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**PRACTICE TEST – 1**  
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**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION- A (READING) 08 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

1. A sobbing girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it 'was too crowded'. "I can't go to Sunday School", she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby unkempt appearance the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.
2. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the kind hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside were found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger, so more children can go to Sunday school." For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do.
3. Carrying this note to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his priests to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story doesn't end there. A Newspaper learnt of the story and published it. It was read by a realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for a 57 cent payment. Church members made large subscriptions. Cheques came from far and wide. Within 5 years the little girls gift had increased to \$ 2,50,000 a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.
4. When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300, and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital at a Sunday school building which houses hundreds of Sunday scholars, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside at Sunday school time.

by- Via Social Media (Soul Soup, The Speaking Tree)

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow : (1x3=3)

- (i) The pastor took the girl in the Sunday school because.....
- a. she didn't know the way to enter the school.                      b. she equally had right to attend the school but was afraid.  
c. it was pastor's part of duty to escort children.                      d. All the above.
- (ii) Parents of the girl called the pastor to.....
- a. attend her last ritual.                      b. perform the last ritual.  
c. thank him for his kindness towards their daughter.                      d. all the above.
- (iii) Which of the following proverbs best define this story?
- a. With a sweet tongue of kindness, you can drag an elephant by a hair.                      b. One kind word can warm three winter months.  
c. It is easy to forget a kindness, but one remembers unkindness.                      d. kindness begets kindness.

Answer the following questions in brief:

(1x3=3)

- (iv) How did a little from the girl help the other children or people of her area?
- (v) Why do you think the realtor asked for exactly 57 cents for the land he offered?
- (vi) Give a suitable title to the story.

Find the words in the passage which mean as;

(1x2=2)

- (vii) Show reverence and adoration for (a deity). (Para 1)
- (viii) A charitable or helpful person. (Para 4)

### SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) 16 Marks

2. Recently you happened to attend a seminar on the catastrophic environment degradation due to the so called misconception, 'Development.' You believe that tall buildings and superhighways do not mean development as long as they do not leave room for more green spaces and fresh air for the generations to come. Write a letter to the editor of the Environment Daily, New Delhi. You are Sumit/Sunita, Safdarganj, New Delhi.

Or

(8)

You are Mahesh/Mallika Surana, student of class XII, Towvale Girls' School, Shimla, all eager to enter the National Film Academy, Shimla, after your board results. Write a letter to the director of the film academy seeking information regarding admission procedure, eligibility criteria, fee structure, placement opportunities, etc.

3. Complete the following passage by inserting the most appropriate word/phrases.

(2)

The postal service is the government agency (i) ----- handles the mail. Its job is to (ii) ----- letters and packages to people and businesses all over the world. Its goal is to see that your mail gets to its destination (iii) ----- possible. People (iv) ----- the postal service to deliver important letters and even valuables, on time and to the right person.

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form a meaningful sentence. (3)

i) using/sharpened tool/drawing is the/pictures/making of/a pointed or

ii) have/making/humans/been/times/ pre-historic/the drawings/since

iii) to/way/the most/emotions/visualize/drawing/creative/your/is

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. (3)

	Incorrect	Correct
An inter-school football match is been	<b>Ex.</b> been	being
i. organised among our school and City		
ii. Montessori School. The match will be playing		
iii. on 18th March on are school grounds		
iv. since 5 p.m. onwards.		
v. The District Collector would be the chief guest.		
vi. The winner is given a cash prize of Rs. 10000.		

**SECTION-C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT) 16 Marks**

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*“Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I’ve tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.”*

- (i) How people foresee the reason of the end of the Earth? (1)
- (ii) Which figure of speech is used in the first line? (1)
- (iii) Write symbolism used in the words ‘ice’ and ‘fire’. (1)
- (iv) Explain the last line. (1)

Or

*“But he’s locked in a concrete cell,  
His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.”*

- (i) Where do you think the tiger is shown in this stanza? (1)
- (ii) Why does he ignore the visitors? (1)
- (iii) What do you mean by the word ‘stalking’? (1)
- (iv) Explain the second line. (1)

7. Answer any **two** of the following questions in 30-40 words.
- (i) Do you think that freebie given to Lencho made him feel gratitude towards the God? Why/Why not? (2)
  - (ii) Write the character sketch of Mr. Harriot the veterinary surgeon. (2)
  - (iii) How did the dusty old book of nursery save the world from a Martian invasion? (2)

8. Answer any **one** of the following question in about 120-125 words (8)

- (i) *“But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended, effect, and that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our time- men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again.”*

Do you agree that the most extraordinary talents are produced during the time of crisis? Why/Why not?

Or

- (ii) *“He was so listless, Mr. Harriot. He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras between meals to build him up, some malt and cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep- nothing much really.”*

Do you agree that sometimes parents do more than extra to comfort their children and pamper them to such an extent that the children lose their ability to fight with the problems they have to face and become vulnerable to the difficulties? Why/Why not?