



## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ

### SECOND UNIT TEST - 2023

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class-9

Max. Mks: 30

(Max Time; 90 minutes)

#### QUESTION 1

- a) Your school is organizing an Inter-school Dance Competition. Write a notice to be put up on your school notice board, informing the students about the event. [5]
- b) Write an email to the Principal of your neighbouring school informing him/her of the Inter-school Dance Competition to be held in your school and requesting him/her to send his/her students to participate in the event. [5]

#### QUESTION 2

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow :-

I took a step forward and the band began to move. The head of a loathsome snake reared up at us! 'Stand back! It is an adder, the deadliest snake in India, cried Holmes. He caught the snake in the noose of the dog leash and swiftly threw it into the iron safe.

We left the terrified Miss Stoner in the security of a friendly house and informed the police before starting back for London. On the way, Holmes told me that doctor's make the greatest criminals and pointed out the details that had escaped my notice.

'When I saw the room, I became sure that no danger could come in from either the door or the window. The discovery that the bell rope was a dummy and the bed was clamped to the floor, made me suspect that something was passed through the ventilator, down the rope to the bed. The idea of a snake instantly occurred to me. The Doctor was ruthless and clever and knew about eastern poisons, that were unlikely to be traced. The whistle was used to recall the snake, before the morning light revealed it to the victim. He had trained it, probably with the milk we saw. The seat of his chair showed that he often stood on it. He needed to do this to reach the ventilator. The clanging noise, was made by the Doctor hastily shutting the snake into the safe. I only needed to test my suspicions, which I did. When I heard the snake hiss, I lit the light and attacked it. It retreated back through the ventilator and turned upon its master in its fury at being hit. In this way, Watson, I am indirectly responsible for the Doctor's death, but I cannot say that this lies very heavily on my conscience.

- a) In not more than 50 words, give an account of Holmes' observations that led to his assumption of a snake been used as a murder weapon by the Doctor. [8]

#### QUESTION 3

A- Fill in each of the numbered blank with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in the serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: (0) went

I (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the Administrative Block and (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) then (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (lead) into the office of the Superintendent. He was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) there, reading the newspaper. The large desk in front of him was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (pile) high with a great assortment of papers, most of which looked official and scientific. A heap of them partially (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) the telephone. As the Superintendent (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) up, I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) that he was an immensely tall man. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) towards me and stared at me, breathing heavily through his nose.



B. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so . [2]

- i. Sunita is a famous astronomer . She is also a good singer.
  - a. In spite of being a great astronomer, Sunita is a good singer.
  - b. Sunita is a famous astronomer as well as a good singer.
  - c. Sunita is either a famous astronomer or a good singer.
  - d. Despite of being a famous astronomer , Sunita was a good singer.
  
- ii. Mala is not in the class. Mala is not in the library.
  - a. Either Mala is in the class or in the library.
  - b. Mala is neither in the class nor in the library.
  - c. Mala is not seen in the class or the library.
  - d. Mala was neither in the class nor in the library,
  
- iii. It is raining. We will hold the exhibition.
  - a. It is raining , nevertheless we will hold the exhibition.
  - b. It is raining although we will hold the exhibition.
  - c. Nevertheless we will hold the exhibition in spite of the rain.
  - d. We will hold the exhibition nevertheless it is raining.
  
- iv. The fire was put out. This took an instant.
  - a. The fire was put out instantly .
  - b. Taking an instant, the fire was put out.
  - c. The fire was out as soon as the instant was taken.
  - d. Despite of the instant taken , the fire was put out.

C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words :

[2]

- i. The government has extended the date \_\_\_\_\_ link Aadhar.
- ii. He stopped \_\_\_\_\_ the head of a tiny bridge.
- iii. Her interview was followed \_\_\_\_\_ group discussions.
- iv. Where did you come \_\_\_\_\_ this word ? -

D. Re-Write 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 option

[4]

- i. Do they believe in God ? [ End with "exists" ]
  - a. Do they believe that God does exists?
  - b. Did they believed that God exists?
  - c. Do they believe that God exists?
  - d. Did they not believe that God exists?
  
- ii. She said, " I am never going to believe you again." [ Begin : "She said that....." ]
  - a. She said that she was never going to believe him again.
  - b. She asked if she was going to believe me again.
  - c. I asked her not to believe him again.
  - d. She said that she was never going to believe me again.



iii. He won the football match but he was not very happy.

[ Use : 'Although' ]

- a. Although he won the football match but he was not very happy.
- b. Although winning the football match, he was not very happy.
- c. Although he won the football match, he was not very happy.
- d. He is not very happy although he wins the match.

iv. Both of them did not join the club.

[Begin : 'Neither' ]

- a. Neither of them had joined the club.
- b. Neither of both of them joined the club.
- c. Neither of them joins the club.
- d. Neither of them joined the club.

v. As soon as the referee signalled the goal , the crowd rushed to the ground.

[ Use : 'No sooner' ]

- a. No sooner does the referee signal the goal, than the crowd rushed to the ground.
- b. No sooner did the referee signal the goal than the crowd rushed to the ground.
- c. No sooner did the referee signalled the goal, than the crowd rushed to the ground.
- d. No sooner does the referee signal the goal than the crowd rushes to the ground.

vi. Prudent boys work hard .

[ Begin : Boys..... ]

- a. Boys work hard when they are prudent.
- b. Boys who are prudent work hard.
- c. Boys who work hard are prudent.
- d. Boys work hard because they are prudent.

vii. I expect Mohan to do the work.

[End : .....Mohan ]

- a. Work is expected to done by Mohan.
- b. I expect the work done by Mohan.
- c. I expect the work to be done by Mohan.
- d. I expect the work has to be done by Mohan.

viii. Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves.

[ Begin : If..... ]

- a. If you take care of the pence then the pounds will take care of themselves.
- b. If the pence are taken care of the pounds will care of themselves.
- c. If you take care of the pence, the pounds will take care of themselves.
- d. If you want to save money take care of the pence and pounds.

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