

I PRE BOARD EXAMINATION - 2022-23
English Language (Paper -1)

(Maximum Marks: 80)
(Two hours)

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

*You will **not** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.*

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all Five questions.

The intended marks for questions or part of questions, are given in brackets. [].

You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

Question 1

[20]

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

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

- a. Write a short story of your own with the theme "In my deep sleep, I heard a loud noise at the door."
 - b. Preparations for an event are often more enjoyable than the event itself. Narrate your experience to bring out the truth of this statement.
 - c. Express your views either for or against the statement: "Marks scored by students in the exams reflect their Knowledge."
 - d. It is said that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice of family and friends. Narrate how the advice given by your grandmother helped you in time of adversity.
 - e. Study the picture given below. Write a short story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.
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This paper consists of 8 printed pages.

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Question 2

[10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select any one of the following:-

- a. Write a letter to your cousin, inviting him to spend the summer vacation with you.
- b. You wish to go to Australia for higher studies. You need a student loan for the same. Write a letter to the manager of a local bank requesting him for an appointment to discuss the formalities for getting such a loan.

Question 3

- a. Your school is organizing an Inter School Story Writing Competition. Write a notice to be put in your school informing the students and inviting them to participate in the Competition. [5]
- b. Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send two participants from his/her school to participate in the competition. [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

On the 13th of June, a rather small, thoroughbred Arab horse was brought to Napoleon. He mounted the horse and rode at a gallop to one of the

bridges over the Niemen, deafened all the while by rapturous acclamations which he evidently endured only because it was impossible to forbid the men to express their love of him by such shouting. The shouting, which accompanied him everywhere he went, fatigued him and distracted his attention from the military problems which would *beset* him from the time he joined the army. He rode over one of the small bridges to the farther side and turned sharply to the left. Then he galloped in the direction of Kovno, preceded by spirited horse guards who, wild with excitement, tore ahead to clear a passage for him through the troops. On reaching the broad river, Viliya, he pulled up beside a regiment of Polish soldiers stationed on the bank.

"Long live the Emperor!" shouted the Poles no less enthusiastically, breaking their ranks and pushing against one another to get a sight of him. Napoleon looked up and down the river, got off his horse and sat down on a log that lay on the bank. He gazed at the opposite bank and then, with absorbed attention, studied a map spread out between logs. Without lifting his head he said something, and two of his military officers galloped off to the Polish soldiers.

"What? What did he say?" was heard in the ranks of the Polish soldiers as one of the adjutants rode up to them.

The order was that they should look for a ford and cross the river. The colonel of the Polish soldiers, a handsome old man, flushing and stammering in his excitement, asked the Commanding Officer whether he might be permitted to swim the river with his men instead of seeking a ford. In obvious *dread* of a refusal, like a boy asking permission to get on a horse, he begged to be allowed to swim across the river before the Emperor's eyes. The officer replied that in all probability, the Emperor would not be displeased at this *excess* of zeal.

No sooner had the officer said this than the old whiskered colonel, with beaming face and sparking eyes, brandished his sabre in the air, shouted "Long live the Emperor!" and, calling on his men to follow him spurred his horse and dashed down to the river. He gave a vicious thrust to his charger which had grown restive under him, and plunged into the water, heading for the deepest part where the current was swift. Hundreds of soldiers galloped in after him. It was cold and frightful in the middle of the rapid current. The men clung to one another as they fell from their horses. Some of the animals and some men were drowned. The rest struggled to swim on and reach the opposite bank. Though there was ford only about a quarter of a mile away, they were proud to be swimming and drowning in the river under the eyes of the man, who sat on the log and was not even looking at what they were doing.

