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Class: VII | Subject: English | Set: 4

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 happened when the wicked neighbor used the ashes? **[1]**

- (a) Trees bloomed beautifully
- (b) Ashes flew into the daimio's eyes
- (c) Gold coins appeared
- (d) Nothing happened

Q2. In "Quality," what was the name of the shoemaker's shop? **[1]**

- (a) John's Shoes
- (b) Gessler Brothers
- (c) Quality Boots
- (d) Best Footwear

Q3. Who wrote the poem "Chivvy"? **[1]**

- (a) Robert Frost
- (b) Michael Rosen
- (c) William Wordsworth
- (d) John Keats

Q4. In the poem "Trees," what do trees do during summer? **[1]**

- (a) Lose all their leaves
- (b) Provide shade and shelter
- (c) Grow flowers
- (d) Turn yellow

Q5. What does "velvet grass" mean in the poem "Meadow Surprises"? **[1]**

- (a) Grass made of velvet
- (b) Very soft grass
- (c) Green colored grass
- (d) Tall grass

- Q6.** In "Chandni," what did Abbu Khan do to keep his goats safe? **[1]**
- (a) He built a fence
 - (b) He tied them with strong ropes
 - (c) He hired a guard
 - (d) He kept them inside
- Q7.** In "The Bear Story," what did the bear love to eat? **[1]**
- (a) Honey
 - (b) Apples and bread
 - (c) Fish
 - (d) Meat
- Q8.** Choose the correct possessive pronoun: "This book is _____." **[1]**
- (a) my
 - (b) mine
 - (c) I
 - (d) me
- Q9.** Which of the following is a demonstrative adjective? **[1]**
- (a) Some
 - (b) These
 - (c) Beautiful
 - (d) Many
- Q10.** Identify the tense: "They are playing cricket." **[1]**
- (a) Simple Present Tense
 - (b) Present Continuous Tense
 - (c) Present Perfect Tense
 - (d) Simple Past Tense
- Q11.** What is the past participle form of "write"? **[1]**
- (a) Wrote
 - (b) Writing
 - (c) Written
 - (d) Writes

- Q12.** Which sentence is in Simple Future Tense? **[1]**
- (a) She has finished her work
 - (b) She finishes her work
 - (c) She will finish her work
 - (d) She is finishing her work
- Q13.** In "An Alien Hand," where did the alien come from? **[1]**
- (a) Mars
 - (b) Venus
 - (c) Another planet (unspecified)
 - (d) The Moon
- Q14.** Choose the correct reflexive pronoun: "He hurt _____." **[1]**
- (a) him
 - (b) himself
 - (c) his
 - (d) he
- Q15.** What is the superlative form of "beautiful"? **[1]**
- (a) More beautiful
 - (b) Beautifullest
 - (c) Most beautiful
 - (d) Beautifuler

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

- Q16.** The kind old man in "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom" owned a _____ that could find treasure. **[1]**
- Q17.** Mr. Gessler died of _____ because he had no work. **[1]**
- Q18.** The poem "Chivvy" describes the _____ that adults constantly give to children. **[1]**
- Q19.** Trees are a symbol of _____ and provide shelter to many creatures. **[1]**

- Q20.** In "Meadow Surprises," the butterfly has _____ to drink nectar from flowers. [1]
- Q21.** Abbu Khan loved his goats but all of them went to the _____. [1]
- Q22.** Adjectives of _____ tell us about the quality or kind of a noun. [1]
- Q23.** The Present Perfect Tense is formed using _____ + past participle. [1]
- Q24.** The Simple Past Tense is used to describe actions that happened in the _____. [1]
- Q25.** True or False: In "The Bear Story," the bear was gentle and friendly. [1]

- Q26.** True or False: "My," "your," and "his" are possessive adjectives. _____ [1]
- Q27.** True or False: The sentence "She has completed her homework" is in Simple Past Tense. _____ [1]
- Q28.** True or False: Interrogative pronouns are used to ask questions. _____ [1]
- Q29.** True or False: Mr. Gessler made boots using machines. _____ [1]
- Q30.** True or False: In "An Alien Hand," the alien wanted to harm humans. [1]

