

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

I. COMPOSITION

(10)

Read the given topics carefully and write on any one of the topics you know the best:

Write about a time when you received an award or recognition, narrate about the event and your feelings.

Word bank: overwhelmed, limelight, accomplishments, acknowledgement, gratitude, achievement, honoured, milestone, speechless, applause

OR

Describe a holiday tradition that is important to your family, explaining its significance and why you enjoy it.

Word bank: nostalgic, heritage, annual tradition, joyous, togetherness, bonding, ritual, memories, gathering, cherished

II. LETTER WRITING

(10)

Write a letter to your sibling who is away at college, updating them on what's happening at home and asking about theirs.

OR

Write a letter to your grandparent sharing some of your recent achievements and experiences, and asking about their life and memories.

III. COMPREHENSION

(20)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

"What a nice dream!" she murmured. "I feel quite warm.

I-don't - want - to-wake-up."

Of course, it was a dream. She felt as if warm, delightful bedclothes were heaped upon her. She could actually FEEL blankets, and when she put out her hand, it touched something exactly like a satin-covered eiderdown quilt. She must not awaken from this delight - she must be quite still and make it last.

"Oh, I am waking up," she said mournfully. "I can't help it-I can't."

Her eyes opened in spite of herself. And then she actually smiled - for what she saw she had never seen in the attic before, and knew she never would see again.

"Oh, I HAVEN'T woken up," she whispered, daring to rise on her elbow and look all about her. "I am dreaming yet." She knew it MUST be a dream, for if she were awake, such things could not-could not be.

Do you wonder that she felt sure she had not come back to the earth? This is what she saw. In the grate there was a glowing, blazing fire; spread upon the floor was a thick, warm red rug; before the fire a folding-chair, by the chair a small folding table, unfolded, covered with white cloth, and upon it spread small covered dishes, a cup, a saucer, a teapot; and some books. The room of her dream seemed changed into fairyland - and it was flooded with warm light, for a bright lamp stood on the table, covered with a rosy shade.

She sat up, resting on her elbow, and her breathing came short and fast.

"Oh, I never had such a dream before. Oh, it isn't true!" she said. "It CAN'T be true! But oh, how true it seems!"

The blazing fire drew her to it, and she knelt down and held out her hands close to it. She sprang up, touched the table, the dishes, the rug; she went to the bed and touched the blankets. She took up the soft wadded dressing-gown, and suddenly clutched it to her breast and held it to her cheek.

She almost staggered to the books and opened the one which lay upon the top.

Something was written on the flyleaf - just a few words - and they were these:

"To the little girl in the attic. From a friend."

When she saw that, she put her face down upon the page and burst into tears.

"I don't know who it is," she said, "but somebody cares for me a little. I've a friend." She took her candle, stole out of her room into Becky's, and stood by her bedside.

"Becky, Becky!" she whispered as loudly as she dared. "Wake up!"

Sara drew Becky into the warm, glowing midst of things which made her brain reel and her senses faint. "It's true! It's true!" she cried. "I've touched them all.

They are as real as we are. The Magic has come and done it, Becky, while we were asleep - the Magic that won't let those worst things EVER quite happen."

- i. Give one word meaning from the passage which means the following: (3)
 - a. whispered:
 - b. sadly:
 - c. bewildered:
- ii. Why did Sara think that her dream was nice? (3)
- iii. What did Sara see when she got up from her sleep? (3)
- iv. How did Sara's room change into a fairyland? (2)
- v. What did Sara do on getting up from bed? (3)
- vi. What made her burst out crying? (2)
- vii. What did Sara conclude at the end of the passage? (2)
- viii. What would be your reaction if this kind of Magic occurred with you? (2)

IV. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Read the following questions and select only one correct answer from the given options:

(10)

1. Identify the proper noun in the sentence: "Sarah visited the museum last weekend."
A) Sarah
B) Museum
C) Last
D) Weekend
2. Choose the correct possessive adjective to complete the sentence: "Neither of the girls could find _ book."
A) Her
B) Their
C) Theirs
D) Hers
3. Which word is an adjective in the sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" ?
A) Fox
B) Jumps
C) Lazy
D) Over
4. Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentence: "She wore a _ dress to the party."
A) Beautiful
B) Beauty
C) Beautify
D) Beautifully
5. Which preposition best completes the sentence: "We walked _ the park."
A) At
B) On
C) Onto
D) Through
6. Which of the following is a coordinating conjunction?
A) Because

- B) If
- C) And
- D) Although

7. Which sentence is in the past perfect tense?

- A) She eats lunch at noon.
- B) She will eat lunch at noon.
- C) She had eaten lunch before the meeting.
- D) She is eating lunch now.

