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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions

(10)

Mike and Morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the largest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer. Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. One fine day, Mike, tired of not being able to feed his family, decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone. Along with his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree. There was a stream running nearby where they could freshen up themselves. He told his sons to clear the area below the tree, he told his wife to fetch water and he instructed his daughters-in-law to make up the fire and started cutting wood from the tree himself. They didn't know that in the branches of the tree, there was a thief hiding. He watched as Mike's family worked together and also noticed that they had nothing to cook. Mike's wife also thought the same and asked her husband " Everything is ready but what shall we eat?". Mike raised his hands to heaven and said " Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." The thief got worried as he had seen that the family was large and worked well together. Taking advantage of the fact that they did not know he was hiding in the branches, he decided to make a quick escape. He climbed down safely when they were not looking and ran for his life. But, he left behind the bundle of stolen jewels and money which dropped into Mike's lap. Mike opened it and jumped with joy when he saw the contents. The family gathered all their belongings and returned to the village.

There was great excitement when they told everyone how they got rich. Morris thought that the tree was miraculous and this was a nice and quick way to earn some money. He ordered his family to pack some clothes and they set off as if on a journey. They also stopped under the same tree and Morris started commanding everyone as Mike had done. But no one in his family was willing to obey his orders. Being a rich family, they were used to having servants all around. So, the one who went to the river to fetch water enjoyed a nice bath. The one who went to get wood for fire went off to sleep. Morris's wife said " Everything is ready but what shall we eat ?" Morris raised his hands and said, " Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." As soon as he finished saying, the thief jumped down from the tree with a knife in hand. Seeing him, everyone started running around to save their lives. The thief stole everything they had and Morris and his family had to return to the village empty handed, having lost all their valuables that they had taken with them.

Q.1 Describe the professions of Morris and Mike.

Q.2 Why did Mike decide to leave his village and shift to city?

Q.3 Why did the thief get worried?

Q.4 What did the thief leave behind for Mike and his family?

Q.5 Why did Morris copy Mike?

Q.6 Why did Morris's family members not do any work even when he told them to?

Q. 7 Why did the thief attack Morris's family?

Q.8 What is the moral of this story?

Q.9 Suggest a suitable title for this story.

Q. 2. Give short -responses to the following (Any 5)

(10)

1. Agree or Disagree with this statement – Education should be given for free.
2. Formally introduce yourself in an interview.
3. Politely decline your friend's invitation to a party that you will not be able to attend.
4. How would you join an ongoing conversation between your colleagues and boss at an office party?
5. A new classmate is not from Pune and wishes to go to Swargate and asks you for directions to reach Swargate from TMV campus. How would you direct him/her?
6. You have forgotten your text book at home and need to complete your assignment as it is the last date of submission. How would you request one of your classmates to give you their book for some time?
7. Ask your Principal's Permission to take a leave as you wish to attend your cousin sister's marriage.

Q. 3. Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below.

(10)

1. You wish to borrow a book from the library. That book is currently unavailable. Write a conversation between you and the librarian.
2. You just read a book which is very interesting. Share what you liked about the book with your friend.

Q. 4. Write a letter (Any One)

(10)

1. Your friend had a minor accident and is recovering at home. Write a letter enquiring about his/her health.
2. Write a letter to a local newspaper editor about the DJ systems that are used during festivals and how harmful they are for the citizens in your area.

Q. 5. Write an Essay in about 300 words on (any one) of the topics given below:

(10)

1. A friend in need is a friend in deed
2. An incident that I will never forget.

Q. 6. Do as directed

(10)

1. Choose the appropriate pair of articles to complete the sentence: She bought _____ apple and _____ banana.

a. a, the	b. an, a
c. an, the	d. an, no article needed

2. What is the function of the underlined pronoun in the sentence?
They are going to watch a movie together after a long time.

a. Reflexive Pronoun	b. Demonstrative Pronoun
c. Possessive Pronoun	d. Personal Pronoun
3. Use the correct spelling to complete the sentence:
Madhu reached the airport before time to _____ her in-laws.

a. Recieve	b. Receive
c. Reeceve	d. Recive
4. Complete the sentence with the appropriate interjection:
_____! Or we'll miss the train.

a. Hush	b. Hey
c. Hurry	d. Hurray
5. Pick the adjective to complete the sentence:
The curious cat swiftly chased the _____ butterfly through the lush green garden.

a. playing	b. playful
c. player	d. plays
6. Select the correct conjunction:
_____ you are not going to the party; I am requesting you to help me out.

a. Hence	b. Although
c. Provided that	d. Since
7. Which set of punctuation marks would you choose to make correct sentence:
Frost says, "If we couldnt laugh we would all go insane."

a. couldn't laugh,	b. we, couldn't
c. all, insane!	d. no change is needed
8. Choose the right adverb of frequency that denote ‘mostly’:
Foxes are _____ regarded as clever animals.

a. rarely	b. never
c. often	d. seldom
9. Fill in the blank with a suitable collective noun:
We waited anxiously in the courtroom for the _____ to come to a verdict.

a. crowd	b. team
c. jury	d. panel
10. Use the appropriate form of verb to make perfect past tense:
The immense beauty of the landscape _____ everyone speechless.

a. leaves	b. left
c. had left	d. had been left