SECTION C - Short Answer Questions (20 Marks)

- Q31.** What reward did the daimio give to the kind old man in "The Ashes That Made The Trees Bloom"? [2]
- Q32.** Why did the narrator stop buying boots from Mr. Gessler in "Quality"? [2]
- Q33.** Write any four instructions that grown-ups give to children according to the poem "Chivvy." [2]

- Q34.** What benefits do trees provide according to the poem "Trees"? [2]
- Q35.** Name any four surprises that one can find in a meadow according to the poem. [2]
- Q36.** What are reflexive pronouns? Give two examples with sentences. [2]
- Q37.** What is the difference between adjectives of quality and adjectives of quantity? [2]
- Q38.** Convert the following sentence into Future Tense: "He is writing a letter." [2]
- Q39.** What is Present Perfect Tense? Give one example. [2]
- Q40.** Why did the bear in "The Bear Story" go to sleep during winters? [2]

SECTION D - Long Answer Questions (15 Marks)

- Q41.** How did the kind old man use the mortar and what happened when the greedy neighbor tried to do the same? What moral lesson does this story teach us? [3]
- Q42.** Describe Mr. Gessler's personality and his dedication to his craft. Why is the story titled "Quality"? [3]
- Q43.** Explain the three types of tenses (Present, Past, and Future) with one example of each. [3]
- Q44.** What are possessive pronouns and possessive adjectives? Explain with examples. [3]
- Q45.** Describe the message of freedom and courage conveyed through Chandni's character in the story "Chandni." [3]

SECTION E - Essay/Picture Composition (15 Marks)

Q46. Write a descriptive essay on "A Visit to a Historical Monument" (About 150- 200 words). **[5]**

Q47. Look at the following hints and write a picture composition: **[5]**

Hints: A busy market - vendors selling fruits and vegetables - colorful stalls - people bargaining - children buying snacks - hustle and bustle - your experience.
(About 150-200 words)

Q48. Complete the story with a suitable ending: **[5]**

Beginning: "Last summer vacation, I went to visit my grandmother's village. One evening, while exploring the fields, I saw something unusual..."
(About 150-200 words)

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SECTION A - ANSWERS (Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer 1: (b) Ashes flew into the daimio's eyes

When the wicked neighbor tried to use the ashes to make trees bloom, the ashes flew into the daimio's eyes and he was punished for his greed.

✓ Correct answer - 1 mark

Answer 2: (b) Gessler Brothers

The shoemaker's shop was called "Gessler Brothers," run by the two dedicated German brothers.

✓ Correct answer - 1 mark

Answer 3: (b) Michael Rosen

The poem "Chivvy" was written by Michael Rosen, describing how adults constantly nag children.

✓ Correct answer - 1 mark

Answer 4: (b) Provide shade and shelter

According to the poem "Trees," trees provide shade and shelter during summer, protecting creatures from the hot sun.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 5: (b) Very soft grass

"Velvet grass" refers to the very soft grass in the meadow that feels smooth like velvet fabric.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 6: (b) He tied them with strong ropes

Abbu Khan tried to keep his goats safe by tying them with strong ropes to prevent them from going to the hills.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 7: (b) Apples and bread

The bear in "The Bear Story" loved to eat apples and bread given by the lady of the house.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 8: (b) mine

"Mine" is the correct possessive pronoun. The sentence reads: "This book is mine."

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 9: (b) These

"These" is a demonstrative adjective that points to specific nouns. Other demonstrative adjectives are this, that, and those.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 10: (b) Present Continuous Tense

The sentence "They are playing cricket" uses the Present Continuous Tense (am/is/are + verb+ing), indicating an action happening now.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 11: (c) Written

The past participle form of "write" is "written." (write-wrote-written)

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 12: (c) She will finish her work

Simple Future Tense uses "will/shall + base form of verb." The sentence indicates an action that will happen in the future.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 13: (c) Another planet (unspecified)

In "An Alien Hand," the alien came from another planet, though the specific planet is not mentioned in the story.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 14: (b) himself

"Himself" is the correct reflexive pronoun. Reflexive pronouns reflect the action back to the subject.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 15: (c) Most beautiful

The superlative form of "beautiful" is "most beautiful" (used for comparing more than two things).

