

*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:

[20]

- (i) Your class won the first prize in a clean-up project of a particular public place in your town. Describe your experience in detail.
- (ii) *Westernization of culture is not needed for economic development.* State your views **for** or **against** this statement.
- (iii) Imagine a situation where your mother has been unwell and you had to help her. Explain what you did to help. What did you learn from the experience?
- (iv) Write an original short story which illustrates the truth of the statement, '*Rumour is a great traveller.*'
- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it 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:

[10]

- (i) A friend of yours is in dire financial need and is looking for a job. Write a letter to your industrialist uncle recommending your friend for a job in his factory.
- (ii) Write a letter to the local police station about the construction of unauthorized pavement shops outside your school which obstructs movement and causes overcrowding. Explain the difficulties and request that the pavement be cleared.

## Question 3

- (i) Your school is organizing a Book Exhibition for three days. As the President of the Book Club of your school, prepare a notice to be put up on your school notice board. [5]
- (ii) Write an email to a well-known author inviting him/her to inaugurate the Book Exhibition. [5]

## Question 4

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

But it was the hardest of all to be parted from the girl he loved with all his passionate young heart. He wrote to her (in his childlike handwriting) long, ill-spelt letters in which he told her how constantly he thought of her and how much he longed to be back. He was sent here and there, to Spezzia, to Venice, to Bari and finally to China. Here he fell ill of some mysterious ailment that kept him in hospital for months. He bore it with the *mute* and uncomprehending patience of a dog. When he learnt that it was a form of rheumatism that made him unfit for further military service his heart exulted for he could go home; and he did not bother, in fact he scarcely listened, when the doctors told him that he would never again be quite well. What he did care for was that he was going back to the little island he loved so well and the girl who was waiting for him.

When he got into the rowing-boat that met the steamer from Naples and was rowed ashore, he saw his father and mother standing on the jetty and his two brothers, big boys now and he waved to them. His eyes searched among the crowd that waited there, for the girl. He could not see her. There was a great deal of kissing when he jumped up the steps and they, emotional creatures, cried a little as they exchanged their greetings. He asked where the girl was. His mother told him that she did not know; they had not seen her for two or three weeks; so in the evening when the moon was shining in the *placid* sea and the lights of Naples twinkled in the distance, he walked down the Grande Marina to her house. She was sitting on the doorstep with her mother. He asked her if she had not received the letter that he had written to her to say that he was coming home. Yes, they had received a letter, and they had been told by another of the island boys that he was ill. Yes, that was why he was back; was it not a piece of luck? Oh, but they had heard that he would never be quite well again. The doctors talked a lot of nonsense, but he knew very well that now he was home again he would recover. They were silent for a while, and then the mother nudged the girl. She did not try to soften the blow. She told him straight out with the blunt directness of her race, that she could not marry a man who would never be strong enough to work like a man. They had made up their minds, her mother and father and she, and her father would never give his consent.

When Salvatore went home he found that they all knew. The girl's father had been there to tell them what they had decided but they had lacked the courage to tell him themselves. He wept. He was terribly unhappy

but he did not blame the girl. A fisherman's life is hard and it needs strength and endurance. He knew very well that a girl could not afford to marry a man who might not be able to support her. His smile was very sad and his eyes had the look of a dog that had been beaten, but he did not complain, and he never said a word of a girl he had loved so well.

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]

1. mute (*line 5*)

- (a) silent
- (b) noisy
- (c) talkative
- (d) irritable

2. placid (*line 15*)

- (a) deep
- (b) turbulent
- (c) stormy
- (d) peaceful

(ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word cowardice? [1]

- (a) exulted
- (b) nudged
- (c) courage
- (d) endurance

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

- (a) How did Salvatore keep in touch with his fiancé? [2]
- (b) How did he react when found unfit for further military service? [2]
- (c) What kind of reception awaited him back home? [2]
- (d) What had his fiancé come to know about Salvatore and why had she decided not to marry him? [2]
- (e) What qualities of Salvatore are highlighted in the last line of the extract? [1]

(iii) In not more than 50 words, discuss the adversities faced by Salvatore and show how he reacted to them. [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) puts**

