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Class: VII | Subject: English

Time: 3 Hours | Maximum Marks: 80

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General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper is divided into 5 sections: A, B, C, D, and E.
3. Section A: Multiple Choice Questions (1 mark each) - 15 marks
4. Section B: Fill in the Blanks / True-False (1 mark each) - 15 marks
5. Section C: Short Answer Questions (2 marks each) - 20 marks
6. Section D: Long Answer Questions (3 marks each) - 15 marks
7. Section E: Essay/Picture Composition (5 marks each) - 15 marks
8. Write neatly and legibly.
9. Read all questions carefully before attempting.

SECTION A - Multiple Choice Questions (15 Marks)

Q1. In "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom," what did the kind old man do when his dog scratched the ground? **[1]**

- (a) He scolded the dog
- (b) He dug the ground and found treasure
- (c) He ignored the dog
- (d) He called his neighbors

Q2. Who is the author of the story "Quality"? **[1]**

- (a) R.K. Narayan
- (b) Ruskin Bond
- (c) John Galsworthy
- (d) Leo Tolstoy

Q3. In the poem "Chivvy," what do grown-ups constantly do to children? **[1]**

- (a) Praise them
- (b) Give them instructions and tell them what to do
- (c) Play with them
- (d) Leave them alone

Q4. According to the poem "Trees," what do trees look like when the sun shines through them? **[1]**

- (a) Like dark shadows
- (b) Like painted pictures
- (c) Like leafy green paintings
- (d) Like tall buildings

Q5. In "Meadow Surprises," what does the poem describe? **[1]**

- (a) City life
- (b) Natural beauty and small wonders in a meadow
- (c) Mountain climbing
- (d) Ocean waves

- Q6.** In "Chandni," what was the name of the goat? **[1]**
- (a) Moti
 - (b) Chandni
 - (c) Kalua
 - (d) Sheru
- Q7.** In "The Bear Story," who found the bear cub? **[1]**
- (a) A hunter
 - (b) The lady of the house
 - (c) A farmer
 - (d) A child
- Q8.** Which pronoun is used to refer to things or animals? **[1]**
- (a) He
 - (b) She
 - (c) It
 - (d) They
- Q9.** What type of adjective is "beautiful" in the sentence "She is a beautiful girl"? **[1]**
- (a) Adjective of quality
 - (b) Adjective of quantity
 - (c) Demonstrative adjective
 - (d) Possessive adjective
- Q10.** Which tense is used in the sentence: "She writes a letter"? **[1]**
- (a) Present Continuous Tense
 - (b) Simple Present Tense
 - (c) Simple Past Tense
 - (d) Present Perfect Tense
- Q11.** Identify the past tense form of "go": **[1]**
- (a) Goes
 - (b) Going
 - (c) Went
 - (d) Gone

- Q12.** Which sentence is in the Future Tense? **[1]**
- (a) I am reading a book
 - (b) I read a book
 - (c) I will read a book
 - (d) I have read a book
- Q13.** In "An Alien Hand," what did the alien look like? **[1]**
- (a) Very tall with four arms
 - (b) Short with green skin
 - (c) Exactly like humans
 - (d) Transparent and invisible
- Q14.** Choose the correct pronoun: "_____ is my best friend." **[1]**
- (a) Them
 - (b) She
 - (c) Their
 - (d) Her
- Q15.** What is the comparative form of "good"? **[1]**
- (a) Gooder
 - (b) Better
 - (c) Best
 - (d) Goodest

SECTION B - Fill in the Blanks / True-False (15 Marks)

- Q16.** In "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom," the greedy neighbor tried to _____ the kind old couple. **[1]**
- Q17.** The shoemaker in "Quality" was known for making boots of excellent _____. **[1]**
- Q18.** "Chivvy" is a poem about how grown-ups give _____ to children. **[1]**
- Q19.** Trees are planted by _____ in the poem "Trees." **[1]**