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

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

Answer 16: dog

The kind old man owned a dog that could find treasure by scratching the ground.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 17: starvation / slow starvation / hunger

Mr. Gessler died of starvation because he had no work after big firms took away his business.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 18: instructions / commands / directions

The poem "Chivvy" describes the constant instructions that adults give to children.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 19: life / nature / beauty

Trees are a symbol of life and provide shelter to many creatures including birds, animals, and insects.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 20: drinking straws / proboscis

In "Meadow Surprises," the butterfly has drinking straws (proboscis) to drink nectar from flowers.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 21: hills / mountains

Abbu Khan loved his goats but all of them went to the hills seeking freedom, where they were killed by the wolf.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 22: quality

Adjectives of quality tell us about the quality or kind of a noun (e.g., beautiful, honest, brave).

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 23: has/have

The Present Perfect Tense is formed using has/have + past participle (e.g., I have eaten, She has finished).

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 24: past

The Simple Past Tense is used to describe actions that happened in the past and are now completed.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 25: True

True. In "The Bear Story," the bear was gentle and friendly, especially towards the lady of the house and the children.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 26: True

True. "My," "your," "his," "her," "its," "our," and "their" are possessive adjectives that show ownership.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 27: False

False. The sentence "She has completed her homework" is in Present Perfect Tense, not Simple Past Tense.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 28: True

True. Interrogative pronouns (who, what, which, whom, whose) are used to ask questions.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 29: False

False. Mr. Gessler made boots by hand with great care and craftsmanship, not using machines.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

Answer 30: False

False. In "An Alien Hand," the alien was peaceful and did not want to harm humans. The story explores friendly alien contact.

✓ *Correct answer - 1 mark*

SECTION C - ANSWERS (Short Answer Questions)

Answer 31:

When the kind old man used the magic ashes to make the daimio's withered cherry trees bloom, the daimio was extremely pleased. As a reward, he gave the old man many gifts including gold, silver, rich robes, and honored him with a title. The daimio also gave him a big piece of land and made him a noble man in recognition of his magical deed and honest nature.

✓ *Mentioning the gifts - 1 mark*

✓ *Complete explanation - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 32:

The narrator stopped buying boots from Mr. Gessler because the boots lasted for such a long time that he didn't need new ones frequently. Mr. Gessler's boots were of such excellent quality and craftsmanship that they never wore out quickly. Sometimes the narrator felt embarrassed to go to Mr. Gessler's shop when his old boots were still in good condition, as it seemed unnecessary to order new ones when the previous pair was still perfectly serviceable.

✓ *Reason for not buying - 1 mark*

✓ *Quality of boots explanation - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 33:

According to the poem "Chivvy," four instructions that grown-ups constantly give to children are:

1. Don't talk with your mouth full
2. Sit up straight
3. Say please and thank you
4. Take your hands out of your pockets

Other instructions include: don't drag your feet, shut the door behind you, less

noise, say please, haven't you got a hankie, don't interrupt, and pull your socks up.

✓ *Writing any four correct instructions - 2 marks (0.5 mark each)*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 34:

According to the poem "Trees," trees provide numerous benefits:

1. They provide shade and shelter during hot summer days
2. They give shelter to birds, animals, and other creatures
3. They beautify the environment with their green leaves
4. They provide a home for nests and various living beings
5. They create a pleasant and peaceful atmosphere

Trees are portrayed as generous friends who give us so much without asking for anything in return.

✓ *Mentioning shade and shelter - 0.5 mark*

✓ *Other benefits - 1 mark*

✓ *Proper explanation - 0.5 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 35:

According to the poem "Meadow Surprises," four surprises that one can find in a meadow are:

1. Butterflies with drinking straws (proboscis) sipping nectar from flowers
2. Burrows where rabbits live (meadow houses)
3. Amazing mounds created by ants
4. Flowers with fuzzy heads swaying in the breeze

Other surprises include: velvet grass, different types of insects, birds, and the overall natural beauty of the meadow.

