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Paper No. 1

Time : One hour

25 marks

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Answer all questions in this paper itself.

1. Fill in the blanks using the suitable word in the tense indicated within brackets.

- (i) One of the letters ..... for you ( present tense)
- (ii) Ten miles ..... two far to walk ( present tense)
- (iii) A large amount of money ..... collected ( past tense)
- (iv) Opening my presents ..... exciting ( past tense)
- (v) The police ..... questioning a man ( present tense)

2. Re write the following sentences in the plural.

- (i) I painted the wall bright yellow.  
.....
- (ii) He probably considered himself rather unlucky.  
.....
- (iii) The coach was carrying the prisoner back to the prison.  
.....
- (iv) I need to know what the rule is.  
.....
- (v) I've had no information yet.  
.....

**3. Rewrite in the past tense**

- (i) He pleads ignorance of the law.  
.....
- (ii) He owes his success to his father  
.....
- (iii) He is resigning owing to ill health  
.....
- (iv) He lies on his bed after lunch, for an hour  
.....
- (v) The maid sweeps the rooms twice each day.  
.....

**4. Arrange the following jumbled letters to form the correct words.**

- (i) c o r g a u o e u s  
.....
- (ii) n e s s i v t i e  
.....
- (iii) q u l a y i t  
.....
- (iv) n i e t p r e t r e r  
.....
- (v) h e m o k w r o  
.....

**5. Re arrange in the proper order**

- (i) things means punctuality doing right the at time  
.....
- (ii) fools do wise like not company the of men  
.....
- (iii) repetition good and bad formed are by habits  
.....
- (iv) piece coin is metal a of is which money as used  
.....
- (v) management thrift means careful especially of money  
.....

**6. Write down the missing letters to complete the following words.**

- (i) g .....a ..... i .....u.....e
- (ii) c ... ..... ve .... s ..... ti .... n
- (iii) d .....fi .....s ..... l .... n
- (iv) p..... o.....e ..... u ..... i ..... n
- (v) d ..... ..... ap ..... in ..... m.....n.....

**7. Rewrite the following sentences changing the feminine nouns and pronouns into the masculine and vice versa.**

- (i) The nephew is older than the uncle.  
.....
- (ii) His younger brother is in the Civil Service  
.....
- (iii) She is the younger of the two sisters  
.....
- (iv) He made his wife do all the house work  
.....
- (v) The horse prefers to live in a dark stable.  
.....

**8. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.**

- (i) He has a strong affection ..... that orphan.
- (ii) He is the cause ..... the whole trouble.
- (iii) He traces his descent ..... kings
- (iv) You have shown too much leniency ..... the boys.
- (v) He accepted the blame ..... the accident.

**9. Read the following story and answer the questions given below.**

One very hot day a stag went to a spring to drink. Seeing himself reflected in the water, he felt very proud of his fine antlers, but he was not at all pleased with his slender and small feet.

While he was thinking about himself, a crafty lion appeared near the pool and was ready to spring upon the stag. Immediately the stag saw the lion, he took flight. Out in the open he found it easy to keep a safe distance from the lion, but the lion was a cunning creature and

drove him into a wood. As soon as the trees thickened the stag became trapped because his antlers got entangled with the branches. The lion seized his chance and caught the stag.

When it was too late the stag said to himself, "Alas ! how I have deceived myself. These slender legs and tiny feet which would have saved me, I looked down on. My antlers which I felt so proud of, have trapped me.

- (i) How many characters are there in this story and who are they?  
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- (ii) What made the stag go to the spring?  
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- (iii) What did the stag see in the water?  
.....
- (iv) What did the stag feel when he saw himself reflected in the water?  
.....
- (v) The word "spring" occurs twice in this narrative. Identify the noun and the verb in the narrative and write down a synonym in each sense.  
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- (vi) What were the features that the stag was not pleased with?  
.....
- (vii) What did the stag do when he saw the lion?  
.....
- (viii) What are the adjectives used here to describe the lion?  
.....
- (ix) How did the lion get the chance to catch the stag?  
.....
- (x) Why did the stag say to himself that he had deceived himself?  
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