

INSTRUCTIONS: Write the answers on the answer sheet provided to you. First 10 minutes are allotted to read the question paper. Do not copy the questions.

I. COMPOSITION (20)

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

- 1) 'Relatives are a tedious and curious pack of people.' Describe an experience, when many relatives visited your home and made you realise the truth of the above statement.
- 2) Narrate your experience when you were sick and confined to bed for a week and had to miss an important competition for which you have been preparing for a long time.
- 3) Public performance by animals should be banned. express your views either for or against the statement.
- 4) Write a short story ending with the line '.....money is the root of all evil.'
- 5) Write a reflective essay on 'Learning empathy through virtual reality.'

II. LETTER WRITING (10)

- 1) You are suffering from fever and would not be able to complete your science project on time. Write a letter to your friend requesting him/her to help you in completing your science project.

OR

- 2) Write a letter of complaint to the manager of a building in your locality for allowing people from other buildings to park their vehicles in your locality. Mention the problems that you faced.

III. COMPREHENSION (20)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

One day, I happened to overhear two miners talking about a great school somewhere in Virginia. This was the first time that I had ever heard anything about any kind of school that was more **pretentious** than the little school in our town. As they went on describing the school, it seemed to me that it must be the greatest place on earth. Not even Heaven presented more attractions for me at that time than this school in Virginia. I resolved at once to go to that school.

I had very little money. By walking, begging rides both in wagons and in the

hungry, it was late in the night. I was completely out of money and I did not know where to go. I asked at several places for lodging, but they all wanted money. Knowing nothing else better to do, I walked the streets till midnight. At last, I became so exhausted that I could walk no longer. I slept for the night on the ground in a street.

The next morning, I found myself somewhat refreshed, but I was extremely hungry. I noticed that I was near a large ship which was unloading a cargo of pig iron. I went near the vessel to get money for food. The captain, who seemed to be kind-hearted, consented. I worked long enough to earn money for my breakfast. My work pleased the captain so well that he told me I could continue working for a small amount per day. I continued working on this vessel till I had saved enough money to reach my destination.

The first sight of the large, three-storey, school building seemed to have rewarded me for all that I had undergone to reach the place. I met the head teacher for admission. Having been so long without proper food, a bath, and change of clothing, I did not, make a favourable impression upon her. I saw her admitting other students, and that added greatly to my discomfort. After some hours had passed, the head teacher said to me, "The adjoining recitation room needs sweeping. Take the broom and sweep it". It occurred to me at once that here was my chance. Never did I receive an order with more delight. I swept the recitation room three times. Then I got a dusting cloth, and I dusted it four times.

When I was through, I reported to the head teacher. She was a finicky woman who knew just where to look for dirt. She went into the room and inspected the floor and closets. When she was unable to find one bit of dirt on the floor, or a particle of dust on any of the furniture, she quietly remarked, "I guess you will do well in this institution" I was one of the happiest souls on earth. The sweeping of that room was my college examination. I have passed several examinations since then, but I have always felt that this was the best one I ever passed.

- a. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One-word answer will be accepted. (3)
 - (i) pretentious (line 3)
 - (ii) consented (line 16)
 - (iii) finicky (line 28)
- b. What did the narrator overhear the two miners talking about? (2)
- c. How did the narrator reach Virginia? (2)
- d. In what condition was the narrator when he reached his destination? How did the narrator spend the night once he reached his destination? (3)
- e. What did the narrator do to earn money in order to reach his destination? (3)
- f. Why did the narrator feel discomfort when he saw the head teacher

- g. What did the head teacher ask the narrator to do? What was the narrator's reaction? (3)
- h. What did the head teacher say to the narrator? How did the narrator feel on hearing that? (2)

IV. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Read the following questions and select only one correct answer from the given options: (10)

- 1) She said, "I am very happy today." (Change to Indirect Speech)
 - a) She said she is very happy today.
 - b) She said that she was very happy that day.
 - c) She said she was very happy today.
 - d) She said that she is very happy.
- 2) The manager reviews the reports daily. (Change to Passive Voice)
 - a) The reports are reviewed daily by the manager.
 - b) The reports have been reviewed daily by the manager.
 - c) The reports were reviewed daily by the manager.
 - d) The reports are being reviewed daily by the manager.
- 3) By whom was this book written? (Change to Active Voice)
 - a) Whom has this book written? .
 - b) Whom has the book written by?
 - c) Who wrote this book?
 - d) This book is written by whom.
- 4) He said that he would go to the market the next day. (Change to Direct Speech)
 - a) He said that, "he will go to the market the next day."
 - b) He said, "I will go to the market the next day."
 - c) He said, "he would go to the market tomorrow."
 - d) He said, "I will go to the market tomorrow."
- 5) "Don't make noise," the teacher said to the students. (Change Indirect Speech)
 - a) The teacher told the students don't make noise.
 - b) The teacher asked the students to make noise.
 - c) The teacher told the students not to make noise.
 - d) The teacher said not to make noise to the students.
- 6) A delicious meal was cooked by the chef. (Change to Active Voice)
 - a) The chef cooked a delicious meal.
 - b) The chef cooked a meal delicious.
 - c) A delicious meal cooked the chef.
 - d) The chef cooks a delicious meal.
- 7) Change the sentence to negative:
"He is very intelligent."
 - a) He is not very intelligent.

- c) He is not unintelligent.
 - d) He is less than intelligent.
- 8) Add question tag:
He came to the party with me.
- a) He came with me to the party?
 - b) He came to the party, didn't he?
 - c) He came to the party with me, didn't he?
 - d) He came to the party with me didn't he?
- 9) Change to Interrogative Sentence:
"They are coming tomorrow."
- a) Are they coming tomorrow?
 - b) Were they coming tomorrow?
 - c) Will they be coming tomorrow?
 - d) Do they come tomorrow?
- 10) Transform to Assertive Sentence:
"What a brilliant idea it is!"
- a) It is a very brilliant idea.
 - b) How brilliant this idea is!
 - c) It is such a brilliant idea.
 - d) It is a brilliant idea.

V. GRAMMAR

(20)

A. Change the following sentences to Passive Voice.

(3)

- 1. The artist painted a beautiful mural.
- 2. My mother baked cookies for the party.
- 3. The traveller explored the ancient ruins.

B. Change the following sentences to Active Voice:

(3)

- 1. A new species was discovered by the scientist.
- 2. The old building was restored by the painter.
- 3. The song was sung by the famous singer.

C. Change the following sentences to Indirect Speech:

(3)

- 1. Mr. Patel and his friends said, "We have completed our work."
- 2. She said, "I may go to the party tonight."
- 3. My grandfather said, "He will visit Paris next summer."

D. Change the following sentences to Direct Speech:

(3)

- 1. She said that she was reading a novel.
- 2. She asked if I could help her with the project.
- 3. He said that he had completed his assignment.

E. Do as directed:

(8)

1. Michael will attend the meeting tomorrow. (**Add question tag**)
2. The coffee was so hot that I couldn't drink. (**Replace so... that with too....**)
3. As soon as the movie started, the audience became silent. (**Begin with Hardly.....**)
4. She is a talented singer. (**Change into Interrogative sentence**)
5. No sooner had she finished her homework than she went to bed. (**Replace No sooner.... with As soon as....**)
6. Everyone likes ice-cream. (**Change to Negative Sentence**)
7. What a beautiful painting it is! (**Change to Assertive Sentence**)
8. Hardly had the sun risen when the birds began to sing. (**Replace Hardly with As soon as....**)
