

READING TIME: 15 MINUTES

FULL MARKS: 80

WRITING TIME: 2 HOURS

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

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

(20)

- Have you ever stood up for someone when it was hard to do so? Describe that moment, why it mattered and what you learned.
- You and your family went to a small village. Write a description of what you saw and heard as you cycled through the village streets.
- "Games and sports are as important as studies." State your arguments **for** or **against** the statement.
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it.



2. (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

Select **any one** of the following.

(10)

- Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about your first train/flight journey. Describe where you travelled, what you saw during the journey, how you felt and any interesting experiences you had. Share why this journey was special to you.
- Write a letter to the principal of your school requesting the introduction of more indoor games during the monsoon season. Explain how this would help students stay active and engaged.

3. Your school is arranging a workshop on Cyber Safety for students of classes 6-10. Write a notice informing the pupils at your school about the event.

(5)

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Pari was a young boy from a small Garhwal village, tucked high in the mountains where tall pine trees guarded the slopes and clear streams danced down into deep valleys. The air was cool and **crisp**, carrying the scent of resin, and the nights were a velvet sky scattered with bright stars. Life in the village was simple but hard. Families depended on their tiny fields, growing enough grain and vegetables to survive.

That summer, the rains delayed their **arrival**. The clouds passed without spilling their water, and the earth began to crack under the fierce sun. Streams shrank into trickles, and the once-green fields turned a **dull**, lifeless brown. Pari's father and mother worked tirelessly, but the crops struggled to grow. The granaries were nearly empty, and everyone feared that the coming winter would bring hunger.

Pari could see the lines of worry deepening on his parents' faces. One evening, as they sat outside their small stone house, he told them he wanted to go to the plains to find work. At first, his mother protested, saying he was too young. But his father, after a long silence, nodded. "If you can earn a little money, it will help us through the season," he said quietly.

The next morning, before the sun rose, Pari packed a small bundle of clothes, a brass plate, and the few coins his father gave him. He stepped onto the winding mountain path, his heart heavy yet determined. The

forest around him seemed to whisper in the wind. The quiet of the mountains gave way to the noise of buses, trucks and shouting vendors.

After hours of travel, he reached a **bustling** roadside town. Here, he found work in a tea shop that stood at the corner of a busy market.

His days began before sunrise. He lit the fire, boiled kettles of water, and poured steaming tea for travellers who came and went in a hurry. He washed endless stacks of glasses, swept the floor, and carried trays between crowded tables.

The air was thick with smoke and dust, and the clatter of cups and voices never stopped.

The work was tiring, and the pay was small, but Pari saved every coin he could. At night, lying on a thin mattress in a back room, he often thought of home – the tall cedar trees swaying in the wind, the rush of the river after the rains, and the sight of snow peaks glowing pink in the sunrise. The memory of the hills was a comfort that made the noise and heat of the plains bearable.

Weeks passed, and Pari realised that though he had earned money, he had also lost something **precious** – the joy and peace of the mountains. One morning, as a cool wind drifted in from the north, he felt an ache for home too strong to ignore. Gathering his savings, he boarded a bus heading back to Garhwal.

The road climbed higher and higher. The air grew fresher, the sky clearer. Soon the pine forests returned, and the sound of rushing streams filled the silence between engine roars. When the bus stopped at his village, Pari stepped down and breathed deeply. The familiar smell of pine and damp earth wrapped around him like an old friend. His parents' smiles, though tired, were full of warmth. Pari knew, at that moment, that the mountains were not just where he lived – they were where he belonged.

I. For each word given below choose the correct synonym as used in the passage.

(1X3=3)

i. Crisp

a) dry b) fresh c) weak

ii. Bustling

a) quiet b) empty c) busy

iii. Precious

a) valuable b) worthless c) heavy

II. For each word given below choose the correct antonym as used in the passage.

(1X2=2)

i. Arrival

a) departure b) entrance c) return

ii. Dull

a) faded b) brightened c) vanished

III. Answer these questions.

i. What was the name of Pari's village?

(1)

ii. Describe the location of Pari's home.

(2)

iii. How did the streams add to the beauty of the valley?

(2)

iv. How did the delayed rains affect the village and its people?

(2)

v. Describe the conversation Pari had with his parents about finding work?

(2)

vi. Describe Pari's work routine in the tea shop and the conditions he worked in?

(3)

vii. What made Pari miss most about home while working in the plains?