- Q20.** Chandni wanted to go to the _____ to enjoy freedom. [1]
- Q21.** Personal pronouns include I, you, he, she, it, we, and _____. (Fill in the blank) [1]
- Q22.** An adjective is a word that _____ a noun or pronoun. [1]
- Q23.** The formula for Present Continuous Tense is: Subject + _____ + Verb+ing. [1]
- Q24.** The Past Perfect Tense uses the helping verb _____. [1]
- Q25.** True or False: In "The Bear Story," the bear was very aggressive and dangerous. _____ [1]
- Q26.** True or False: "This" and "That" are demonstrative adjectives. _____ [1]
- Q27.** True or False: The sentence "I am eating" is in Simple Present Tense. _____ [1]
- Q28.** True or False: Possessive pronouns show ownership. _____ [1]
- Q29.** True or False: "Quality" is a story about a dedicated shoemaker. _____ [1]
- Q30.** True or False: In "Meadow Surprises," the poem talks about surprises found in urban areas. _____ [1]

SECTION C - Short Answer Questions (20 Marks)

- Q31.** Why did the kind old man's dog bark and scratch the ground in "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom"? [2]
- Q32.** What was special about the boots made by Mr. Gessler in "Quality"? [2]
- Q33.** What is the main message of the poem "Chivvy"? [2]
- Q34.** Write two lines from the poem "Trees" and explain their meaning. [2]

- Q35.** Why did Chandni want to leave Abbu Khan's house? [2]
- Q36.** What are personal pronouns? Give four examples. [2]
- Q37.** Define adjectives and write two examples with sentences. [2]
- Q38.** Change the following sentence into Past Tense: "She goes to school daily." [2]
- Q39.** What is the difference between Simple Present and Present Continuous Tense? [2]
- Q40.** How did the lady in "The Bear Story" treat the bear cub? [2]

SECTION D - Long Answer Questions (15 Marks)

- Q41.** Describe the character of the kind old man and the greedy neighbor in "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom." What lesson do we learn from this story? [3]
- Q42.** Explain the theme of dedication and craftsmanship in the story "Quality." Why did Mr. Gessler's business fail? [3]
- Q43.** Write about the different types of pronouns with one example of each type. [3]
- Q44.** Explain the three types of comparison of adjectives with examples: Positive, Comparative, and Superlative. [3]
- Q45.** What happened when Chandni fought with the wolf? Describe the ending of the story "Chandni." [3]

SECTION E - Essay/Picture Composition (15 Marks)

- Q46.** Write a descriptive essay on "My Favourite Season" (About 150-200 words). [5]

Q47. Look at the following hints and write a picture composition:

[5]

Hints: A park scene - children playing - trees and flowers - a fountain - birds chirping
- sunny day - people enjoying - your feelings.

(Write in about 120-150 words)

Q48. Write a story based on the following beginning:

[5]

"It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly, I heard a strange sound coming from the garden..."

(Complete the story in about 150-200 words)

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ANSWER KEY

Detailed solutions for Class 7 English Annual Examination 2025-26

SECTION A - ANSWERS (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer 1: (b) He dug the ground and found treasure

Explanation: In the story "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom," when the kind old man's dog scratched the ground, the old man dug at that spot and discovered a pot filled with gold coins. This shows the faithful and magical nature of the dog who helped his loving master.

✓ Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark

Answer 2: (c) John Galsworthy

Explanation: "Quality" is a famous story written by John Galsworthy, an English novelist and playwright. The story beautifully portrays the dedication and honesty of a shoemaker named Mr. Gessler who believed in quality craftsmanship over commercial success.

✓ Correct answer: (c) - 1 mark

Answer 3: (b) Give them instructions and tell them what to do

Explanation: The poem "Chivvy" humorously depicts how adults constantly nag children with instructions like "Sit up," "Don't slouch," "Say thank you," etc. The

poem highlights the endless do's and don'ts that children face from grown-ups throughout the day.

✓ Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark

Answer 4: (c) Like leafy green paintings

Explanation: In the poem "Trees," the poet Shirley Bauer describes trees as beautiful natural art. When sunlight filters through their leaves, they appear like beautiful green paintings created by nature, showcasing the aesthetic beauty of trees.

