

St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Prayagraj

First Terminal Examination 2025-26

Subject – English Language

Time : 2hrs.

Class - 9

M.M. : 80

Name : **Roll No.** **Date :**

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 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]

- (i) Write an original short story that begins with the words: It was raining hard that night. In my hurry to get into the house, I didn't notice the black car parked across the road. I realized something was wrong when..
- (ii) Narrate an incident from your own experience when you helped a friend who was in trouble. Explain what happened. What did you do to make the situation better ?
- (iii) 'School days are the happiest days of our lives.' Express your views either **for** or **against** the statement.
- (iv) There has been heavy rain in your city/town. You went to school but found that it was closed because of the rain. Describe the sights and sounds near the school and narrate how you finally reached home and spent the rest of the day.
- (v) Study the given picture below. Write a story, description or an account of what the picture 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:

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

Select one of the following:

[10]

- (i) You have recently spent your vacation with an uncle and his family. Write a letter thanking him and his family for their love and care during your stay with them. Also express your joy for the things you really liked while you were there.
- (ii) Write a letter to the local officer of your Electricity Board telling them of the fluctuating current and frequent electricity failure in your area, especially during your examination period. Request them to do something about the problem.



Question 3

- (i) The school has planned an Inter School Drama Competition. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting students to participate and include dates for auditions. Add any other relevant details. [5]
- (ii) Send an e-mail to the Principal of a neighbouring school inviting participation while also adding any important rules, genre (for the drama)etc. of the competition. [5]

Question 4

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

The Indian must have had that nice window seat from London. He looked under forty, medium height, slim wearing a blazer. I boarded the Emirates flight in Dubai in October 2003. I got a seat next to him. I looked at him and smiled as I sat down. His face was blank. He had a distant look that made me stop mid-smile. Whenever I take a flight; I try to chat with a fellow passenger. Most people are responsive when they are alone at 40,000 feet. There are some who barely nod, that's when I keep to myself. Flying has helped me to get to know perfect strangers. To a journalist this could be a seed of an unexpected story or a chance to hear something different. In good company time flies too. I've met all types, you never know who you'll meet next, and they are usually interesting, once you've broken the ice.

The man, on my left, wearing a blazer, on that three hour long, Dubai-Mumbai flight, was a puzzle.

I glanced his way and he looked through me. One of the snooty non-resident Indian, I thought. What does one lose if you smiled at a fellow human being? He just stared fixedly at the seat in front of him. Why are some people so full of themselves? When the stewardess brought lunch, the unfriendly man had his eyes shut. She gave me a should-I-wake-him-up look. I didn't say anything, and he didn't get his lunch. Serves him right. He soon got up and saw me eat. But he didn't say anything or ask for his meal. He only had to press a button. That's his problem. We still had almost two hours of flight left. I read a magazine. I tried to play a video game. I listened to music. He did nothing. At times our eyes met, but he isn't all there, I thought. He's like no other passenger I've sat next to. By the time our jet landed in Mumbai, I found his presence almost unbearable and very uncomfortable. As we taxi down the runway, the intercom doles out the usual closing message. It ended with a request to keep all cell phones switched off a little longer. That's when I hear the man speak-on his cell phone. The cheek! He was discussing his connecting flight. About somebody receiving him..... it all sounded like some special arrangements. I had half a mind to tell him to shut up and switch it off. Just before the aircraft came to a halt, he was the first man to stand up.

"Excuse me, May I leave? I can't miss my connecting flight."

Hmm! I got up to make way, when he went on mechanically. "My wife and child died in a road accident, in Delhi."

"Oh!" I exclaim in adequately. "I'm so sorry."

As I see the man rushing out before the other passengers could block the aisle. I'm shell shocked by the revelation. Suddenly, everything falls into place. The tables have turned I'm the bad guy for having judged him, so hastily- and so wrongly. I could have spoken first! Despite his terrible loss and the torment he was enduring, he was so calm, controlled and dignified. Maybe in his soul-crushing sorrow, he didn't want to burden a stranger with his pain. That was a brave fellow traveller from whom I learned an invaluable lesson: To look beyond the facade and to never assume anything until you have walked in the other man's shoes.

- (i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [2]

(1) Snooty

a. Low spirited

c. Faulty

(2) Aisle

a. Gap

c. Pass between rows of seat

b. Showing contempt towards others

d. Appealing

b. Corridor

d. Trench



- (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]
1. She is the best girl in the class.
(Begin: No other girl.....)
 - a. No other girl is good in the class as her.
 - b. No other girl in the class is as good as her.
 - c. No other girl is the best than her in the class.
 - d. No other girl in class is as good as her.
 2. The team consists of eleven players.
(Use: comprises)
 - a. The team comprises of eleven players.
 - b. The team comprises eleven players.
 - c. The team comprised eleven players.
 - d. The team comprises in eleven players.
 3. I like to have tea than coffee.
(Use: prefer)
 - a. I prefer tea than coffee.
 - b. I prefer tea over coffee.
 - c. I prefer tea to coffee.
 - d. I prefer tea not coffee.
 4. She is terrified at the thought of going out alone.
(Use: terrifies)
 - a. She terrifies at the thought of going out alone.
 - b. The thought terrifies that she goes out alone.
 - c. The thought of going out alone terrifies her.
 - b. She is terrified, she goes out alone.
 5. As soon as she finished singing, the audience applauded.
(Begin: No sooner.....)
 - a. No sooner did she finish singing than the audience applauded.
 - b. No sooner did she finish singing, the audience applauded.
 - c. No sooner did she finished singing, the audience applauded.
 - d. No sooner she finish singing, the audience applauded.
 6. He is the one who won the race.
(End.....him.)
 - a. The race was won by him.
 - b. The race will be won by him.
 - c. Will the race be won by him?
 - d. The race is won by him.
 7. He treats his pets very cruelly.
(Begin: His pets)
 - a. His pets are very cruelly treated by him.
 - b. His pets treat him very cruelly.
 - c. His pets were treated very cruelly by him.
 - d. His pets are treated very cruelly by him.
 8. I shall have great pleasure in accepting your invitation.
(Begin: It gives)
 - a. It gives great pleasure to me accept your invitation.
 - b. It gives me great pleasure to accept your invitation.
 - c. It gives pleasure to accept the invitation by me.
 - d. It give a pleasure to me to accept your invitation.