✓ Writing any four correct surprises - 2 marks (0.5 mark each)

Total: 2 marks

Answer 36:

Reflexive Pronouns: Reflexive pronouns are pronouns that refer back to the subject of the sentence. They are used when the subject and object are the same person or thing. Reflexive pronouns end in "-self" (singular) or "-selves" (plural).

Examples:

- I hurt myself while playing. (myself - refers back to "I")
- The children enjoyed themselves at the party. (themselves - refers back to "children")

Common reflexive pronouns: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves

✓ Definition of reflexive pronouns - 1 mark

✓ Two correct examples with sentences - 1 mark

Total: 2 marks



Answer 37:

Adjectives of Quality: These adjectives describe the quality, kind, or nature of a person or thing. They tell us about what kind of person or thing it is.

Examples: honest, beautiful, brave, clever, kind, tall, old

Example sentence: She is an honest girl.

Adjectives of Quantity: These adjectives tell us about the quantity or amount of something. They answer the question "how much?"

Examples: some, much, little, enough, all, no, any, whole

Example sentence: I have some money.

Key Difference: Adjectives of quality describe characteristics while adjectives of quantity describe amounts.

✓ *Explaining adjectives of quality with example - 1 mark*

✓ *Explaining adjectives of quantity with example - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 38:

Original Sentence (Present Continuous Tense): "He is writing a letter."

Converted to Future Tense:

Simple Future Tense: "He will write a letter."

OR

Future Continuous Tense: "He will be writing a letter."

The Simple Future Tense is formed using "will/shall + base form of verb," while Future Continuous uses "will be + verb+ing."

✓ *Correct conversion to Simple Future - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Proper sentence structure - 0.5 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 39:

Present Perfect Tense: The Present Perfect Tense is used to describe an action that happened at an unspecified time before now or an action that started in the past and continues to the present. It emphasizes the result or completion of the action.

Structure: Subject + has/have + past participle (third form of verb)

Example:

- I have finished my homework. (Action completed recently)
- She has lived in Delhi for five years. (Action started in past and continues)
- They have visited the Taj Mahal. (At some unspecified time)

Usage: We use "has" with singular subjects (he, she, it) and "have" with plural subjects (I, you, we, they).

✓ *Definition and explanation - 1 mark*

✓ *Correct example with structure - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

Answer 40:

The bear in "The Bear Story" went to sleep during winters because bears are natural hibernators. During winter months, when food becomes scarce and the weather is very cold, bears enter a state of deep sleep called hibernation. This is a natural survival mechanism that helps them conserve energy when food is not readily available. The bear would sleep through the entire winter season and wake up when spring arrived and the weather became warm again. This behavior is instinctive and common to all bears in cold climates.

✓ *Mentioning hibernation - 1 mark*

✓ *Explanation with reason - 1 mark*

Total: 2 marks

SECTION D - ANSWERS (Long Answer Questions)**Answer 41:**

The Kind Old Man's Use of the Mortar:

After the greedy neighbor killed the kind old man's dog and buried it, the old man was heartbroken. He dug up the dog's body and cremated it with respect. He then collected the ashes and put them in the old mortar (grinding stone) that his dog had discovered earlier. One day, when he pounded rice in this mortar, it miraculously produced an endless supply of rice cakes and other delicious food. The old man and his wife were overjoyed and used this magical mortar to prepare food, which they shared generously with their neighbors and the poor.

The Greedy Neighbor's Attempt:

When the wicked neighbor heard about the magical mortar, he was filled with greed and jealousy. He borrowed the mortar from the kind old man, hoping to become rich. However, when he tried to use it, instead of producing rice cakes, the mortar produced foul-smelling, worthless things. Enraged by this failure, the greedy neighbor broke the mortar and burned it in anger, returning only the ashes to the old man.

