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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PAPER 1)

Class: 7

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Q.1:

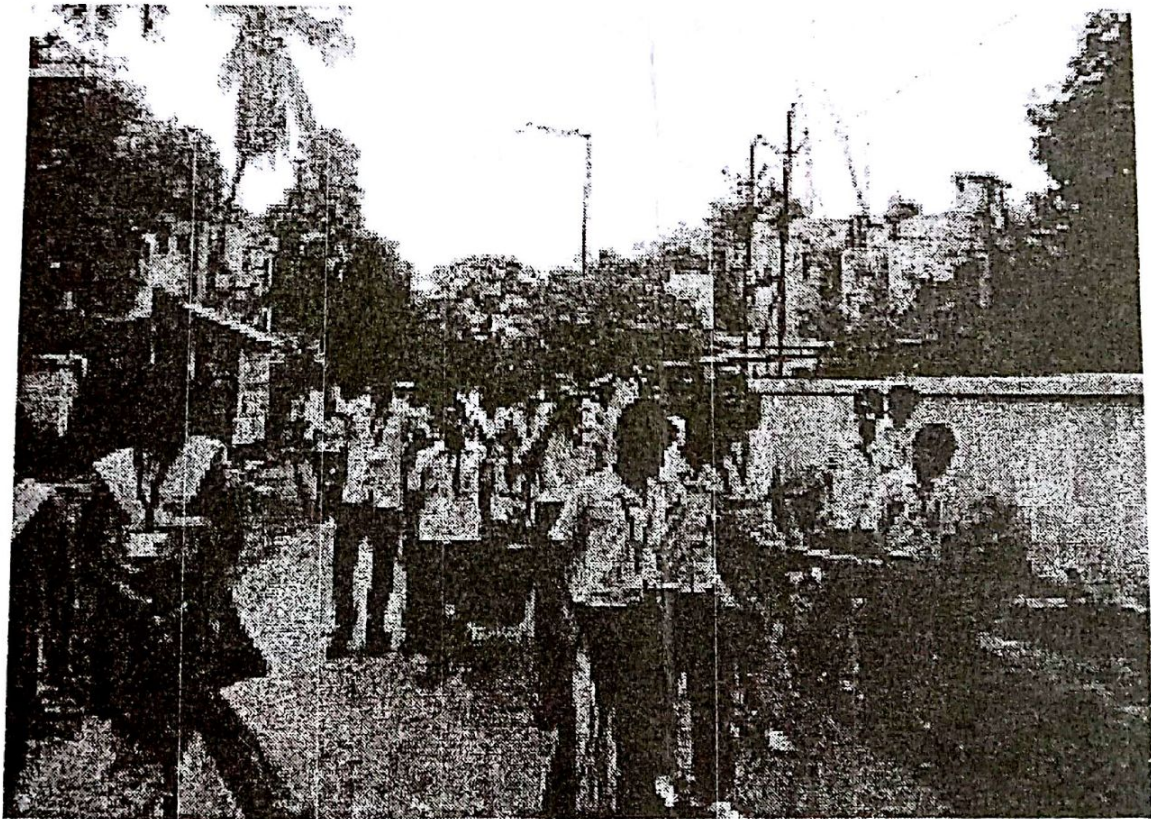
Write a composition in 300-350 words on *any one* of the following:

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Looking back at the last decade of your life, describe an event that has contributed in shaping your personality.

Write a short story to illustrate the proverb: "A bird in hand is worth two in a bush".

Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestion from it; but there must be a clear connection between picture and the composition.





**Question: 2**

a. *Write a letter on any one of the following*

- i. You have just got a new computer .Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about it
- ii. Write a letter to the editor of local newspaper on lack of a playground in your area.

b. You are Rahul / Reshmi. Write an e-mail to Mrs. SK Narayan, District Education Officer requesting to inaugurate the book fair being organized in your school.

c. You are the cultural secretary of your school. The school is organizing a painting exhibition. Draft a notice inviting names from the student for participating in exhibition.

d. Read the telephonic conversation given below;

Jay : Hello!  
Amit : Hello! I am Amit, Varun's friend. Is Varun at home?  
Jay : No. he has gone out. May I take a message for him?  
Amit : Please tell him that today's music class has been postponed to Monday.  
Jay : I will tell him. Thank you for the information.  
Amit : Bye!  
Jay : Bye!

