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QUESTIONS COMPILED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' BOARD PAPERS

FIRST FLIGHT - PROSES

1.LETTER TO GOD

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money, such was his confidence - but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, & quot; God, Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."

i. Why was Lencho not surprised when he received the money?

- a. because he knew the post office employees were kind
- b. because he knew his hard work would pay off
- c. because he had been lucky in the past
- d. because he had faith in a higher power

ii. How did the postmaster MOST LIKELY feel when he read Lencho's second letter?

iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

The postmaster rushed to open Lencho's second letter. This tells us that the postmaster was _____ to know the contents of the letter.

iv. Why did Lencho wrinkle his brow when writing the letter?

- a. He was not able to put his thoughts into words.
- b. He was not sure that God would respond again.
- c. He was not comfortable writing in front of others.
- d. He was not able to calculate how many pesos were missing.

v. Which of these uses the word stamp with the same meaning as used in line 5 of the extract?

- a. Simon could stamp and crush dry twigs with his boots if he had to.

- b. Simon has an impressive stamp collection he liked to boast of.
- c. Simon happily gave his stamp of approval on the new recipe.
- d. Simon bears the stamp of a retired naval officer with pride.

II. SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS: (40-50 WORDS)

- 1. Who reads the letter sent by Lencho ? What did he do then ?
- 2. Why did the night after the rain turn sorrowful for Lencho?

III. LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS(100-120WORDS)

- 1. Write the story of Lencho's faith in God ?
- 2. How did hailstones affect Lencho's field ? What was Lencho's only hope?

2 NELSON MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said: Today, all of us do, by our presence here... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud. We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

- (i) A society that was born out of human disaster.
 - (a) all humanity would be proud of
 - (b) was full of extraordinary human disaster
 - (c) was full of outlaws and fighters
 - (d) hosts nations on their soil.
- (ii) The former outlaws were given the privilege of
 - (a) getting citizenship of their country.

- (b) participating in a trade conclave.
- (c) finalizing the foreign policy
- (d) hosting the nations of the world on their soil
- (iii) The speaker was overwhelmed with the sense of
- (a) gratitude (b) achievement
- (c) happiness (d) charity

(iv) State whether the statement is True or False :

The common victory was when South Africa did not become an independent nation.

- (v) The noun form of the word 'confer' is
- (a) conferring (b) confident
- (c) conference (d) configuring

II. Short answer type questions: (40-50 words)

1. What freedom meant to Mandela in childhood?
2. What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed?

III. Long answer type questions(100-120words)

1. 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion.' Do you agree? Elaborate on the basis of the chapter" Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom".
2. Mandela said , " People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate , they can be taught to love." Discuss.

3.TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING

1. HIS FIRST FLIGHT

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

Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach, and against his wings. - He could feel the tips of his wings cutting through the air. He was not falling headlong now. He was soaring

gradually downwards and outwards, He was no longer afraid. He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga,ga, Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curving and banking and soaring and diving.

- (a) What did the young seagull feel the next moment?
- (b) What did the young seagull's mother do?
- (c) Find out the word from the passage that means the same as 'fly high in the air'.
- (d) Find out from the passage a word that means 'to grab'.
- (e) What did the young seagull's siblings do?

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was the young seagull's experience during his first flight?
2. When did the young seagull get over his fear of water?

LONG ANSWERS

1. Do you think hunger was a good motivation for the young seagull in his first flight?
Comment
2. "Mother is the first". Do you agree with this statement? Explain with reference to the young seagull.

3.TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING

2. BLACK AEROPLANE

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

I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. 'I wanted to say 'Thank you'. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. 'Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. 'Yours was the only one I could see on the radar.'" So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, and without any more fuel in my tanks? Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights?

1. Who is I in the above extract?

2. Why did the writer go to the Control center immediately?
3. Why was the writer shocked after hearing the woman's word?
4. Find out the word in the passage that means the same as 'peculiar'.
5. Which part of speech does the word 'tonight' belong to?

SHORT ANSWERS

1. "I'll take the risk" What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?
2. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into them.

LONG ANSWERS

1. How did the writer get out of the storm in the night to land safely?
2. Do you agree that the story "The Black Aeroplane" is a mystery? Justify your answer with reasons.

4.FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

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

Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest. 'Paper has more patience than people. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out.