Moral Lesson:

This story teaches us several important lessons: Greed and jealousy lead to one's downfall, while kindness and generosity bring blessings. Good people are always rewarded, even in the most unexpected ways. The story also shows that magical or special things work only for those with pure hearts and good intentions. We should be content with what we have and should never try to take advantage of others' good fortune. Ultimately, honesty, kindness, and a pure heart are more valuable than any material wealth.

✓ *Description of kind old man's use of mortar - 1 mark*

✓ *Description of greedy neighbor's attempt - 1 mark*

✓ *Moral lesson explained - 1 mark*

Total: 3 marks

Answer 42:

Mr. Gessler's Personality:

Mr. Gessler was a highly dedicated and passionate German shoemaker who ran a small boot-making shop with his brother. He was an artist in his craft, treating boot-making not just as a profession but as an art form. Mr. Gessler was a perfectionist who took immense pride in his work and would never compromise on quality for profit or speed. He was a man of few words, quiet and reserved, speaking only about his beloved craft.

His Dedication to Craft:

Mr. Gessler's dedication was extraordinary. He personally selected the finest leather for each boot, measured every customer's feet with great care, and crafted each boot entirely by hand. He would spend weeks perfecting a single pair of boots, ensuring they fit perfectly and would last for years. He refused to use advertisements or modern marketing methods, believing his quality work would speak for itself. Even when big firms with advertisements were taking away his business, he refused to lower his standards or adopt their methods. His dedication was so complete that he literally worked himself to death, continuing to make boots even when he had no customers, because that was his passion and identity.

Why the Story is Titled "Quality":

The story is titled "Quality" because it highlights Mr. Gessler's unwavering commitment to quality craftsmanship in an age of mass production and commercialization. The title represents Mr. Gessler's life philosophy - that quality should never be compromised. It also serves as a tribute to traditional craftsmanship and the artists who refuse to compromise their standards despite commercial pressures. The title makes us reflect on what we value in modern society - quick, cheap products or quality workmanship that lasts. It's a poignant reminder of the cost of maintaining quality in a world obsessed with quantity and profit.

✓ *Describing Mr. Gessler's personality - 1 mark*

✓ *Explaining his dedication - 1 mark*

✓ Explaining why titled "Quality" - 1 mark

Total: 3 marks

Answer 43:

The Three Types of Tenses:

1. Present Tense:

The Present Tense is used to describe actions happening now, habitual actions, or universal truths. It has four forms: Simple Present, Present Continuous, Present Perfect, and Present Perfect Continuous.

Example (Simple Present): I play cricket every day.

This shows a habitual action or something that happens regularly.

2. Past Tense:

The Past Tense is used to describe actions that happened and were completed in the past. It also has four forms: Simple Past, Past Continuous, Past Perfect, and Past Perfect Continuous.

Example (Simple Past): I played cricket yesterday.

This shows an action that was completed in the past.

3. Future Tense:

The Future Tense is used to describe actions that will happen in the future. It has four forms: Simple Future, Future Continuous, Future Perfect, and Future Perfect Continuous.

Example (Simple Future): I will play cricket tomorrow.

This shows an action that will happen in the future.

Summary:

- Present Tense - actions happening now or regularly
- Past Tense - actions that already happened
- Future Tense - actions that will happen later

Understanding these tenses helps us communicate clearly about when actions occur.

✓ Explaining Present Tense with example - 1 mark

✓ Explaining Past Tense with example - 1 mark

✓ Explaining Future Tense with example - 1 mark

Total: 3 marks

Answer 44:

Possessive Pronouns:

Possessive pronouns are pronouns that show ownership or possession. They replace nouns to indicate that something belongs to someone. Possessive pronouns stand alone and do not need a noun after them.

List of Possessive Pronouns: mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs

Examples:

- This book is mine. (mine = my book)
- The red car is ours. (ours = our car)
- That house is theirs. (theirs = their house)
- Is this pen yours? (yours = your pen)

Possessive Adjectives:

Possessive adjectives are adjectives that show ownership. They always come before a noun and describe whose thing it is. They cannot stand alone - they must modify a noun.