You are Jay. You have to go to the market. Leave a message for Varun.

**Question: 3**

Read the following passage carefully:

**The Night of the Scorpion**

During the rains there were scorpions on all the pathways, glistening wet in the dark. Unlike snakes, they never moved out of the way when they heard someone coming, or saw the flash of a torch. Instead, they raised their tails and got ready with a drop of poison at the tip. Stepping on them was painful, as a few of my friends discovered, but though these scorpions looked large and fierce, their bite was uncomfortable, not dangerous.

Some of us used to push them off the pathways when we saw them, because otherwise they would bite an unwary person or get killed themselves.

It was as usual a rainy night when I heard my neighbor frantically calling for me. "Come out, I'm shouting, but when I opened the door and was about to do so, he yelled instead: "Don't! Don't come out! What was wrong with him. Then I saw on doormat, this large scorpion.

It felt threatened by the man's shouting and its tail was raised and ready. I was about to tell him to shut the door and go to sleep, the scorpion was much too large to get through any crack, it was at the door but then I guessed he wouldn't, he was already in panic so I fetched a soft broom and swept the scorpion into the rain.



"Kill it! Kill it!" said my neighbor, hopping about at a safe distance.

"No," I said.

"Leave the light on outside tonight," he pleaded, "or it will return."

"Okay," I said.

Later I switched the light off and early the next morning, when I opened the door, the scorpion was there. It didn't raise its tail, as I stepped over it and pulled the mat on one side, somewhat out of the way. A little later, it had gone.

Soon this became a ritual on rainy nights. The scorpion would arrive on my doormat, and after a while the neighbor would yell and ask me to kill it. I'd sweep it away and it would come back when the light was switched on. It stopped raising its tail at me even when I swept it off my verandah; in fact, at the touch of my hand it would walk away, and return when the man was asleep.

When I had to go away for a few weeks. On my return it was a rainy night. I waited, but no scorpion appeared. I wondered whether in my absence, my neighbor had called someone and got it killed.

After a few days I asked him, "The scorpion doesn't come these days?"

"No," he said. "Since you left it hasn't come".

I walked outside that night searching under the trees, but I never saw it again. It felt a strange loss. I had come to be in communion with a scorpion, which simply wanted shelter from the rain, than a man who had come to me for sheltering from the rain.

Answer the following questions:

- i. How were the scorpions different from snakes?
- ii. Why do people push the scorpion off the pathways?
- iii. Why did the neighbor call for the narrator? How did the neighbor react?
- iv. What was the narrator's attitude towards the scorpion?
- v. What was the ritual that happened on rainy nights?

Give one word for the following:

- i. Reflecting light.
- ii. React violently.
- iii. Causing death.
- iv. A religious ceremony performed regularly.
- v. A porch along the outside of a building.

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Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- i. Amit fell ----- his bike and broke his left arm.
- ii. Teena waits----- the bus stop for her friend every day.
- iii. The villagers had built a bridge----- the river.
- iv. A committee has been set ----- to examine the question.
- v. Can we count ----- you to help us?
- vi. The novel has been translated ----- many languages.

**B.** Fill in the blanks with the correct tense given in the bracket:

- i. Where is Rajan? He ----- (be) in the kitchen.
- ii. Why ----- they ----- the main street again? (blocked)
- iii. We ----- (wait) for the bus since morning.
- iv. We were exhausted at the end of the journey, as we----- (travel) the whole day.

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**C.** Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech:

- i. Vivek said, "Hurrah! I have scored the highest marks in my class."
- ii. Rahu said to Surya, "Will you play today?"
- iii. The teacher said to us, "Water boils at 100°C."
- iv. Maya told Ruby, "The boys liked the story that was narrated yesterday."

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**D.** Rewrite these sentences into passive voice:

- i. The shopkeeper will give gifts to the children.
- ii. The auto rickshaw drivers have declared a strike.
- iii. One can't climb cliffs.
- iv. Several students will attend the workshop.

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**E.** Using the word given in brackets, rewrite the sentences:

- i. He wants to play for his team today. He has high fever. (although)
- ii. The students did not enjoy the magic show. The teacher did not enjoy the magic show. (neither--)
- iii. He offers me formal apology. I will not talk to him. (until)
- iv. She can go to college by bus. She can go by the local train. (either-----or)
- v. The lightning struck. We had reached home.(before)

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