1. At which age does the author start writing?
 2. What does she say about writing in a diary?
 3. Explain, "Paper has more patience than people"?
- A. paper goes through many difficult processes when it is made
- B. people can write their emotions on paper and it does not get exhausted of listening to people's feelings
- C. people tear papers when they get angry .
- D. people gossip for hours together but paper doesn't.

4. What does the phrase "Get all things off my chest" mean?

- A. it means to get rid of things around
- B. to get rid of people who are weighing you down
- C. to get rid of people who are competing with you
- D. to get rid of feeling which depress you

5. What made her write a diary?

SHORT ANSWERS:

1. Grandma had a significant place in Anne's heart. Explain.
2. Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with Anne? What did he ask her to do?

LONG ANSWERS

1. Do you agree with Anne when she says that teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth.

Rationalize.

2. 'Our entire class is quacking in its boots.' Explain with reference to from the Diary of Anne Frank.

5.GLIMPSES OF INDIA

1. A BAKER FROM GOA

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

The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the jhang, jhang's sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground. He would greet the lady of the house with "Good Morning" and then place his basket on the vertical bamboo. We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children. Then we did not even care to brush our teeth or wash our mouths properly.

1. How did the baker make his entry?
2. How did he sell his loaves?
3. What were the types of loaves he had?
4. Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as- Stare into.
5. What would the children do on the arrival of the baker?

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did the bakers wear?
 - a. in the Portuguese days?
 - b. when the author was young?
2. Why does a person with a jackfruit-like appearance easily compared to a baker?

LONG ANSWERS

1. Why was the baker's furnace essential in a traditional Goan village?
2. Bread and cakes were an integral part of Goan life, in olden days. Based on your reading of the "A Baker from Goa", describe the Goan culture.

5. GLIMPSES OF INDIA

2. COORG

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

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. Coorg regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian army, and the first Chief of the Indian army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence. The river Kaveri obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer – a large freshwater fish-abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langur drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water.

- (a) What is famous about the Coorgie homes?
- (b) Name the regiment that has received the maximum number of awards for bravery.
- (c) Name the only people in India who are permitted to carry firearms without a licence.
- (d) What kind of tales do Coorgi people like to narrate?
- (e) Who was General Cariappa?

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What shows that Coorgis might be of Arabic descent?
2. What is the story about the Kodavu people's Greek descent?

LONG ANSWERS:

1. Why does the author in 'Coorg' say that the visitors' search for the heart and soul of India

would be found in Coorg?

2. The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. How has it been recognised in modern India?

5. GLIMPSES OF INDIA

3. TEA FROM ASSAM

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

“Oh, this is tea country now, he said, “Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime “I have been reading as much as could about tea”Rajvir said. “No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends” What legends?“Well, there’s the one about the Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves. Tell me another scooped Pranjol. “We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.

1. What did Rajvir say?
2. What was he telling him?
3. What was done by the Buddhist ascetic?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means the same as-tasty.
5. What is the Chinese legend regarding tea?

SHORT ANSWERS:

1. What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement?
2. What legends are associated with the origin of tea?

LONG ANSWERS:

1. Based on your reading of the chapter “Tea From Assam”, write a paragraph on the topic- importance of Tea in India.
2. Pranjol and Rajvir discuss their next vacation destination. They shortlist Coorg and Goa. Rajvir is keen on Coorg and tries to convince Pranjol. Develop a conversation between the two, based on your understanding of Glimpses of India.

You may begin like this:

Rajvir: Hey Pranjol! I think we should be visiting Coorg. It is a beautiful place with coffee plantations. I can smell the aroma already!

Pranjol: I gave you the opportunity to explore a tea plantation last year, in Assam; I want to...

FIRST FLIGHT - POEMS

1.DUST OF SNOW

ANNOTATION

Has given my heart

a change of mood

and saved some part of a day

I had rued.

(i) The word that means the same as 'rued' is:

(a) regretted

(b) rejoiced

(c) recalled

(d) make merry

(ii) The rhyme scheme of the given stanza is

(iii) The contrasting moods of the poet highlighted in the given stanza are
and

(iv) What is the poet NOT likely to say to the listener?

(a) "Now I can be happy."

(b) "I am still hopeful."

(c) "I am feeling better."

