

St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Allahabad
First Terminal Examination 2025 - 26

Time : 2 Hrs

Class 10

M.M. : 80

English Language

Name : Roll No. Date :

Time allowed: Two hours

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.

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) Recall an important event of social importance in your city. Describe the event as it occurred and its impact on other members of the society.
- (ii) 'Children's opinion should be considered on matters concerning them.' Express your views *for or against* this statement.
- (iii) Your school participated in 'A Plantation Drive' campaign organised by the municipality in your city. Write an account of the activities undertaken during this campaign.
- (iv) Write a short story beginning with the line: "It was an ordinary evening at the park. Children were playing on the rides, women were sitting and gossiping, two elderly women were sitting on the corner bench and sharing jokes. Every thing was the same as any other evening, except one thing,-----"
- (v) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests 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 30 minutes on this question.)

Select any one of the following.

- (i) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city drawing his attention to the problems created by various hawkers of food outside your school gate. Tell him what dangers to the health they pose. Suggest a solution for their rehabilitation. (10)
- (ii) Write a letter to your cousin congratulating him on getting an overseas job that he wanted to get. (10)

Question 3.

- (i) You are the Students' Representative of the School Development Committee. Next week, the committee is meeting to prepare a Calendar of Activities for the academic year 2025-2026. Write a notice inviting students' suggestions on the subject. (5)
- (ii) Write an email to Sunita Jalan, a business executive of Best Group requesting her to sponsor a creative writing workshop as suggested in the Student Development Committee meeting. (5)

Question 4.

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

A panther was terrorizing the Khulna district of Bangladesh, just outside the Sundarbans. It had recently carried off a little girl. She was the seventh person killed in two months by the animal. And it was growing bolder. The previous victim was a man who had been attacked in broad daylight in his field. The beast dragged him off into the forest. And his corpse was later found hanging from a tree. The villagers kept a watch nearby that night, hoping to surprise the panther and kill it, but it never appeared.

The forest Department hired a professional hunter. He set up a small, hidden platform in a tree near a river where two of the attacks had taken place. A goat was tied to a stake on the river's bank. The hunter waited several nights. He assumed the panther would be an old, wasted male with worn teeth, incapable of catching anything more difficult than a human. But it was a sleek tiger that stepped into the open one night: a female with a single cub. The goat bleated. Oddly, the cub, who looked to be about three months old, paid little attention to the goat. It raced to the water's edge, where it drank eagerly. Its mother followed it. Of hunger and thirst, thirst is the greater urge. Only once the tiger had quenched her thirst did she turn to the goat to satisfy her hunger.

The hunter had two rifles with him: one with real bullets, the other with immobilizing darts. This animal was not the man-eater, but so close to human habitation she might pose a threat to the villagers, especially as she was with cub. He picked up the gun with the darts. He fired as the tiger was about to attack the goat. The tiger reared up and snarled and raced away. But immobilizing darts don't bring on sleep gently, they knock the creature out without warning. A burst of activity on the animal's part makes it act all the faster.

The hunter called his assistants on the radio. They found the tiger about two hundred yards from the river. She was still conscious. Her back legs had given way and her balance on her front legs was shaky. When the men got close, she tried to get away but could not manage it. She turned on them, lifting a paw that was meant to kill. It only made her lose her balance. She collapsed and the Pondicherry Zoo had two new tigers. The cub was found in a bush close by, mewling with fear.

The hunter, whose name was Richard Parker, picked it up with his bare hands and remembering how it had rushed to drink in the river, named it Thirsty. But the shipping clerk at the Howrah train station was evidently a man both confused and diligent. All the papers received with the cub clearly stated that its name was Richard Parker, that the hunter's first name was Thirsty and his family name was Non Given. Richard Parker's name stuck. I don't know if the hunter was ever called Thirsty None Given!

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

1. corpse

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| (a) relaxing body | (c) tail |
| (b) skin | (d) dead body |

2. quenched

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| (a) satisfied | (c) pleased |
| (b) hunger | (d) happy |

- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word laid down? (1)

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| (a) picked | (c) rushed |
| (b) turned | (d) reared |

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

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| (a) How was the panther terrorizing the people of the Khulna district of Bangladesh? | (2) |
| (b) How did the professional hunter set up a trap for the panther? | (2) |
| (c) What did the hunter expect to encounter? What did he actually encounter? | (2) |
| (d) What did the tiger do before turning to attack the goat? | (1) |
| (e) Why does the hunter decide to shoot the tiger even though it was not the man-eater? | (2) |

- (iv) In not more than 50 words, narrate how the hunter and his assistant captured the tiger and her cub. (8)

Question 5.

- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of 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)

Example There...(0)... (be) some confusion on the road when I reached there.

