

Grammar

1. Fill on the blanks by choosing the correct verb given in the brackets. (3M)
We (a) _____ (are planning/have planned/ had been planning/planned) to go to a hill station this time. Last year, we (b) _____(have gone/ were going/ go/ went) to Ooty. We (c) _____ (have not gone/will not go/had not gone/ had not been going) to Ooty this year. We (d) _____(decided/are deciding/will decide/have decided) to go somewhere else this time. We (e) _____ (are eagerly waiting/eagerly waited/were eagerly waiting/eagerly wait) for the trip. Most of my friends (f) _____(had already left/ left/ have already left/will leave) for their holiday destinations.
2. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. (3M)
Five boys stood in (a) _____ of ten rows. The drill-master blew (b) _____ whistle. The group leader of (c) _____ row moved forward. (d) _____ of boys weren't standing in attention position. (e) _____ group leaders were asked to warn (f) _____ such boys.
3. (i) A story usually written in prose and having imaginary characters is known as _____. (1M)
(ii) Riya told her mother a false story about her accident in the market. (Replace the underlined words with a suitable idiom) (1 M)

Literature

4. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions. (3M)
A silly young cricket accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring
Began to complain when he found that, at home
His cupboard was empty and , winter was come.

(a) When was the cricket happier ?
(b) Why did cricket begin to complain ?
(c) Which poetic device has been used in the above lines? Explain with example.
5. Answer the following questions ? (4M)
(a) Who was Meghna and what happened with her in 2004 ?
(b) Do you think the title of the story 'The Best Christmas Present in the World' is suitable for it ?