

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 [ ].

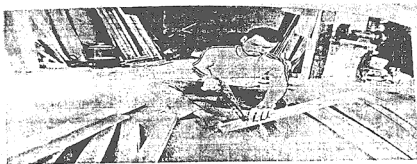
You are advised to spend not more than **30 minutes** in answering **Question 1** and **20 minutes** in answering **Question 2**.

### 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 short story entitled: 'A Kind Word'.
- Narrate the scene of fire that broke out in a busy marketplace on the eve of a festival.
- 'Smart phones are making youngsters dull.  
Express your views either for or against this statement.
- During the next school holidays, you will be visiting a remote village to organise an adult literacy campaign there. All the villagers, who are to be taught to read and write will ask you to tell them the advantages they will gain from being literate. Describe what you are going to tell them.
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



### Question 2

[10]

(Do not spend more than **20 minutes** on this question.)

Select any one of the following:

(i) You need a job for three months this summer and you have seen an advertisement in the newspaper about a temporary job as a content writer for an online travel magazine. Write a letter applying for the post.

(ii) Write a letter to your cousin describing your experience at the Republic Day NCC Camp held in Delhi in which NCC Cadets from all the states participated.

### Question3

(i) You are the Secretary of the Photography Club of your school. Write a notice asking the students of Classes VIII to X to submit photographs for a photo story competition to be held in your school, giving all the necessary details. [5]

(ii) Write an email to a famous author requesting him/her to judge the competition. [5]

### Question4

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

Sport has rapidly become an established part of the entertainment industry and the smallest detail of sportspersons' private lives is *exposed* by the media to public scrutiny. Top professionals are often described as 'stars' and large business interests exploit their skills. Considerable profits are made out of selling sports gear which is a replica of the gear used by the professionals; newspapers sell more copies if their sports coverage is good, and substantial gains can be made out of the spectators' willingness to gamble on results. The increasing demand for new talented sportspersons serves to strengthen the popular image of professional sport as a highly glamorous occupation; the jealousy shown to players who succeed and the failure-rate of young entrants are ignored by the press. Even those who reach the heights maintain their supremacy for only a relatively short period and then desperately need help to establish themselves in a new career.

It is always attractive to do something interesting and to do it as well as possible, but serious injury or an unaccountable loss of form quickly halts the progress of many young sportsperson. A handful of top professionals can afford a house in London, another in the country, and a third on the French Riviera, as well as a Rolls-Royce and a yacht in the Bahamas, but most professional players just manage to gain a *bare* living from their sport. Outdoor life can be delightful except when the prevalent weather conditions are rain, wind, snow, fog or ice. It is flattering to hear one's name chanted with acclaim by thousands on the terraces but crowds are fickle and soon forget, once time takes its toll of muscle and mind. Tommy Lawton, the football hero of the forties, spent his later years in poverty, forgotten by all but a small band of his closest friends.

Sportspersons at the height of their profession travel all around the world. A cricket team may spend its winters in Australian summers and the Wimbledon women champions may spend the year bathed in sunshine, but their own social lives are disrupted and leisure hours have to be sacrificed to hard, exhausting practice. All professional sportspersons must adhere to strict training schedules to

maintain their physical fitness; their lives are devoted to keeping the body in *peak* condition by exhausting exercise combined with a strict regime of self-discipline and moderation in food and drink.

At an early age comes retirement. The financial rewards gained will probably not provide enough to live on for the rest of life and the early-retired sportsperson has to seek a new career. He/She enters the new career fifteen years later than his/her contemporaries and often with not enough reputation in his/her sport to persuade an employer to pay a high salary. Perhaps, after all, it is better to remain a keen amateur.

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

1. exposed (line 2)

(a) revealed (b) concealed (c) hidden (d) discovered

2. bare (line 16)

(a) lush (b) uncovered (c) essential (d) exposed

3. peak (line 27)

(a) top (b) best physical state (c) durable (d) deplorable state

(ii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

(a) In what way do large business interests exploit sportspersons' skills? [2]

(b) What is the popular image of professional sport? How does the media help to keep up this image? [2]

(c) Give a reason to show that sportspersons do not feel secure. [1]

(d) What sacrifices do the sportspersons make in their career? [2]

(e) State the attitude of the crowd towards sportspersons. [2]

(iii) In not more than 50 words, summarise the advantages of taking up sports as a career. [8]

### Question 5

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

.... 0 ...Exposure (Expose) to air pollution.... 1.... (link) to several health risks, .... 2.... (include) cancer and heart problems. The size of the pollutant particles is directly linked to their potential for ....3.... (cause) health problems. Fine particles (PM2.5) pose the ....4.... (great) health risk as they can get deep into the lungs and even into the bloodstream.