✓ Correct answer: (c) - 1 mark

Answer 5: (b) Natural beauty and small wonders in a meadow

Explanation: "Meadow Surprises" by Lois Brandt Phillips celebrates the small, delightful surprises found in nature - butterflies, flowers, velvet grass, and rabbit burrows. The poem encourages children to observe and appreciate the beauty of meadows and nature.

✓ Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark

Answer 6: (b) Chandni

Explanation: In the story "Chandni" by Zakir Husain, Chandni was the name of a young, white goat owned by Abbu Khan. She was beautiful, spirited, and loved freedom, which becomes the central theme of the story.

✓ Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark

Answer 7: (b) The lady of the house

Explanation: In "The Bear Story," the lady of the house found a bear cub in the forest and brought it home. She raised it with love and care, treating it almost like a pet, which forms the basis of this heartwarming story.

✓ *Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark*

Answer 8: (c) It

Explanation: The pronoun "It" is used to refer to things, animals, or objects. For example, "The cat is sleeping. It is very peaceful." "He" and "She" are used for people, while "They" is used for plural subjects.

✓ *Correct answer: (c) - 1 mark*

Answer 9: (a) Adjective of quality

Explanation: "Beautiful" is an adjective of quality (also called descriptive adjective) because it describes the quality or characteristic of the noun "girl." Adjectives of quality answer the question "What kind of?"

✓ *Correct answer: (a) - 1 mark*

Answer 10: (b) Simple Present Tense

Explanation: "She writes a letter" is in Simple Present Tense. The formula is: Subject + Verb (base form/s/es) + Object. This tense is used for habitual actions, general truths, and regular activities.

✓ *Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark*

Answer 11: (c) Went

Explanation: "Went" is the past tense form of "go." It is an irregular verb, so it doesn't follow the regular pattern of adding -ed. For example: "I go to school" (present) → "I went to school" (past).

✓ *Correct answer: (c) - 1 mark*

Answer 12: (c) I will read a book

Explanation: "I will read a book" is in Simple Future Tense. The formula is: Subject + will/shall + Verb (base form). This tense is used to express actions that will happen in the future.

✓ *Correct answer: (c) - 1 mark*

Answer 13: (b) Short with green skin

Explanation: In the story "An Alien Hand," the alien was described as being short with unusual green skin, which was very different from human appearance. This physical difference highlighted the extraterrestrial nature of the visitor.

✓ *Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark*

Answer 14: (b) She

Explanation: "She" is the correct pronoun as it is a subject pronoun used for a female person. "She is my best friend" is grammatically correct. "Her" would be used as an object pronoun or possessive adjective.

✓ *Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark*

Answer 15: (b) Better

Explanation: "Better" is the comparative form of "good." The three degrees of comparison for "good" are: Positive - good, Comparative - better, Superlative - best. These are irregular forms and must be memorized.

✓ *Correct answer: (b) - 1 mark*

SECTION B - ANSWERS (Fill in the Blanks / True-False)

Answer 16: imitate / copy

Explanation: The greedy neighbor tried to imitate or copy everything the kind old couple did, hoping to get the same rewards. However, his greed and dishonesty led to his downfall instead of success.

✓ *Correct answer: imitate/copy - 1 mark*

Answer 17: quality

Explanation: Mr. Gessler, the shoemaker in the story "Quality," was renowned for making boots of excellent quality. He never compromised on craftsmanship, which is why his boots lasted for years.

✓ *Correct answer: quality - 1 mark*

Answer 18: instructions / orders / commands

Explanation: The poem "Chivvy" is about how grown-ups constantly give instructions, orders, or commands to children, telling them what to do and what not to do throughout the day.

✓ *Correct answer: instructions/orders/commands - 1 mark*

Answer 19: God / Nature

Explanation: According to the poem "Trees," trees are planted by God or Nature. The poem suggests that trees are a divine creation that provide beauty, shade, and comfort to all living beings.

