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9. Fill in the blanks by choosing correct preposition given in the brackets : 3
- (i) Please translate this passage English. (in, on, into) 1
- (ii) Ravi is not here this time. (at, on, over) 1
- (iii) She has been suffering fever for a week. (for, from, in) 1

Section : D (32 Marks)

10. Comprehend any one extract and answer the questions : 1×5=5

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis we threw to them.

- (i) Why did the author's grandmother go to school with him? 1
- (ii) What did the priest teach the children? 1
- (iii) What did the dogs fight for? 1
- (iv) Where did the dogs meet them? 1
- (v) Find out the word from the extract which means : 1

Religious books

OR

The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6 p.m. with an animals silence. The wind dropped and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest.

The roar increased to a thunder as the stern moved up the face of the wave and for a moment I thought we might rider over it. But then a tremendous explosion shook

- (iii) The Police gave the description to the : 1
 (a) manager (b) newspaper
 (c) man (d) inspector incharge
- (iv) The restaurant owner found the wanted man at : 1
 (a) the seaside (b) the village
 (c) the car park (d) the dinning table of his restaurant
- (v) Inspector Robinson entered the restaurant through : 1
 (a) the kitchen (b) the front side
 (c) the corridor (d) the back yard
- (vi) Inspector arrested 'the wanted man' : 1
 (a) at the corner table (b) at the kitchen gate
 (c) into the street (d) in the car park
- (vii) Inspector Robinson had been completely in the dark for 1
 (a) three day (b) four days
 (c) next day (d) two days

Section : B (12 Marks)

3. Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of a process for "opening a bank account" based on hints given below : 4

- (i) Bank name (ii) Fill up the form
 (iii) Attached necessary documents (iv) Deposit form
 (v) Get account number and pass book.

OR

Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of a event on "Annual Function" at my school based on the hints given below :

The programme starts the chief guest activities cultural programmes and prize distribution duration of programme thanks all.

P.T.O.

13. Read any one of the following extract and answer the following questions : $1 \times 3 = 3$

The laburnum Top is Silent, quite still
 In the afternoon yellow September Sunlight
 A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen

- (i) How does the laburnum top appear?
- (ii) Which season has been mentioned in these lines?
- (iii) What has happened to the tree?

OR

The cardboard shows me how it was
 When the two girl cousins went paddling
 Each one holding one of my mother's hands
 And she the big girl some twelve years or so.

- (i) What does the cardboard show the poet?
- (ii) How many girls were in the cardboard?
- (iii) What is the age of big girl?

14. Answer any two of the following questions in around 20-30 words each :

$1\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 3$

- (i) Who were two cousins of the poet's mother? (A Photograph)
- (ii) What would happen to seeds without rain? (The Voice of the Rain)
- (iii) To what is the movement of the goldfinch compared?(The laburnum top)

15. Answer one of the following two long answer type questions in around 60 words each :

$1 \times 2 = 3$

How does the rain become the voice of the Earth? (The Voice of the Rain)

OR

The three stanzas depict three different phases. What are they? (A Photograph)

4. Write a brief report in 100-125 words on "Flower Exhibition" with the help of hints given below : 4

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| (i) a flower exhibition | (ii) Municipal Chairman inaugurates |
| (iii) a variety of flowers | (iv) A lot of people come to see and enjoy |
| (v) School children learn | (vi) prize given away by the collector |

OR

Write a speech in about 100-120 words on "The Importance of Trees".

5. Write an letter to the Principal of your School Complaining about Lack of games facilities in your school. 4

OR

Write a letter to your school principal with request to issue you a Character Certificate.

Section : C (12 Marks)

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners : 3

(i) Honesty is best policy. (a, an, the,) 1

(ii) There is milk in the Jug, so I can not make tea. (little, a little, the little) 1

(iii) Did you buy butter? (some, any) 1

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs give in the brackets : 3

(i) The sun (shine) now. 1

(ii) Reeta (plant) a plant yesterday. 1

(iii) It (rain) since morning. 1

8. Fill in the gaps with the suitable Modals with the help of the word given in the brackets : 3

(i) She run 10 k.m. when she was young. (capacity) 1

(ii) I help you. (promise) 1

(iii) Every student follow rules of school. (compulsion) 1

- (iii) What may help to prevent many cases of drug? 1½
- (iv) How should the children be developed from beginning? 1½
- (v) Find the opposite from the passage : 1
- (a) sad (b) hate

2. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer : 7

For three days Inspector Robinson had been completely in the dark. A man had been found unconscious in the car part of the Swan Hotel. He had been robbed and his car had been stolen. The police had no idea of his identity until at last the man was able to tell them who he was and what had happened. He was also able to give them a description of the man, which the police sent to all the newspapers.

The next day Inspector Robinson got a message to say that the man had been seen in a small sea-side town. Inspector Robinson immediately went there. When he reached the police station, the inspector in charge had a second message for him. The owner of a small restaurant on the sea front had just telephoned. According to him a person like the wanted man was having dinner in his restaurant.

The police at once rushed round to the restaurant. Two policemen stayed outside the front entrance, while Inspector Robinson and another man entered through the kitchen. Very excited, the owner of the restaurant showed Inspector Robinson the man he had been watching. He was sitting at a corner table, reading a newspaper. Without doubt it was the right man.

Inspector Robinson did not want to disturb the other people in the restaurant. He let the man finish his meal. Then as he left the restaurant, Inspector Robinson followed him into the street and arrested him.

- (i) Inspector Robinson had been completely in the dark. the underlined phrase means : 1
- (a) happy (b) curious
- (c) confusion (d) unhappy
- (ii) The robbed man was found unconscious in : 1
- (a) hotel (b) the room
- (c) car park (d) the middle of the road

16. Answer one of the following two long answer type questions in around 60 words each :

1×2=2

Is Drama a good medium for conveying social message? Discuss. (Mothers Day)

OR

Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address? (The Address)

17. Answer any three out of four short type questions in around 20-30 words each :

1×3=3

(i) Who was John Byro? Why had he come to the narrator's house?
(The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse)

(ii) Describe the traits of Garoghlanian family?
(The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse)

(iii) Why did the narrator go to 46, marconi street? (The Address)

(iv) Why are Cyril and Dozis shocked? (Mother Day)

18. Choose the correct alternative :

1×4=4

(i) Who was Mourad's father?

(a) John Byro

(b) Arak

(c) Khosmve

(d) Zorab

(ii) By What name did Mourad call the horse when he asked him to run?

(a) Hira

(b) Byro

(c) Shire

(d) Vqzire

(iii) How does the narrator describe the living room of 'The Address'?

(a) Lavish

(b) Muggy smell

(c) Well arranged

(d) Pathetic

(iv) What makes the club member laugh at George as Mrs Pearson says?

(a) His frequent visits

(b) His drinking liquor

(c) His gambling

(d) His jokes