

Instructions: Read the question paper carefully. Write neatly and legibly with correct question numbers.

I. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions. 5

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but he needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said 'yes', but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter— "This is your house, my gift to you. "What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

1. Answer the following questions briefly.

- a) What did the carpenter tell his employer?
- b) What favour did his employer ask from the carpenter?
- c) What surprise did the employer have for the carpenter?
- d) Why was the surprise a 'shame' for the carpenter?
- e) Which word in the first paragraph means the same as 'art of skill of a workman'?

II.

1. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India' complaining about the nuisance created by the use of loudspeakers. [5]

OR

2. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of your city drawing his/her attention to the menace of hawkers outside your school.

III.

[10]

1. You are the President of Children's Club in your locality. You and your team are planning to organise a programme to celebrate Teacher's Day.

a. Write a notice to be put up in the local supermarket, giving details of the programme to create an awareness of the event.

b. Write an email to the General Manager of the supermarket seeking permission to display the notice and requesting a sponsorship for the event.

OR

2.a) Your school is hosting an Interschool Quiz competition. Write a notice to be displayed in your school giving all details for the event.

b) Write an email to the principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send a team of three members to participate in the Quiz Competition.

IV. Do as directed.

[20]

1. **Underline the adverb clauses in the following sentences and state its kind.**

a) Take the medicine in case you feel sick.

b) You may sit wherever you want.

2. **Complete the following sentences with the right degree of comparison.**

a) The sun shines _____ than the moon.

b) She reached _____ than expected.

3. **Write the part of speech of the underlined words.**

a) This rod is made of iron.

b) Admission will be closed at 2 o'clock.

c) I love travelling.

d) The lamp is to be placed on that round table.

4. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech.

a) He said to me, "What is your name?"

b) She said, "May you live long!"

5. Choose the correct modal auxiliaries given in the bracket to complete the sentences.

a) You _____ (must/needn't/can) go now.

b) You _____ (should/would/ought to) be punctual.

6. Change the following Complex sentences into Simple sentences.

a) That he is an honest man, is accepted by all.

b) Happy is the man who speaks the truth.

7. Fill in the blanks with the Future Perfect Continuous tense.

a) I _____ (take) my meals by now.

b) The babies _____ (cry) since morning.

8. Frame questions for the following answers using past continuous tense.

a) We were going to the zoo.

b) The girls were singing a song.

9. Fill in the blanks with simple present form of verbs given in the brackets.

a) I _____ (exercise) every morning.

b) My sister _____ (work) very hard.

10. Underline the adverb and state its kind.

a) I saw him yesterday.

b) She was too shy to tell me anything.