

St. Mary's Convent Inter College , Prayagraj
First Terminal Examination 2024

Time: 2hrs

Class – 9

M.M :80

English Language
(English Paper-1)

Name Roll No..... Date.....

Attempt all five questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Question 1

[20]

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

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

1. Write an amusing story bringing out the theme, "Liars should have good memories."
2. "Failure teaches success." How far do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give relevant arguments to support your opinion.
3. My biggest fear.
4. You along with your classmates have been chosen by the government to reach supplies to people in flood-hit areas and to help evacuate them. Describe your experience.

Question 2

[10]

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

Select any one of the following:

1. Write a letter to the Director of a television channel complaining about the quality of programmes being telecast. Suggest ways to improve the programmes.
2. You have been excluded from your school swimming team for an important inter-school event. Write a letter to your mother expressing your disappointment and mention the reason why you were left out.

Question 3

1. The student body is preparing a special programme followed by lunch for the teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day. Put together details in a notice asking interested students to be present for auditions. [5]
2. Send an e-mail to the principal and teachers inviting them for the programme followed by lunch. [5]

Question 4

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

My husband and I had been happily married for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with his word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, he blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter. My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty. We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old. I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella."



In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children. While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother-1 didn't even come close-1 did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God. I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus, too. Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his "last wife."

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas **pageant**. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine. My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes." My four-year-old "Mary" said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes." A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing. I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-mama." Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur." The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation. "I've never enjoyed a Christmas programme as much as this one." Father Brian laughed, wiping tears from his eyes. "For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur." "My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing," I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

1. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [2]
 - (i) **Guide** (line 3)
 - (a) Lead
 - (b) Direct
 - (c) Counselor
 - (d) Usher
 - (ii) **Pageant** (line 16)
 - (a) A public entertainment
 - (b) A beauty contest
 - (c) A public prosecution
 - (d) A male attendant
2. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'unusual'? [1]
 - (a) Rotten
 - (b) Common
 - (c) Dissolve
 - (d) Blessing
3. **Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:**
 - (a) What promise did the mother make while praying? Why? [1]
 - (b) How did the husband feel about the blessings they had received? [2]
 - (c) According to the mother what were the drawbacks of being blessed? [2]
 - (d) What made the mother feel that she was "missing the mark" in keeping her promise to God? [2]
 - (e) Which was the proudest moment of the mother? [2]
4. In not more than **50 words** of your own relate why the mother felt that her children were her pride, joy and her greatest blessing. [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]

I (1)(realize) that my mom(2)..... (make) me who I am today, no matter what either of us(3)..... (look) like. I(4)..... (start) to notice that we had the same silly personality, the same outlook on life, and the same way of(5)..... (treat) people, along with some other things. She(6)..... (curl) my hair for my first dance. She was there for my first heartbreak. She(7)..... (hold) my hand every time I(8)..... (get) a shot at the doctors'.

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

- We shall stay three months America.
- Nobody you know the truth.
- An old feud existed..... the two families.
- He is incapable doing the work.
- We still haven't come..... with an interesting theme.
- He came a very old letter written by his grandmother.
- The plane wasn't allowed to take because of bad weather conditions.
- Most people prefer taking a hobby to relieve stress.

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

- Jack is a great footballer. He is also popular.
 - Jack who is a great footballer is also popular.
 - Jack being a great footballer made him popular.
 - Jack is popular because he is a great footballer.
 - Jack is a great footballer because he is popular.
- Angel saw that I was confused. She came to my rescue.
 - Angel came to my rescue seeing I was confused.
 - Angel came to my rescue when she saw that I was confused.
 - On seeing my confusion, Angel rescued me.
 - Angel rescued me when she saw me confused.
- You say so. I must believe it.
 - Since you say so, I must believe it.
 - If you are saying so, I must believe it.
 - If you say so, I must believe.
 - I must believe it since you are saying so.
- I waited for my friend. He came.
 - I waited for my friend for he came.
 - I waited for my friend until he came.
 - I waited for my friend who came.
 - The friend who I waited for, came.

- (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

- There is no smoke without fire. (Begin. Where....)
 - Where can there be smoke without fire.
 - Where there is fire it has smoke.
 - Where there is smoke, there is fire.
 - Where it has smoke there is fire.

2. You will be punished when you return (Use: on.)
- You will be punished on your return.
 - On return, you will be punished.
 - Punishment will be given on your return.
 - On the returning, you will be punished.
3. We were surprised when we heard the news. (End:us)
- The news surprised us.
 - The news is surprising us.
 - The news surprises us we heard it
 - Is the news surprising us?
4. Life is so precious that it cannot be wasted in quarrel. (Rewrite using 'too')
- Life is precious too that it cannot be wasted in quarrel.
 - The precious life too cannot be wasted in quarrel.
 - Do not waste life, it is too precious in quarrel.
 - Life is too precious to be wasted in quarrel.
5. After receiving treatment for cancer the woman began to recover. (Use: treated in place of treatment)
- After the woman was treated for cancer, she recovered.
 - After being treated for cancer, the woman began to recover.
 - After treated for cancer the woman began to recover
 - The woman began to recover after her treatment for cancer
6. As soon as he heard the gunshot he ran towards the forest. (Begin: No sooner.....)
- No sooner he heard the gunshot, he ran towards the forest
 - No sooner hearing the gunshot, he ran towards the forest.
 - No sooner did he hear the gunshot than he ran towards the forest.
 - No sooner did he hear the gunshot he ran towards the forest.
7. One should not boast of one's success. (Begin: One's success....)
- One's success, one must not boast about
 - One's success should not be boasted about.
 - One's success one should not boast about
 - One should not be boasted about success
8. He is not only famous for his riches, but for his wisdom. (Begin: Not only...)
- Not only is he famous for his riches, but also for his wisdom.
 - Not only for his riches but also for his wisdom is he famous.
 - Not only is he rich, he is wise also.
 - Not only is he famous for his riches, he is famous for his wisdom.