

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

- 1) Rivers are one of the most fascinating natural features of our planet. They start as small streams or springs high up in the mountains. As the river moves downstream, it gathers water from other streams and rivers, becoming larger and more powerful.
- 2) Rivers carve out valleys and canyons, shape landscapes, and create fertile plains, which are often ideal for agriculture. Throughout history, civilizations have sprung up along rivers, relying on them for water, transportation, and food. The Nile River, for example, was the lifeblood of Ancient Egypt, providing a source of water in an otherwise desert region.
- 3) However, rivers can also be dangerous. Floods, which occur when a river overflows its banks, can cause significant damage to homes, crops, and infrastructure. In recent years, climate change has led to more extreme weather patterns, making floods more frequent and severe.
- 4) Despite these challenges, rivers remain crucial to life on Earth. They support ecosystems, provide drinking water and generate hydroelectric power. As such, protecting our rivers from pollution and overuse is essential for maintaining the delicate balance of our environment.

i. Choose the correct option.

1. **A village is located close to a river. The villagers depend on the river for farming and drinking water, but they frequently face floods. Which step would be the most suitable to protect both the villagers and the river ecosystem?**

- a) Stop using the river completely
- b) Build houses very close to the riverbank
- c) Improve flood management and prevent pollution of the river
- d) Use more river water for agriculture

2. **Assertion (A): Rivers have played an important role in the development of human civilizations.**

Reason (R): Rivers are dangerous because they always cause floods and destroy human settlements. (Choose the correct option)

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.

d) A is false, but R is true.

ii. Answer the following questions in two – three sentences.

a. How do rivers shape the landscape?

b. What role did the Nile River play in Ancient Egypt?

c. Why is it important to protect rivers?

iii. Make a sentence of the word 'significant' in your own words.

iv. Find a suitable antonym of the word 'harmless' from the given passage. (Paragraph 3)

v. Give a suitable title to the passage.

Section B: Creative Writing and Grammar

II. Suppose you are Mani/Manisha, head boy/head girl of D.A.V Public School, New Delhi.

The school library is organizing a 'Book Fair' next month. Write a notice in 50 words to inform students about the dates, timings, and location of the fair, and encourage them to visit and purchase books.

III. Write a short description about a popular tourist destination in 60 words, such as a famous beach or mountain, describing its attractions, activities, and why is it a favorite spot for visitors.

IV. Write a speech on the topic "The Importance of Saving Water" for your school assembly.

Hints: Water is life – Wastage of Water – Scarcity in Many Places ---- Ways to Save Water – Role of Students and Young Generation in Spreading Awareness

V. Do as directed

1) A scientific fact is _____ (know) that can be gained by means of scientific research.

(Fill in the blank using Abstract Noun form)

2) The letter was written _____ me _____ a Camlin pen. **(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions)**

3) The Burj Khalifa is the _____ (tall) building in the world. **(Fill in the blank using superlative degree of Adjective)**

4) My mother is boarding the train. **(Convert the following sentence into Past Perfect Tense)**

5) It is _____ ideal opportunity for _____ budding singers of our school to learn singing. **(Fill in the blank with suitable determiners)**

6) She _____ (suffer) from stomach ache. **(Fill in the blank with Past Continuous Tense)**

7) My mom was in a worse condition than I had imagined. Your timely help has saved her. She is feeling much _____ now. **(Fill in the blank with the suitable antonym of the underlined word)**

8) The painter painted the wall. **(Choose the correct passive form)**

a) The wall is painted by the painter.

c) The wall was painted by the painter.

- b) The wall will be painted by the painter. d) The wall is being painted by the painter.
- 9) They drink plenty of water. **(Change into negative sentence)**
- 10) They played cricket in the ground. **(Change into Interrogative Sentence.)**
- 11) Amit did not listen to his father. **(Convert the active voice into passive voice)**
- 12) Write past and past participle of the verb 'blow'.
- 13) I _____ (stroll) in the evening when I _____ (see) a cyclist who got injured in an accident. **(Fill in the blanks using Simple Past and Past Continuous Tense)**
- 14) Parts/many/coffee/popular/in/world/the/ is /of **(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)**
- 15) She gave me a beautiful pen. **(Convert the active voice into passive voice)**

Section C: Literature

VI. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions.

But up the insect went once more,
Ah me! 'tis an anxious minute;
He's only a foot from his cobweb door,
Oh say, will he lose or win it?

Questions

1. Why does the poet describe the moment as an "anxious minute"?
2. How far was the insect from its cobweb door when the poet observed it?
3. What does the line "will he lose or win it" suggest about the insect's situation?
4. What quality of the insect is highlighted in this stanza?
5. Write the rhyme scheme of the above stanza.

VII. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

1. Why should Jahnavi follow the River's advice? Explain with reference to the chapter '**The Day the River Spoke**'.
2. Describe how King Bruce's attitude changes from the beginning towards the end of the poem with reference to the Poem '**Try Again.**'
3. Explain the statement, "The sense of touch makes up for the loss of sight and hearing," with reference to the chapter '**Three Days to See.**'
4. Why was the invention made by the narrator's brother considered special?

VIII. How does Dr. Dolittle show his love and care for animals? Describe his relationship with animals and explain why they trust and respect him. Give answer with reference to the chapter '**Animals, Birds and Dr. Dolittle.**'