(d) "My mood is ruined."

(v) What has brought about a change?

(a) The crow

(b) The hemlock tree

(c) The snow falling on him

(d) The weather

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Rationalise what you think the poet was probably doing when the dust of snow fell on him?
2. Do you think that the poet presents a very bright or cheerful side of nature in the poem? Give a reasoned answer.

LONG ANSWERS

1. Imagine Robert Frost from A Dust of Snow met with Lencho from A Letter to God and discussed the various ways nature can influence a person's mood. Create this conversation in not more than 120 words.
2. Our attitude towards a situation evokes both negative and positive response. Analyze this with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow' to bring out the inherent valuable lessons.

2 FIRE AND ICE

ANNOTATION

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.
(Fire and Ice)

- i) Fill the blank with one word.

When the speaker says that ice could also bring about the end of the world, he refers to _____, as the means for destruction.

- ii) What does the speaker's alignment with those who favour ice, suggest?
- iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards destruction caused by ice?

A. Indifferent

- B. Fearful
- C. Dismissive
- D. Respectful

iv Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines.

v) Name the poetic device in the third line .

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Evaluate the line- Some say the world will end in fire/Some say in ice- in the context of volcanic eruptions, forest fires, meteor collisions, melting ice caps etc...
2. Fire and Ice projects a pessimistic outlook. Comment.

LONG ANSWERS

1. The poet presents two reasons which will lead to the destruction of the humanity. What values do you garner from the two possible causes provided by him?
2. How will the world end? Support your answer with scientific explanation.

3.TIGER IN THE ZOO

ANNOTATION

He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.

- i) According to the extract, the poet wishes for the tiger to be 'sliding' through the foliage as this would
 - a) assist in keeping the prey unsuspecting of the predator's sound.
 - b) aid in camouflaging the presence of the predator before it rushes in.
 - c) help the predator pounce on the prey comfortably without getting tired.
 - d) Support the predator's vision as it eyes its prey.
- ii) Which fact DOES NOT connect with the significance of the water hole for the tiger?

a) Many tigers chase prey into the water and hold the victim's head under water until it drowns.

b) Prey feed in the water on water-lilies, and often wander into the middle of the water hole, where they are vulnerable and easy for the tiger to kill.

c) Prey that has quenched its thirst ensures consumption of hydrated meat for the tiger.

d) Chasing the panicked prey from shallow to deep water where the tiger grabs it.

iii) Pick the option that DOES NOT use 'lurking' correctly to fill in the blank.

a) The thug was _____ in the alley late evening, for unsuspecting passers-by.

b) The hyena was _____ in its den after a good meal.

c) The detective cautioned her team about the _____ dangers likely to impact the case.

d) The prejudices _____ beneath the surface create misunderstandings.

iv) 'shadow' here, refers to the shadow of

a) the tiger.

b) long grass.

c) water hole.

d) deer

v) Pick the phrase that DOES NOT suggest that the forest in the extract is lush.

a) long grass

b) the water hole

c) plump deer

d) lurking in shadow

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How does Leslie Norris use vivid imagery and metaphorical language in *A Tiger in the Zoo*, to effectively depict the confinement and oppression, experienced by the captive tiger?

2. Leslie Norris has described some of the activities of a tiger behind the bars of its cage. Write them.

LONG ANSWERS

1. Imagine that Man has been accused by the tiger of cruelty in an animal court.

What would be the tiger's two major accusations and how would Man defend them?

Present your answer in two paragraphs.

2. Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being. Comment.

4. THE BALL POEM

ANNOTATION

Merrily over – there it is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went. I would not intrude on him;

A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now

He senses first responsibility

In a world of possessions. People will take

Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.

(The Ball Poem)

i) Complete the conversation with what the boy would most likely say. Answer in one sentence.

John: Oh don't worry, there are plenty of other balls to play with.

Boy: _____

ii) Which line first indicates that the ball is a metaphor for something else?

A. Merrily over – there it is in the water!

B. An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

C. All his young days into the harbour where

D. I would not intrude on him;

iii) Which literary device does the speaker use to describe the boy's sorrow? Why does the speaker use this device? Answer in one sentence.

iv) Based on the extract, what makes a possession valuable? Answer in about 40 words.

v) Name the poetic device in the phrase young days.