(a) For each of the word given below. Choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided. [3]

i) beset

- a. to affect some body in a bad way.
- b. to affect some body in a good way
- c. to praise some body.
- d. to ignore somebody.

ii) dread

- a. to fear or dislike
- b. to like something
- c. to love something
- d. to praise something

iii) excess

- a. an extreme or excessive amount or degree
- b. an insufficient amount or degree

- c. an inadequate amount or degree.
- d. lock
- (b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:
- i) State clearly in a sentence Napoleon's route and destination. [2]
- ii) Why did Napoleon go to the river Viliya? What did he do on the river bank? [2]
- iii) In what way did some of the soldiers show their love for Napoleon during the journey? [1]
- iv) Why did the Polish colonel ask to be allowed to swim in the river? [2]
- v) What was Napoleon's reaction to the devotion of the Poles? [2]
- c) In not more than 50 words, describe what the soldiers did to please Napoleon. [8]

Question. 5

- a. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in bracket. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order, the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: (0) passing

Upon the 0 (pass) away of his father, a son put his mother in an old age home. The old age home had rooms but no fans. After many years of 1 (live) there, the old woman was very ill and the doctor 2 (think) it appropriate 3 (call) the son in. The mother and son met and talked. When the son asked whether she was comfortable and 4 (need) anything, the mother asked him 5 (put) fans in the old age home. 6 (Surprise), the son said, "Mother, you 7 (live) here for so many years and never told me about this, why now, when not much time is left?"

"Because, my son, I can live without a fan but I am 8 (worry) about you. You will not be able to live without a fan."

b. Fill in each blank with an appropriate word:

[4]

- i) Joyti jumped _____ joy when she saw her report card.
- ii) The news of the soldier's death cast a gloom _____ the village.
- iii) One of the runners _____ the marathon race collapsed due to excessive heat.
- iv) I shall continue to trust him until I get proof _____ the contrary
- v) The chairman will preside _____ the meeting.
- vi) He quarrelled with her _____ a trifle.
- vii) They are bent _____ creating problems for me.
- viii) His pride has brought _____ his downfall.

c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. Choose the correct option.

[4]

- 1) He is a good writer. He has never published a book.
 - a) Besides being a good writer, he has never published a book.
 - b) Although he is a good writer but he has never published a book.
 - c) Although he is a good writer, he has never published a book.
 - d) Though he is a good writer but he has never published a book.
2. The sentence is difficult. He cannot Translate it without help.
 - a) The sentence is difficult so he cannot translate it without help.
 - b) The sentence is difficult therefore he cannot translate it without help.
 - c) The sentence is so difficult that he cannot translate it without help.
 - d) The sentence is difficult yet he cannot translate it without help.
3. He has not done his home work. I am sure of it.
 - a) I am sure that he has not done his homework.
 - b) I am sure therefore he has not done his homework.
 - c) I am sure of not doing his homework.
 - d) I am sure to not doing his home work

4. We all enjoyed the story. Our teacher told us the story.
- We all enjoyed the story so our teacher told us.
 - We all enjoyed the story that our teacher told us.
 - We all enjoyed the story as our teacher told us.
 - We all enjoyed the story because our teacher told us.
- d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options. [8]
- Mangla is the cleverest pupil in the class (Use : clever)
 - Very few pupil in the class are as clever as Mangla.
 - No other pupil in the class is as clever as Mangla.
 - Some pupil in the class are as clever as Mangla.
 - Less pupil in the class are as clever as Mangla.
 - My friend said to me, "Are you going away tonight?" (Indirect Narration)
 - My friend told me that I was going away tonight.
 - My friend told me that I was going away that night.
 - My friend asked me that I was going away tonight.
 - My friend asked me if I was going away that night.
 - The old lady had no other company but of her old maid. (Begin: Apart - - -)
 - Apart from her old maid the old lady had no other company.
 - Apart along her old maid the old lady had no other company.
 - Apart with her old maid the old lady had no other company.
 - Apart in her old maid the old maid had no other company.
 - If we do not rush, we shall miss the bus. (Begin: Unless - -)
 - Unless we rush, we shall miss the bus.
 - Unless we rushed, we shall miss the bus.
 - Unless we would rush, we shall miss the bus.
 - Unless we shall rush, we shall miss the bus.