List of Possessive Adjectives: my, your, his, her, its, our, their

Examples:

- This is my book. (my modifies book)
- Your car is beautiful. (your modifies car)
- Their house is big. (their modifies house)
- Her dress is red. (her modifies dress)

Key Difference:

- Possessive Pronouns - stand alone, replace nouns (mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs)
- Possessive Adjectives - come before nouns, modify nouns (my, your, his, her, our, their)

Example to show difference:

- This is my pen. (my = possessive adjective)
- This pen is mine. (mine = possessive pronoun)

✓ Explaining possessive pronouns with examples - 1.5 marks

✓ Explaining possessive adjectives with examples - 1.5 marks

Total: 3 marks

Answer 45:

The Message of Freedom and Courage in "Chandni":

The story of Chandni powerfully conveys the universal message that freedom is more precious than life itself, and that true courage lies in fighting for one's liberty even against impossible odds.

Chandni's Love for Freedom:

Chandni was a beautiful white goat who lived comfortably with Abbu Khan. She had plenty of food, a warm shelter, and a caring owner who loved her dearly. Despite all these comforts, Chandni felt suffocated by the boundaries and yearned for the freedom of the open hills. This shows that freedom and independence are natural desires that cannot be suppressed by material comforts or security. Like all of Abbu Khan's previous goats, Chandni chose the uncertain freedom of the hills over the guaranteed safety of captivity.

Her Courage Against the Wolf:

When Chandni escaped to the hills, she knew about the dangerous wolf that had killed all the previous goats. Yet, she chose freedom knowing the risk. When the wolf finally confronted her at night, instead of running away or giving up, Chandni displayed remarkable courage. She fought the wolf bravely throughout the entire night with her small horns, refusing to surrender. Though she was much smaller and weaker than the wolf, her spirit was indomitable. She knew she would probably lose, but she chose to die fighting rather than live in fear or return to bondage.

The Deeper Message:

Chandni's story teaches us that some values are worth dying for. Freedom, self-respect, and dignity are more important than mere survival. The story celebrates the spirit of independence and the courage to make one's own choices, even if they lead to danger. It reminds us that a life without freedom is not worth living, and that it's better to live one day as a free being than to live a lifetime in comfortable captivity. Chandni became a symbol of resistance against all forms of oppression and control. Her sacrifice was not in vain - it stood for the eternal human (and universal) struggle for liberty and self-determination.

✓ Explaining Chandni's desire for freedom - 1 mark

✓ Describing her courage and fight - 1 mark

✓ Overall message and lesson - 1 mark

Total: 3 marks

SECTION E - ANSWERS (Essay/Picture Composition)

Answer 46: Descriptive Essay - "A Visit to a Historical Monument"

A VISIT TO A HISTORICAL MONUMENT

Last month, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Red Fort in Delhi with my family. This magnificent

monument, built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, stands as a testament to India's rich historical heritage.

As we approached the massive red sandstone walls, I was awestruck by the sheer grandeur of this 17th-century masterpiece. The fort's imposing structure, with its high walls and beautiful architecture, transported us back in time to the Mughal era. We entered through the famous Lahori Gate, which is an architectural marvel in itself.

Inside the fort, we explored various magnificent structures including the Diwan-i-Aam (Hall of Public Audience) and the Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience). The intricate carvings, beautiful arches, and delicate inlay work on marble displayed the incredible craftsmanship of that period. The guide told us fascinating stories about the Mughal emperors who once ruled from this very place.

The Rang Mahal, with its stunning decorative elements, and the royal baths showed the luxurious lifestyle of the Mughal royalty. Walking through the corridors, I could almost imagine the grand processions and royal gatherings that must have taken place centuries ago.

What impressed me most was the Light and Sound Show in the evening, which beautifully narrated the history of the fort through colorful lights and dramatic storytelling. It brought history alive in a magical way.

This visit was not just educational but also deeply inspiring. Standing in a place that witnessed so many important historical events made me feel connected to our nation's past. It filled me with pride about our cultural heritage and made me realize the importance of preserving such monuments for future generations. This experience will remain etched in my memory forever.