Answer (o) was

The car.....(1).....(slow) down at the curve. There.....(2).....(be) a large crowd at the place.

I.....(3).....(get) down from the car to see what.....(4).....(happen). A man was.....(5).....(lay) on the road injured. He.....(6).....(shout) for help but.....(7).....(unfortunate) no one was willing to.....(8).....(come) forward and rush him to the hospital.

- (ii) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. (4)

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| (a) The caterpillar turned _____ a beautiful butterfly. |
| (b) After the train left, it started to rain. So I took shelter _____ the station. |
| (c) Socha has applied _____ a scholarship. |
| (d) The book fair is open _____ 5th April. |
| (e) You should not look directly at the Sun _____ an eclipse. |
| (f) The tools are hung _____ the wooden nail board. |
| (g) The wooden nail board is _____ the basement. |
| (h) I went to see him _____ at the airport. |

- (iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so.** (4)
Choose the correct option.

- (1) Saroj was a skilled Kathak dancer. Her mother wanted her to become a doctor.
1. Her mother wanted her to become a doctor yet Saroj was a skilled Kathak dancer.
a) Although Saroj was a skilled Kathak dancer, her mother wanted her to become a doctor.
b) Since Saroj was a skilled Kathak dancer, her mother wanted her to become a doctor.
c) Her mother wanted her to be a doctor despite Saroj was skilled Kathak dancer.
d) Her mother wanted her to become a doctor yet Saroj was a skilled Kathak dancer.
- (2) Salim was thrown out of the community hall by the priest. His family protested outside the priest's house.
a) Because Salim was thrown out of the community hall by the priest, his family protested outside the priest's house.
b) Although Salim was thrown out of the community hall by the priest, his family protested outside the priest's house.
c) Whenever Salim was thrown out of the community hall by the priest, his family protested outside outside the priest's house.
d) While Salim was thrown out of the community hall by the priest, his family protested outside the priest's house.
- (3) Mihir worked day and night on his project. The supervisor selected Jagdish's project for the exhibition.
a) Though Mihir worked day and night on his project yet the supervisor selected Jagdish's project for the exhibition.
b) Although Mihir worked day and night on his project, but the supervisor selected Jagdish's project for the exhibition.
c) Though Mihir worked day and night on his project, the supervisor selected Jagdish's project for the exhibition.
d) None of the above.
- (4) I went to the clinic yesterday. I met my former colleague Ravinder there.
a) Since I went to the clinic yesterday, I met my former colleague Ravinder there.
b) Whenever I went to the clinic yesterday, I met my former colleague Ravinder there.
c) When I went to the clinic yesterday, I met my former colleague Ravinder there.
d) As I went to the clinic yesterday, I met my former colleague Ravinder there.
- (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. (8)

- (1) He really likes correcting her English.
[Use: pleasure]
a) He really likes pleasure in correcting her English.
b) There is pleasure for him correcting her English
c) He takes pleasure to correct her English
d) He takes pleasure in correcting her English.
- (2) I didn't hear from him for ten years. I received his e-mail.
[Rewrite using: when]
a) I hadn't heard from him for ten years when I received his e-mail.
b) I haven't heard from him for ten years when I received his e-mail
c) I didn't heard for him for ten years when I received his e-mail
d) I didn't hear from him for ten years when I received his e-mail
- (3) She started studying drama three years ago.
[Rewrite using: been]
a) She was been studying drama for three years.
b) She was been studied drama for three years.
c) She has been studying drama for three years.
d) All of the above.
- (4) All I want you to do is to look after my dog.
[Use: care]
a) All I want you to do is to look care of my dog.
b) All I want you to do is to take care of my dog.
c) All I want you to do is care of my dog.
d) None of the above.

- (5) A father is wrong to scold his child without reason.
[Begin with: A father ought.....]
- a) A father ought to scold his child without reason.
 - b) A father ought not to scold her child without reason
 - c) A father ought not to scold his child without reasoning
 - d) A father ought not to scold his child without reason
- (6) He locked the gate so that the dog wouldn't escape.
[Use: prevent]
- a) He locked the gate for prevent the dog from escaping.
 - b) He locked the gate for prevent the dog from not escaping.
 - c) He locked the gate to prevent the dog from not escaping.
 - d) He locked the gate to prevent the dog from escaping.
- (7) They didn't like to pay extra taxes.
[Use : objected]
- a) They did not objected to paying extra taxes.
 - b) They objected to paying extra taxes
 - c) They did not object to paying extra taxes.
 - d) They did objected to paying extra taxes.
- (8) The day was so nice that we went on a picnic.
[Use : such]
- a) It was such a nice day that we went on a picnic.
 - b) It was such a nice day than we went on a picnic.
 - c) The day was such a nice that we went on a picnic.
 - d) The day was such a nice than we went on a picnic

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