

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class: X

Time: 2 hrs

Max Marks: 80

General Instruction:

1. Read all the questions carefully
2. Attempt all compulsory questions.
3. Marks are allotted in front of each question.

Question. 1

Write a composition on any one of the following in about 350-400 words. [25]

- a) Write an original short story which starts with: “The first day at office started well at first but who would have thought.....”
- b) Narrate an incident from your own experience when you visited an orphanage. Explain what you did and what you learned from that experience.
- c) “The use of Mobile Phones must be permitted in school premises”. Express your opinion either for or against the statement.
- d) Recall an event of social magnitude in your locality. Write little on its background, the event as how it occur, and its impact on the people.
- e) Study the picture given below. Write a story, description or an account of what the pictures suggests you. Your composition may be about the theme of the picture or you may take suggestions from it, however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



- Format – Content – expression
- Points to be remember:
1. Start with introduction of the topic.
 - 2- Describe the topic with supporting points.
 - 3- End with a conclusion.

Question. 2

[10]

(a) Your class wants to visit an amusement park after the end of the exams. Write a letter to your principal seeking permission for the trip and state valid reasons why you want that trip.

- Format – Content -expression of Letter
 1. Reference to the question
 2. Give introduction and give reasons why you choose amusement park.
 3. Give details of students interested, cost and date of visit.
 4. Should be written in a formal style.

(b) There's a lot of traffic problems outside your school. It's chaotic and dangerous for the kids. Write a letter to the deputy police commissioner of traffic pointing out the danger and chaos due to traffic and also give suggestions to solve the problem.

- Format – content – expression of the Letter.
 1. Give introduction Mention the location of your school
 2. Traffic problems faced, give examples or incidents
 3. Measures that should be adopted
 4. Should be written in a Formal Style.

Question. 3

[25]

Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Granny knew I'd been in the train for two nights, and she had a huge breakfast ready for me. Later she told me there'd been a letter from Uncle Ken. 'He says he's the manager in Fitpo's hotel in Simla,' she said. 'The salary is very good. It's a steady job and I hope he keeps it.' Three days later Uncle Ken was on the veranda steps with his bedding roll and battered suitcase. 'Have you given up the hotel job?' asked Granny. 'No,' said Uncle Ken. 'They have closed down.' 'I hope it wasn't because of you.' 'No, Aunt Ellen_ The bigger hotels in the hill stations are closing down.' 'Well, never mind. Come along and have your lunch.' Over lunch; Uncle Ken talked very seriously about ways and means of earning a living. 'There is only one taxi in the whole of Debra,' he mused. 'Surely there is business for another?' 'I'm sure there is,' said Granny. 'But where does it get you? In the first place, you don't have a taxi. And in the second place, you can't drive.' 'I can soon learn. There's a driving school in town. And I can use Uncle's old car.' 'I don't think it will run now,' said Granny. 'Of course, it will. It just needs some oiling and greasing and a spot of paint.' 'All right, learn to drive.' So, Uncle Ken joined the driving school.

After a month Uncle Ken announced that he could drive and that he was taking the car out for a trial run. 'You haven't got your license yet,' said Granny. 'Oh, I won't take it far,'

said Uncle Ken. 'Just down the road and back again.' He spent all morning cleaning up the car. Granny gave him money for a can of petrol. After tea, Uncle Ken said, 'Come along, Ruskin, hop in and I will give you a ride. Bring Mohan along too.' Mohan and I needed no urging. We got into the car beside Uncle Ken. 'Now don't go too fast, Ken,' said Granny anxiously. 'You are not used to the car as yet.' Uncle Ken nodded and smiled and gave two sharp toots on the horn. He was feeling pleased with himself. Driving through the gate, he nearly ran over a cat. Miss Kellner, coming out for her evening rickshaw ride, saw Uncle Ken at the wheel of the car and ran indoors again. Uncle Ken drove straight and fast, tootling the horn without a break. At the end of the road there was a roundabout. 'We'll turn here,' said Uncle Ken, 'and then drive back again.' He turned the steering wheel, we began going round the roundabout, but the steering wheel wouldn't turn all the way, not as much as Uncle Ken would have liked it to... So, instead he went on - and straight through the Maharaja of Jetpur's garden wall. It was a single-brick wall, and the car knocked it down and emerged on the other side without any damage to the car or any of its occupants. Uncle Ken brought it to a halt in the middle of the Maharaja's lawn. Running across the grass came the Maharaja himself. When he saw that it was Uncle Ken at the wheel, the Maharaja beamed with pleasure. 'Delighted to see you, old chap!' he exclaimed. 'Jolly decent of you to drop in again. How about a game of tennis?'

