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Attempt all questions.

I. Answer any *five* questions in about **30-50** words each :

5×2=10

(i) Making a mistake is a natural part of learning. Do you agree ?

(ii) Give *three* reasons why Saroj wants her son to marry.

(iii) Who is Barry John and how did he come to India ?

(iv) What are the advantages of 'Free Writing' ?

(v) What does the poet want to return as, in the poem 'If I Return This Time' ?

(vi) How was Anita Satpute's childhood different from that of her own children ?

(vii) Name four people, who Barry John mentions, were associated with the theatre of Delhi in the 70s.

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2. Answer any *two* in about 75-100 words each :

2×5=10

(i) Describe Anita Satpute's house.

(ii) Why could Barry John not become an actor ?

(iii) List *three* points of similarity and *three* points of difference between Anita Satpute and Renu Luthra.

(iv) What are some of the ways in which we can improve our writing ?

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5×2=10

When I reached the station I did not stop at the ticket office (I had never bought a ticket in my life) but dashed straight onto the platform. The Amritsar Express was just moving out. It was moving slowly enough for me to be able to jump on the footboard of one of the carriages but I hesitated for some urgent, unexplainable reason.

I hesitated long enough for the train to leave without me.

When it had gone and the noise and busy confusion of the platform had subsided,

I found myself standing alone on the deserted platform. The knowledge that I had

a hundred stolen rupees in my pyjamas only increased my feeling of isolation and loneliness. I had no idea where to spend the night. I had never kept any friends because sometimes friends can be one's undoing. I didn't want to make myself conspicuous by staying at a hotel. And the only person I really knew well in town was the person I had robbed !

Leaving the station, I walked slowly through the bazaar keeping to dark, deserted alleys. I kept thinking of Arun. He would still be asleep, blissfully unaware of his loss. I have made a study of men's faces when they have lost something of material value. The greedy man shows panic, the rich man shows anger, the poor man shows fear. But I knew that neither panic nor anger nor fear would show on Arun's face when he discovered the theft; only a terrible sadness not for the loss of his money but for my having betrayed his trust. I found myself on the maidan and sat down on a bench with my feet tucked up under my haunches. The night was a little cold

and I regretted not having brought Arun's blanket along a little drizzle added to my discomfort. Soon it was raining heavily. My shirt and pyjamas stuck to my skin.

- (i) What did the narrator do on reaching the station ?
- (ii) What made the narrator uneasy ?
- (iii) How do people behave when they have lost something of material value ?
- (iv) How did he think Arun would react to the theft ?
- (v) Find synonyms (words similar in meaning) from the passage that mean :  
rushed, compartment, robbed, cheated.

4. (a) Make sentences with any *three* of the following pairs of words : 6

(i) weight/wait

(ii) pray/prey

(iii) tail/tale

(iv) lose/loose

(v) week/weak.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the *correct* words from those given below :

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who, whom, whose, where

(i) What is the name of the man.....car you borrowed ?

(ii) A cemetery is a place.....people are buried.

(iii) A pacifist is a person.....believes that all wars are wrong.

(iv) An orphan is a child.....parents are dead.

(v) What was the name of the person to.....you spoke on the phone ?

(vi) The place.....we spent our holidays was really beautiful.

(vii) This school is only for children.....first language is not English.

(viii) The woman with.....he fell in love left him after a month.

5. (a) Complete the following sentences using determiners and quantifiers given below : 5

few, little, much, many, neither, either, some, any, no, none.

(i) This evening I am going out with.....friends of mine.

- (ii) We took a few photographs, but.....of them were very good.
  - (iii) She is not very popular. She has.....friends.
  - (iv) Did you take.....photographs when you were on holiday ?
  - (v) I took two books with me on holiday, but I did not read.....of them.
  - (vi) Ann is very busy these days. She has.....free time.
  - (vii) It was a public holiday, so there were.....shops open.
  - (viii) We did not buy.....flowers.
  - (ix) John and I could not get into the house because.....of .....had a key.
  - (x) I am not very busy today. I have not got.....to do.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles—*a, an, the*;
- (i) Half of.....team was not ready to play the second round of the match.
  - (ii) .....monument in the middle of city was the centre of attraction for the tourists.

- (iii) Excellent performance in the exam gave my friend.....  
opportunity to party with his friends.
- (iv) Most of the institutions believe in.....atmosphere that provides  
serious academics and discipline both.
- (v) How are you Jenny ? Are you coming for.....outing and  
picnic with my family today ?
- (vi) Doctors believe in treatment of diseases and they also tell us various ways  
to prevent.....diseases.
- (vii) The Society president announced about.....upcoming event for  
children with special needs.
- (viii) The Zoo in our city could not manage to keep cleanliness inside.....  
zoo, hence, lots of animals started dying.
- (ix) History is not.....subject that one can remember without  
reading biographies, facts and incidents.
- (x) Our Government has decided to start.....institution for the  
girls who are keen on studying astronomy.

6. (a) Imagine you are Anita Satpute's daughter. Write about your mother's life in a paragraph. 10

Or

Write a letter to your father/mother about the problems you are facing in the hostel.

- (b) Suppose you have got a chance to interview your favourite Bollywood star. Make a list of 10 questions you would like to ask him/her. 10

Or

Write an essay in about 250-300 words on the importance of education in life.