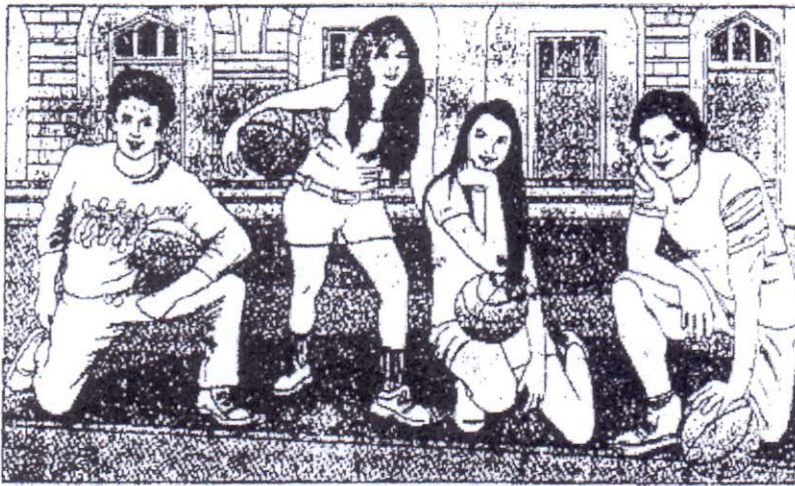


I] Write an interesting essay of about 300 words on any one of the following: [20]

- i) 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 can take suggestions from it.



- ii) 'Electronic gadgets have made life completely graceless.' Express your views either for or against this statement.

- II] i) Write a letter to your aunt describing the medical camp, which was organised by your school in a nearby village to provide medical aid and create awareness about common diseases like malaria, dengue etc. [10]

OR

- ii) Write a letter to the editor of newspaper expressing views on the evils of selling exposed foods beside the street.

III] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One day, I happened to overhear two miners talking about a great school somewhere in Virginia. This was the first time that I had ever heard anything about any kind of school that was more pretentious than the little school in our town. As they went on describing the school it seemed to me that it must be the greatest place on Earth. Not even Heaven presented more attraction for me at that time than this school in Virginia. I resolved at once to go to that school.

I had very little money. By walking, begging rides both in wagons and in cars after a number of days, I reached Virginia. When I reached there, tired, hungry, it was late in the night. I was completely out of money and I didn't know where to go. I asked at several places for lodging, but they all wanted money. Knowing nothing else better to do, I walked the streets till midnight. At last I became so exhausted that I could walk no longer. I slept for the night on the ground in the street. The next morning I found myself somewhat refreshed, but I was extremely hungry. I noticed that I was near a large ship which was unloading a cargo of pig iron. I went near the vessel to get money for my breakfast. The captain who seemed to be kind hearted consented. I worked long enough to earn money for my breakfast. My work pleased the captain so well that he told me I could continue working for a small amount per day. I continued working on this vessel till I had saved enough money to reach my destination.

The first sight of the large three storey, school building seemed to have rewarded me for all that I had undergone to reach that place. I met the head teacher for admission. Having been so long without proper food, a bath, and change of clothing, I did not make a favourable impression upon her.

I saw her admitting other students, and that added greatly to my discomfort. After some hours had passed, the head teacher said to me, "The adjoining recitation room needs sweeping. Take the broom and sweep it." It occurred to me at once that here was my chance. Never did I receive an order with more delight. I swept the presentation room three times. Then I got dusting cloth and I dusted it.

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- i). What did the narrator overhear the two miners talking about? What was the impact on him? (3)
 - ii). How and in what condition did the narrator reach Virginia? (3)
 - iii) What did the head teacher ask the narrator to do? Why did he oblige? (3)
 - iv) How did the narrator get selected by the finicky teacher? (3)
 - v). Pick words from the passage which mean the same as: (2)
 - flaunty
 - hard to please
 - vi). Pick words from the passage which mean the opposite of: (2)
 - disapproved
 - unwearied

IV]

GRAMMAR

A] Underline the adverbs : [5]

Computer based jobs are more technologically advanced than ever before. College courses often prepare students for very challenging careers. However the constantly changing market makes it extremely difficult to be fully prepared for what a corporation may expect from an employee. Companies search for highly technical applicants, and they frequently begin by recruiting on college campuses. Without a degree one will find it almost impossible to succeed in this intensely technical world in which we live.

B] Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: [5]

1. We are very excited about our trip to Spain next week.
2. Almost all politicians were involved in the scandal.
3. We decided against buying the new car
4. John was late for the meeting as usual. That's typical of him.
5. Mr. Martin is responsible for recruitment.
6. The manager didn't take part in the discussion. He didn't want to intervene.
7. I have a lot in common with my cousin.
8. I will remain in Thailand until July.
9. All students have to be in their seats by 9a.m.
10. He left the house, got into his car and drove off.

C] **Fill in the blanks with suitable correlative conjunctions:** [4]

1. He is _____ intelligent _____ very funny.
2. _____ Richie _____ Archie could understand what their parents were saying when they spoke French.
3. In the fall, Phillip will _____ start classes at the community college as his mother wishes _____ join the Navy, his father's hope.
4. _____ the diamonds are cheap _____ not, I'm still going to buy them.

D] **Change to passive** [3]

1. A hurricane destroyed the small fishing village.
2. During the recession the firm was making people redundant almost every week.

E] Change to active

[3]

1. Josephine was distressed by the news about the famine.
2. The camera hasn't been claimed by anyone.
3. Identity badges must be worn by all visitors.

F] Rewrite these sentences using direct speech

[3]

1. The judge finally asked if he had anything to say on behalf of the accused.
2. He asked his friend what was it that made him braver than other men.
3. Akbar was happy with Birbal and asked what he could do for him

G] Rewrite these sentences using indirect speech

[3]

1. They said, "Will there be backup plan for us?"
2. She said, "Wow! I have never seen such a beautiful valley"
3. He said to the waiter, "Bring me the detailed bill"

H] Punctuate the following:

[4]

will you get your books out please said mrs jones the teacher *and quieten down*

I] Combine each pair of sentences to make a single sentence as directed in the brackets:

[4]

1. He wanted to pass the examination. He studied hard (by using an infinitive)
2. He sprang up to his feet. He ran away. (by using a participle)
3. The sun rose. Their journey was not ended. (by using a Preposition)
4. He deserved to win. He lost.(by using an adverb phrase)

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FINAL EXAMINATION - February 2020

STD: VIII

Subject: **LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

MARKS: 80

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QI. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

PROSE

A. One autumn I went to spend some time with some friends.....

1. Where did he go to meet his friends? What were his friends fond of? (2)
2. How did his friends welcome him? (3)

B. Then I suddenly thought of a precaution which I considered ensured safety....

1. What did this 'I' do as a part of precaution to ensure safety? (4)
2. Why was this 'I' suddenly awakened? (4)
3. The precaution this 'I' took for himself was of no use. Explain. (2)

QII. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

A. I was up against gender discrimination....

1. Who was this 'I'? Why was she up against gender discrimination? (3)
2. What did she do to show that she was against gender discrimination? (2)
3. Where was she called and why? (2)

B. In 1982 I resigned from my job....

1. Why did this 'I' resigned from her job? Where was she working? (2)
2. Whom did she meet after wrapping up her final settlement? What did he advice her? (3)
3. Why did she consider this 'he' a great man? (4)



