

enlightened eyes the sound was marvelously like that of a fast game.

17. I stayed for the night, while the wind and the rat and the sash and the window-bolt played a ding-dong "hundred and fifty up." Then the wind ran, out and the billiards stopped, and I felt that I had ruined my one genuine, hall-marked ghost story.
18. Had I only stopped at the proper time, I could have made ANYTHING out of it.
- (a) (i) Given below are four words and phrases. (4)
Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage:
1. dirty 2. fixed 3. reverberated 4. ridiculous
- (ii) For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least ten words using same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage: (4)
1. long 2. trunk 3. mine 4. dead

Answer the following questions in your own words as briefly as possible :

- (i) Describe briefly the dak bungalow. (2)
- (ii) What was it that made the narrator think that there were ghosts in the next room? (2)
- (iii) What did the cook tell the narrator about the dak bungalow that confirmed the narrator's suspicion and the ghosts? (2)
- (iv) Explain briefly how the narrator creates a mysterious atmosphere in the passage. (3)
- c. Describe how the narrator made and then unmade the ghost story in not more than 100 words. Failure to keep within the word limit will be penalised. You will be required to write your points in the form of a connected passage in about 100 words. (8)

Quarterly Examination - 2018-19

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class : XII

Time : 3 Hrs. + 15 min

Full Marks : 100

(You are advised to spend not more than 50 minutes on Question 1, 40 minutes on Question 2, 30 minutes on Question 3 and 1 hour on Question 1.

Question 4.

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) (25)
on any one of the following subjects.

- (a) Describe a bicycle trip that you undertook with a group of friends, through a mountainous terrain.
- (b) It is said : "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Narrate your experience when you persisted until you achieved your goal.
- (c) Competition destroys creativity. 'Give your views for or against the proposition.
- (d) Beauty
- (e) "Small changes go a long way in life." Give your views on this statement.
- (f) "All that glitters is not gold." Write an original story to bring out the truth of this proverb.

Question 2

- (a) Write a statement of purpose for admission into a (20)
reputed college for studying Medicine. Base your SOP on the following points :

Personality traits - interests - reasons for choosing to study medicine - reasons for your being selected by the given institute - role of the institute in achieving your goals and aspirations.

- (b) As the Head Boy or Head Girl of your school, you (10) have been assigned the responsibility of setting up a 'Book Club' in your school, where students and teachers will be able to deposit their old books. These books will be sent to a library run in a nearby slum colony by an NGO. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to set up this Book Club.

Question 3

Answer Sections (a), (b) and (c)

- (a) In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, while sentence B is not. Complete sentence B, making it as similar as possible to sentence A. Write sentence B in each case. (10)

1. A. As soon as she reminded me where I had left the keys, I found them.
B. Hardly.....
2. A. He never admitted that he knew why his sister had fought with him.
B. Not once.....
3. A. My friend said, "Did you watch television last night?"
B. My friend asked me.....
4. A. Blood is thicker than water.
B. Is
5. A. The hall must not be opened without permission.
B. On no account
6. A. If we do not hear from you, we will not plan ahead.
B. Unless

6. But there were no voices and no footsteps. No one was putting his luggage into the next room. The door was shut, and I thanked providence that I was to be left in peace.
7. Just as I was getting into bed again, I heard, in the next room, the sound that no man in his senses can possibly mistake—the whir of a billiard ball down the length of the slates when the striker is stringing for break. A minute afterwards there was another whir, and I got into bed.
8. There was a whir and a click, and both sounds could have been made only by one thing – a billiard ball. I argued the matter out at great length with myself - there must be ghosts.
9. After a long, long while the game stopped, and the door banged. I slept because I was **dead** tired.
10. When the morning came, I asked the cook, "Has this place always been a dak bungalow? "No", said the cook. "Ten or twenty years ago, it was a billiards room."
11. "Do you remember anything about the Sahibs?"
12. "It was long ago, but I remember that one Sahib, who used to play here. One night, while playing billiards, he fell on the table and died."
13. That story was more than enough to persuade me that there are ghosts in the dak bungalow.
14. I went into the next room.
15. Click-click! The unseen game was going on at a tremendous rate. And well it might, when a restless little rat was running to and fro inside the dingy ceiling cloth, and a piece of loose window-sash was making fifty breaks off the window-bolt as it shook in the breeze!
16. Impossible to mistake the sound of billiard balls! Impossible to mistake the whir of a ball over the slate! But I was to be excused. Even when I shut my

