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Attempt all questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it:

Flowers are a living symbol of delicacy and beauty. Gardens are beautiful because flowers bloom there in plenty. No one would like to go to a garden where there were no flowers. We use flowers on all occasions, for all kinds of purposes, throughout our life. We use them at birth; we use them at death. Writers, poets and painters – all praise the beauty of flowers.

There are a variety of flowers growing in India. There are roses in so many colours, there are lilies, there are golden marigolds. If you go to a garden in the spring season, you can smell the fragrance of hundreds of flowers, you can touch their soft petals. You almost feel as if you were in heaven. It is so delightful to be in a garden in the early morning. The flowers dance in the morning breeze and your heart dances with them.

The rose may be called the king of flowers. It is found in so many colours— pink, red, yellow, orange, white, even black. Its smell is very sweet. It is a feast for the eyes. Our late Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was very fond of roses. He used to put a rose in the buttonhole of his coat every day. When he passed away, his body was covered with roses.

(A) Decide whether the following statements are True or False on the basis of the given passage: 5

- (i) Flowers are the subject of many poems and paintings.
- (ii) Not many types of flowers are found in our country.
- (iii) Flowers are at their best in summer season.
- (iv) The evening is the best time to enjoy the beauty of flowers.
- (v) There is no flower that is black in colour.

(B) Give short answers to the following questions in complete sentences, using your own words as far as possible:

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- (i) Name two qualities that flowers have.
- (ii) Name two occasions on which we use flowers.
- (iii) How do flowers make us feel that we are “in heaven”?
- (iv) Why is the rose called “the king of flowers”?
- (v) Why was Jawaharlal Nehru’s dead body covered with roses? 5×2=10

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The self-portrait is nothing new. Painters and photographers have always used themselves as subjects. Today, however, almost everyone walks around with a camera in his or her pocket. This is because most cell phones have cameras on them. The fact that most people have cell phone cameras with them all the time has led to the rise of the selfie. A selfie is a self-portrait usually taken with a cell phone.

People usually take selfies when they are engaged in normal day-to-day activities. They take selfies of their commutes to work or school. People take selfies of themselves eating. Other people take selfies to show what they are wearing or whom they are hanging out with.

Some people think that selfies are a sign that people are becoming vain or superficial. It is not often that people take pictures of themselves that make them look bad. When people take pictures of themselves, they usually are trying to present themselves in the best light. However, some people use selfies to show what they really look like. Some people are trying to challenge stereotypes of what makes someone attractive.

Give short answers to the following questions in complete sentences, using your own words as far possible: 5×2=10

- (i) What is a selfie?
- (ii) Why has it become so common for people to take photos of themselves?
- (iii) List any *two* occasions on which people take selfies.
- (iv) Why are some people not happy with the culture of taking selfies?
- (v) How are some people using selfies to challenge stereotypes?

3. (i) Change the following words into nouns (any *five*):

agree, discuss, fight, homely, secure, examine, honest.

(ii) Write the opposites of the following words (any *five*):

certain, dark, fast, master, tall, pleased, tiny. 5

(iii) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable word from those given below:

careful, dutiful, painful, successful, useful. 5

(a) Salman Khan is a very ..... actor.

(b) He is a ..... son, always ready to do whatever his parents ask him to.

(c) The smartphone is a very ..... gadget.

(d) One should be very ..... while driving.

(e) The old man had to undergo a ..... operation.

(iv) Make sentences of your own with the following words (any five):

call, important, long, want, work, tell, show. 5

4. (i) Fill in the blanks with a suitable article (a, an, the):

I went to ..... (a) ..... party yesterday. It was arranged in ..... (b) ..... big park. .... (c) ..... park was decorated beautifully for ..... (d) ..... party. I met ..... (e) ..... interesting man there. 5

(ii) Fill in the blanks with a suitable form of 'be' (am, are, is, was, were):

I ..... (1) ..... nineteen years old. I live with my family. We ..... (2) ..... a big family. My father ..... (3) ..... a businessman. He ..... (4) ..... honest and hardworking. I ..... (5) ..... proud of him. 5

(iii) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable conjunction from those given below:

and, because, but, if, so

Mrs. Kumar felt unwell yesterday. .... (1) ..... she went to a doctor. The doctor told her that she did not have any infection ..... (2) ..... was feeling low ..... (3) ..... of overwork and stress. He prescribed some medicines for her ..... (4) ..... asked her to take rest. He said she would not recover quickly ..... (5) ..... she did not follow his advice. 5

(iv) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable preposition from those given below:

at, in, on, to, with

Athletics trials will be held ..... (1) ..... the college playground ..... (2) ..... 7th December ..... (3) ..... 10 a.m. The interested students should report ..... (4) ..... the Sports Teacher ..... (5) ..... their original documents. 5

5. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on your favourite TV programme. You should write the name of the programme, the channel it appears on, its timing, its nature (comedy / music, dance or reality show / family drama / sports, etc). You must state why you like the programme and mention why it is worth watching.

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