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All questions are compulsory.

Follow instructions strictly.

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

It was a sunny day. Reena was playing in the park when she noticed something and called out to Nikhil, her brother.

“Look, Nikhil, here is a nest ! It is made from hay, and a pigeon is in it.”

“Put your hand into the nest, Reena.”

“Oh no, the pigeon will not let me !”

“But, Reena, I will hold her.”

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“Well, Nikhil, if you can hold her, I will put my hand into the nest,” said Reena as she moved her hand towards the nest. “Oh Nikhil, there are some little chicks under the pigeon !”

“Are there ?” asked Nikhil. “Do take her off from the nest and let us see them.”

Nikhil lifted the bird off the nest. The children could see the chicks. There were six of them.

“Oh ! the dear litter chicks ! How pretty they are !”, said Nikhil. “We will feed them, Reena.”

“Yes, I will run and get some grain and find them some water,” said Reen as she ran towards her house.

“But, they are so small !”, said Nikhil. “Get some bread soaked in milk.”

Questions :

(A) Say whether the following sentences are True *or* False :

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- (i) The story is about a pigeon and her chicks.
- (ii) The pigeon did not let the children see her chicks.
- (iii) There was one little chick in the nest.
- (iv) Nikhil wanted to feed the birds.
- (v) They fed milk and bread to the birds.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (i) What is the nest made of ?
- (ii) How many chicks are in the nest ?
- (iii) What will the children do for the litter chicks ?
- (iv) Why won't the hen let Reena put her hand in the nest ?
- (v) Suggest a title for the story you have read.

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

Michelangelo was primarily a sculptor, yet one of his most magnificent achievements, and for that matter one of the most magnificent of all artistic achievements, is his famous fresco ceiling in the Sistine Chapel Florence.

The story runs that when Pope Julius ordered him to paint the ceiling, the artist suspected that the work was being commissioned out of spite, to prove to the world at large that he was no painter. Whatever his misgivings when he started the work, he soon insisted that none should be present as he worked. Pique and distrust turned to determination to show that he was not sculptor or painter but sculptor and painter. He worked alone for four years, lying on his back on scaffolding specially erected for the execution of the enormous task. The ceiling, when completed, was breathtaking.

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A deeply religious man and something of a poet, Michelangelo painted for the glory of God. He had put everything he had into the Sistine Chapel frieze. He had depicted the story of Man's creation right up to the time of the Flood. Into the sixty square yards of working space he had introduced an intricate and immensely powerful composition of figures, each an independent masterpiece, each so perfect that, it served as a reminder that this was the work of a sculptor without parallel, who had turned his sculptor's skill to its finest use in the fresco.

Questions :

(i) Say whether the following sentences are True *or* False :

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- (a) The story is about Michelangelo.
- (b) The words frieze and fresco mean the same thing.
- (c) There were people who believed that Michelangelo was a bad sculptor.
- (d) Michelangelo worked for the glory of God.
- (e) He had to lie on a bench hanging from the ceiling in order to work.

(ii) Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (a) What is Michelangelo most famous for ?
- (b) Did he get appreciation easily ?
- (c) Why did he lock himself up for four years ?
- (d) What was the subject of his work ?
- (e) What kind of a person was Michelangelo ?

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate word from those given in brackets, making changes in the form of the verb, where necessary :

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(i) My mother was when she was six months old.

(adapt, adopt)

(ii) The children are finding it difficult to themselves to the new neighbourhood.

(adapt, adopt)

(iii) The movie is an version of Shakespeare's play 'A Comedy of Errors'.

(adapt, adopt)

(iv) She was at least a couple of years then I was.
(older, elder)

(v) Her sister is studying medicine and will soon be a
doctor. (older, elder)

4. Complete the sentences inserting until/since/for in the blanks : 10

(i) Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been married 1968.

(ii) I was tired this morning. I stayed in bed 10 o'clock.

(iii) We waited for Sue half an hour but she didn't come.

(iv) 'Have you just arrived ?' No, I've been here half past
seven'.

(v) 'How long did you stay at the party last night ?' midnight'.

(vi) David and I are good friends. We have known each other
ten years.

(vii) I'm tired. I'm going to lie down a few minutes.

(viii) Don't open the door of the train the train stops.

(ix) This is my house. I've lived here I was seven years old.

(x) Jack has gone away. He'll be away Wednesday.

5. Complete the sentences. Use enough with one of these words to complete it :

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(i) 'Is there in your coffee ?' 'Yes, thank you.'

(ii) Can you hear the radio ? Is it for you ?

(iii) Did you have to answer all the questions in the exam ?

(iv) This house isn't for a large family.

(v) Tina is very thin. She doesn't

6. Complete the sentences using a comparative to fill in the blanks :

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(i) It isn't very warm today. It was yesterday.

(ii) These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted

(iii) Britain isn't very big. France is

(iv) London isn't very beautiful. Paris is

(v) This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a one ?

7. Write an application to the Principal asking for permission to organize a class picnic. You could write about the place you wish to visit, number of students interested in going, the money that you would charge, the date of the picnic and how you would go. 10
8. Write a short paragraph of about **100-150** words about a walk you had in the morning in the garden near your home. Say who you went with, what things you noticed, what things you liked very much and how you felt after the walk. 10