(3)

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

(1/2X8=4)

i. The students were punished _____ making noise.

ii. I am interested _____ learning French.

iii. The children were looking forward _____ the picnic.

iv. The manager was angry _____ the staff.

v. The old car suddenly broke _____ on the highway, causing a traffic jam.

- vi. As soon as the sun went down, darkness began to set _____.
- vii. They decided to pull _____ the old buildings to make space for a park.
- viii. I ran _____ my uncle in the street last evening.

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets:

(1/2X8=4)

- i. He _____ his leg when he _____ off the ladder. (injure, fall)
- ii. They _____ the car because it _____ too much noise. (sell, make)
- iii. While we _____ for the bus, we _____ an old friend. (wait, meet)
- iv. He _____ his homework when the lights _____ out. (do, go)

7. Choose the correct option: Do not copy the sentences:

(1/2X6=3)

- i. Each of the boys _____ given a prize.
a) was b) are c) were
- ii. My friends _____ planning a surprise for me.
a) is b) are c) was
- iii. There _____ many reasons for her success.
a) are b) was c) is
- iv. A pair of scissors _____ on the table.
a) are b) were c) is
- v. Ten kilometres _____ a long distance to walk.
a) were b) is c) are
- vi. The news _____ shocking to everyone.
a) is b) are c) were

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions:

(1/2X8=4)

- i. Deepak _____ Santhosh are best friends.
- ii. Make sure you work hard _____ you will not be able to score good marks.
- iii. I have to go home now _____ I really wish I could stay for some more time.
- iv. I am not well _____ I decided to take a day off from work.
- v. _____ you work out regularly, you will not see any results.
- vi. He had no money, _____ he was prepared to help me.
- vii. She was not only intelligent _____ also very kind.
- viii. This is the park _____ we play cricket.

9. Choose the correct option:

(1X10=10)

- i. "Can you help me with this problem?" Riya asked her friend. (Change from direct into indirect speech)
- a. Riya asked her friend if she can help her with that problem.
- b. Riya asked her friend if she could help her with that problem.
- c. Riya asked her friend that she could help her with the problem.
- d. Riya asked her friend to help her with this problem.

ii. Rani said, "I am going to the market now." (Change from direct into indirect speech)

- a. Rani said that she is going to the market.
- b. Rani said that she had gone to the market now.
- c. Rani said that she will go to the market.
- d. Rani said that she was going to the market then.

iii. David said to Anna, "Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow." (Change from direct into indirect speech)

- a. David told Anna that Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow.
- b. David told Anna that Mona left for her native place the next day.
- c. David told Anna that Mona would be leaving for her native place tomorrow.
- d. David told Anna that Mona would leave for her native place the next day.

iv. They are watching a movie. (Change from active into passive voice)

- a. A movie is being watched by them.
- b. A movie was watched by them.
- c. A movie is watched by them.
- d. A movie has been watched by them.

v. "We will visit the museum tomorrow," they said. (Change from active into passive voice)

- a. They said that they will visit the museum the next day.
- b. They said that they would visit the museum tomorrow.
- c. They said they had visited the museum the next day.
- d. They said that they would visit the museum the next day.

vi. They played football in the evening. (Change from active into passive voice)

- a. Football was played by them in the evening.
- b. Football is played by them in the evening.
- c. Football had been played by them.
- d. Football will be played by them.

vii. They are cleaning the classroom. (Change from active into passive voice)

- a. The classroom is cleaned by them.
- b. The classroom has been cleaned by them.
- c. The classroom is being cleaned by them.
- d. The classroom was cleaned by them.

viii. The Pacific Ocean is larger than any other ocean. ((Change to the positive degree of comparison)

- a. The Pacific ocean is as large as other ocean.
- b. No other ocean is as large as the Pacific ocean.
- c. Some oceans are larger than the Pacific ocean.
- d. The Pacific ocean is the largest ocean.

ix. No other metal is as precious as platinum. (Change to the superlative degree of comparison of the adjective)

- a. Platinum is the most precious metal.
- b. Platinum is precious among metals.
- c. Platinum is more precious than some metals.
- d. Platinum is the precious metals.

x. No other planet in our solar system is as big as Jupiter. (Change to the comparative degree of comparison of the adjective)

- a. Jupiter is big among planets.
- b. Jupiter is the biggest planet in our solar system.
- c. Jupiter is bigger than some other planets.
- d. Jupiter is bigger than any other planet in our solar system.