SHORT ANSWERS

1. "Money is external". What does the poet mean by this expression?

2. Why does the poet think that it is useless to give the following suggestion to the boy?

'No use to say- 'O there are other balls.'

LONG ANSWERS

1 Why is it important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it?

2. How is the lost ball, the metaphor of the lost childhood of the boy? Why doesn't the poet want to 'intrude on' the boy by offering him money to buy another ball?

5.AMANDA

ANNOTATION

1.(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;

life in a tower is tranquil and rare;

I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!)

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!

You're always so moody, Amanda!

Anyone would think that I nagged at you, Amanda!

(Amanda!)

i) Which of these reflects the speaker's tone in the second stanza of the extract?

1. critical

2. worried

- 3. concerned
- 4. sympathetic
- 5. commanding

- A. 1, 5
- B. 2, 3
- C. 2, 4
- D. 4, 5

ii) Why has line 6 of the extract been referred to as ironical? Name the poetic device if brackets are there in a poem.

iii) Identify the reason Amanda says she will never let down her hair.

- a. She has very short hair.
- b. She likes her hair a lot.
- c. She wishes to be left alone.
- d. She awaits her Prince Charming.

iv) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract.

life: death:: grinning: _____

v) Select the sentence in which the word 'bright' is used in a similar manner as line 3 of the extract.

- a. Sekhar is a very bright child.
- b. Rama looked bright and chirpy today.
- c. Bobby's shirt was so bright and cheerful.
- d. Hemant has such bright prospects for the future.

2.(There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me
a mermaid, drifting blissfully)

(i) The word 'emerald' in the extract refers to

(ii) The poet uses brackets to convey that:

- (a) he wants to stress upon the idea.

(b) there are Amanda's thoughts.

(c) the girl's deepest wish is conveyed here

(d) this is the message of the poem [1]

(iii) Which word 'languid' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to?

(a) slow

(b) active

(c) relaxed

(d) unhurried

(iv) In the line, 'a mermaid, drifting blissfully', Amanda's desire to be alone is due to her mother's constant nagging. (True/False)

(v) The word that DOES NOT indicate a physical manifestation of sorrow in Amanda, is:

(a) lonely

(b) blissfully

(c) terrified

(d) worried

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How does the repeated use of the name 'Amanda' influence the overall tone of the poem? (Amanda!)

2. What do you think is the significance of the exclamation mark in the title of the poem 'Amanda!'?

LONG ANSWERS

1. You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of the mothers of both, the baby seagull and Amanda, towards helping their children. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words, comparing the approaches of both parents.

You may begin this way:

One acknowledges that both parents, Amanda's mother and the baby seagull's mother both....however, .

(Reference -Amanda! & His First Flight)

2. 'Amanda is alone but not lonely in the world she envisions.' Justify the statement with reference to any one image she pictures in her mind.

FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

1.A TRIUMPH OF SURGERY

ANNOTATION

The entire staff was roused and maids rushed in and out bringing his day bed, his night bed, favorite cushions, toys and rubber rings, breakfast bowl, lunch bowl, supper bowl. Realizing that my car would never hold all the stuff, I started to drive away. As I moved off, Mrs Pumphrey, with a despairing cry, threw an armful of the little coats through the window. I looked in the mirror before I turned the corner of the drive; everybody was in tears. Out on the road, I glanced down at the pathetic little animal gasping on the seat by my side. I patted the head and Tricki made a brave effort to wag his tail. "Poor old lad," I said. "You haven't had a kick in you but I think I know a cure for you."

1. What might the atmosphere of the household in the above extract signify?

- A. Mrs Pumphrey's status in society is reflected in Tricki's lifestyle.
- B. The staff's love for Tricki, which matched that of Mrs. Pumphrey
- C. The grand life of comforts and luxuries that Tricki enjoyed.
- D. Mrs. Pumphrey's indulgence and anxiety acted upon by the staff.

2. As the extract indicates, Mrs. Pumphrey indulged Tricki and bought him many things.

Choose the option that best describes the kinds of advertisement/s that seem likely to persuade Mrs. Pumphrey to buy something for Tricki.

(i) Statistics Appeal - Such advertisements use facts and data to convince consumers to buy products.

(ii) Scarcity Appeal - Such advertisements create a feeling of exclusivity and are often used to convince people to take advantage of a sale or limited period offer.

