

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 part 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.

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### Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

[20]

Write a composition (300-350 words) on **any one** of the following:

- (i) Write a short story about a beggar who finds a fortune under a heap of rubbish.
- (ii) Write about the best vacation that you ever had. Describe where you went, with whom you went, what you did, and how you enjoyed it.
- (iii) Narrate about your most memorable incident that happened in your school life.

### Question 2

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

[10]

Select **any one** of the following:

- (i) You have borrowed a bicycle from a friend, but while in your care, it has been damaged. Write a letter to your friend apologising for your mistake and explaining to him/her what damage has been done and how it all happened.
- (ii) Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India expressing your views on water pollution in your town or city.

### Question 3

[10]

- (i) Your school is conducting an online photography contest on the theme: "Nature Photography" to raise awareness about protecting our Planet Earth from Global Warming and Climate Change. Write a notice to be put up in your school informing the students about the contest and asking them to send their entries online.
- (ii) Write an email to N. A Naseer, a renowned wildlife photographer requesting him/her to judge the competition.

### Question 4

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

Kunin, a permanent employee of the Church, called for the priest, Father Yakov.

Five hours later Father Yakov appeared.

"Sit down, Father," he began more carelessly than **cordially**.

Father Yakov coughed into his fist, sank awkwardly on to the edge of the chair, and laid his open hands on his knees. With his short figure, his narrow chest, his red and perspiring face, he made a most unpleasant impression on Kunin.

"I have invited you on business, Father" said Kunin. "The bishop has suggested that I should take under my supervision the church school which is being opened in Sinkino."

Kunin explained his views and watched Father Yakov's face, seeking signs of approval in it. But the face was **apathetic** and immobile. Father Yakov revived somewhat only when the servant came into the room bringing in two glasses of tea and some biscuits. He took his glass and began drinking the tea at once.

He drank and smacked his lips over every gulp.

In the evening, Kunin wrote a letter to the bishop. After asking for money and a blessing for the school, he wrote his opinion of the priest at Sinkino:

"He is young," he wrote, "insufficiently educated, and altogether fails to satisfy the ideals which the Russian people have of what a priest should be."

After a few days Father Yakov visited Kunin and asked him if he could appoint him to the post of his secretary, which was vacant.

"Why, are you giving up the Church service?" said Kunin in amazement.

"No, no," Father Yakov said. "You see, I could do the work between whiles,... so as to increase my income."

"H'm!....your income.... But you know, I only pay my secretary twenty roubles a month."

"Good heavens! I would take ten," whispered Father Yakov, and went on: "I will explain it all truly... I am ashamed of my clothes.... I am ashamed of my being hungry.... I get a hundred and fifty roubles a year from my parish. I pay forty roubles a year to the school for my brother. Then I have not yet paid up all that I owe for my place here. They charged me two hundred roubles for the living and I was to pay ten roubles a month.... You can judge what is left! And, besides, I must allow Father Avramy at least three roubles a month."

"What Father Avramy?"

"Father Avramy was priest at Sinkino before I came. He was deprived of the living on account of his failing health. Though he is old, he must have a corner, and food and clothing - I can't let him go begging on the roads in his position."

Kunin shook hands with Father Yakov without speaking, saw him to the gate, and going back into his study, stood at the window. He passed his hand over his eyes, and it seemed to him that his hand was moist. He could not help remembering the recent past when he was senselessly squandering his father's fortune.

Kunin then recalled the letter he had sent to the bishop that filled him with overwhelming shame before his inner self and before the unseen truth.

- (i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]
1. *cordially* (line 3)
- (a) rudely (b) roughly  
(c) graciously (d) carefully
2. *apathetic* (line 10)
- (a) uninterested (b) sad  
(c) desirous (d) courage
- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'rejection'? [1]
- (a) impression (b) approval  
(c) supervision (d) opinion
- (iii) Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words.
- (a) How did Father Yakov make the most unpleasant impression on Kunin? [2]  
(b) What did Kunin write about Father Yakov to his Bishop? [2]  
(c) Who was Father Avramy? Why did he need financial support? [1]  
(d) What were Kunin's feelings after the departure of the priest? [2]  
(e) Why was Kunin filled with shame when he recalled the letter he had sent to the Bishop? [2]
- (iv) In not more than 50 words, summarise Kunin's feelings towards Father Yakov in the beginning and at the end of the story. [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) **hid**

In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then .....(0)..... (hide) in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers.....(1)..... (pass) by and simply walked around it. Many people .....(2)..... (blame) the King for not .....(3)..... (keep) the roads clear, but none of them did anything about .....(4)..... (get) the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along .....(5).....(carry) vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant .....(6).....(lie) down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed to push aside the boulder.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying on the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained gold coins and a note from the King .....(7).... (explain) that the gold.....(8).....(be) for the person who removed the boulder from the road.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- (a) The ball fell ..... the well.
- (b) The victim died ..... the loss of blood.
- (c) Aditi spoke to me yesterday ..... the phone.
- (d) The secret was shared ..... the two friends.
- (e) She lives ..... a small town near the beach.
- (f) I will meet you ..... Friday at 3 PM.
- (g) He looked ..... the keyhole to see what was happening inside.
- (h) She is sitting ..... the desk, reading a book.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'**. [4]

- (a) He enjoys reading. His brother likes painting.
- (b) The movie started. They were still outside.
- (c) He is tired. He goes to bed early.
- (d) He studied hard for the exam. He didn't pass.

(iv) Rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

- (a) This is a very obedient dog. (End with: this dog is!)
- (b) The master said to his servant, "Go at once to the store and get me a loaf of bread." (Rewrite as reported speech)
- (c) "I cannot lend you more than 3000," the manager said.(Rewrite as reported speech)
- (d) They play soccer. (Make negative sentence)
- (e) No school will provide you this much facilities. (Make interrogative sentence)
- (f) The mangoes are too costly for you to buy them. (Use 'so')
- (g) Jatin is the tallest boy in the class. (Use 'tall' instead of tallest)
- (h) Very few actors of our time are as successful as Amitabh Bachchan. (Change to Superlative degree)

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