✓ Correct answer: God/Nature - 1 mark

Answer 20: hills / mountains

Explanation: Chandni wanted to go to the hills or mountains to enjoy freedom. She longed to run freely in the open spaces rather than being confined in Abbu Khan's compound.

✓ Correct answer: hills/mountains - 1 mark

Answer 21: they

Explanation: Personal pronouns are: I, you, he, she, it, we, and they. These pronouns are used to refer to people or things and can be in different forms (subject, object, or possessive).

✓ Correct answer: they - 1 mark

Answer 22: describes / qualifies / modifies

Explanation: An adjective is a word that describes, qualifies, or modifies a noun or pronoun by giving more information about its quality, quantity, number, or which one it is.

✓ Correct answer: describes/qualifies/modifies - 1 mark

Answer 23: is/am/are

Explanation: The formula for Present Continuous Tense is: Subject + is/am/are + Verb+ing + Object. For example: "I am reading," "She is playing," "They are dancing."

✓ Correct answer: is/am/are - 1 mark

Answer 24: had

Explanation: The Past Perfect Tense uses the helping verb "had." The formula is: Subject + had + Past Participle (V3). For example: "I had finished," "She had gone," "They had eaten."

✓ Correct answer: had - 1 mark

Answer 25: False

Explanation: This statement is FALSE. In "The Bear Story," the bear was gentle, playful, and friendly. It was well-behaved and loved by the lady who raised it. The bear was not aggressive or dangerous at all.

✓ Correct answer: False - 1 mark

Answer 26: True

Explanation: This statement is TRUE. "This," "that," "these," and "those" are demonstrative adjectives. They point out or demonstrate which noun we are talking about. For example: "This book," "Those children."

✓ Correct answer: True - 1 mark

Answer 27: False

Explanation: This statement is FALSE. "I am eating" is in Present Continuous Tense (also called Present Progressive Tense), not Simple Present Tense. Simple Present would be "I eat."

✓ Correct answer: False - 1 mark

Answer 28: True

Explanation: This statement is TRUE. Possessive pronouns show ownership or possession. Examples include: mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs. For example: "This book is mine," "That car is theirs."

✓ Correct answer: True - 1 mark

Answer 29: True

Explanation: This statement is TRUE. "Quality" is indeed a story about Mr. Gessler, a dedicated shoemaker who believed in creating high-quality boots. His dedication to craftsmanship and honesty forms the heart of the story.

✓ Correct answer: True - 1 mark

Answer 30: False

Explanation: This statement is FALSE. "Meadow Surprises" talks about natural surprises found in meadows (open grasslands), not urban areas. It describes butterflies, flowers, and nature's beauty, which are found in rural or natural settings.

✓ Correct answer: False - 1 mark

SECTION C - ANSWERS (Short Answer Questions)

Answer 31:

The kind old man's dog barked and scratched the ground because there was a pot of gold buried at that spot. The faithful dog wanted to help his master by showing him where the treasure was hidden. When the old man dug the ground at the spot indicated by his dog, he found a large pot filled with gold coins. This shows the special bond between the old man and his dog, and how the dog's loyalty rewarded his kind master.

✓ *Dog indicated treasure location - 1 mark*

✓ *Found pot of gold coins - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 32:

The boots made by Mr. Gessler were special because they were of exceptional quality and durability. He made each pair with great care, using only the finest leather and perfect craftsmanship. His boots fit perfectly, lasted for years, and were so well-made that they seemed to have a soul. Mr. Gessler never compromised on quality, unlike other shoemakers who focused on quantity and profit. Each boot was a work of art that reflected his dedication and skill.

✓ *Excellent quality and craftsmanship - 1 mark*

✓ *Durability and perfect fit - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 33:

The main message of the poem "Chivvy" is that adults should not constantly nag and criticize children with endless instructions. The poem humorously shows how grown-ups continuously tell children what to do and what not to do - "Speak

up," "Don't talk with your mouth full," "Sit up," "Don't slouch," etc. The message is that children should be given some freedom and not be constantly controlled. It also reminds adults to be more understanding and less critical of children's behavior.

