

All questions are compulsory.

**Question 1**

[15]

Write a composition (350-450) words on any one of the following topics.

- Narrate an incident from your own experience when you helped a friend who was in trouble. What did you do to make the situation better?
- It is better to be rich than talented. Write for or against the statement.

**Question 2**

[8]

You, along with some of your friends, have visited a place of tourist interest recently. Write a letter to your uncle about the visit, describing the attractions of the place and its impact on you.

**Question 3**

[10]

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Martin Luther King, one of the greatest men ever to walk on this earth, started the defence force with which the American Blacks got their rights and gained freedom from the distressing racial discrimination.

Martin was born on January 15, 1929. His family lived on the outskirts of Atlanta. The fact that he could not play with White children, or that he had to offer a seat in the bus to a White, disturbed him. When he was eight years old, his father a Baptist pastor, told the family a sad story: Bessie Smith, a great singer, met with an accident. An ambulance rushed her to the nearest hospital, but she was not admitted because she was a Black. The ambulance took her from one hospital to another, but she could not find a place for herself because these hospitals were only for the Whites. She died for want of blood. From that day, Martin Luther King dreamt of becoming a liberator of the Blacks.

King completed his studies at More House College, and then earned a doctor's degree in theology at Boston University. In 1955, King married Alabama Soprano Coretta Scott. That very year he became a pastor and preached his first sermon in the Baptist Church of Atlanta. As a young man, he was greatly impressed by Mahatma Gandhi's success in the political field and the power of ahimsa. King decided to follow the path of non-violence and get millions of Blacks their due. He felt that the Blacks had immensely contributed towards the building of America, and there was no reason why they should not be treated with respect. King drew national attention in 1956. Since the Blacks were not permitted to sit in the same buses as the Whites, he led a boycott of public buses in Montgomery. A year later, after many arrests and threats,



Fill in the blanks with appropriate **conjunction**.

- a. The book was \_\_\_\_\_ interesting and Informative.
- b. She is extremely popular, \_\_\_\_\_ she is very humble.
- c. It is unfortunate \_\_\_\_\_ the medicine is unavailable.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ you have told me the truth, I will not punish you.
- e. The students will keep quiet \_\_\_\_\_ moving down the corridors.

**Question 8**

[5]

Fill in the blanks with a suitable **preposition**.

- a. Please do call \_\_\_\_ your father.
- b. Anita has called \_\_\_\_\_ an ambulance.
- c. The bus ran \_\_\_\_\_ the dog.
- d. The boy fell \_\_\_\_\_ with his friends over a trifle.
- e. The bag is so worn out that it has come \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 9**

[5]

State whether the underlined group of words are phrases or clauses.

Anita was holding on to a balloon. The balloon burst with a loud bang. Rajesh ran on hearing the loud noise. After the party was over, Anita's friends left in a hurry. Their quick departure was due to a sudden storm. The wind blew and in a minute it started to rain. Thunder and lightning streaked across the sky.

**Question 10**

[5]

Identify **the kind of sentences** given below.

- a. Is it right to not come on time?
- b. Place the book on the desk.
- c. Ramesh is not in hospital.
- d. Alas! We did not get selected for the play.
- e. The teacher is unhappy with you.

**Question 11**

[5]

I. Name the type of person or occupations. (3)

- a. A person who studies birds.
- b. A skin specialist
- c. One who loves himself and is obsessed with himself.
- d. One who does not believe in God.

II. Read the pair of sentences and state their difference. (2)

- a. 'Anmol,' said his mother, 'is unwell'
- b. Anmol said his mother is unwell.

- c. Look back and see who is on the left.
- d. Look back and see who has left.

Words are Important

## Question 12

[7]

a. Give the definition of words given below: (4)

- i. wanton(adj.)
- ii. violation
- iii. intrigue (verb)
- iv. spurn

b. Give one word for the meanings given below (3)

- i. To indicate or specify
- ii. To stick by
- iii. A forecast
- iv. Extremely impressive
- v. The quality of being clever
- vi. A loose fitting garment



