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Composition

1. Descriptive composition: describe an experience (sights, sounds, feelings)

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(i) As part of the school annual trip, you were taken on a jungle safari. You explored the beauty and wilderness of nature for the first time in an open jeep. Describe the thrilling sights you saw, sounds you heard and the smells of the jungle that caught your attention. How did this entire experience change your perspective about nature?

2. Narrative composition: narrate a personal experience and its impact

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(ii) You and your classmate were selected to represent your school at an inter school sports competition. However, both of you had stopped talking to each other due to a misunderstanding in the past. Narrate what had caused the misunderstanding and your initial reaction on being part of the same team. Elaborate on the efforts you made to resolve the differences and thereby renewed your friendship.

3. Argumentative composition: argue FOR or AGAINST a statement

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(iii) Tourism results in loss of local culture and tradition. Argue either FOR or AGAINST the topic.

4. One-word topic composition (e.g. Hope, Music, Magic)

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(iv) Magic

5. Reflective composition: present your reflections on a statement

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(v) Happiness is a state of mind. Present your reflections on this statement.

6. Original short story beginning or ending with given words

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 20 marks

Write a composition (in approximately 400-450 words) on any one of the following subjects.
(vi) Write an original short story that begins with the following words:
It was a familiar voice, and this could only mean that....

Directed Writing

7. Feature / magazine article using the given points

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2025 · 15 marks

Write a feature article in about 300 words, to be published in your school magazine on the topic 'The Importance of Sports'. Your article must use the guidelines given below:
Inculcates discipline - builds teamwork - has health benefits - develops leadership qualities - leads to character building - provides career options

Proposal Writing

8. Proposal: steps to organise a school event or activity

Asked 5× · Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 10 marks

As president of the Student Council of your school, you wish to organise an exhibition on 'The History of India'. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success.

9. Proposal: steps to set up a new school club

Asked 2× · Board 2023, Board 2024 · 10 marks

As a Member of the Student Council of ABC School, you wish to start a Laughter Club to develop the appreciation for humour among students. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps you would take to make this club a success.

Transformation of Sentences

10. Transformation: As soon as <-> No sooner...than / Scarcely

Asked 6× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
As soon as he wakes up, he reads the newspaper.
(Begin: No sooner .....)

11. Transformation: degrees of comparison (No other ... as ...)

Asked 5× · Board 2024, Board 2025, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
Sunita is the best debater in our team.
(Begin: No other .....)

12. Transformation: active <-> passive voice

Asked 5× · Board 2023, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
Rajani was writing a long essay.
(End: ..... Rajani.)

13. Transformation: direct <-> indirect speech

Asked 4× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
The doctor said to the elderly lady, "Will you be able to follow the schedule for taking medicines every day?"
(Begin: The doctor asked .....)

14. Transformation: Although / In spite of (concession)

Asked 3× · Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
I don't know Helen very much; nevertheless, I like her.
(Begin: In spite of .....)

15. Transformation: too...to / so...that / enough

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2025, Sample 2025 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
The news is too good to be true.
(Use: ... so ... that ...)

16. Transformation: Not only...but also / Besides

Asked 3× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2026 · 1 marks

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given after it in brackets.
We watched the movie as well as had dinner at a restaurant.
(Begin: Not only .....)

Phrasal Verbs and Prepositions

17. Phrasal verbs exercise (fill in / replace the particle)

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 5 marks

Replace the INCORRECT underlined words (shown in [brackets]) to make the following sentences meaningful and grammatically correct. Do not copy the sentences.
(a) He gave [up] most of his money to a charitable institution.
(b) The authorities are showing signs of giving [away] to the workers' demands.
(c) We need to cut [up] the article to five hundred words.
(d) After a few months, he realised he was not cut [in] for the job.
(e) I handed [on] the application for the visa to the officer.
(f) The athlete in the relay race handed [in] the baton to the next runner.
(g) I am surprised you fell [by] that simple trick.
(h) Our plan to start a new project fell [down] due to lack of financial support.
(i) The coach tried to bring [about] the best in every player.
(j) The teacher brought [on] an important matter for discussion with the parents.

Verbs and Tenses

18. Fill in a passage with the correct form of the given verbs

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 5 marks

Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order.
A large notice on the window of a shop _____ (1) (announce) a big sale, with sweeping reductions, _____ (2) (start) at 9:00 a.m. An enormous queue had _____ (3) (begin) to form by 7:30 a.m.
Just before the shop was about to open, an inconspicuous little man _____ (4) (walk) to the beginning of the queue. Angry customers _____ (5) (elbow) and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man _____ (6) (go) to the start of the queue again. Once more, he was _____ (7) (shove) unceremoniously to the back. This time he _____ (8) (receive) a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by those in the queue.
The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that _____ (9) (be) your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today. We can all go home, if you continue to _____ (10) (behave) like this."

Comprehension

19. Find words in the passage for given meanings / underlined words

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 3 marks

[context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice]
Find a single word from the passage that will exactly replace the underlined word or words (shown in [brackets]) in the following sentences.
(1) [Extremely old] tools were found in the excavation site.
(2) There was something [cold and dangerous] about the look in his eyes.
(3) The video was [stopped for a while] when she went to answer the phone.

20. Same word, different meaning (choose / write the sentence)

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 3 marks

[context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice]
For each of the words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the same word unchanged in spelling, but with a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage.
(1) glass (line 10)
(A) I wear glasses while driving.
(B) He drank a big glass of water as he was very thirsty.
(C) Exotic flowers are grown in this glass-house.
(D) I cut myself on a piece of broken glass.
(2) right (line 38)
(A) The Right to Information Act empowers the public.
(B) M.S. Dhoni is a fabulous right-handed batsman.
(C) Go ahead and turn right to reach the library.
(D) Our constitution defines our rights and duties.
(3) table (line 49)
(A) There is a table of contents at the beginning of this book.
(B) I left the assignments on your table.
(C) They have tabled a motion for debate at the next conference.
(D) The tables have turned in his favour after he won the lottery.

21. Summary of given paragraphs in about 100 words

Asked 7× · Board 2023, Board 2024, Board 2025, Board 2026, Sample 2023, Sample 2024, Sample 2025 · 6/8 marks

[context: passage adapted from 'Ruthless' by William Churchill DeMille - possessive Judson Webb poisons his half-empty grape juice to punish a thief, then slips, is knocked out, and is revived with that same juice]
Summarise the actions that led to Judson Webb falling into his own trap (paragraphs 8 to 10).
You are required to write the summary in the form of a connected passage in about 100 words.

22. Explain the meaning of a phrase/idiom from the passage

Asked 2× · Sample 2023, Sample 2025 · 2 marks

[context: passage adapted from 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock - a nervous narrator tries to open a bank account with fifty-six dollars, accidentally withdraws it all, and never banks again]
Answer briefly in your own words: With reference to the passage, explain the meaning of the expression 'I had burned my boats'.

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