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**Note : Attempt All questions.**

**Q.1 (A) Choose the correct alternatives :** [1×5=5]

- (i) The big kite flew away because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) he was kind                      (b) he wanted to encourage the little kite  
(c) he was clever                      (d) he was bold
- (ii) Beinkensopp has \_\_\_\_\_ grandmother(s) actually.
- (a) one                                      (b) two  
(c) three                                      (d) four
- (iii) Beinkensopp missed the \_\_\_\_\_ test.
- (a) English                                      (b) Science  
(c) Maths                                      (d) Hindi
- (iv) In poem 'About Me', I have \_\_\_\_\_ names.
- (a) one                                      (b) two  
(c) three                                      (d) four
- (v) Bad guys are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) who disturbed the boys              (b) who encouraged the boys  
(c) who praised the boys                  (d) who played with the boys

**(B) Fill in the blanks using correct alternatives :** [1×5=5]

- (i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ books on the table. (few / little)
- (ii) Abdul saw \_\_\_\_\_ one-eyed man. (a / an)
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ I don't leave now, I shall be late. (Although / If)

- (iv) He was talking on the phone \_\_\_\_\_ I arrived. (while / when)  
 (v) My father has lived in the house \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years. (since / for)

(C) Match actions in Column 'A' with the correct actions in Column 'B':

[1×5=5]

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(i) The train had left	– (a) before I visited Singapore
(ii) I had completed my work	– (b) before I reached the station
(iii) The grass was yellow	– (c) and then I went to sleep
(iv) I had never been abroad	– (d) so, went to a restaurant
(v) We had not eaten anything	– (e) as it had not rained at all

**Note :** Question Nos. 2 to 6 are based on the following passage. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

Our forests are important sources of India's natural wealth. The forests supply the timber for the railways, house-building and furniture-making. They also supply the fuel for cooking and the bamboo for paper-making. Medicinal herbs also come from the forest.

In the olden days our wisemen and philosophers had their 'Ashrams' in the forests. These 'Ashrams' were centre of knowledge and learning. Unfortunately, forests were ruthlessly cut down in the past few years. While the forests are disappearing, the demand for timber is growing. Therefore, we must protect and develop our forests. 'Vana Mahotsava' is an important step in this direction. It is observed for a week in July every year. During this week, lakhs of saplings are planted throughout the country. This is being done to restore our fast-disappearing forests.

*Questions :*

**Q.2** Choose the correct options :

[1×2=2]

- (i) In the olden days, our wisemen and philosophers had their 'Ashrams':
- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| (a) in big houses | (b) in forests  |
| (c) in pastures   | (d) in villages |

(ii) 'Vana Mahotsava' is observed every year in :

- (a) July
- (b) August
- (c) November
- (d) February

Q.3 (A) Choose the correct option :

[1]

The forests are the sources of

- (a) natural ores
- (b) natural beauty
- (c) natural wealth
- (d) natural minerals

(B) Write *True* or *False* :

[1]

In the olden days, our wisemen and philosophers lived in the centre of learning in small huts called 'Ashrams'.

Q.4 What do the forests supply for paper-making?

[2]

Q.5 What is done during the 'Vana Mahotsava'?

[2]

Q.6 Find antonyms of the following words :

[1×2=2]

- (i) natural
- (ii) disappear

Note : Answer the following questions in 2 or 3 sentences each (Question Nos. 7 to 10) :

[3×4=12]

Q.7 What is Patriotism?

Q.8 Why was Aunt Jane worried about her gift-cheque?

Q.9 What made the king support the girl in the end in lesson 'The girl who asked why'?

Q.10 What was the mood of the headmaster when he entered the class?

**Q.11** You are Vinit Sinha, studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School Mandir Hasaud, Raipur, C.G. Write an application to your Principal, requesting him/her to issue you 'School Leaving Certificate' as your family is shifting to another town. [4]

**OR**

You are Vipin Bihari Sharma, residing at Tilak Nagar, Raipur. Your friend Ajay, lives at Anand Nagar, Bilaspur. Write a letter informing him of your arrival to spend your Summer Vacation with him.

**Q.12** Write a paragraph on 'My Aim in Life' on the basis of given hints : [4]

- (a) I have decided to become a doctor.
- (b) I am motivated by my father.
- (c) Biology is my favourite subject.
- (d) I want to serve in the village area.
- (e) I will treat poor patients without charging any fee.

