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Attempt *All* questions.

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

A housewife knew a story. She also knew a song. But she kept them to herself, never told anyone the story or the song or sang the song.

Imprisoned within her, the story and the song were feeling chocked. They wanted release, wanted to run away. One day, when she was sleeping with her mouth open, the story escaped, fell out of her, took the shape of a pair of shoes and sat outside the house. The song also escaped, took the shape of men's coat, and hung up on a peg.

The woman's husband came home, looked at the coat and shoes, and asked her. "Who is visiting?"

"No one", she said.

"But whose coat and shoes are these?"

"I don't know", she replied.

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He wasn't satisfied with her answer. He was suspicious. Their conversation was unpleasant.

The unpleasantness led to a quarrel. The husband flew into rage, picked up his blanket, and went to the Monkey God's temple to sleep.

The woman didn't understand what was happening. Baffled and unhappy, she put out the lamp and went to sleep.

(A) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

(i) A housewife knew many stories which she shared with everyone.

(ii) The story took the shape of man's coat.

(iii) The song became a pair of shoes.

(iv) The woman's husband did not spend the night at home.

(v) The husband never quarreled with his wife.

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(B) Find word or expressions from the passage which has similar meaning : (Any 6)

let free; trapped; fight; hook; unhappy; surprised; a cover; dialogue.

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(C) Answer the following questions briefly. You will have to think for yourself. There is no single correct answer :

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(i) Why do you think the song and story ran away ?

(ii) Why do you think they took the shapes they took ?

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

Once in the palace of the Great Russian prince Vladimir, in Kiev all the nobles were boasting. One noble boasted of his strength, another spoke of his fame, and yet another tried to show off his wisdom. Some boasted of their wealth, and others of their trusted horses. Each had something grand to say about himself.

One noble, however, sat quietly, with a dreamy look on his face. His name was Stavr Godinovich. Prince Vladimir noticed that Stavr had said nothing at all. "You're very silent, aren't you, Stavr?" he said. "Have you nothing to say ?"

"Great Prince," replied Stavr, "I have nothing to boast of except my wife, Katrina. She is young and beautiful, and braver and more skillful than any warrior here. She can shoot an arrow, sing like a nightingale, and play the harp enchantingly. No one here can play chess as well as she can. And, pardon me for saying so, Great Prince, but you too are no match for her !" The prince became very angry. He said, "How dare you speak to me like that?" He said to one of his servants, "Take him and throw him into dungeon. See that he is only given oats and water !"

- (A) State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

- (i) Stavr Godinovich played the harp well.
- (ii) The story takes place in Kiev.
- (iii) The Prince was happy with Stavr's words.
- (iv) Stavr was given good food in the dungeon.
- (v) Katrina was a very beautiful and talented lady.

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the word used in the passage :

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NOUNS	ADJECTIVES
(i)	wise
(ii)	strong
(iii)	famous
(iv)	wealthy
(v) skill
(vi) anger

(C) Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (i) Why was Stavr Godinovich silent ?
 (ii) What made Prince Vladimir angry ?

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with the correct word chosen from the box below :

Make changes in the form, where necessary

twinkle, flicker, glow, sparkle, glitter, rust
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- (i) All that is not gold.
 (ii) Her diamond earrings were in the dim light.
 (iii) The candle flame in the breeze and then it blew off.
 (iv) A few stars were in the night sky.
 (v) His desk lamp was the only source of light in the large dark-room. 5

(B) Supply the missing adjectives in the column below :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	best
little
.....	more

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4. (A) Fill in the blank with 'much' or 'many' :

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- (i) There aren't hotels in this town.
- (ii) I wasn't very hungry. I didn't eat
- (iii) Renu hasn't got money.
- (iv) We haven't got petrol.
- (v) Did students fail in the examinations ?

(B) Fill in the blanks with of/in/with, as the case may be :

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- (i) He is very brave. He is not afraid anything.
- (ii) Raj was angry what happened.
- (iii) Are you interested politics ?
- (iv) I like Neha. She is very kind me.
- (v) I'm not interested sports.

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(C) Fill in the blank with 'as' or 'than' :

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(i) Delhi is older Chennai.

(ii) She is not as young she looks.

(iii) You can eat more me.

(iv) I feel better I felt yesterday.

(v) Brazil is not as big China.

5. Your aunt met with an accident recently. Write a letter to her to lift her spirit. Give her some good news that will make her happy. 10

6. You have studied the course books *Every Day English I and II* over the last two/three years. Which unit did you like the most? Explain briefly why you liked it in about **150** words. 10