Fitness writer and consultant Alina (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) it well when she (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (say), "Everyone can (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the gym but everyone cannot do the same things". She adds, "It's a common story. People (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) that their bodies (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) old and think 'If I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (can) run 7 km when I was 20, I can run 7 km when I am 40'. People who aren't aware of their fitness level are most likely (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (collapse)". All this simply (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (mean) that when you start with an exercise plan, start slowly. However, experts say there are certain conditions with which you should not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) without a doctor's clearance.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

[4]

- (a) Please wash \_\_\_\_\_ the curry stain from your dress.
- (b) The shop is just a few meters away. Why don't you go \_\_\_\_\_ foot?
- (c) The Vishwas group of companies has taken \_\_\_\_\_ the cosmetic market completely.
- (d) The burglars broke \_\_\_\_\_ the house when the family was away.
- (e) I was amazed \_\_\_\_\_ her stupendous ignorance.
- (f) On the way, we came \_\_\_\_\_ an old beggar.
- (g) Mary has known Penelope \_\_\_\_\_ she was a baby girl.
- (h) This shop doesn't have the books we were looking \_\_\_\_\_.

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

[4]

- 1. He was very dull. He could not understand.
  - (a) He was so dull and could not understand.
  - (b) He was very dull that he could not understand.
  - (c) He was too dull that he could not understand.
  - (d) He was too dull to understand.
- 2. I met a girl. She works at the emporium.
  - (a) She works at the emporium, so I met the girl.
  - (b) I met a girl who works at the emporium.
  - (c) I met a girl to work at the emporium.
  - (d) None of the above.
- 3. They advertised the job. There was a rush of applicants.
  - (a) They advertised the job because there was a rush of applicants.
  - (b) As soon as they advertised the job, there was a rush of applicants.
  - (c) They advertised the job as there was a rush of applicants.
  - (d) They advertised the job since there was a rush of applicants.
- 4. We lost the match. It was the consequence of his carelessness.
  - (a) We lost the match because of his carelessness.
  - (b) His carelessness lost the match.
  - (c) He is careless so we lost the match.
  - (d) Both (a) and (c)

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence:

[8]

- 1. When Shyam had finished his work, he switched on the television. (Begin: Having.....)
  - (a) Having finished his work, Shyam switched on the television.
  - (b) Having had finished his work, Shyam switched on the television.
  - (c) Having finished his work, he switched on the television.
  - (d) Having Shyam had finished his work, he switched on the television.
- 2. The school captain was elected by the students of classes XII and XII. (Begin: The students .....)
  - (a) The students elected the school captain.
  - (b) The students had elected the school captain.
  - (c) The students elect the school captain.

- (d) The students have elected the school captain.
3. "I may never meet you here again," he whispered to Susan. (Begin: He whispered to Susan that.....)
- (a) He whispered to Susan that he might never meet her here again.
  - (b) He whispered to Susan that he may never meet her here again.
  - (c) He whispered to Susan that he might never meet her there again.
  - (d) He whispered to Susan that he will never meet her here again.
4. This house model is more beautiful than yours. (Change the Degree of Comparison)
- (a) Your house model is more beautiful than this one.
  - (b) This house model is not as beautiful as yours.
  - (c) This house model is the most beautiful.
  - (d) Your house model is not as beautiful as this one.
5. He snatched the badminton from him and scored a point. (Begin: Not only.....)
- (a) Not only did he snatch the badminton from him but also scored a point.
  - (b) Not only did he snatched the badminton from him but also scored a point.
  - (c) Not only he snatched the badminton from him but also scored a point.
  - (d) Not only did he snatch the badminton from him and scored a point.
6. He speaks too fast to be understood. (Begin : He speaks so fast .....)
- (a) He speaks so fast that he couldn't be understood.
  - (b) He speaks so fast that he won't be understood.
  - (c) He speaks so fast that he cannot be understood.
  - (d) None of the above
7. This instrument is used for boring holes. It can also cut metals. (Use: not only.....but also)
- (a) This instrument is used not only for boring holes but it can also cut metals.
  - (b) This instrument is not used only for boring holes but also for cutting metals.
  - (c) This instrument is used not only for boring holes but also for cutting metals.
  - (d) Both (a) and (c)
8. As soon as he saw the tiger, he climbed up a tree. (Begin: Hardly.....)
- (a) Hardly he saw the tiger when he climbed up a tree.
  - (b) Hardly had he seen the tiger when he climbed up a tree.
  - (c) Hardly had he seen the tiger than he climbed up a tree.
  - (d) Hardly he had seen the tiger when he climbed up a tree.