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Time: 10.00am to 01.00pm

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

Q.1.(a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (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.

1. Describe the financial situation of Mike.
2. On hearing Mike's story, what did Morris think and what did he do?
3. Why did Mike's idea not work for Morris?
4. Why did the thief attack Morris's family?
5. Suggest the Moral of this story and a suitable title.

(b) Give the synonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Humble | 6. Agree |
| 2. Threat | 7. Cunning |
| 3. Coward | 8. Discreet |
| 4. Misfortune | 9. Battered |
| 5. Advancement | 10. Secluded |

Q. 2. Give the antonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Departure | 6. Fake |
| 2. Similarities | 7. Boastful |
| 3. Extravagant | 8. Creation |
| 4. Lazy | 9. Unique |
| 5. Violent | 10. Wild |

Q.3.(a) Fill in the blanks with prefixes and suffixes (10)

1. _____ stall _____
2. _____ part _____
3. _____ enthusiastic _____
4. _____ taste _____
5. _____ fortunate _____

(b) Choose the appropriate words (Noun / Adjective form) from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)

- a) The company has made significant _____ (improve) in its customer service.
- b) Her _____ (decide) to quit the job surprised everyone.
- c) The teacher praised the _____ (efficient) of the student in completing the project.
- d) The _____ (collaborate) between the two organizations was a major success.
- e) The _____ (ambitious) of the plan were clearly outlined in the report.
- f) He showed great _____ (courage) in the face of adversity.
- g) The _____ (inform) of the situation was delayed by a few hours.
- h) The _____ (appear) of the new product was highly anticipated by the market.
- i) The scientist was known for his _____ (innovate) in the field of research.
- j) The _____ (manage) of the project was a complex task that required careful attention to detail.

(c) Do as directed (10)

- a) By the time he arrived, they _____ the meeting (had started/have started/ will start/ started)
- b) This is the _____ book I have ever read. (goodest/best/better/most good)

- c) Which sentence demonstrates a correct use of the future perfect tense? (By next week, she will be finishing her project./By next week, she will have finished her project./She will finish her project by next week./She will be finishing her project by next week.)
- d) Identify the adjective in the sentence: The well known author will speak at the event. (event/speak/well-known/author)
- e) _____ he is famous, he is extremely modest. (Although/Provided that/Since/ Either)
- f) Which is the reflexive pronoun in this sentence? : I couldn't stop myself from helping the puppy in a really bad condition. (I/ myself/ puppy/stop)
- g) The current of the water was so _____ that the villagers were afraid to step in even to save a life. (feeble/strong/ fast/ shallow)
- h) She _____ when I arrived. (was working/had been worked/ had working/ works)
- i) I have bought all _____ books she has authored. (a/an/the/no article needed)
- j) The process of _____ lasted longer than expected. (negotiate/negotiating/negotiation/none of these)

Q.4. (a) Write a paragraph each on the topics given below (10)

- a) Education should be given for free
- b) Cleanliness is next to Godliness

(b) Write an essay (Any Two) (20)

1. If I was a Millionaire
2. Prevention is better than cure
3. A memory that I will cherish my entire life
4. Online Shopping

Q.5. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

1. You have borrowed a study book from the library and the due date to return it is approaching. Write a letter to the college Librarian, requesting permission to return the book after the exams are over.
2. Write a letter to a local newspaper editor explaining the problem of vegetable and other vendors occupying the footpaths in your area making it difficult for the pedestrians to walk on the footpath.
