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CLASS V

ENGLISH

Time: 1hr 30 mins

MARKS: 80

1. Write a letter to your cousin brother about a book that you received as a gift from your parents. (10)
2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

A leaping birthday

Salma was the only Class 5 student in her school with just two candles on her birthday cake. She liked to tell people that her younger brother was eight and her sister was five, just to see the confused looks on their faces. They would scratch their heads and wonder how it was possible. She would also say things like, "I was three years old before I had my first birthday". Some children would ask her what she meant. She enjoyed explaining things to them.

"I was born on 29 February, 1996," she would say. "That's a leap year day. The next leap year didn't come until 2000, so that was my first birthday". She explained that a leap year has 366 days instead of 365 days. A leap year is any year that can be evenly divided by four. When an actual birthday came around, it was a very important occasion. She celebrated every year, of course, but had to do it either on 28 February or 1 March. Neither felt really right. But every four years she got to celebrate on her actual birthday. And this was one of those years. Salma planned a big party in her garden. There would be plenty of room to play leapfrog.

- a) Why did Salma say that she was three years old on her first birthday? (2)
- b) What is a leap year? (2)
- c) When did Salma celebrate her birthday every year? (2)
- d) Why was Salma's actual birthday an important occasion? How did she celebrate that day? (2)
- e) Find words from the passage which mean the following (2)
 - i) Unable to think clearly
 - ii) real

4. Complete the following sentence with the simple past tense or past continuous tense form of the verbs in brackets.

1. When she rang me up, I _____ (not sleep), I _____ (work).
2. He _____ (apply) for a teacher's job in the USA.
3. When I _____ (reach) the airport, they _____ (wait) for me.

5. Complete these sentences with a, an or the (3x1=3)

- a) He lives in _____ remote village. _____ village is surrounded by hills.
- b) _____ blue pen is Ravi's. _____ red one is mine.
- c) _____ strange girl came to our house. _____ girl was crying.

6. Write a synonym for each of the following words. (3x1=3)

- a) Rush
- b) Careful
- c) Strong

7. Use each of the following words as verb in sentences of your own (3x1=3)

- a) Finish
- b) Look
- c) Break

8. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of idioms from the box (3x1=3)

Fall on deaf ears	(be)in high spirits
Cut out to be	Turn (one's) back on

- a) Surely you must have known that your plea would _____.
- b) I'm not _____ a doctor.
- c) After winning the game, the team returned with _____.

9. Write the plural forms of the following nouns (3x1=3)

- a) Deer
- b) University
- c) Mosquito

10. Complete the following sentences with possessive pronouns or possessive adjectives. (4x1=4)

- a) The city has lost _____ only open- air theatre.

- b) The yellow skirt is _____.
- c) Father lent me _____ hat.
- d) Pick any flavor of ice cream; the choice is _____.

11. Complete the following sentences with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in brackets. (3x1=3)

- a) This book was the _____ one in the collection. (Interesting)
- b) This plant is a _____ one in the batch. (Health)
- c) The Kumars are _____ than their neighbours. (Good)

12. Rewrite these sentences in the past continuous tense. (3x1=3)

- a) He practices on the piano.
- b) We left the place.
- c) They finished their lessons.

13. Fill the following with the correct prepositions. (4x1= 4)

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- a) I lost my cap _____ the lunch break.
- b) We walked _____ the river.
- c) The ball fell _____ the pond.
- d) The cup is _____ the saucer.