

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

MCQ answers must be written with the correct option and the correct sentence or phrase or word given.

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.

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]

- Write an original short story beginning with the following words:
'Is anybody home?' said the traveller, knocking on the moonlit door...
- 'Be an early bird than a night owl for health benefits.' Express your views either **for** or **against** this statement.
- Narrate your experience about an incident when you arranged for a surprise party for your parents but sadly something went wrong. What went wrong, how did you fix the problem and what was your parents' reaction?
- During the lunch break, a surprising sight unfolded as a monkey jumped into your school canteen from the adjacent building. Describe how you felt, what you saw and explain what you did as a responsible student to ensure the safety of the younger ones.
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

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

Select **any one** of the following:

[10]

- Your elder sibling has moved to a hostel closer to his/her work place. Write a letter to him/her about the new things you have done which have brought changes in your life since he/she left and tell him/her how much he/she is missed.

- b. The traffic outside your school is very heavy and chaotic. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) pointing out the dangers of such heavy and chaotic traffic in a school zone. Suggest at least two possible solutions for the problem.

Question 3

[5+5]

- a. Your school is hosting an Inter-School Sports Meet. Write a notice to be put up on the school notice board, informing the students from classes VI to XII about the event and inviting them to participate in the event.
- b. Write an email to a renowned athlete to grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

[20]

I went to visit my friend Sherlock Holmes two days after Christmas and found him sitting on the sofa wearing a purple dressing gown. His pipe was on the coffee table and a pile of newspapers was next to him. Beside the sofa was a wooden chair with a very dirty old hat hanging on the back. His **magnifying** glass was lying nearby, and I guessed he'd been studying the hat.

'You're busy,' I said; 'perhaps I'm disturbing you.'

'Not at all. It's not a very important case, but there are some interesting points and we might learn something from it.' So, I sat down to warm my hands in front of the fire.

'I suppose that hat is a clue in some deadly crime that you're trying to solve.'

'No crime,' said Sherlock Holmes, laughing. 'Do you know Peterson, the security guard?'

'Yes.'

'Well, this prize belongs to him.'

'You mean it's his hat.'

'Not exactly. He found it. We don't know who it belongs to. But first, let me tell you how it got here. It arrived on Christmas morning, with a good fat goose, which is probably roasting in Peterson's oven right now. The facts are these: About four o'clock on Christmas morning, Peterson, who is a very honest man, was walking home from a small party. In front of him, in the street light, he saw a tallish man carrying a white goose over his shoulder. When they reached the end of the street, an argument started between this tall stranger and a little knot of rough men. One of them knocked the man's hat off. He raised his stick to **defend** himself and accidentally smashed the shop window behind him. Peterson came forward to defend the stranger from his attackers. However, the man was obviously worried about breaking the window. He must have thought Peterson was a policeman as he was wearing his uniform, so he dropped the goose and ran off down a side street. The roughs also ran away and Peterson was left with this old hat and a delicious-looking Christmas goose.'

'Didn't he give it back to its owner?'

'My dear Watson, that's the problem. It's true that there was a small card tied to the bird's left leg with, 'For Mrs. Henry Baker,' written on it; and it's also true that the initials 'H.B.' can be seen inside this hat. But as there are thousands of Bakers, and hundreds of Henry Bakers in this city, it's impossible to know which one.'

'What did Peterson do?'

'He brought both the hat and the goose round to me on Christmas morning, as he knows I find even the smallest problems interesting. We kept the goose until this morning, when there were signs that it should be eaten immediately. Peterson has taken it home while I still have the hat of the unknown gentleman who lost his Christmas dinner.'

-An excerpt from *The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle* by Arthur Conan Doyle

A. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:

1. magnifying (line 3)

[2]

- a. estimating
- b. enlarging
- c. amplifying
- d. reducing

2. defend (line 18)

- a. support
- b. observe
- c. fight
- d. protect

B. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'deliberately'?

[1]

- a. deadly
- b. accidentally
- c. immediately
- d. probably

C. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

1. Why was the goose brought specifically to Sherlock Holmes?

[1]

2. When did Sherlock Holmes receive the old hat? Who brought it?

[2]

3. Why did Holmes think that the hat and the goose belonged to Henry Baker?

[2]

4. What happened between the rough men and the stranger? What was the stranger's reaction?

[2]

5. Why did Peterson try to defend the stranger? Why did the stranger run away?

[2]

D. In not more than 50 words, describe the scene that greeted the narrator when he visited his friend Sherlock Holmes.

[8]

Question 5

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]

A boy and a girl0.....(play) together.