(a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage: [3]

(i) mused

(ii) decent

(iii) anxiously

- (i) to become lost in thought, wonder, consideration
- (ii) appropriate, fairness, moral upright, integrity
- (iii) painful uncertainty

(b) Answer the following questions briefly: [12]

(i) Why did Granny thought that Uncle Ken would continue his job at the Firpo's hotel?

(ii) Granny thought that the hotel did not closed because of uncle ken when he arrived with his luggage? What does this tell you about Uncle Ken?

(iii) Why did Uncle Ken considered Taxi driving in Dehra has a money-making move?

(iv) Which sentence from the above paragraph suggests that narrator and his friends waited to have a drive in the car?

(v) Why did Miss Kellner run inside when she saw uncle ken by the wheel of the car?

(vi) What was uncle Ken's purpose at the roundabout?

- (i) Granny hoped that uncle ken would stay at his new job, because the salary was good and that he had changed relatively a few jobs in the past.
- (ii) It tells us that he had a record of creating inconvenience for his employers.
- (iii) Because there was just one taxi in the town and so there would be opportunity for business for another.
- (iv) “Come along” Ruskin, hop in and I will give you a ride. Bring Mohan along too.” They needed no advice.
- (v) Mrs. Kennler ran inside when she saw uncle ken by the wheel of the car because she knew uncle ken’s driving skills.
- (vi) Uncle Ken wanted to turn back and head towards home.

(c) (i) In 60 words describe what happening after the car went all the way through the wall. [8]

(ii) Give a suitable title to the paragraph also mention the reason for choosing the title. [2]

- (i) – Should be too the point
--Shouldn’t cross word limit
- (ii) Suitable title with suitable reason.

Question. 4

(a) Fill in the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets, do not rewrite the whole paragraph just answer the blanks. [4]

Example: (0) am convinced.

I (0) _____ (convince) that my mother (1) _____ (remember) by all those who has morals and ethics. She (2) _____ (be) a teacher of learning and also saw that she (3) _____ (teach) her students with passion and patience. She, sometimes (4) _____ (use) to lose her temper, but that’s because she always (5) _____ (want) her student to learn and achieve. As an individual, she was honest and simple. Her greatness (6) _____ (lie) in the fact that she (7) _____ (have) a pure heart. Such a woman is always valued and (8) _____ (be) respected.

- 1. Is remembered
- 2. was
- 3. taught
- 4. used
- 5. wanted
- 6. lies
- 7. has
- 8. Is

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

[4]

1. Truth always remains strong _____ the long sprint.
2. Sunita stood _____ the lake and saw the boat pass by.
3. He took some money _____ his grandfather to buy a new motorcycle.
4. Shalini gave me a unique present _____ my birthday.
5. Disha was very angry _____ me.
6. Meeta has desire _____ meet the prime minister.
7. It has been a long time _____ I met my brother.
8. The worker asked _____ his salary.

- 1. in
- 2. by
- 3. from
- 4. for
- 5. from
- 6. to
- 7. since
- 8. for

(c) Join the following sentences without using and, but or so to make one complete sentence:

[4]

1. Johnna gave me the article. Johnna asked me to evaluate it.
2. Deb received my note. He sent his reply within an hour.
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(d) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given

[8]

1. Anna paid a heavy cost for her carelessness.

(Begin: It.....)

2. No sooner had Rama narrated the story than he was appreciated.

(Begin: Hardly.....)

3. Tanuj is a friendly boy and is always positive.

(Begin: Besides.....)

4. They had to put off the terrace party because of the heavy rain.

(Begin: The heavy.....)

5. Maggie said to me, “Please do not forget to meet me tonight”.

(Begin: I was.....)

6. In spite of my warning, She ignored me.

(Begin: Though.....)

7. The business talk was unsuccessful because neither side was ready to negotiate.

(Begin: Since.....)

8. They were very terrified and so they could not speak.

(Begin: Being.....)

- 1. It made Anna paid a heavy price for her carelessness
- 2. Hardly Rama narrated his story when he was appreciated.
- 3. Besides being a friendly boy Tanuj is also always positive
- 4. The heavy rain caused them to put off the party.
- 5. I was told by Maggie to meet her tonight.
- 6. Though I warned her she still ignored me.
- 7. Since neither of the side was ready to negotiate therefore the business talk was unsuccessful.
- 8. Being terrified they were not able to speak.