

ENGLISH LANGUAGE [Paper 1]

QUESTION 1

Write a composition (100-150 words) on any one of the following: [5]

- (i) Give a brief account of a memorable journey in your life. Give details about how you travelled, a funny incident or adventure and why the trip was so memorable to you.
- (ii) Write a story beginning with, "We were just about to get on to the plane when..."
- (iii) Study the picture and write a story or an account of what the picture suggests you.

Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it, however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2**Comprehension**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Zach was diligently working on cultivating crops for himself and his neighbours. The crops were floating, and as he walked by each plant, he used his laser to provide them with the necessary care. That part was simple. However, the challenging aspect was the extensive amount of walking it required.

Suddenly, there was a knock on Zach's door. It was his neighbour, Mia, holding a selection of cleaning products. "Hey, Zach! I just finished making some cleaning products. Do you need any?" she inquired.

"Hi, Mia. I certainly do. Can I trade you four breakfast plants for a bottle of cleaning spray?" Zach asked.

Mia responded, "I have enough breakfast plants for this week. How about four lunch plants instead?"

Zach contemplated, "They need a little more time to grow before I can offer them to you. Would that be alright?"

Mia replied, "I think that's okay. The distance isn't too far for you, is it?"

Zach assured her, "I will bring them over as soon as they are ready. I promise." Mia trusted Zach's words, so she left the cleaning spray with him and returned home.

Later, when Zach arrived with the plants, he engaged in conversation with Mia. "I wish there was a simpler way to obtain and exchange our items. Trading isn't always easy. Sometimes, I don't have enough plants available for trading, or it becomes challenging to agree on the quantity of plants needed for a particular item."

Mia nodded in agreement. Both of them returned home, pondering and yearning for a solution that could ease their lives.

(a) Write the meanings for the given words as used in the passage: [1]

- (i) diligently
- (ii) assured

(a) Which words in the passage mean the opposite of the following words: [1]

- (i) sinking
- (ii) complex

(b) Identify the following parts of speech in the sentence given below.

Zach was diligently working on cultivating crops for himself. [1]

- (i) adverb
- (ii) verb

(c) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- (i) How did Zach take care of his floating crops? [1]
- (ii) Who is Mia? What did she bring to Zach's house? [2]
- (iii) How did Zach help people around him? [1]
- (iv) Why did Zach say the lunch plants needed more time to grow before he could offer them to Mia? [1]
- (v) Why does Zach find trading challenging sometimes? [1]
- (vi) How would you help Zach if you were his friend? [1]

Question 3

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

(a) "Oh, you're staying with Mrs Saltpen-Jago for the weekend, are you?"

- (i) Why did Philip plan to stay with Mrs Saltpen for the weekend? [2]
- (ii) How did the speaker know that Philip was going to meet Mrs Saltpen? [1]
- (iii) Where is Bertie going? Why? [2]

(b) "I have no intention of lending you three pounds, or three shillings," said Sletherby severely.

- (i) Why did Bertie have to borrow money from Philip in spite of being rich? [1]
- (ii) State two reasons why Philip did not intend to help Bertie. [2]
- (iii) What lesson can be learned from Philip's experience at the end of the story? [1]
- (iv) What is the significance of the title 'A shot in the dark'? [1]

Question 4

(a) 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]

On my first day at work I was a bit nervous. I (0) got (get) up early, (1) _____ (have) a shower, and (2) _____ (drink) some coffee. I was too nervous to eat. I (3) _____ (think) I looked very smart. I (4) _____ (wear) a suit and my best shoes. (5) I _____ (walk) to the bus stop and waited for the bus. While I was waiting, I noticed that people (6) _____ (look) at me in a strange way. I tried (7) _____ (ignore) them, and when my bus arrived, I got on and (8) _____ (find) a seat.

(b) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word. [3]

- (i) He lives _____ a village in Karnataka.
- (ii) The little dog blinked _____ the lights.
- (iv) It is the story _____ a young girl.
- (v) The journey _____ the valley of flowers begins about 16 kms _____ Joshi mutt.
- (vi) The old lady is sitting _____ the tree.

(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence using appropriate conjunctions: [3]

- (i) Make sure you work hard. You will not be able to score well.
- (ii) I have to go home, I really wish I could stay for some more time.
- (iii) I couldn't find the place. I lost the map.
- (iv) I will be leaving tomorrow. I tried to finish all my pending assignments today.
- (v) I have a smartphone. I have a tablet.
- (vi) She worked very hard. She wanted to improve her skills.

(d) Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

- (i) The children passed the books around the classroom. [1]
(Underline the verbs and write whether they are used transitively or intransitively.)
 - (ii) We _____ to have locked the gate. Then the dogs wouldn't have gone out. (Fill in the blank space with a suitable modal.) [1]
 - (iii) _____! the magic show at the end was a total surprise. [1]
(Fill in the blank space with an appropriate interjection.)
 - (iv) He did not understand the question. (Begin: The question...) [1]
 - (v) A car has been bought by him. (End: car) [1]
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