was alone in the chamber? [2]
- e. In the first moments of fear, what did James decide to do? [1]

- c. In not more than 50 words, finally mention the measures that James took for his own safety. (8)

Question 5:

[20]

- 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) One night four college students _____ (be) out partying late and did not study for the test scheduled for the next day.

Answer: were

In the morning, they _____ (1) (think) of a plan. They (2) _____ (make) themselves look dirty with grease and dirt. Then they (3) _____ (go) to the Dean and (4) _____ (say) they (5) _____ (go) out to a wedding last night and on their way back the tyre of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back.

The Dean thought for a minute and said that they could have the re-test after three days. They (6) _____ (thank) him and said they would be ready.

On the day of the test, they were made to sit in separate rooms. They agreed as they (7) _____ (prepare) well. But they (8) _____ (get) a rude shock!

ii. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:**

[4]

- a. Joan jumped _____ the river to rescue the child.
- b. His teacher is very pleased _____ him .
- c. The old woman could not get _____ the shock .
- d. He should not get _____ with such rudeness.
- e. Truth always prevails _____ the long run.
- f. Sneha has applied _____ a scholarship.
- g. She turned _____ the generous offer made by the manager.
- h. We were asked to take _____ our footwear as we were entering a place of worship.

iii. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so**: Choose the correct option (4)

1. The delegates arrived. The meeting started immediately.

- a. No sooner did the delegates arrive than the meeting started.
- b. No sooner did the delegates arrive, the meeting started.
- c. No sooner the delegates arrived than the meeting started.
- d. The delegates arriving, the meeting started.

2. We lost our ticket. We lost our luggage.

- a. We lose our ticket as well as our luggage.
- b. Having lost our ticket we lost our luggage.
- c. We lost our ticket as well as our luggage.
- d. We lost our ticket and we lost our luggage.

3. He cultivates orchids. He displays them at the flower show.

- a. He cultivates orchids to display them at the flower show.
- b. He cultivates orchids for displayed at the flower show.
- c. He cultivates orchids to play with at the flower show.
- d. He cultivates orchids, but displays them only at the flower show.

4. She is weak. She is courageous.

- a. Despite of being weak, she is courageous.
- b. Despite being weak, she is courageous.
- c. Despite being courageous, she is not weak.
- d. Despite weak, she is courageous.

iv. **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. Choose the correct options. (8)**

1. As soon as he finishes his work, he starts playing. (Begin: Hardly.....)

- a. Hardly his work is finished, he starts playing.
- b. Hardly he finishes his work, he starts playing.
- c. Hardly he has finished his work and he starts playing.
- d. Hardly had he finished his work, when he started playing.

2. My father gave me a pen. (Begin: A pen)

- a. A pen had been given to me by my father.
- b. A pen was given to me by my father.
- c. My father was gave me a pen.
- d. A pen was given by me to my father.

3. I have never seen Mr. Joe lose his temper. (Begin: Never

- a. Never I have seen Mr. Joe lose his temper.
- b. Never did I see Mr. Joe lose his temper.
- c. Never have I seen Mr. Joe losing his temper.
- d. Never ever did I see Mr. Joe lose his temper.

4. As soon as it began to rain we rushed in. (Begin: No sooner...)

- a. No sooner it begins to rain we rushed in.
- b. No sooner did it begin to rain than we rushed in.
- c. No sooner the rain begin we rushed in.
- d. No sooner did it began to rain than we rushed in.

5. Very few managers are as honest as James. (End: managers)

- a. James is more honest than other managers.
- b. James is more honest than most other managers.
- c. James is honest than many other managers.
- d. James is most honest among other managers.

6. I accept your offer. (Use: acceptable)
- Your offer is acceptable than me.
 - Your offer was acceptable unto me.
 - Your offer is acceptable to me.
 - Your offer has been acceptable for me.
7. The teacher said, "Have you written the essay, boys?" (The teacher asked...)
- The teacher asked the boys if they had written the essay.
 - The teacher asked the boys if they have written the essay.
 - The teacher asked the boys if they were writing the essay.
 - The teacher asked the boys to write the essay.
8. Jaswant's grandfather is too old to take this job. (Use: so....that...)
- Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he could not take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he cannot take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he could take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he can take up this job.

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