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*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** *All questions are compulsory.*

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

Pankaj was a fat, short and cunning boy who was hated by everyone in the school. Everyone ran away when he walked along the school corridors, even the teachers. Very few went near and even fewer spoke to him. Pankaj had absolutely no friends. He lived with his grandmother and played alone.

Pankaj was treated like this because he was unlike other humans. He had hair all over his body and face, a crooked nose and two extra teeth all of which made him look ugly and frightful. People preferred to stay away from him. And so Pankaj grew up alone, only with his grandmother for company.

After finishing school, he did not want to go through all the trials of being made fun of, in college. So, he got himself a job. His classmates Rajan and Rahul who gave him nightmares with continuous ragging went on to college like the other boys in his class.

Soon, Pankaj's grandmother died, leaving him completely alone. Pankaj moved out of the town to another state for work. After a bit of searching, he was employed in a local factory for a small salary, even lower than the others at his level. All because he looked ugly.

But it did not matter to Pankaj, so he worked hard and worked long. Soon it came to the notice of his seniors that he was much smarter than the others in his department. Repairing tools and fixing pipes was an easy job for him.

Often, he was sent outside the factory to repair broken machines and fix pipes. Once, a drain had been choked, and all the water from the factory sewage was flowing back into the factory. The best of engineers worked hard to fix it, but in vain. When somebody mentioned Pankaj, he was summoned to fix the damage. Within an hour Pankaj had everything under control : he not only fixed the drain, but also cleaned the area and cleared the stench.

This deed made him the favourite of every officer. Soon, he was promoted as his expertise matched that of an engineer. His immediate boss Laxman was kind hearted and calm. He saw the intelligent spark in Pankaj but also caught the shadow of isolation. Once Laxman called Pankaj to his cabin and asked him if he could give him a makeover. Pankaj agreed because he did not have much to lose. His looks scared everybody in the office too.

Laxman got all his excess hair shaved and waxed. The dentist managed to plug out the bad teeth and the hairstylist cut his hair with extreme caution to give him a trendy look. When Pankaj looked into the mirror, he was surprised to see the new Pankaj. He no more looked wild and horrid. He was now looking like a handsome lad. His colleagues grew jealous of him, his seniors now admired him. The next raise and promotion were not far away.

Soon Pankaj was sent on an assignment to his childhood hometown. Nobody recognised him there too, even when he chanced upon his old school mates Rajan and Rahul. They had no clue that he was their childhood victim.

But when Pankaj helped the fireman shut the water leak that led to flooding, people began to praise him. Soon, his real identity was known and everyone was taken aback to see a swan rise from an ugly duckling. From then on, Pankaj enjoyed the rest of his days as any other human being.

I. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option (a), (b) or (c) :

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- (i) Choose the most appropriate title for the story.
- (a) Pankaj and his Friends
  - (b) The Transformation of Pankaj
  - (c) The Sufferings of Pankaj
- (ii) Why did the people of the village avoid Pankaj ?
- (a) Because he lived with his grandmother.
  - (b) Because he had no hair at all on his head.
  - (c) Because he looked different from other people in the village.
- (iii) Why was Pankaj paid a low salary initially ?
- (a) He had no college education.
  - (b) He was from another State.
  - (c) He was not good-looking.
- (iv) Which action made Pankaj the favourite of every officer ?
- (a) He could repair anything and everything.
  - (b) He was smarter than others in the department.
  - (c) Pankaj fixed a problem in the factory which the best engineers could not.

- (v) How did the people of Pankaj's hometown initially react on seeing him after a long time ?
- (a) They failed to recognise him.
  - (b) They praised him.
  - (c) They grew jealous of him.

**II.** State whether the following statements are *True or False* according to the story : 10

- (i) Pankaj reluctantly agreed to Laxman's proposal to change his appearance.
- (ii) Pankaj's grandmother passed away when he was still a young man.
- (iii) Pankaj had many friends at school, especially Rajan and Rahul.
- (iv) Pankaj was paid a very low salary in the beginning because of his bad looks.
- (v) Pankaj was always depressed because of his bad looks.
- (vi) Repair work and setting things right were easy tasks for Pankaj.
- (vii) Pankaj was able to clear a drain which even engineers could not clear.
- (viii) Laxman was a selfish man who wanted to exploit Pankaj's talents for his own good.

- (ix) The hair stylist and the dentist worked to improve Pankaj's looks.
- (x) When Pankaj went back to his home town, his friends Rahul and Rajan recognised him.

**III.** Look at these words and phrases taken from the reading passage. Match them with the correct meanings given in the box :

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- (i) nightmare \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) but in vain \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) summon \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) a small office room \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) co-workers \_\_\_\_\_

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| (a) classmates     |
| (b) unsuccessfully |
| (c) a shed         |
| (d) bad dream      |
| (e) a cabin        |
| (f) colleagues     |
| (g) call           |

2. Fill up the blanks (1 – 10) in the following passage, choosing (a), (b) or (c) from the list below :

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We all know how important water is for the survival of both animals and plants. Without water 1 animal can survive. In desert regions, the greatest requirement to life is 2 up. But many creatures are able to make use of 3 little water that exists in arid areas. One of nature's masterpieces 4 creatures, equipped to 5 with desert life is the hardy camel. Stories across the desert lands tell us about the 6 endurance feats of camels. It is said that camels can 7 a distance of about 800 miles in eight days through continuous travel 8 an intake of a single drop of water. The popular 9 that camels store water in their hump is 10 in a way; water is indeed stored there but in the form of fat.