An expert says, "While we must adopt every stringent method to reduce the impact of air pollution: .... 5 ... (eat) the right foods is one of the best ways to prevent biological damage caused by pollutants to the human body."

The first food is broccoli which ....6.... (contain) sulforaphane, a substance that ....7... (help) to eliminate benzene from the body. Benzene is one of the highest air pollutants. Flax seeds are next on the list as they are high in Omega 3 fatty acids which have a strong smoke-reducing effect. Gooseberries, another.... 8.... (protect) food; are rich in Vitamin C, which prevents cellular damage by environmental toxins.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[4]

- (a) The students quarrelled .....themselves.  
(b) The clerk was openly accused.....theft.  
(c) They have been with us .....a long time.  
(d) I had an interview.....the Minister.  
(e) We were surprised..... the extent of knowledge he had.  
(f) My mother is confined.....bed.  
(g) There is a canopy of smoke..... the city.  
(h) The patient is ..... recovery.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

Choose the correct option.

[4]

1. Clear the written test. Only then you will be called for an interview.  
a) Until you clear the written test you will be called for an interview.  
b) Unless you clear the written test you will be called for an interview.  
c) Unless you do not clear the written test you will be called for an interview.  
d) Unless you clear the written test you will not be called for an interview.
2. We will not reply. It is the safest thing to do.  
a) Not replying would be the safest thing ever to do.  
b) The safest thing would be not to reply.  
c) The safest thing not to do is to reply.  
d) Not replying would not be the safest thing to do.
3. Who has snatched the lady's purse? The police will soon find out.  
a) The police will find out the snatcher of the lady's purse.  
b) The police will soon found out the snatcher of the lady's purse.  
c) The police will soon be finding out who snatched the lady's purse.  
d) The police will soon find out who had snatched the lady's purse.
4. I have to mow the lawn this weekend. It is overgrown.  
a) My lawn is so overgrown that I need to mow it this weekend.  
b) I will not mow the lawn this weekend as it is overgrown.

- c) I ought to mow the lawn this weekend as it is overgrown.
- d) I will ought to mow the lawn this weekend as it is overgrown.

**(iv) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options.**

[8]

1. Raju got asthma because he started smoking. (Begin: If ...)
  - a) If Raju did not started smoking, he would not have got asthma.
  - b) If Raju did not start smoking, he would have got asthma.
  - c) If Raju had not started smoking, he would not have got asthma.
  - d) If Raju had started smoking, he would have got asthma.
2. None of us should tolerate intellectual dishonesty. (End: ... tolerated.)
  - a) Intellectual dishonesty is not tolerated.
  - b) Intellectual dishonesty is tolerated.
  - c) Intellectual dishonesty should not be tolerated.
  - d) Intellectual dishonesty can not be tolerated.
3. If you do not hurry, you will be late. (Use: unless)
  - a) Unless you don't hurry you will be late.
  - b) Unless you hurry you will be late.
  - c) Unless you hurry you will not be late.
  - d) Unless you don't hurry you will not be late.
4. Didn't they tell you that they would not sign the agreement? (Begin: Were you ...)
  - a) Were you informed that they would not sign the agreement?
  - b) Were you not told that they would sign the agreement?
  - c) Were you not told by them that they would not sign the agreement?
  - d) Were you not told by them that they would sign the agreement?
5. The Manager said, "I will be there at the reception." (Begin: The Manager promised ...)
  - a) The Manager said he would be there at the reception.
  - b) The Manager promised that he would be there at the reception.
  - c) The Manager promised to be at the reception.
  - d) The Manager promised he will be there at the reception.
6. When their parents died their uncle took care of them. (Use: brought up)
  - a) After their parents' death, they were brought up by their uncle.
  - b) After their parents' died, their uncle brought them up.
  - c) After the death of their parents, they were taken care of by their uncle.
  - d) They are brought up by their uncle after their parents' death.

7. Collecting stamps is one of Sana's interests. (Begin: Sana is ... )
- a) Sana is collecting stamps as she is interested in it.
  - b) Sana is interesting in collecting stamps.
  - c) Sana is interested at collecting stamps.
  - d) Sana is interested in collecting stamps.
8. Aarti is the cleverest pupil in the class. (Use: clever)
- a) No other pupil in the class is as clever as Aarti.
  - b) No other pupils in the class is as clever as Aarti.
  - c) None other pupils in the class is as clever as Aarti.
  - d) Aarti is the clever pupil of the class.