✓ *Adults constantly instruct children - 1 mark*

✓ *Message about giving freedom to children - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 34:

Two lines from "Trees":

*"Trees are for birds,
Trees are for children."*

Meaning: These lines explain that trees serve multiple purposes. Birds build their nests in trees and find shelter there. Children play under trees, climb them, and enjoy their shade. The poet emphasizes that trees are beneficial for all living creatures and are an essential part of nature that provides joy and comfort to everyone.

✓ *Writing correct lines from poem - 1 mark*

✓ *Explaining meaning properly - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 35:

Chandni wanted to leave Abbu Khan's house because she longed for freedom. Despite Abbu Khan's love and care, Chandni felt trapped in his compound. She wanted to run freely in the hills, breathe fresh mountain air, and live life on her own terms. Like all of Abbu Khan's previous goats, Chandni had a strong desire for independence and could not bear being confined, even though she knew the dangers that awaited her in the hills, particularly the wolf.

✓ *Desire for freedom - 1 mark*

✓ *Feeling of being confined - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 36:

Personal Pronouns: Personal pronouns are words used in place of names of people or things. They refer to specific persons or things and can act as subjects or objects in a sentence.

Four Examples:

1. **I** - Example: I am going to school.
2. **You** - Example: You are my best friend.
3. **He** - Example: He is a good student.
4. **They** - Example: They are playing cricket.

✓ *Correct definition - 1 mark*

✓ *Four correct examples - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 37:

Definition of Adjectives: An adjective is a word that describes, qualifies, or modifies a noun or pronoun. It tells us about the quality, quantity, number, or which one of the noun it describes.

Two Examples with Sentences:

1. **Beautiful** - She is a beautiful girl. (Adjective of quality)
2. **Five** - I have five pencils. (Adjective of number)

✓ *Correct definition - 1 mark*

✓ *Two examples with sentences - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 38:

Present Tense: She goes to school daily.

Past Tense: She went to school daily.

Explanation: To change Simple Present Tense to Simple Past Tense, we change the verb from its present form (goes) to its past form (went). The rest of the sentence remains the same.

✓ *Correct conversion to past tense - 2 marks*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 39:

Difference between Simple Present and Present Continuous Tense:

Simple Present Tense:

- Used for habitual actions, general truths, and permanent situations
- Formula: Subject + Verb (s/es) + Object
- Example: I play cricket every day.

Present Continuous Tense:

- Used for actions happening at the moment of speaking or temporary situations
- Formula: Subject + is/am/are + Verb+ing + Object
- Example: I am playing cricket now.

✓ Explaining Simple Present Tense - 1 mark

✓ Explaining Present Continuous Tense - 1 mark

Total: 2 marks

Answer 40:

The lady in "The Bear Story" treated the bear cub with great love and affection, just like a pet. She brought it home, fed it regularly, and allowed it to roam freely around the house and garden. She never kept it chained and gave it complete freedom. The bear was well-behaved and gentle because of her kind treatment. She cared for the bear as if it were a member of her family, showing that love and kindness can tame even wild animals.

✓ Treated with love and care - 1 mark

✓ Gave freedom and fed regularly - 1 mark

Total: 2 marks

SECTION D - ANSWERS (Long Answer Questions)

Answer 41:

Character of the Kind Old Man:

The kind old man in "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom" was a gentle, compassionate, and honest person. He loved his dog dearly and treated it with great affection. When his dog showed him the treasure, he used it wisely and shared his good fortune with others. He was humble and never boasted about his wealth. Even when faced with the greedy neighbor's jealousy, he remained peaceful and forgiving.

Character of the Greedy Neighbor:

The greedy neighbor was selfish, envious, and dishonest. He could not bear to see the old man's success and wanted the same rewards without earning them. He borrowed the old man's dog and forced it to find treasure, but when the dog led him to a spot, he found only filth instead of gold. In his anger, he killed the innocent dog. His greed and cruelty led to his own misfortune when he tried to sprinkle ashes to make trees bloom and was punished by the daimio.

