

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 story that begins with the line- 'Suddenly the door burst open ...'
- Narrate the events that led you to believe in the present moment, 'NOW'.
- Nobody is perfect. Our imperfections often make us who we are. Describe an imperfection in yourself that defines you and makes you completely unique. What do you feel about it? How have you come to terms with it?
- Peer pressure is beneficial to teenagers. Argue for or against this statement.
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or 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.



Question 2: (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.) Select **one** of the following:

Write a letter to your cousin about the time you were falsely accused of disrupting the discipline in your classroom. Give details of the incident and how you managed to prove your innocence. Mention what you learnt from the experience. [10]

OR

Write a letter to the manager of a mall near your house informing him/her about your pleasant experience with one of the saleswoman working in the mall. Give details about the incident and this person's attitude which touched you.