(iii) Personal Appeal - Such advertisements focus on evoking emotions to convince consumers and often relate to family or other interpersonal interactions.

(iv) Fear Appeal - Such advertisements focus on inspiring some kind of fear to convince consumers to take action in order to avoid certain negative or undesirable consequences.

- A. Options (i), (ii) and (iv)

B. Options (iii) and (iv)

C. Options (i), (iii) and (iv)

D. Option (ii) only

3. The narrator describes Tricki as a “pathetic little animal”. The use of the word ‘pathetic’ indicates

that the narrator

A. was very fond of Tricki.

B. thought Tricki was contemptible.

C. pitied Tricki’s condition.

D. believed Tricki’s health was deteriorating.

4. What did the writer refer to the dog in the above extract?

5. Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as- panting.

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Describe the ‘parting scene’ between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey’s household.

2. Why did Tricki become an uninteresting object for other dogs at the surgery?

LONG ANSWERS

1. Describe Tricki’s stay at Dr. James Herriot’s surgery, highlighting his behavior and his rapid recovery.

2. Tricki was more than a dog. He was more like a spoilt child of an overindulgent mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. Comment.

2.THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR

ANNOTATION

Ausable was, for one thing, fat. Very fat. And then there was his accent. Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. “You are disappointed,” Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

1. Who is Ausable ? To whom is he talking ?

2. How is Ausable different from others of his class ?
3. Which word in the above passage means the same as “the tone of speaking some particular language”?
4. Name the languages mentioned in the passage.
5. Where did Ausable stay twenty years ago?

SHORT ANSWERS:

1. Why did Max’s face turn black with anger? What did he want Ausable to do?
2. How does Ausable manage to make Max believe that there is a balcony attached to his room?

LONG ANSWERS

1. What is superior, physical strength or intelligence in a difficult situation? Which one of these qualities and skills would you stress upon? Why? Elaborate with reference to the story, ‘The Midnight Visitor’.
2. Describe the incident leading to the death of Max.

3.A QUESTION OF TRUST

ANNOTATION

1. On the morning of the third day, however, he thought of the books he wanted and he knew he would have to look for another safe. But he never got the chance to begin his plan. By noon a policeman had arrested him for the jewel robbery at Shotover Grange. His fingerprints, for he had opened the safe without gloves, were all over the room, and no one believed him when he said that the wife of the owner of the house had asked him to open the safe for her. The wife herself, a gray-haired, sharp-tongued woman of sixty, said that the story was nonsense. Horace is now the assistant librarian in the prison. He often thinks of the charming, clever young lady who was in the same profession as he was, and who tricked him. He gets very angry when anyone talks about ‘Honour among thieves’.

2. Based on the extract, choose what you think are the main feelings Horace probably has, for the young lady who tricked him, when he thinks about her?

- A. anger and blame
- B. admiration and respect
- C. respect and gratitude

D. anger and vengeance

3. Choose the option that lists evidence that the police might have used against Horace, to arrest him.



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

A. Option 1

B. Option 2

C. Option 3

D. Option 4

4. Given below are four situations in Mr. Verma's house. Choose the situation that depicts Mr. Verma being sharp-tongued with his family members.

A. Mr. Verma's wife shares a life problem with him and he advises her honestly.

B. Mr. Verma's daughter scores poor marks in her exams and Mr. Verma remains silent.

C. Mr. Verma's son cooks food for the first time and he is criticized by his father immediately.

D. Mr. Verma's sister buys a new car to surprise him and he is overjoyed with the news.

5. Honour among thieves is an example of a/n:

A. idiom

B. slogan

C. proverb

D. lyric

SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did the flowers hinder Horace in his work?

2. 'How foolish people are when they own valuable things.' does this statement hold true for Horace Danby himself? Support your answer with instances from 'A Question of Trust'.

LONG ANSWERS

1. Horace was a successful thief because he carefully planned his robberies. Should we call him a successful thief and still appreciate his work? Why or why not?

2. 'Honour among thieves' is considered a popular code. Examine A Question of Trust as a story woven around this code. OR Thieves and swindlers have no sense of moral righteousness. Comment with references to instances from "A Question of Trust"

4.FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

ANNOTATION

1.The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her, "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face." Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper. But the stolen money did not last long, and presently Griffin had to admit that he had no more ready cash. He pretended, however, that he was expecting a cheque to arrive at any moment.

i . In which of these does 'ready' have the same meaning as used in the extract?

