

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ
FIRST PRELIMS- ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ENGLISH Paper – 1

(Two hours)

Maximum Marks :80

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 parts 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.

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]

- (i) Write an original amusing short story bringing out the theme, 'Liars should have good memory.'
- (ii) You were returning home by train after an exciting trip to Goa. Suddenly at night, you woke up and discovered that your suitcase containing costly articles has been stolen. Give a vivid account of your feelings at the time and the subsequent efforts to recover your suitcase.
- (iii) 'Reading has met its untimely doom.'
Express your views either for or against the statement.
- (iv) Describe an area in your city or hometown which is famous for its street food. Give details of the familiar sights and sounds you would experience on this street.
- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

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

Select any one of the following:

[10]

- (i) You will soon have to make a decision about the subjects that you wish to study in classes XI and XII. Write a letter to your grandfather telling him about the subjects that you plan to take up. Be sure to explain the reason for your choice and how you think these subjects would help you in future.
- (ii) A new family has recently come to occupy an apartment adjacent to yours. They are fond of giving parties which are noisy and so they disturb your studies. Express your difficulties to the Secretary of your Housing Society and suggest possible solutions that he can ask your neighbor to take to continue his parties without disturbing anyone.

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- (c) What task was given to Archimedes and why? [2]
 (d) The passage describes a man who is the goldsmith of the town. What kind of a person do you think he was? [2]
 (e) How would you have reacted if you would have been the king who had been defrauded by the goldsmith? [1]
 (iv) In not more than 50 words, describe the events that led Archimedes to deduce that the crown had an amalgamation of other inferior metals. [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) The French mathematician Blaise Pascal 0 _____ (write),
 Answer; wrote

“All man’s miseries derive from not (1) _____ (be) able to sit quietly in a room alone.”
 We (2) _____ (become) experts at (3) _____ (fill) our lives with noise and activities.
 We wake up to the sound of the radio (4) _____ (blare) and dress while the television news is on. We drive to work (5) _____ (listen) to the latest traffic report and spend the next eight hours in a bustling office. When we (6) _____ (come) home, at the day’s end, we (7) _____ (delve) into the evening’s activities against the background sound of the television, ringing phones and humming computers. Pascal was right: most of our miseries do stem from the fact that we (8) _____ (lose) sight of the importance of being silent, for even a short period, every day of our lives.

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

- (a) The police broke _____ the demonstration.
 (b) First the roof gave _____ then the walls.
 (c) He disliked the play so much that he walked _____ in the middle of the first act.
 (d) The plane must take _____ before dark.
 (e) We must not speak ill about a person _____ his back.
 (f) The river abounds _____ fish in its lower course.
 (g) The rain poured in _____ a hole in the roof.
 (h) The car crashed _____ the wall.

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

1. He was selected for the post. He did not join the office.
 (a) Despite being selected for the post, he did not join the office.
 (b) Despite selected for the post already, he did not join the office.
 (c) Despite getting selected he did not joined the office.
 (d) Despite the selection, he joined the office.
 2. The delegates arrived. The meeting started.
 (a) Hardly had the delegates arrived so the meeting started.
 (b) Hardly had the delegates arrived then the meeting started.
 (c) Hardly had the delegates arrived since the meeting started.
 (d) Hardly had the delegates arrived when the meeting started.
 3. You cannot enter the club. You do not have a membership.
 (a) You cannot enter the club unless you have a membership.
 (b) You cannot enter the club since you have a membership.
 (c) You cannot enter the club whereas you have a membership.
 (d) You cannot enter the club if you have a membership.





4. The sentence is difficult. He cannot translate it without help.
- The sentence is too difficult for him to translate without help.
 - The sentence is difficult for him to translate even with help.
 - The sentence is too difficult of him to translate without any help.
 - The sentence is difficult for him to translate.
- (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence.
- As soon as I arrived I had a cup of tea. (Begin: Upon.....)
 - Upon arrival, I had a cup of tea.
 - Upon arrival, I will have a cup of tea.
 - Upon arriving, I would have had a cup of tea.
 - Upon arriving, I had a cup of tea. - Anay and Shourya's work pleased the English teacher. (Begin: The English.....)
 - The English teacher was pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
 - The English teacher is pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
 - The English teacher were pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
 - The English teacher has been pleased with Anay and Shourya's work. - Sugarcane can't possibly grow in such poor soil.(Begin: It is.....)
 - It is impossible growing sugarcane in this soil.
 - It is impossible to grow sugarcane in such poor soil.
 - It is impossible to be growing sugarcane in this soil.
 - It is impossible growing sugarcane in such poor soil. - Your ~~project~~ will be accepted if it is submitted on time. (Begin: Unless.....)

Form

 - Your form will be accepted unless it is submitted on time.
 - Unless your form is submitted on time, it will not be accepted.
 - Unless the form is accepted, it should be submitted on time.
 - Your form will be accepted unless it is not submitted on time. - Put your tools away, the children may fall over them. (Use: lest.....)
 - Put your tools away lest the children may fall over them.
 - Put your tools away lest the children fall over them.
 - Put your tools away, children, lets fall over them.
 - Lest the children fall so put the tools away. - "Why didn't I use a calculator before?" thought Mrinank. (Begin: Mrinank wondered.....)
 - Mirnank wondered why didn't I use a calculator before.
 - Mirnank wondered why he hadn't used a calculator before.
 - Mirnank wondered why didn't he use a calculator before.
 - Mirnank wondered if didn't he use a calculator before. - Don't blame her if the mirror is broken. (She is not.....)
 - She is not at blame if the mirror is broken.
 - She is not at blame for the broken mirror.
 - She is not to be blamed for the broken mirror.
 - She is not to be blamed if the mirror is broken. - He does not always speak as he thinks. (End.....thoughts.)
 - He does always speak his thoughts.
 - He did not always speak his thoughts.
 - He does not always speak his thoughts.
 - He is so bad at telling his thoughts.