

Final Examination - 2017-2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 2 hrs.

F. M. : 80

Std. : VIII

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

(20)

- a. You were riding through a busy road in a bus in the evening. Describe what you saw during the ride and whether or not you enjoyed while you were in the bus.
- b. Narrate an incident which motivated you to move ahead in life when you had given up all hope and was leading a dull and dejected life.
- c. "School children should not have long holidays." Give your views either for or against the statement.
- d. Write a short story of your invention by continuing the following :
"I jumped out from the bed at midnight....."
- e. Study the picture below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you.



Question 2

(10)

- a. Write a letter to a friend who is discouraged by his/her failure in the examination, encouraging him/her not to lose heart and to try again with renewed vigour.

OR

- b. You have been watching television and feel that the TV serials are quite dull. Write a letter to the Director Programmes, Doordarshan stating the kind of programmes you like to watch and suggesting ways and means to make them both instructive and entertaining.

Question 3

(5+5=10)

- a. You are the Head Girl / Head Boy of your school. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting students from class VIII to X for a visit to an Old Age Home on the occasion of World Health Day.
- b. Write an e-mail to the director of the Old Age Home informing him about the visit of the students from your school to the Old Age home.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Ivan, a middle-class man, lived with his family on a meagre income and was satisfied with his lot. One day while he was reading the newspaper, his wife-asked him to see whether the list of lucky numbers in the lottery was there.

"Yes, it is," said Ivan; "but what is your lottery number?"

"Series 9,499, number 26."

Ivan had no faith in lottery luck, but now, as he had nothing else to do, he passed his finger downwards along the column of numbers. And immediately his eye was caught by the figure 9,499! "Masha, your number is there!" He said to his wife. His wife looked at his astonished face and realised that he was not joking.

The husband and wife began laughing and staring at one another in silence. The possibility of winning bewildered them. Ivan began dreaming a little. "And if we have won," he said - "it will be a new life, it will be a transformation! The ticket is yours, but if it were mine I should, first of all, of course, spend twenty-five thousand on property in the shape of an estate; ten thousand on immediate expenses, new furnishing ... travelling ... paying debts, and so on The other forty thousand I would put in the bank and get interest on it."

"Yes, it would be nice to buy an estate," said his wife, also dreaming; and from her face it was evident that she was enchanted by her thoughts. "I should certainly go abroad too," said his wife. He walked about the room and went on thinking. It occurred to him: what if his wife really did go abroad? It is pleasant to travel alone, Ivan imagined his wife in the train - she would be sighing over something, complaining that the train made her head ache, that she had spent so much money At the stations she, would continually be having him run for boiling, water, bread and butter..... She wouldn't have dinner because of its being too dear.

"The lottery ticket is hers, not mine!" Exclaimed Ivan. "I should be dependent upon her. I an fancy how, like a regular woman, she will lock the money up as soon as she gets it.... She will look after her relations and grudge me every farthing." and his wife's face, too, struck him as repulsive and hateful, Anger surged up in his heart against her. She had her own daydreams. She knew he would be the first to try to grab her winnings.

Her husband understood her look; and in order to verify the winning number he read the newspaper again and said "The winning number is 'Series 9,499, number 46'! Not 26!" Hatred and hope both disappeared at once.

- (a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One-word answers or short phrases will be accepted. (3)
 - (i) astonished
 - (ii) bewildered
 - (iii) enchanted

- (b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words :
- (i) What was Ivan's attitude towards lottery? Why did he decide to check the lottery number in the newspaper? (2)
 - (ii) What was Ivan's scheme of spending the money from the lottery? (2)
 - (iii) How did his wife plan to spend the money? (2)
 - (iv) What troubles did Ivan imagine if he would accompany his wife on a journey by train? (2)
 - (v) Why did hate and anger surge in Ivan's heart for his wife? (1)
- (c) In not more than 50 words explain Ivan's feeling at the thought of winning the lottery. (8)

Question 5

- (a) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and1..... (admit) to the hospital, where she had a near death experience.2..... (See) God she asked, "Is my time up?" God answered, "No, you have another 40 years,3 (live)." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. She even had someone to change her hair colour. After her stay in the hospital she4..... (go) home. While crossing the street on her way home, she5..... (hit) by a car and died immediately.6..... (arrive) in front of God, she said, "I7..... (think) you said I had another 40 years; why didn't you pull me out from the path of the car?"

God replied, "I didn't8..... (recognise) you."

- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words : (4)

1. They are bent _____ creating problems for me.
2. I refrained _____ giving my opinion.
3. He did not comply _____ the wishes of his father.
4. His kidnapper is still _____ large.
5. The two families are living _____ the same roof.
6. It has been a long time _____ I heard from him.
7. There is no exception _____ this rule.
8. The police rounded _____ antisocial elements last night.

- (c) Join each pair of the following sentences into a single sentence without using and, but or so. (4)

1. He has won the first prize. I am pleased to announce it.
2. Pull the chain. The train will stop.
3. Arjun is still very weak. He must not play cricket yet. (4)
4. Meeta is very clever. No problem is beyond her. _____

(d) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instruction given after each. (8)

1. He runs as fast as a tiger. (Use 'faster')
2. As soon as the Chief Guest had seated himself, the play began. (Begin : No sooner....)
3. The climb was steep but they continued upward. (Begin : In spite.....)
4. "You have taken the right decision," I said to her. (Begin : I told.....)
5. If you do not hurry, you will be late. (Begin : Unless.....)
6. The culprits have been taken into custody. (Begin : The police.....)
7. Everyone wants to become rich. (Begin : Who.....)
8. You left the gas on, didn't you? (End : did you?)