- A. Griffin didn't believe that he was ready to speak before the audience.
- B. The landlord usually got the rooms ready before any guests arrived.
- C. Mrs. Hall said there was a ready supply of food at the hotel.
- D. The stranger was getting ready to take on new challenges.

ii Complete the analogy by selecting a suitable word from the text.

arrival: exit:: _____: company

iv Why did the people start talking about the stranger's arrival?

1. because he was mostly quiet
2. because he was mean to people
3. because he was enjoying the snow
4. because he paid the inn charges in cash
5. because he was dressed in a strange manner .

Select the correct option.

- A. only 1 & 5
- B. only 2 & 3
- C. only 3, 4 and 5
- D. only 4 & 1

V. Mrs. Hall was prepared to ignore Griffin's rudeness and weird behaviour. State two reasons why this was so. (i) _____ (ii) _____

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify.
2. What was the explanation of the mystery of the footmarks? Who was responsible for them?

LONG ANSWERS

1. How did invisibility help Griffin in escaping on different occasions in the story? When did invisibility become a curse for griffin?
2. Describe the landlord's and his wife's experience with the strange scientist.

GRAMMAR

1. SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT

I Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the text message below:

Let's meet another day since neither Rita nor her friends _____ free today as they have tennis practice.

- A. Were
- B. Are
- C. Is
- D. Was

II. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the statement.

Although every student in my class ____ the schedule, one of my students always ____ late to the class.

- A. know / come
- B. knows / coming
- C. know / comes
- D. knows / comes

III. For the following, choose the sentence in which the subject and the verb do not agree:

- A. Some of the old beautiful buildings is being replaced by the new ones.
- B. Both of my essays are brilliant.
- C. The people who own that house have no insurance.
- D. The pulses emitted by a neutron star recur at precise intervals.

IV. Select the correct option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence taken from Animal Focus:

According to the Animal Welfare Board, one of the main reasons for elephant poaching are the profits received from selling the ivory tusks.

Option no	Error	Correction
A	Are	is
B	For	at
C	Received	Receives

V. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply with the correction.

Batik cloth from Bali, blue and white ceramics from Cambodia and a bocce ball from Turin has made Hannah's rooms the talk of the dorm.

Error	Correction

2.TENSES

3.DETERMINERS

1.Complete the descriptive scene by filling the blank with correct option

The city of Venice attracts many a traveller as it lies sparkling in the sunshine. There are much beautiful churches, places and museums.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

2.Select the option that identifies the error and suppliers the correction

He wants to spend a few days that are lift to him solitude and Meditation.

Option no	Error	Correction
A	a few	The few
B	Little	a little
C	Some	a some
D	each	every

3. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option .

The district magistrate visited _____ flood affected area.

- a) each b) every c) plenty of d) little

5. Identify the error & supply correction for the following :

I saw you driving down green street yesterday!

Where _____?

- a) Did you go
- b) Where were you going
- c) Were you suppose to go
- d) Were you reaching

5. Complete the line by filling the blank with correct option

Children are fond of coconut .It is the biggest of all the nuts, and is indeed a wonderful fruit. It grows on a tall palm tree and is _____ in tropical countries .

- a) Of to
- b) Is are
- c) Find found
- d) All among

6. Fill in the blank by choosing the option correct

He _____ committed the crime, as he had both the motive and the opportunity .

- a) Cant have
- b) could have
- c) should have
- d) will have

4.MODALS

Read the given sentence., and Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence

- 1) Traffic rules will be strict so that people don't break them.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

Read the given instruction and Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence

- 2) All the players can produce their medical reports two hours before the competition

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

Read the given conversation and Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence

- 3) A: *Where's John?*
 B: *I'm not sure. He is in his office..*

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

Read the given sentence., and Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence

- 4) Are you help me with my homework Mr. Johnston?

