

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all five questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1

(DO NOT spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

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

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- i) You wish to form a "Young Artists Club" in your school. Write your plans and proposals for this to give your Principal a clear idea of how you intend to run this club. You should cover such points as: its name, aims, membership, likely activities, finance, advantages and chances of success.
- ii) Too many pedestrians die on the roads because of accidents these days. How can we solve this problem?
- iii) Your mother has asked for your opinion as to where and how the forthcoming summer vacation should be spent. Write down the kind of holiday you would choose and your arguments in favour of your choice of the place and the mode of spending the vacation.
- iv) Write an original story which clearly illustrates the love of a father for his family.
- v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a 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; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

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

Select any one of the following:

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- a) While you were walking on the road, you were attacked and robbed. Write a complaint to your local Superintendent of Police, giving an accurate account of the incident. You may include details which you think are important such as: date, time, and place of attack, description of assailants, property taken by them.

b) Your younger brother, who has recently joined a hostel, writes to inform you that he feels completely at a loss in the hostel. Write a letter advising him how he should study, play and make the best use of time in the hostel.

Question 3

(a) Your school is hosting an Inter School Elocution Competition. Write a notice to be displayed in your school giving all details for the event. [5]

(b) Write an e-mail to the Principal of neighbouring school requesting them to send teams of two participants each to participate in the Elocution Competition. [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My next pet was a pigeon. He was the most revolting bird to look at with his feathers pushing through the scarlet wrinkled skin mixed with the horrible down that covers baby pigeons. We called him Ari. For a long time when all his feathers had grown Ari retained a sprig of yellow down on his head which gave him the appearance of a pompous judge wearing a wig several sizes too small.

As he had no parents to teach him, Ari became convinced that he was not a bird at all and refused to fly. If he wanted to get on a table or a chair, he stood below it, cooing until someone picked him up. He would even try to come on walks with us. This, however, we had to stop for either you carried him on your shoulder or else you let him walk behind. If you let him walk, then you had to slow down your own pace to suit his, for should you get too far ahead you would find him running after you, cooing frantically, his chest pouted out with indignation.

Ari refused to inhabit the pigeon loft. He preferred to sleep on the end of Jane's bed. Eventually, he was however, banished to the drawing room sofa, for if Jane turned over in bed at night, he would hobble up and perch on her face, cooing lovingly.

Ari, we discovered, liked music too. He could recognize two different varieties. If the tune was a waltz he would move around the gramophone bowing and cooing. For a military march however, he inflated his chest and stomped up and down the room.

a) For each words given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the option provided: [3]

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| 1. scarlet (line 2) | | | |
| i. scarce | ii. scay | iii. bright red | iv. small scar |
| 2. down (line 2) | | | |
| i. feathers | ii. skin | iii. dull colour | iv. beneath |
| 3. convinced (line 5) | | | |
| i. convicted | ii. confused | iii. Doubtful | iv. sure |

b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

- i.) Why was Ari convinced that he was not a bird at all? [2]
- ii) What happened if you walked fast with Ari? [2]
- iii) What expression in the passage does the writer use in describing Ari that compares him with a human being? [2]
- iv) Write the words which are used to express Ari's anger if he was left too far behind while going for a walk with the family. [1]
- v) Describe Ari's love for music [2]

c) In not more than 50 words of your own describe how Ari's behaviour was more like human than bird.

[8]

Question 5

i) 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]

Example: (0) Rising

.... O.... (rise) from the sea like a goddess, the island nation of Cyprus sweeps you off your feet with ancient monuments. Cyprus has the distinction of.... 1.... (be) the birthplace of Aphrodite-Goddess of Love and Beauty. With such a legendary background it is hardly.... 2.... (surprise) that Cyprus 3.... (develop) into a.... 4.... (tour) destination. It is.... 5.... (bless) with natural beauty that ranges from golden beaches to 6.... (roll) hills. To walk through its old streets is.... 7.... (step) backwards in time. Old houses with ornate balconies peep from weather-beaten walls, and craftsmen in small workshops practise trades not.... 8.... (change) for centuries.

[4]

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

- You should not deviate ~~from~~ your objective.
- There is no exception ~~in~~ this rule.
- He showed great courage in the face ~~of~~ danger.
- His system of working is different ~~from~~ yours.
- Our path was beset ~~with~~ difficulties.
- The wife stood ~~by~~ him throughout the case.
- Our team is confident ~~of~~ winning the match.
- The officer was rewarded ~~for~~ his hard work.

iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or. so. Choose the correct option. [4]

1. He has won the first prize. I am pleased to announce it.

- I am pleased to announce his winning the first prize.
- I am pleased to announce that he has won the first prize.
- I am pleased to announce that he had win the first prize.
- He has won the first prize I am pleased to announce it.

2. They may not complete the work tomorrow. In that case, we will not pay them.

- They may not complete the work for we will not pay them.
- We will pay them only if they do not complete the work tomorrow.
- We will not pay them if they do not complete the work tomorrow.
- We will not pay them if they complete the work tomorrow.

3. You will have to complete the work by this evening. I will pay you the full amount.

- I will pay you the full amount unless you will have to complete the work by this evening.
- I will not pay you the full amount provided that you don't complete the work by the evening.
- If you complete the work by the evening, I will pay you the full amount.
- I will pay you the full amount provided that you complete the work by this evening.

4. He was walking in the field. He came across a rare stone.

- He came across a rare stone walking in the field.
- When he walked in the field, he came across a rare stone.
- While walking in the field, he came across a rare stone.
- He was walking in a field to come across a rare stone.

iv) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options. [8]

1. The Manager claimed that he had said nothing about the wages. (Begin: The Manager denied ...)

- a) The Manager denied that he said nothing about the wages.
- b) The Manager denied saying about the wages.
- c) The Manager denied having said anything about the wages.
- d) The Manager denied having said nothing about the wages.

2. She said to us, "Let us go through the book." (Begin: She suggested ...)

- a) She suggested if we could go through the book.
- b) She suggested we could go through the book.
- c) She suggested let us go through the book.
- d) She suggested to us to go through the book.

3. I think you should come back tomorrow. (Begin: You had ...)

- a) You had to come tomorrow.
- b) You had come tomorrow.
- c) You had come back tomorrow.
- d) You had better come back tomorrow.

4. It is a four hour drive from Delhi to Agra. (Begin: It takes ...)

- a) It takes a four hour drive from Delhi to Agra.
- b) It takes only four hours' drive from Delhi to Agra.
- c) It takes four hours to drive from Delhi to Agra.
- d) It takes a four hours to drive from Delhi to Agra.

5. Work hard and you will succeed. (Begin: Unless ...)

- a) Unless you work hard you may not succeed.
- b) Unless you will not work hard you will not succeed.
- c) Unless you don't work hard you will not succeed.
- d) Unless you work hard you will not succeed.

6. It was not his intention to harm you. (Use: intend)

- a) He did not intended to harm you.
- b) He did not intend to harm you.
- c) He did not intend to harmed you.
- d) He did not intended in harming you.

7. Let us go abroad for our holiday this year. (Begin: Why ...)

- a) Why we not go abroad for our holiday this year?
- b) Why do we not go abroad for our holiday this year?
- c) Why not go abroad to our holiday this year?
- d) Why not go abroad for our holiday this year?

8. My brother always blames me and I always blame my brother. (Begin: My brother and I always blame...)

- a) My brother and I always blame one another.
- b) My brother and I always blame them.
- c) My brother and I always blame ourselves.
- d) My brother and I always blame others.