8. Identify the sentence in the future continuous tense:

- A) They will be playing soccer at 5 PM.
- B) They played soccer yesterday.
- C) They play soccer every weekend.
- D) They were playing soccer when I called.

9. Which of the following is an example of direct speech?

- A) He said that he was tired.
- B) He asked if I was coming.
- C) "I am tired," he said.
- D) She told me to leave.

10. Choose the correct transformation of the direct speech to indirect speech: "She said, 'I will go to the market.'"

- A) She said that she would go to the market.
- B) She said she will go to the market.
- C) She said she goes to the market.
- D) She said I will go to the market.

V. GRAMMAR

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions from the bracket:

(4)

- a. It was late _____ the evening when he came home. (in, on)
- b. The man looked straight _____ the robber's eyes. (on, into)
- c. They had a picnic _____ the tree, near the river. (by, for)
- d. _____ the correct moment, Sonal walked into the room. (By, At)
- e. The tent will be pitched _____ a hill. (on, at)
- f. How far is the school _____ your home? (from, till)
- g. The bakery is open _____ 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (from, for)
- h. He started singing _____ the age of two. (at, in)

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns:

(4)

- a. The dog with the brown collar is _____. (its, his)
- b. The coat is _____, but feel free to use it. (my, mine)

- c. Can you please lend _____ your notebook for a day? (me, mine)
- d. The robbers surrendered _____ at the police station. (they, themselves)
- e. My sister gets along well with these friends of _____. (my, mine)
- f. Is that juice _____ or hers? (your, yours)
- g. The watchman wanted _____ to be free by 7 p.m. (his, himself)
- h. She sang to _____ as she walked. (yourself, herself)

C. Fill in the blanks using the comparative or superlative forms of adjectives given in the brackets: (4)

- a. Our football team played a _____ (good) match than they did last week.
- b. You have the _____ (smart) little dog!
- c. My puzzle is _____ (difficult) than yours.
- d. This room is _____ (dirty) than the others.
- e. Kumar is the _____ (old) friend I have.
- f. That is the _____ (thin) dog I have ever seen!
- g. This is the _____ (far) distance I have travelled alone in the woods.
- h. Devaleena is the _____ (dependable) friend I have.

D. Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech: (8)

- a. I said, 'I want to go to the summer camp.'
- b. My brother said, 'I'm going to the exhibition.'
- c. He said, 'I'm writing an essay.'
- d. Rita said, 'She was playing football.'
- e. He said, 'The storm had damaged the roads.'
- f. The history teacher said, 'Akbar was the greatest Mughal emperor.'
- g. Archana said, 'I will be here at 8 o'clock.'
- h. Lalan said to me, 'I am very tired.'

E. Fill in the blanks with correct form of tenses given in the brackets: (8)

- a. I _____ (work) on this project for the past five hours. (Present Perfect Continuous Tense)
- b. I _____ (finish) the assignment yesterday. (Simple Past Tense)
- c. He _____ (live) in this house for ten years. (Present Perfect Tense)
- d. What _____ they _____ (do) over there? (Present Continuous Tense)
- e. He _____ not _____ (realise) his error. (Past Perfect Tense)
- f. She _____ (come) with us tomorrow. (Simple Future)
- g. By this time tomorrow, I _____ (reach) Dehradun. (Future Perfect Tense)
- h. The girls _____ (scold) by the headmistress. (Simple Past)

F. Identify and state the kinds of nouns in the following sentences: (2)

- a. Juvita told me a lie.
- b. We should learn to show people empathy.