

St. Mary's Convent Inter College , Prayagraj
First Terminal Examination 2024-25

Time: 2hrs

Class 10

M.M :80

Subject – 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 [].
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 of the following:

[20]

- i. Your father has decided to take the entire family on a luxury cruise from India to Malaysia. Describe the experience.
- ii. Is societal progress achievable without ensuring the dignity and equal rights of women? Give your views either for or against this statement.
- iii. "Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly." Narrate an incident when your friend stood by you when you were confused and felt lost.
- iv. Write a story entitled, 'The Brave Little Warrior.'
- v. Study the given picture below. Write a story, description or an account of what the picture 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 one of the following:

[10]

- i. Your final examination is just a month away and you are totally unprepared for it. Write a letter to your sister telling her about the problems you are facing.
- ii. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advocating the establishment of a free library in your town.

Question 3

- i. Your school is organizing a campaign for creating awareness about the hazards of throwing household waste in the open and in water bodies. Write a notice for your school informing the students about the campaign and inviting them to participate in it. [5]
- ii. Write an email to a famous environmentalist requesting him to guide the students of your school in organizing this awareness campaign and establishing a compost plant in your school. [5]

Question 4

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

It was a Sunday morning, Nikki, and I just finishing our shopping. 'let me see.....,' Nikki said. "we have been to the supermarket, the Baker's and the green grocer's..... Is that the lot?"

I looked at my list. "I just needed a couple of things from the chemist's," I told her. "All right," Nikki said. "while you are doing that, I'll just go around to the bookstore and pick a book for myself."

We reached to meet at a cafe in a quarter of an hour. I arrived first when Nikki came in, she looked quite excited.

"did you find your book, then?" I asked as she sat down.

"Yes," Nikki said

"something special?" I asked. I was curious because Nikki was not a great reader, except for newspaper and magazines. She sometimes borrowed books, but she rarely bought them.

"Well, yes," Nikki admitted.

"What's all the mystery?" I asked. "tell me about it!"

"it isn't exactly a mystery, Kay," Nikki began. I waited for her to go on. Well. Do you remember that woman who used to live opposite the church-Miss Hunter?"

"the one who used to wear funny clothes and had a large dog? Wasn't she an artist?"

"Well, yes," Nikki said. "She did paint- but only as a hobby. As a matter of fact, she was a writer-and I have just bought her latest book!" Nikki took the book out of her bag and passed it across the table. The title was 'Death comes to the village.'

"A detective story," I said. "Hey do you think we are in it?"

"I'm pretty sure I am," Nikki said, looking rather pleased with herself. "You see Miss Hunter and I were quite good friends and she often said she was going to put me into her next book!"

"Shall we have a look?" I asked, but Nikki picked the book up and put it in her bag. "I'd like to read it first," she said. "but I lend it to you, of course, once I finish reading....."

Sometime passed after our meeting in the cafe, and I heard nothing from Nikki. Once I saw her across the street and tried to get her attention, but she avoided looking up, and pretended that she hadn't heard me calling out to her, and tried to lose herself in the crowd of shoppers walking the streets. I decided to ring her up and ask her about the book. "Oh that!" She muttered.

"you don't sound very pleased," I said. "weren't you in the book after all?"

"Yes," Nikki said. I'm in the book, all right ! But who do you think I am? I'm the village postwoman! I pass on all the gossip in the village! I even open letters sometimes! I'm the most unpleasant woman in the whole book! That woman is no friend of mine, I can tell you!"

- i. For each word given below, choose the correct meaning as used in the passage from the options provided. [2]

1. lot

a. Plenty.

b. Great deal

c. Batch or collection

d. Crowd

2. Passed.

a. Proceed.

b. Faded away

c. Move

d. Gone

- ii. Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word **agreeable**? [1]
a. Pleased b. Pretended c. Avoided d. Unpleasant

iii. Answer the following questions in your own words.

- a. Which places had two friends visited before deciding to meet at the cafe? [1]
- b. Why was Kay curious when Nikki showed excitement at her latest purchase? [2]
- c. Why was Nikki excited? [2]
- d. How did Nick react when asked to 'have a look'? [2]
- e. Later, what did Nikki do when Kay tried to attract her attention from across the street? [2]

iv. In not more than 50 words, relate what prospect excited Nikki and how it turned into a big disappointment, later in the story. [8]

Question 5

i. In the following passage, 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]

A few moments later his wife (1) _____ (come) in. She did not share his faith and optimism. Bitterness (2) _____ (eat) away at her spirit. She (3) _____ (lose) her faith when "The Lord (4) _____ (forsake) her. To her way of thinking surely he would never let her suffer if he loved her. As she (5) _____ (tell) her story, my heart filled with compassion for her. I told her she needed to (6) _____ (continue) to see the positive aspects. Her mind was (7) _____ (fill) with doubt, but she (8) _____ (know) she had to try.