Lesson from the Story:

The story teaches us that honesty, kindness, and patience are always rewarded, while greed, jealousy, and cruelty lead to one's downfall. Good things come to those who are pure-hearted and help others. We should never try to imitate others out of envy but should focus on being good ourselves. The story also teaches that miracles happen to those who are kind to all living creatures.

✓ *Description of kind old man - 1 mark*

✓ *Description of greedy neighbor - 1 mark*

✓ *Moral lesson from the story - 1 mark*

Total: 3 marks



Answer 42:

Theme of Dedication and Craftsmanship:

The story "Quality" by John Galsworthy beautifully portrays the theme of dedication and traditional craftsmanship. Mr. Gessler, the German shoemaker, represents the dying breed of artisans who valued quality over profit. He made each pair of boots with his own hands, using only the finest leather and ensuring perfect craftsmanship. For him, bootmaking was not just a business but an art form and a matter of personal pride.

Mr. Gessler never advertised his shop or tried to attract customers through marketing. He believed that the quality of his work would speak for itself. He took great care in measuring feet, selecting leather, and stitching every boot to perfection. His boots lasted for years because they were made with such skill

and dedication. Customers who wore his boots could feel the difference - they fit perfectly and seemed to have a "soul."

Why His Business Failed:

Despite his exceptional skill, Mr. Gessler's business failed for several reasons:

1. **Competition from Large Firms:** Big shoe companies started selling cheaper, machine-made boots that were fashionable but of poor quality. Customers preferred these ready-made boots because they were less expensive and readily available.
2. **Slow Production:** Mr. Gessler took a long time to make each pair of boots because he never compromised on quality. In the fast-paced modern world, people wanted quick service, which he could not provide.
3. **Lack of Business Sense:** Mr. Gessler was an artist, not a businessman. He did not know how to market his products or compete with modern shops. He never advertised and relied only on the quality of his work.
4. **No Compromise on Quality:** While other shoemakers used cheaper materials to reduce costs, Mr. Gessler insisted on using only the best leather. This made his boots expensive, and fewer people could afford them.

Ultimately, Mr. Gessler died of starvation and overwork, a tragic end for a man who dedicated his entire life to his craft. The story reminds us that in the modern world, dedication and quality are often overshadowed by profit and mass production, leading to the loss of traditional arts and crafts.

✓ *Explanation of dedication and craftsmanship - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Reasons for business failure - 1.5 marks*

Total: 3 marks

Answer 43:

Types of Pronouns:

1. Personal Pronouns: These pronouns refer to specific persons or things.

Example: I, you, he, she, it, we, they

Sentence: She is my sister.

2. Possessive Pronouns: These pronouns show ownership or possession.

Example: mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs

Sentence: This book is mine.

3. Reflexive Pronouns: These pronouns refer back to the subject of the sentence.

Example: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves

Sentence: I hurt myself while playing.

4. Demonstrative Pronouns: These pronouns point to specific things.

Example: this, that, these, those

Sentence: This is my pen.

5. Interrogative Pronouns: These pronouns are used to ask questions.

Example: who, whom, whose, which, what

Sentence: Who is coming to the party?

6. Relative Pronouns: These pronouns relate or connect a clause to a noun or pronoun.

Example: who, whom, whose, which, that

Sentence: The boy who won the race is my friend.

7. Indefinite Pronouns: These pronouns refer to non-specific persons or things.

Example: someone, anyone, everyone, nobody, something, anything

Sentence: Someone is knocking at the door.

✓ *Listing and explaining different types - 2 marks*

✓ *Providing correct examples - 1 mark*

Total: 3 marks

Answer 44:

Comparison of Adjectives:

Adjectives have three degrees of comparison that are used to compare the qualities of nouns or pronouns.

1. Positive Degree:

This is the simple form of the adjective. It describes a quality without making any comparison.

Examples:

- Ram is a tall boy.
- This flower is beautiful.
- She is intelligent.