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

- 5) If You come victorious , the medal and the certificate can be given to you.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks :

- 1) You..... go only after finishing your work.
 (A) would B) may C) shall (D) could
- 2) He tried but he..... not solve the problem.
 (A) can (B) could (C) may (D) might
3. Suman ____ swim. You ____ not allow her to go to the swimming pool.
 A) can't, must B) shouldn't, will C) will not, can not D) wouldn't ,
 might not
- 4) You _____ have bothered coming. I've done it already.
 A) wouldn't B) mightn't C) needn't D) ought not to
- 5) Had our flights been on time, we _____ reached by now.

A. could have B. would have C. might have D. need to.

6) "We _____ definitely look into the matter", the officer affirmed.

A. need to B. would C. will D. dare to

7) We are the organisers. We _____ welcome the guests.

A. could B. might C. ought to D. would

Choose the appropriate modal verb from the parenthesis and complete the conversation:

8) Najma : I borrow your bicycle? (can , shall)

9) Salma : I am sorry. The bicycle is out of order. Do you know a mechanic in this village to whom I take the bicycle?(shall , may)

10) Najma : I do not know but I (can , shall) try to find someone who repair your bicycle. (would, can)

WRITING

I. LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1. You are Mohit / Mohita of E-46 , Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. You came across news articles about neglect of elders in today's society. Disturbed after reading the articles, you decide to write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindustan Times' stressing upon the need of sensitizing children to the plight and loneliness of the elders and to inculcate in them values of caring and sharing. You can also express your views on strengthening of family values. Write your letter in 100-120 words.

2. You recently noticed a lot of cleaning ,painting and maintenance being done prior to the Prime Minister's visit to your city. This made you wonder why this cannot be done at regular intervals. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in 100-120 words, about the need to do so and suggest ways to make it possible. You are Suresh / Shweta of 46, Suraj Nagar , Jabalpur.

3. You are Ruchita / Ruchit. Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the editor of a leading daily, voicing your concern about the increasing cost of living, rise in prices of daily edible items and other products. The common man whose earning does not increase correspondingly is hit hard in these circumstances and even resorts to desperate measures. There is an increase in unemployment and petty crime.

II. LETTER OF COMPLAINT (BUSINESS)

1. You are Rohit / Riya of Hauz Khas, New Delhi. You bought a pair of shoes from M/s. Shoe Factory, GK-II , New Delhi. On unpacking them ,you found to your amazement that both the shoes are meant for your left foot. Write a letter of complaint to the

Manager of M/s. Shoe Factory asking for replacement at their cost. (Word limit : 100-120 words)

2. You have purchased a computer for personal use. After using it for about a month, you have started having problems in it, like its CPU is not working properly , screen is flickering etc. Write a letter to the manager of the complaint cell of Abott Computers Pvt. Ltd. About the faulty computer in about 100-120 words . Sign yourself as Dev / Devika of Janakpuri, Delhi.

3. You are Ankit/ Ankita staying at 8,Kakatyia Nagar , New Delhi. Last month, you bought a video - camera from the 'Ultra Modern Electronic House' Hyderabad against a warranty of 2 years. Now you discover that there is something wrong with this camera. It doesn't work for more than one hour at a stretch. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about this problem. Also, request him to replace this defective piece against the warranty that goes with it.

III. LETTER OF COMPLAINT (OFFICIAL)

1. You are Tabassum/ Tarun , a resident of Satya Colony , Bhubaneshwar, Odisha. You have noticed that some residents of your colony are repeatedly flouting quarantine rules laid out during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Write a letter to the SHO of the local Police Station , drawing attention towards the same. Explain how such acts impact the health of the community and request immediate intervention and strict action.

2.You are Renu /Rahul, Patel Nagar, Delhi. The unsanitary conditions in your colony are causing diseases for the residents. Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner to take necessary action regarding the same.

3. Write a letter to the Municipal Chairman of New Town, North East District ,about the dilapidated condition of a public monument , requesting him to take urgent steps for the preservation of this valuable heritage. You are Anuj/ Anju, Civil Lines, New Town.

FORMAL LETTER (MISCELLANEOUS)

1. You are Rajni / Rakesh Kothari , Director , Marketing in Oil Spices Manufacturing Unit. You have observed the commitment with which your assistant Manager works. Write a letter in 100-120 words to your Assistant Manager ,Sadiq Qureshi, congratulating him on his work ethic and professional approach. Also include a mention of his commitment, sense of responsibility , good inter-personal skills and his spirit of team work.

