

1. (Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.) [20]
Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following:
- While you were travelling by train, dreaded criminals who were in the same compartment as you, were caught by the police. Give a description of the incident and what followed.
 - Should social media platforms be held accountable for the spread of fake news? Give your views for or against the statement.
 - Home cooked food can never be replaced by the microwave or fast food. Express your views either for or against this statement.
 - Write a short story which begins with: An unknown visitor knocked at my door.....
 - Study the given picture below. Write a story, 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:



2. (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question) [10]
Select any one of the following:
- Write a letter to your local member of parliament, pointing out that there is no park or ground to play or for adults to relax. Request for a park to be built from his Constituency Development Fund.
 - Write a letter to a friend wishing her/him for her/his birthday and explaining why you cannot attend the birthday party. (P.T.O.)

3. i) There is a Free Health Check Up being conducted in the neighbourhood of the school. Write a notice to inform the students about it and encourage them to go with their families to avail this benefit. [5]
- ii) Write an e-mail to the Manager of the local departmental store asking him/her if a notice regarding the Health Camp could be put up in the store. [5]
4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Eight years ago in the spring of 2000 Amy and I said "I do" under an **arbour** on a hill at her farm in Tennessee.

I was pretty miserable before that. My first wife died and so did my father. I turned to food for comfort. Though I was as thin as a rail, as a kid, it all began changing in my late 30's. I tried the Atkins diet and the weight would come off but it all came back again.

I never did have a lot of discipline which is how Amy and I were different. She pushed me to get a trainer in Nashville, where we live. He made me quit drinking nine soft drinks a day. For breakfast I eat oatmeal and egg-whites and train thrice a week. I feel great, now. I lost 13 Kgs but I wanted to lose more. Amy helped me. She plans ahead - another one of her strengths.

I fell in love with her the first time we talked. It was in 1993. I had invited her to be a guest on my Christmas T.V. special. With her enormous popularity as an **inspirational** singer, I knew she'd be great on the show. I felt comfortable with her but we were both married.

In 1994 we recorded a pop duet together - "House of Love" and soon became better friends. She and I shared so much music; golf and football. In 1997 my wife died and in 1999 Amy lost her husband. It was tough for both of us, people passing judgement on our friendship. Amy and I didn't plan what happened. But we belonged together.

We work together a lot these days, doing shows or co-writing songs. But our private life is our priority. Our daughter Corrina, is seven and the centre of our world. She's the bridge between our families-Amy's two daughters Sarah and Millie and her son Matt and my grown up daughter Genny. Corrina is a happy, confident child. She's like Amy, she doesn't have an unkind bone in her body. Amy always looks at the positive side

of things. She got me going to church again. She showed me by example how to live my faith. After our concerts, she'll often spend three hours doing 'meet' and 'greet' with fans. Often people will come on live and say to me "Nice show". Then they'll tell Amy, "You can't imagine how you've changed my life." They tell her their story - Amy listens patiently.

She never stops giving. The Nashville symphony went bankrupt in the 80's, she performed with them; their debt was paid off- \$1 million. She raised another million for the group's new home. This work of hers inspired me to do charity work. In 2006 I helped build a new playground at a school. There is no overestimating the power of a second chance, which I got by marrying Amy. I got over my bad temper, I got my self respect back and now have total peace.

i) For each word guided below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

1) arbour

a) field b) a flower bed

c) lawn d) shady place in a garden for people to sit

2) Inspirational

a) strengthening

b) stimulating the mind

c) relaxing

d) reviving a past feeling

ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word unimportant.

a) overestimating b) priority c) bridge d) private

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

a) Why was the author suffering before he met Amy? [2]

b) What made him charitable? What did he do? [2]

c) When and how did they first meet and get fond of each other? [2]

d) How do they pass their time together? [2]

e) How did he lose weight? [1]

iii) In not more than 50 words of your own, show how Amy changed the author's life. [8]

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]

(P.T.O.)

Example : told

My guide (0) _____ (tell) me if I wanted to meet these people I would have to walk two miles.

