

**SECTION - A****Questions I, II and III are to be solved on the answer sheet.**

Q I Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Of all the planets in our solar system only one, Earth, has water. There are two main reasons why there is water on Earth and not on the other planets. First, the appropriate chemicals are present on Earth to create water, namely hydrogen and oxygen; and secondly, we are just the right distance from the sun. If the Earth was closer to the sun the water in the seas and oceans would boil, but if earth were further away, the water would all freeze.

Exactly how the oceans were originally formed remains something of a 'mystery', but what is certain is that nearly three-quarters of the surface of the Earth is now covered by water. Some scientists believe that Earth was once a ball of fire, and as it cooled, the rocks at the centre, which remained very hot, let off steam. This condensed into water as it escaped into the cold atmosphere, just as steam in a kitchen condenses into water droplets on a cold window.

Others think it is more probable that the water came from dense clouds which formed round the Earth. These clouds caused torrential rainstorms which lasted for thousands of years. As the rain fell on the higher land it washed salts from the rocks and flowed into the depressions on the planet's surface to form seas and oceans of salty water.

1. What would happen to the water in the oceans if the Earth moved closer or further away from the Sun ? 2
2. Give the opinion of scientists to show how water bodies were formed due to condensation. 2
3. What conditions are essential for water to exist on Earth? 2
4. What does sea water contain that is not found in rain water? 1
5. Choose the words from the passage which mean the same as ... 3
  - a. Suitable
  - b. Downpour or violent flow
  - c. Hollows on a surface

Q II. Write an Autobiography on any one of the following topics: (8)

a. A mobile phone

**OR**

b. A school bag



Q III. Write a letter to your Principal of your school requesting for a week's leave as you have sprained your ankle and cannot attend classes. (7)

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Q.I. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the bracket:

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1. None of the candidates \_\_\_\_\_ suitable for the job. (is /are)
2. A pair of socks \_\_\_\_\_ washed and kept for you. (is /are)
3. Neither praise nor blame \_\_\_\_\_ to affect him. (seem /seems)
4. Betty and John \_\_\_\_\_ to church every Sunday. (go /goes)
5. None of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the party. (want /wants)
6. The principal as well as the chief guest \_\_\_\_\_ going to speak on the occasion.  
(is/are)
7. Each of the girls \_\_\_\_\_ given a packet of sweets. (was /were)
8. The girl along with her friends \_\_\_\_\_ guilty of breaking the window.(is/are)
9. The results of the competition \_\_\_\_\_ not available for two days.(was/were)
10. Five thousand rupees \_\_\_\_\_ donated by this gentleman every  
year.(is/are)

Q.II a Write whether the following sentences are assertive, interrogative, exclamatory or imperative:

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1. I like to play Tennis.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Mini lives in a big cottage.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Never lose your patience.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have a safe journey.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Who came to pick you up.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Oh no! I lost my purse.

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