✓ *Introduction and monument description - 1 mark*

✓ *Detailed description of features - 2 marks*

✓ *Personal experience and feelings - 1 mark*

✓ *Conclusion and language quality - 1 mark*

Total: 5 marks



Answer 47: Picture Composition - A Busy Market

A VISIT TO THE BUSY MARKET

Last Sunday morning, my mother took me to the local vegetable market, and it was a fascinating experience filled with colors, sounds, and activity everywhere.

As we entered the market, we were greeted by a vibrant scene of hustle and bustle. The market was crowded with people moving in all directions, creating a lively and energetic atmosphere. Vendors had set up their colorful stalls displaying fresh fruits and vegetables in neat arrangements. Bright red tomatoes, green leafy vegetables, yellow mangoes, and purple eggplants created a beautiful rainbow of colors.

The fruit vendors were calling out loudly to attract

customers, announcing their fresh produce and special prices. "Fresh apples! Sweet oranges! Best quality mangoes!" they shouted enthusiastically. Some vendors were skillfully arranging their goods in attractive pyramids, while others were busy weighing and packing items for customers.

I noticed women bargaining enthusiastically with the vegetable sellers, trying to get the best prices. The vendors were equally skilled at defending their rates while maintaining friendly smiles. Children were running around, some helping their parents carry bags, while others were buying colorful candies and snacks from the sweet stalls.

The flower section was particularly beautiful, with jasmine, roses, and marigolds filling the air with their sweet fragrance. Street food vendors were selling hot samosas, bhajias, and chaat, adding delicious aromas to the already sensory-rich environment. The sizzling sounds from their pans mixed with the general chatter of the crowd.

Despite the chaos, there was a certain organization to the madness. Everyone seemed to know what they wanted and where to find it. My mother expertly navigated through the crowd, selecting the freshest vegetables while I observed everything with wonder.

This visit taught me about daily commerce and how markets are the heart of community life. The experience of seeing people from all walks of life coming together to buy and sell was both educational and entertaining.

I returned home with bags full of fresh produce and memories full of this vibrant experience.

✓ *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 - An Unusual Discovery

AN UNUSUAL DISCOVERY IN THE VILLAGE

Last summer vacation, I went to visit my grandmother's village. One evening, while exploring the fields, I saw something unusual - a strange blue light glowing near the old banyan tree at the edge of the fields.

Curiosity overcame my fear, and I slowly walked toward it.

As I approached, I realized the light was coming from hundreds of fireflies gathered in one place, creating a magical blue-green glow. But what made it truly unusual was that in the center of this glowing circle sat a small injured bird - a beautiful peacock chick that had apparently fallen from its nest.

The fireflies seemed to be protecting it from predators by creating this circle of light. I was amazed by this natural phenomenon and quickly but carefully picked up the chick, which chirped weakly. The fireflies gradually dispersed as if their mission was complete.

I rushed back to my grandmother's house with the chick wrapped gently in my handkerchief. My grandmother was initially worried that I had gone far from the house, but when she saw the injured bird, her concern turned to compassion. Together, we cleaned its minor wounds and made a comfortable nest for it in a basket.

Over the next few days, I took care of the peacock chick, feeding it grains and water. My grandmother told me stories about how nature works in mysterious ways to protect its creatures. She explained that fireflies gathering like that was rare and special, and I had witnessed something truly extraordinary.

After a week, when the chick had recovered and grown stronger, we released it near the forest area where peacocks lived. As it walked away toward the trees, it looked back at us once, as if saying thank you, before disappearing into the wilderness.

This incident taught me valuable lessons about compassion, the interconnectedness of nature, and how every creature plays a role in the ecosystem. It also showed me that when we pay attention, nature reveals its wonderful secrets to us. That unusual discovery in the village fields became one of my most cherished summer vacation memories, reminding me that kindness toward all living beings is the greatest virtue.

✓ *Continuing the story logically - 1.5 marks*

✓ *Creativity and imagination - 1.5 marks*


- ✓ Language and grammar - 1 mark
 - ✓ Proper conclusion with moral - 1 mark
- Total: 5 marks

END OF ANSWER KEY - SET 4

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