We finally (1) _____ (reach) a village where I (2) _____ (meet) a lady whose age I (3) _____ (can) not immediately make out.

My translator (4) _____ (find) it difficult to interpret the lady's words because her dialect was quite different. She (5) _____ (is) a dark-skinned and dark-haired lady. She must have been around seventy-years-old but there was no grey in her hair. She obviously could not afford to dye her hair. So what was her secret? Nobody (6) _____ (know). It must have been a 'secret' common to all for not one person in that whole village (7) _____ (has) a trace of grey hair! I (8) _____ (think) about it for long time.

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

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- a) Rising early is beneficial _____ health.
- b) She is not blind _____ her own faults.
- c) The seat in front of me was occupied _____ a tall lady.
- d) The letter came _____ London.
- e) The talks between the management and the workers have broken _____
- f) I put _____ some money every month.
- g) The CBI is inquiring _____ the case.
- h) It has been a long time _____ I saw you.

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

- 1) These are my students. I teach them History.
 - a) I teach History to these my students.
 - b) These are my students who I teach History.
 - c) These are my students taught History by me.
 - d) These are my students to whom I teach History.
- 2) He found a wallet. He found money in it.
 - a) He found a wallet which had money in It.
 - b) He found a wallet in it he found money.
 - c) He found money in wallet.
 - d) He found wallet with money.

- 3) They could hardly see each other. It was very dark.
- They could not see each other because it was very dark.
 - They could hardly see each other because it was very dark.
 - They hardly see each other because it was very dark.
 - They hardly see each other being very dark.
- 4) Time is so precious. It cannot be wasted.
- Time is so precious to be wasted.
 - Time is too precious to be wasted.
 - Time is precious, do not waste.
 - Time is precious, must not be wasted.
- iv) Re-write 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]
- As soon as the function got over, the crowd dispersed. (Begin: Hardly had.....)
 - Hardly had the function get over when the crowd dispersed.
 - Hardly had the function got over when the crowd disperse.
 - Hardly had the function got over when the crowd disperses.
 - Hardly had the function got over when the crowd dispersed. - "I'll do it tomorrow," he promised. (Rewrite in indirect speech)
 - He promised to do it tomorrow.
 - He promised that he will do it the next day.
 - He promised that he would do that the next day.
 - He promised that he would do it the next day. - As soon as her song was over, I knew that she had won the competition. (Begin: No sooner.....)
 - No sooner is her song over then I knew that she had won the competition.
 - No sooner was her song over than I knew that she had won the competition.
 - No sooner was her song got over then I know that she has one the competition.
 - No sooner was her song is over then I know that she had won the competition.

4. I have never worn a more ill-fitting suit. (End : _____ ever worn.)
- a) That is the most ill-fitting suit I have ever worn.
 - b) This is the most ill-fitting suit I have ever worn.
 - c) This was the most ill-fitting suit I have ever worn.
 - d) This is the most ill-fitting suit I had ever worn.
5. They were asked to combine all their ideas into one document. (Re-write using : 'combination')
- a) The combination of all their ideas is asked to put into one document.
 - b) The combination of their ideas is to be converted into one document.
 - c) The combination of their ideas is wanted to be in one document.
 - d) The combination of all their ideas was asked to put into one document.
6. If she feels worse during the night give her these tablets. (Begin: Should.....)
- a) Should she feels worse during the night, give her these tablets.
 - b) Should she feel worse during the night, give her those tablets.
 - c) Should she feel worse during the night, give her these tablets.
 - d) Should she be feeling worse during the night, give her these tablets.
7. Many people have died in the village due to floods. (Begin: The floods claimed.....)
- a) The floods claimed many lives of village.
 - b) The floods claimed the lives of many people in the village.
 - c) The floods claimed the death of many people in the village.
 - d) The floods claimed lives of many villages.
8. Not only did he give him money, but also helped him complete his work. (Use: Besides)
- a) Besides money he was helped to complete the work.
 - b) Besides help with money, he completed the work.
 - c) Besides giving him money, he helped him complete his work.
 - d) Besides giving money, he can be helped in his work.