7. A. We have bought some land and we are building a house.
B. Not only
8. A. Had he not helped me, I would have failed.
B. But
9. A. This is the tiniest coin I have ever seen.
B. No
10. A. We never imagined that he would solve the puzzle.
B. Little

(b) Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (5)

1. Rumors go ____ fast in our colony.
2. The dog went ____ the stranger and bit him.
3. Lay ____ some money for a rainy day.
4. He looks ____ his father for guidance.
5. We made ____ home when it rained.
6. He passes himself ____ as a scholar.
7. When will the Shatabdi Express pull ____?
8. The lights were put ____ by the servant.
9. He is engaged ____ a neighbouring girl.
10. She ran ____ an old friend in the town.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the Verb given in brackets. (5)

Urbanisation, besides ____ (1) (create) slums ____ (2) (deny) to a large section of people several civic amenities such as drinking water, electricity and drainage system. Overcrowding has become a serious problem, as large additional population is bound ____ (3) (complicate) matters. It is due to ____ (4) (overcrowd) that the number of vehicles has increased which cause frequent

traffic jams and accidents. Good medical facilities, day to day requirements of life, proper schooling and the like, have become expensive and only the upper class of people can ____ (5) (afford) them. The middle class are only ____ (6) (maintain) themselves up to the level of subsistence and the things of comfort ____ (7) (become) things of luxury for them. The ____ (8) (educate) youth, in spite ____ (9) (have) good education cannot stand the competition and are usually ____ (10) (explicit) at the hands of affluent company owners.

Question. 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

1. After exploring the dak bungalow I settled myself down.
2. There were three rooms, beside my own, each connected to the other through dingy white doors fastened with **long** iron bars. Every bang of a **trunk** echoed from my room down the other three, and every footfall came back tremulously from the far walls. For this reason I shut the door.
3. There were no lamps—only candles in long glass shades. There was no fireplace, and the windows would not open. The rain and the wind splashed and gurgled and moaned round the house.
4. Sleep, for several hundred reasons, was not easy. The lamp in the bathroom threw the most absurd shadows into the room, and the wind was beginning to talk nonsense.
5. Suddenly, I heard the shutter of the room next to **mine** attacked, and its inner door opened. "That's some Sub-Deputy Assistant," I thought, "and he has brought his friends with him. Now they'll talk for an hour."

7. A. We have bought some land and we are building a house.
B. Not only
8. A. Had he not helped me, I would have failed.
B. But
9. A. This is the tiniest coin I have ever seen.
B. No
10. A. We never imagined that he would solve the puzzle.
B. Little

(b) Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (5)

1. Rumors go ____ fast in our colony.
2. The dog went ____ the stranger and bit him.
3. Lay ____ some money for a rainy day.
4. He looks ____ his father for guidance.
5. We made ____ home when it rained.
6. He passes himself ____ as a scholar.
7. When will the Shatabdi Express pull ____?
8. The lights were put ____ by the servant.
9. He is engaged ____ a neighbouring girl.
10. She ran ____ an old friend in the town.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the Verb given in brackets. (5)

Urbanisation, besides ____ (1) (create) slums ____ (2) (deny) to a large section of people several civic amenities such as drinking water, electricity and drainage system. Overcrowding has become a serious problem, as large additional population is bound ____ (3) (complicate) matters. It is due to ____ (4) (overcrowd) that the number of vehicles has increased which cause frequent

traffic jams and accidents. Good medical facilities, day to day requirements of life, proper schooling and the like, have become expensive and only the upper class of people can ____ (5) (afford) them. The middle class are only ____ (6) (maintain) themselves up to the level of subsistence and the things of comfort ____ (7) (become) things of luxury for them. The ____ (8) (educate) youth, in spite ____ (9) (have) good education cannot stand the competition and are usually ____ (10) (explicit) at the hands of affluent company owners.

Question. 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

1. After exploring the dak bungalow I settled myself down.
2. There were three rooms, beside my own, each connected to the other through dingy white doors fastened with **long** iron bars. Every bang of a **trunk** echoed from my room down the other three, and every footfall came back tremulously from the far walls. For this reason I shut the door.
3. There were no lamps—only candles in long glass shades. There was no fireplace, and the windows would not open. The rain and the wind splashed and gurgled and moaned round the house.
4. Sleep, for several hundred reasons, was not easy. The lamp in the bathroom threw the most absurd shadows into the room, and the wind was beginning to talk nonsense.
5. Suddenly, I heard the shutter of the room next to **mine** attacked, and its inner door opened. "That's some Sub-Deputy Assistant," I thought, "and he has brought his friends with him. Now they'll talk for an hour."