## 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] Write an original amusing short story bringing out the theme, 'Liars should have good memory.' (i)

You were returning home by train after an exciting trip to Goa. Suddenly at night, you woke up (ii) 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.

'Reading has met its untimely doom.' (iii) Express your views either for or against the statement.

Describe an area in your city or hometown which is famous for its street food. Give (iv) details of the familiar sights and sounds you would experience on this street.

Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it (v) 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] 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.

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.

Your school is organising a 'Book Fair' on the occasion of World Book Day, where a number of publishers would display their books. Write a notice to be put up in your school informing students about the event and inviting them to visit the Book Fair. Write an email to the Principal of the neighbouring school requesting him/her to visit the

Book Fair along with the students and teachers of his/her school.

**Question 4** 

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

Hiero, King of Syracuse, had commissioned from a goldsmith of the town a crown of pure gold, but having taken delivery of the finished article, he was suspicious. There was reason to believe that the craftsman had mixed with the gold a certain amount of other metal of inferior value. But how to find out? There was no concrete evidence, and it was, therefore, obviously a case for the learned men of the city. And who more learned than Archimedes?

The mathematician was, therefore, charged with the task which would nowadays be considered simple, but was then a matter of serious thought. Nothing known under the terrain of science could be brought forward to prove the goldsmith as fraud or doubt his integrity.

The scientific puzzle worried him intensely. This worry pursued him for days wherever he went, and persisted through the routine acts of his daily round. In the normal course of that routine, he went to the public bath. We can imagine him standing at the edge of the bath tub as he prepared to enter it, absently allowing the water to flow until he could not help noticing it. Curious, Archimedes continued to lower himself slowly into the water, and he noticed that the more his body sank into the water, the more water ran out over the sides of the tub. He realised that he had found the solution to Hiero's problem.

Suddenly, he splashed out of his tub, shouting at the top of his voice: "Eureka! Eureka! (I have found it! I have found it!)" Without waiting or even thinking of such a detail as clothes, he tore out of the building and rushed through the streets of Syracuse, still shouting: "Eureka! Eureka! Arriving at his house, the mathematician put his newly found discovery to a practical test, and found indeed that a body plunged in a fluid loses an amount of its weight which is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by it. This test proved to be the starting point of many subsequent discoveries of importance. Thus, the first fundamental law in hydrostatics was enunciated. Hence, Archimedes was also able to prove that the goldsmith had defrauded the king.

Archimedes was, by this time, well-known to his fellow townsmen, and his sometimes strange appearance and unusual actions were often met with indulgent smiles.

For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]

1. Commissioned

- (a) to depute someone
- b) to appoint someone to produce a piece of art
- (c) to empower someone
- d) to appoint someone as a commissioner

- 2. Subsequent
- (a) propounded

b) earlier

(c) consecutive

- d) directed
- Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'indulgent'?
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(a) intolerant

- b) friendly
- (c) mature d) lenient (iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.
  - (a) Which sentence in the passage tells us that Archimedes at times behaved in an unusually strange manner?
  - (b) What was the king's suspicion? Why could the king not punish the fraudulent goldsmith?

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	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 pers	_
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	(e) How would you have reacted if you would have been the king who had been	
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(iv)	In not more than 50 words, describe the events that led Archimedes to deduce that the	
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•	Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets	
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	Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate	
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	Example:	
	(0) The French mathematician Blaise Pascal 0 (write),	
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	"All man's miseries derive from not (1) (be) able to sit quietly in a room along	
	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 televisi	.on
	news is on. We drive to work (5)(listen) to the latest traffic report and spend to	
	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	e
	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.	
(11)	Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.	4]
\ /	The police broke the demonstration.	_
	First the roof gave then the walls.	
	He disliked the play so much that he walked in the middle of the first act.	
	The plane must take before dark.	
` ′	We must not speak ill about a person his back.	
, ,	The river abounds fish in its lower course.	
	The rain poured in a hole in the roof.	
(h)	The car crashed the wall.	
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(iii)	Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or	
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بل.	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.	
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- 4. The sentence is difficult. He cannot translate it without help.
  - (a) The sentence is too difficult for him to translate without help.
  - (b) The sentence is difficult for him to translate even with help.
  - (c) The sentence is too difficult of him to translate without any help.
  - (d) The sentence is difficult for him to translate.
- Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given (iv) after each sentence.
  - 1. As soon as I arrived I had a cup of tea. (Begin: Upon....)
    - (a) Upon arrival, I had a cup of tea.
    - (b) Upon arrival, I will have a cup of tea.
    - (c) Upon arriving, I would have had a cup of tea.
    - (d) Upon arriving, I had a cup of tea.
  - 2. Anay and Shourya's work pleased the English teacher. (Begin: The English....)
    - (a) The English teacher was pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
    - (b) The English teacher is pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
    - (c) The English teacher were pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
  - (d) The English teacher has been pleased with Anay and Shourya's work.
  - 3. Sugarcane can't possibly grow in such poor soil. (Begin: It is....)
    - (a) It is impossible growing sugarcane in this soil.
    - (b) It is impossible to grow sugarcane in such poor soil.
    - (c) It is impossible to be growing sugarcane in this soil.
    - (d) It is impossible growing sugarcane in such poor soil.
  - 4. Your form will be accepted if it is submitted on time. (Begin: Unless....)
    - (a) Your form will be accepted unless it is submitted on time.
      - (b) Unless your form is submitted on time, it will not be accepted.
    - (c) Unless the form is accepted, it should be submitted on time.
    - (d) Your form will be accepted unless it is not submitted on time.
  - 5. Put your tools away, the children may fall over them. (Use: lest....)
    - (a) Put your tools away lest the children may fall over them.
    - (b) Put your tools away lest the children fall over them.
    - (c) Put your tools away, children, lets fall over them.
    - (d) Lest the children fall so put the tools away.
  - 6. "Why didn't I use a calculator before?" thought Mrinank. (Begin: Mrinank wondered....)
    - (Ai) Mirnank wondered why didn't I use a calculator before.
    - (b) Mirnank wondered why he hadn't used a calculator before.
    - (c) Mirnank wondered why didn't he use a calculator before.
    - (2) Mirnank wondered if didn't he use a calculator before.
  - 7. Don't blame her if the mirror is broken. (She is not...)
    - (a) She is not at blame if the mirror is broken.
    - (b) She is not at blame for the broken mirror.
    - (c) She is not to be blamed for the broken mirror.
    - (d) She is not to be blamed if the mirror is broken.
  - 8. He does not always speak as he thinks. (End.....thoughts.)
    - (a) He does always speak his thoughts.
    - (b) He did not always speak his thoughts.
    - (c) He does not always speak his thoughts.
    - (d) He is so bad at telling his thoughts.