(0) were playing

The boy had a collection of marbles. The girl had some sweets with her. The boy1.... (tell) the girl that he2.... (give) her all his marbles in exchange for her sweets. The girl3 (agree). The boy.....4.....(keep) the biggest and the most beautiful marbles aside and gave the rest to the girl. The girl gave him all her sweets just as she5... (promise). That night the girl slept peacefully. But the boy could not sleep as he kept6.....(wonder) if the girl had hidden some sweets from him the way he had hidden his best marbles! If you do not give a hundred per cent in a relationship, you keep ...7.... (doubt) if the other person ...8...(give) his hundred per cent.

Question 6

Fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

[4]

- i. A basket was provided _____ the disposal of waste paper.
- ii. Our English friends have taken _____ Indian food quite quickly.
- iii. _____ this part-time job, he has two other sources of income.

- iv. The pantry was infested _____ ants.
- v. Instead of talking, prove your worth _____ doing something.
- vi. The doctor gave _____ hope when the patient fell into a coma.
- vii. His car broke _____ on the highway.
- viii. I insisted _____ having my money.

Question 7

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

- i. Lata had been unwell for a fortnight. She was unable to go to office.
 - a) Lata was unable to go to office as she had been unwell for a fortnight.
 - b) Lata did not go to office for a fortnight and she was unwell.
 - c) Being unwell Lata didn't for a fortnight had been to office.
 - d) Lata had been unwell for a fortnight so she was unable to go to office.
- ii. This is the school. I studied here.
 - a) This is a school for my studies here.
 - b) This is the school where I studied.
 - c) I studied here, this is a school.
 - d) This is the school and I studied here.
- iii. Who damaged the flower vase? Do you know?
 - a) You know who damaged the flower vase, don't you?
 - b) Do you know who damaged the flower vase?
 - c) Who damaged the flower vase, do you know?
 - d) Do you know who had damaged the flowered vase?
- iv. Martin is not tall. His father is not tall.
 - a) Either Martin or his father is tall.
 - b) Neither Martin nor his father is tall.
 - c) Neither Martin nor his father are tall.
 - d) Both Martin and his father are short.

Question 8

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]**

- i. When will they finalize the agreement? (Change into Passive Voice.)
 - a) When the agreement will be finalized by them?
 - b) When will the agreement be finalized by them?
 - c) When shall the agreement be finalize by them?
 - d) When the agreement shall be finalized by them?
 - ii. As soon as the shopping mall opened, the customers sprinted in. (Begin: Barely)
- a) Barely did the shopping mall opened then the customers sprinted in.
 - b) Barely did the shopping mall open than the customers sprinted in.

- c) Barely did the shopping mall open when the customers sprinted in.
d) Barely had the shopping mall opened than the customers sprinted in.
- iii. Only trained graduates can apply for this post. (Begin with: None)
- a) None from the trained graduates can apply for this post.
b) None of the trained graduates can apply for this post.
c) None but trained graduates can apply for this post.
d) None except fresh graduates can apply for this post.
- iv. But for the rain, we would have reached my house on time. (Begin with: If....)
- a) If it have not rained, we would have reached my house on time.
b) If it does not have rained, we would have reached my house on time.
c) If it had not rained, we would have reached my house on time.
d) If it did not have rained, we would have reached my house on time.
- v. Everybody put up their hands (Begin: There was nobody)
- a) There was nobody who put up their hands.
b) There was nobody who did not put up their hands.
c) There was nobody who would put up their hands.
d) There was nobody who should put up their hands.
- vi. Tulsi said, 'I walk five kilometers daily.' (Begin: Tulsi said....)
- a) Tulsi said that she walked five kilometers daily.
b) Tulsi said that she walks five kilometers daily.
c) Tulsi said that she had walked five kilometers daily.
d) Tulsi said that she did walk five kilometers daily.
- vii. The moon goes around the earth. (End with a a question tag)
- a) The moon goes around the earth, does it?
b) The moon goes around the earth, isn't it?
c) The moon goes around the earth, doesn't it?
d) The moon goes around the earth, is it?
- viii. No other king was as wise as Ashoka. (Use: wiser)
- a) No other king was wiser to Ashoka.
b) No other king was wiser as Ashoka.
c) No other king as wiser as Ashoka was.
d) Ashoka was wiser than any other king.

*****ALL THE BEST*****