2. Comparative Degree:

This form is used when comparing two persons or things. It shows that one has more or less of a quality than the other.

Formation: Add '-er' to short adjectives or use 'more' before longer adjectives.

Examples:

- Ram is taller than Shyam.
- This flower is more beautiful than that one.
- She is more intelligent than her sister.

3. Superlative Degree:

This form is used when comparing more than two persons or things. It shows that someone or something has the most or least of a quality.

Formation: Add '-est' to short adjectives or use 'most' before longer adjectives.

Examples:

- Ram is the tallest boy in the class.
- This is the most beautiful flower in the garden.
- She is the most intelligent student in the school.

Common Examples:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
big	bigger	biggest
small	smaller	smallest
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst

✓ Explaining Positive degree with example - 1 mark

✓ Explaining Comparative degree with example - 1 mark

✓ Explaining Superlative degree with example - 1 mark

Total: 3 marks

Answer 45:

Chandni's Fight with the Wolf:

After Chandni escaped from Abbu Khan's compound and reached the hills, she enjoyed her freedom throughout the day. She ran freely, ate sweet grass, and breathed the fresh mountain air. She felt truly alive and happy for the first time. However, as evening approached, she became aware of the danger lurking in the hills - the fierce wolf that had killed all of Abbu Khan's previous goats.

When night fell, the wolf appeared before Chandni. Despite being small and knowing she could not win against the powerful wolf, Chandni showed immense courage. She decided to fight rather than surrender. The battle between the brave little goat and the fierce wolf continued throughout the night. Chandni fought with all her strength, using her small horns to defend herself.

The fight was intense and exhausting. Chandni was wounded and bleeding, but she did not give up. She fought bravely till dawn, showing that even though she was small, she had the heart of a warrior. Her courage was remarkable - she chose to die fighting for her freedom rather than live in captivity.

The Ending:

As morning broke, Chandni was badly wounded and exhausted. The wolf, though also tired from the long battle, finally overcame her. Chandni died, but she died with dignity and on her own terms. She had tasted freedom and fought bravely for it.

The next morning, when some shepherds passed by, they found Chandni's body. They were amazed to see the small goat had fought the wolf all night long. Even in death, Chandni looked peaceful because she had achieved what she wanted - freedom, even if it was for just one day.

Message: The story teaches us that freedom is precious and worth fighting for. Chandni's courage shows that the desire for liberty is more important than life itself. It's better to live one day in freedom with dignity than to live a long life in bondage, no matter how comfortable that bondage might be.

✓ *Description of the fight - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Explanation of the ending - 1.5 marks*

Total: 3 marks

SECTION E - ANSWERS (Essay/Picture Composition)

Answer 46: Descriptive Essay - "My Favourite Season"

MY FAVOURITE SEASON

Among all the seasons, winter is my favourite season. Winter arrives in India around November and lasts till February. During this season, the weather becomes pleasant and cool, making it perfect for outdoor activities.

I love winter because the mornings are fresh and crisp

with a gentle chill in the air. The fog creates a magical atmosphere, especially early in the morning. During winter, the sun feels warm and comforting rather than harsh and scorching. The evenings are perfect for sitting outside with family, enjoying hot tea or coffee, and having long conversations.

Winter brings a variety of delicious seasonal vegetables and fruits. We enjoy fresh carrots, cauliflower, spinach, and oranges that are healthy and tasty. My mother prepares special winter dishes like gajar ka halwa (carrot pudding) and hot soups that warm our hearts.

One of the best things about winter is that we can wear warm, cozy clothes like sweaters, jackets, shawls, and woolen caps. I particularly enjoy wearing my favourite colorful sweaters and playing outdoor games without sweating. During winter vacations, we often go for picnics and enjoy bonfires at night.

Winter is also the season of many festivals like Christmas and Lohri, which bring joy and celebration. The pleasant weather makes it easy to study for long hours without feeling tired or sleepy. Unlike summer, we don't need fans or air conditioners, and unlike the rainy season, we don't have to worry about getting wet or muddy.