**OR**

Write a paragraph on 'Indian Festivals' using the clues given below :

- (a) Festivals bring joy and peace.
- (b) We celebrate national and religious festivals.
- (c) Every religion has different festivals.
- (d) Festivals end religious boundaries.
- (e) Festivals should be celebrated with simplicity.

**Q.13 -** You are Anubha Mehta, the Sports Secretary of your school. Next week, a sports-week is to be held in your school. Write a notice inviting the name of the students who are interested to take part in various sports competition. [4]

You are Ajay Tiwari, the Cultural Secretary of your school. Next week, a dance-competition is going to be held in your school. Write a notice for your school notice board about it, inviting the name of the interested students.

- Q.14 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below (any five) :

[1×5=5]

Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
 Why do you weave a garment so gay?  
 Blue as the wing of a blue bird wild,  
 We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,  
 Why do you weave a garment so bright?  
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,  
 We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,  
 What do you weave in the moonlight chill?  
 White as a feather and white as a cloud,  
 We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

*Questions :*

- (i) Choose the correct option :

The poet is talking to ....

- (a) the villagers,                      (b) the sailors  
 (c) the weavers                      (d) herself

- (ii) Fill in the blank with correct option :

At break of day, the weavers are weaving the robes of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) a new-born child                      (b) a bride  
 (c) a dead man                      (d) None of the above

(iii) Choose the correct option :

'What do you weave in the moonlight chill?'

Here the word 'chill' means :

- (a) solid (b) cool  
(c) warm (d) hot

(iv) What do the weavers weave in the moonlight chill?

(v) What is the colour of the cloth being woven at fall of night?

(vi) What is the colour of the cloth being woven at break of day?

[1×5=5]

**Q.15**

Do as directed (any *five*) :

(i) Vinita cooks food.

(Change into 'negative')

(ii) Open the door.

(Make emphatic using 'do / does / did')

(iii) Suman is senior \_\_\_\_\_ Vijay.

(Fill in the blank using 'to / than')

(iv) The horse was running \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

(Fill in the blank using 'on / along')

(v) (a) He is intelligent.

(b) He is hardworking.

(Combine the sentences and make a compound sentence using

'not only..... but also')

(vi) Will you like to take \_\_\_\_\_ help?

(Fill in the blank using 'some / any')

**Q.16**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Around ten years ago, there was a young man whose name was Akash. He was studying to be a doctor. After he completed his MBBS, he worked hard and won a scholarship to USA. He got his

masters degree and decided to come back. Along with him, ten of his friends had also gone for higher studies to America. They all stayed back but Akash returned. Akash's father was not very happy with his son's decision. He was very proud that his son had got a foreign degree. He wanted his son to make America his home, earn a lot of money and finally invite his parents and sister also to settle down in America. But Akash was adamant, "My country has spent thousands of rupees in educating me. I have to repay this debt. The only way I can do it is by serving the people here. And moreover India and its villages need good doctors for more than rich countries like America."

What happened Nanaji? Did Akash come back to India?

"Yes child, he did. In the beginning he worked in a Government Hospital in the city. A year later an epidemic broke out in the nearby villages. When Akash learnt about that he just packed his bags and left."

Questions :

[1×8=8]

(A) Tick the Correct Response for each of the following :

(i) Akash was studying to be \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) an engineer

(b) a doctor

(c) a professor

(ii) "Yes child, he did." Who said this?

(a) Akash said

(b) Ajit said

(c) Nanaji said

(iii) Akash returned but how many of his friends stayed back in America?

(a) Ten

(b) Two

(c) Three

(iv) What broke out in nearby villages?

(a) Battle

(b) Fight

(c) Epidemic

(B) Answer the following questions (any *four*) :

(i) Find the word 'money for study' from the passage.

(ii) Why was Akash's father not very happy with his decision?

(iii) Where did, in the beginning, Akash work?

(iv) How and why does Akash want to repay the debt of his country?

(v) Find the Noun Forms of the given words :

(a) Educate

(b) Inform

**Q.17** Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :

[8]

(i) A Visit to a Historical Place

(ii) Uses and Abuses of Science

(iii) Your Favourite Leader

(iv) My Hobby

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