- (1) (a) every (b) no (c) any  
(2) (a) drying (b) dry (c) dried  
(3) (a) what (b) very (c) the  
(4) (a) among (b) for (c) with  
(5) (a) resist (b) bear (c) cope  
(6) (a) remarkable (b) tolerable (c) little  
(7) (a) reach (b) cover (c) lead  
(8) (a) before (b) without (c) accepting  
(9) (a) belief (b) statement (c) proverb  
(10) (a) baseless (b) wrong (c) correct

3. I. Identify the grammatically incorrect part which is underlined (1), (2), (3) or (4) :

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- (i) Even in thick fog,  
(1)  
the towers of the Taj  
(2)  
can be seen clearly  
(3)  
and so do those of the Agra fort.  
(4)
- (ii) The ship had sank in the Pacific  
(1) (2)  
before the distress signal was sent.  
(3) (4)
- (iii) He drove as fastly as he could  
(1) (2)  
but failed to overtake the train.  
(3) (4)
- (iv) I don't wish to buy a new camera  
(1) (2)  
as my old one works perfect.  
(3) (4)
- (v) The meanings of certain  
(1)  
difficult terms and phrases are given  
(2) (3)  
in the bottom of the page.  
(4)



**II.** Choose the correct answer (a), (b) or (c) and fill in the blanks :

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- (i) It has been a long time since I met your uncle. When you meet him, please \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- (a) regard
  - (b) give my regards to
  - (c) regard me to
- (ii) She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a story when asked for the delay in coming home.
- (a) cook up
  - (b) copy out
  - (c) come about
- (iii) The police are \_\_\_\_\_ the person who was present at the scene of crime.
- (a) looking at
  - (b) looking forward to
  - (c) looking out for
- (iv) My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ with her maid-servant only because she is honest and truthful.
- (a) puts up
  - (b) puts down
  - (c) puts on
- (v) I strongly advise you not to \_\_\_\_\_ such an attractive job offer.
- (a) turn down
  - (b) turn over
  - (c) turn away

4. I. Fill up the blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets :

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- (i) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the politician took place in his hometown. (bury)
- (ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ of a country depends on the proper management of the economy. (prosper)
- (iii) This island has remained \_\_\_\_\_ for many centuries with no people on it. (inhabit)
- (iv) India has several \_\_\_\_\_ tourist spots which attract many foreigners. (fascinate)
- (v) “\_\_\_\_\_ breeds contempt” goes a popular saying. (familiar)

II. Match the words in Column A (a – e) with their Antonyms in Column B (i – vii).

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<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>
(a) rigid	(i) peaceful
(b) tense	(ii) educated
(c) hostile	(iii) flexible
(d) literate	(iv) noisy
(e) disturbance	(v) relaxed
	(vi) illiterate
	(vii) friendly

5. I. Rewrite the following sentences as shown below. Begin the answers as indicated : 10

(i) I usually have rice and vegetables for dinner.

Ans : My dinner \_\_\_\_\_ .

(ii) Our kitchen has run out of sugar.

Ans : There is \_\_\_\_\_ in our kitchen.

(iii) The officers check the records every day.

Ans : The records \_\_\_\_\_ by the officers every day.

(iv) "We rarely go to the local market for shopping," Sarita said.

Ans : Sarita said that \_\_\_\_\_ .

(v) You should remain silent in the library.

Ans : Silence must \_\_\_\_\_ in the library.

(vi) You should write brief and appropriate sentences in a test.

Ans : Brief and appropriate sentences \_\_\_\_\_ .

(vii) Do not feed the animals in the zoo.

Ans : The animals \_\_\_\_\_ .

(viii) Sheeba said to Sheela : “Where are you meeting your friends this evening ?”

Ans : Sheeba asked Sheela \_\_\_\_\_ .

(ix) Laptops should not be used during the flight.

Ans : Please \_\_\_\_\_ .

(x) Essays should be brief and clear.

Ans : Write your essays \_\_\_\_\_ .

**II.** What will you say in the following situations ?

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(i) Your neighbour’s TV is disturbing you because of the high volume. Ask him politely to reduce the volume.

(ii) You want to borrow the library card from your classmate. Ask your classmate for the card politely.

(iii) The desktop computer you bought recently is not working properly. Complain about this to the shopkeeper and ask for a replacement.

(iv) Ask your co-passenger on the train if you can borrow his newspaper.

(v) Your friend has become the proud father of a baby girl. Congratulate him.

**6. Letter writing (150 words) : 10**

You recently moved to a new city on a job transfer.

Write a letter to your friend informing him of this move. In your letter :

- (i) describe the new city.
- (ii) explain how life in this city is different compared to the previous city;
- (iii) invite your friend and family to visit you in the new city.

**7. Description (100 words) : 10**

Imagine that you have to write a newspaper article on "Your ideal city." Write about 100 words describing your ideal city : location, weather, roads and traffic, people's behaviour, etc.

**8. Essay writing (200 words) : 15**

Nowadays, more and more families prefer to live in flats/apartments rather than in houses.

Write an essay about the advantages and disadvantages of living in

- flats/apartments
- independent houses

and for what type of families flats are suitable.

Indicate which of these would be your preference and why. \_\_\_\_\_