However, winter also brings challenges for poor people who don't have warm clothes or shelter. We should always help them by donating blankets and warm clothes. Despite this, winter remains my favourite season

because it brings happiness, comfort, and memorable moments with family and friends.

✓ *Introduction - 1 mark*

✓ *Content and details - 2 marks*

✓ *Grammar and vocabulary - 1 mark*

✓ *Conclusion - 1 mark*

Total: 5 marks

Answer 47: Picture Composition - A Day in the Park

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE PARK

Last Sunday, I visited the city park with my family, and it was a delightful experience. The park looked absolutely beautiful with lush green trees, colorful flowers, and well-maintained gardens.

It was a bright, sunny day with a gentle breeze that made the weather perfect for an outing. As we entered the park, we saw children playing various games - some were playing cricket, others were flying kites, and a group of young children was enjoying on the swings and slides. Their laughter and cheerful voices filled the air with joy.

The park had a magnificent fountain in the center that was spraying water high into the air. The water droplets sparkled like diamonds in the sunlight, creating a mesmerizing sight. Around the fountain, there were beautiful flower beds with roses, marigolds, sunflowers, and many other colorful flowers that added

to the park's charm.

Birds were chirping melodiously on the tree branches. I could see sparrows, pigeons, and even some parrots enjoying the pleasant weather. The sound of their chirping created a natural symphony that was soothing to the ears.

Many people were sitting on benches under the shade of trees, reading newspapers, or simply relaxing. Some elderly people were doing yoga and morning exercises, while joggers ran along the paved pathways. The entire atmosphere was peaceful and refreshing.

My family and I sat under a large banyan tree and enjoyed snacks that we had brought with us. We clicked photographs near the fountain and played badminton on the open ground. The fresh air and natural beauty of the park made us feel relaxed and happy.

As the evening approached, we reluctantly left the park, but the memories of this beautiful day will always stay with me. Visiting the park reminded me how important it is to spend time in nature and appreciate its simple pleasures.

✓ *Using given hints appropriately - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Descriptive details and imagery - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Grammar and sentence structure - 1 mark*

✓ *Coherence and flow - 1 mark*

Total: 5 marks

Answer 48: Story Completion - The Mysterious Night

THE MYSTERIOUS NIGHT

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly, I heard a strange sound coming from the garden. My heart started beating fast as I slowly walked towards the window to see what was happening. Lightning flashed across the sky, illuminating the garden for a brief moment.

I gathered my courage and went downstairs with a flashlight. The wind was howling fiercely, and the rain was pouring heavily. As I opened the back door, I saw something moving near the old mango tree. My hands were trembling as I pointed the flashlight in that direction.

To my utter surprise, I saw a small kitten trapped in a cardboard box that had been blown against the tree by the strong wind. The poor little creature was shivering and meowing pitifully, trying to escape from the wet box. I immediately ran towards it, carefully picked up the kitten, and brought it inside the house.

The kitten was completely soaked and frightened. I quickly brought a soft towel and dried it gently. My mother helped me prepare some warm milk, which the kitten drank eagerly. We made a comfortable bed for it in a corner of the living room using an old blanket.

As the night passed, the storm gradually subsided. The next morning, the sun was shining brightly, and birds were chirping as if nothing had happened. The kitten,

now warm and safe, started playing with a ball of wool. It seemed to have completely forgotten the terrible night it had endured.

We decided to keep the kitten and named it "Lucky" because it was lucky to have survived that stormy night and found a loving home. What had started as a frightening experience turned into a heartwarming story of how a little act of kindness brought a new member into our family. Lucky is still with us, bringing joy and laughter to our home every day.

This incident taught me that we should never be afraid to help others, even in difficult situations. Sometimes, what seems scary at first might turn out to be a wonderful blessing in disguise.

✓ *Continuing the story logically - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Creativity and imagination - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Language and grammar - 1 mark*

✓ *Proper conclusion - 1 mark*

Total: 5 marks

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