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Marks :100

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

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

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: (10)

Once upon a time, in a quaint little village nestled in a picturesque valley, there lived a young girl named Lily. She was known for her adventurous spirit and her deep curiosity. One sunny afternoon, while exploring the woods that bordered the village, Lily stumbled upon a hidden clearing. In the center of this secret meadow, she found an old oak tree with a peculiar nook. In that nook, half-buried in the earth, was a mysterious locket, ornate and gleaming with intricate designs. Lily carefully unearthed it, and as she held it in her hand, she felt a strange connection to this forgotten piece of jewelry.

Back in her cottage, Lily examined the locket more closely. It was made of silver with a hint of gold, and its surface was adorned with delicate engravings of leaves and flowers. On the front, there was an image of a crescent moon, and on the back, an engraving read, "To the one who seeks the truth." The locket was sealed tightly, and Lily couldn't open it no matter how hard she tried. Determined to solve the mystery, Lily embarked on a quest to find someone who could open the locket. She asked the village blacksmith, the wise old woman who lived on the hill, and even the town's mayor, but none of them could unlock its secrets. Feeling a bit discouraged, Lily spent her days reading about ancient relics and searching for clues in the library.

One day, while immersed in an old book about mystical lockets, Lily came across a passage that mentioned the existence of a "key of the heart." It said that this key could open the most stubborn of locks, but it was hidden within each person, waiting to be discovered. This newfound knowledge gave Lily a renewed sense of hope and determination. The next morning, Lily decided to visit the village's recluse, an elderly woman rumored to have deep knowledge of the heart. The recluse lived in a remote cottage surrounded by a lush garden. Lily knocked on the door and explained her quest. The old woman listened attentively and finally agreed to help. She told Lily that the key to opening the locket was hidden within her heart and that she needed to meditate on her truest desires and intentions.

Lily followed the recluse's advice, sitting beneath the ancient oak tree where she had found the locket. She closed her eyes, focused on her heart's deepest desires, and as she did, she felt the locket warming in her hand. When she opened her eyes, she found the locket had sprung open, revealing a tiny, folded parchment inside. With trembling hands, she carefully unfolded it and read the message: "The truth lies in the journey, not the destination." The mystery of the locket was solved, but Lily realized that the real treasure was the journey of self-discovery she had undertaken. She understood that her quest had led her to understand her heart's desires and the power of her own determination.

1. What did Lily discover in the hidden clearing in the woods?
2. Describe the locket.
3. What did Lily do when she was not able to open the locket?

4. What was inscribed on the back of the mysterious locket?
4. Describe the residence of the recluse.
5. What was mentioned in the book about the Key of the Heart?
6. What are the two characteristics of Lily mentioned in the passage.
7. What happened when Lily started to meditate?
8. What message was inside the locket, and what did Lily realize about it?
9. Have you ever come across a mysterious object? Describe it in detail.

Q. 2. Give short responses to the following

(20)

1. Mental health is as important as physical health. Agree or Disagree with the statement with a valid reason.
2. You are unable to find your mobile phone. If you have to make an urgent call, how would you borrow a phone from a stranger?
3. Your boss and colleagues are busy in a conversation at an office party to which you are late. How would you join the conversation?
4. Introduce yourself at an International Conference.
5. Introduce your friend to others at a party hosted by you.
6. Give directions to a stranger who wants to reach Swargate from Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth.
7. Politely deny a friend who wishes to borrow your laptop to complete their work.
8. Invite a friend to the housewarming party that you have planned for the coming weekend.
9. On answering a call in your office, you find an angry client on the other side of the phone. What would you say to dampen their anger?
10. Get the permission of your boss to take a leave to attend your cousin sister's marriage.

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

(10)

1. Somebody found your lost wallet by the side of a road and they called you to collect it. Thank Them.
2. Offer your friend to join you for a trip to Manali which is being planned by all your friends.

Q. 4. Do as directed:

(10)

1. Complete the sentence using appropriate articles: Tortoise is _____ common name for members of _____ family of turtles that live.

a) a, the	b) the, a
c) an, a	d) the, an
2. Identify the tense of the given sentence – I will be travelling to Delhi next Tuesday.

a) Continuous Perfect Future	b) Continuous Future
c) Continuous Present	d) Continuous Past
3. Use preposition – She married _____ the age _____ twenty

a) in, of	b) at, for
c) at, of	d) with, at

4. Change the sentence to Exclamatory – That was a grand welcome.
 - a) Alas! That was a grand welcome
 - b) Bravo! That was a grand welcome
 - c) What a grant welcome that was!
 - d) Hurray! That was a grand welcome.
5. Use appropriate conjunction – I will lend you my laptop _____ you will not let anybody else use it and return it to me by tomorrow.
 - a) if
 - b) so that
 - c) provided that
 - d) as soon as
6. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence -
 - a) Do you know where Baileys shoes are?
 - b) Do you know where Bailey's shoes are?
 - c) Do you know where Baileys' shoes are?
 - d) Do you know where Baileys's shoes are?
7. What is the correct meaning of the phrase – vanish into thin air
 - a) to disappear completely in a mysterious way
 - b) to wash the clothes in vanish and dry them in the air
 - c) to fly away somewhere
 - d) to perform magic
8. Use the appropriate modal auxiliary – You _____ avoid wasting time if you wish to finish your work in time. (advice)
 - a) ought to
 - b) may
 - c) can
 - d) should
9. The antonym of the word Hide is _____.
 - a) Reveal
 - b) Obsolete
 - c) Cover
 - d) Cease
10. Change the sentence from passive to active – The thief was arrested by the police.
 - a) The police have arrested the thief.
 - b) The thief arrested the police.
 - c) The police arrested the thief.
 - d) The police arrests the thief.

Q. 5. Write a letter (20)

1. Write a letter to the head of the University Library requesting them to allow you to borrow the same book again as you need it for your studies.
2. Write a letter to a local newspaper editor explaining them the occupancy of the footpath by vegetable vendors making it difficult for the pedestrians to walk.

Q. 6. Write a paragraph on the given topics (20)

1. Medical treatment should be given for free
2. Charity begins at home

Q. 7. Write an essay on any one of the following (10)

1. Well begun is half done
2. I worry a lot about...
3. Ill Effects of Social Media