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

- 1. She was accompanied _____ her brothers.
- 2. No good is likely to result _____ this union.
- 3. His whole case rests _____ alibi.
- 4. I take exception _____ your remark.
- 5. Contentment is requisite _____ happiness.
- 6. I called him _____ the audition tomorrow.
- 7. She sat _____ her mother and father.
- 8. _____ cleaning the house, I went and bought groceries.

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

- 1. Take cheque. The cash may not be sufficient.
 - a. Take the cheque as the cash may not be sufficient.
 - b. Take the check as the cash isn't sufficient
 - c. The cash may not be sufficient, nevertheless, you take a cheque.
 - d. Take a check in order for the cash may not be sufficient.
- 2. I know he wasn't a foreigner. I realised that at once when he spoke.
 - a. I realized at once when he spoke, that he wasn't a foreigner.
 - b. I know he wasn't a foreigner, which I realise that at once when he spoke.
 - c. I was knowing he wasn't a foreigner at once when he spoke.
 - d. I realized he wasn't a foreigner that at once when he spoke.
- 3. She failed in the first exam. She persevered and topped the class.
 - a. She was failing in the first exam, then she persevered and topped the class.
 - b. Despite failing in the first exam, she persevered and topped the class.
 - c. In spite fail in the first exam, she persevered and topped the class.
 - d. Even though she was failing in the first exam, she persevered and topped the class.
- 4. Do not borrow. Do not lend.
 - a. Neither borrow nor lend.
 - b. Neither be a borrower nor be a lender.
 - c. Neither borrow nor lend.

You must not borrow money, nor lent. (3)

d. Don't borrow money or lend money.

iv. Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options. [8]

1. We could not finish our plantation drive as it began to rain.
(Use: Prevented)
 - a. The rains prevented the completion of our plantation drive.
 - b. The rains prevented the finishing of our plantation drive.
 - c. The rains prevented us from finishing our plantation drive.
 - d. We could not finish our plantation drive as the rains prevented us.
2. No sooner had they searched the room than an alarm was raised.
(Begin: Hardly.....)
 - a. Hardly they had searched the room, when an alarm was raised.
 - b. Hardly had they searched the room, when an alarm was raised.
 - c. Hardly an alarm was raised when they searched the room.
 - d. Hardly they had been searching the room, when an alarm was raised.
3. Besides keeping a watch on his movements, the police tapped his phones..
(Begin: The police not only.....)
 - a. The police not only kept a watch on his movement but also tapped his phones.
 - b. The police not only watched his movements, but also tapped his phones.
 - c. The police is not only tapped this phones and watch this movements.
 - d. The police not only voiced his moves to also hear all that he did.
4. She was left with a big fortune by her uncle.
(Use: inherit)
 - a. She had inherited a big fortune from her uncle.
 - b. She inherited a big fortune from her uncle.
 - c. She had a big fortune to inherit from her uncle.
 - d. She was left a big fortune as inheritance by her uncle.
5. Dimple eats only fruits and vegetables.
(Begin: Dimple lives.....)
 - a. Dimple lives to eat only fruits and vegetables.
 - b. Dimple lives with only fruits and vegetables.
 - c. Dimple lives only on fruits and vegetables.
 - d. Dimple lives by only fruits and vegetables.
6. My luggage is so heavy that it cannot be easily carried.
(Begin: My luggage is too.....)
 - a. My luggage is too heavy that it cannot be easily carried.
 - b. My luggage is too heavy that it cannot be carried easily.
 - c. My luggage is too heavy to be carried easily.
 - d. My luggage is too heavy for to be carried easily.
7. Chennai is larger than many other cities..
(Begin: Many other cities are.....)
 - a. Many other cities are larger than Chennai.
 - b. Many other cities are smaller than Chennai.
 - c. Many other cities are as small as Chennai
 - d. Many other cities are not as large as Chennai.
8. You remembered to mail the application, didn't you?
(Begin: You didn't.....)
 - a. You didn't remember to mail the application, did you?
 - b. You didn't forget to mail the application, did you?
 - c. You didn't forgot to mail the application, did you?
 - d. You didn't forgotten to mail the application, did you?