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○ **Test 1**

Match the following pictures with the statements given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each statement. *The first one is done for you.*

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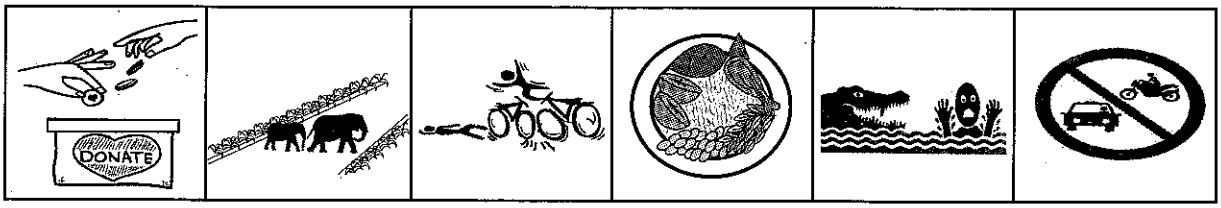

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)

Statements

(1) Stop! No vehicles are allowed. [f]
(2) Caution! Elephants are crossing. [ ]
(3) Danger! Beware of crocodiles. [ ]
(4) Step in! Delicious food to suit your taste. [ ]
(5) Be generous! Help needy patients in hospitals. [ ]
(6) Go slow! Accident prone area. [ ]

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○ **Test 2**

Fill in the blanks of the following text using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the most suitable answer in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

Tips to pass an examination

Make a study plan. Write down the dates of the examination and all the subjects you need to study. Plan how much time you will spend on each (1) .....d..... every day. Start studying early so that you have plenty of time to (2) ..... . Make sure you have all the (3) ..... and past papers. Organize your material in such a way that makes it (4) ..... to find what you need. Find a (5) ..... place to study where you will not be disturbed. Make sure that you have good ventilation and a (6) ..... chair. Don't try to learn everything at once, but remember to organize your material into manageable parts.

(a) revise
(b) comfortable
(c) quiet
(d) subject
(e) notes
(f) easy

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Test 3

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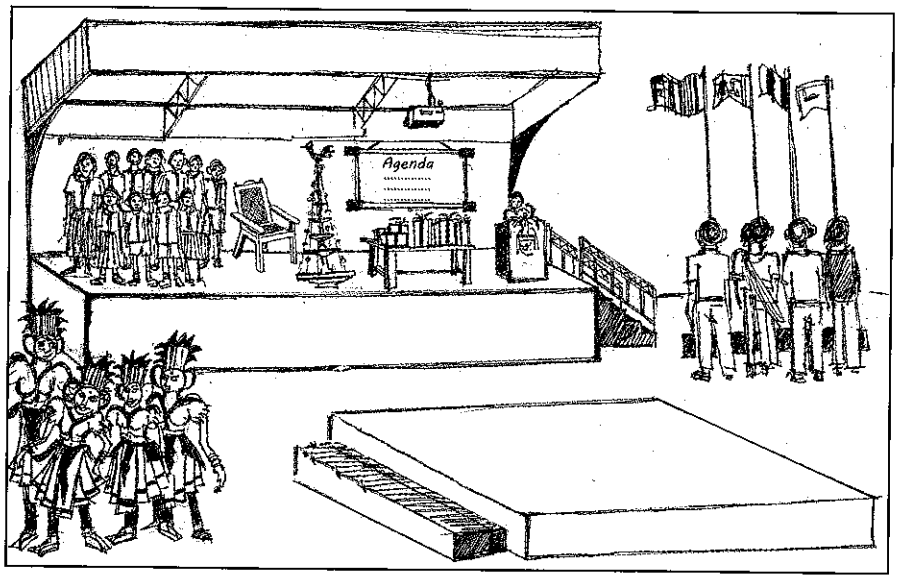

(a) gifts
(b) screen
(c) decorated
(d) flags
(e) dancers
(f) guests
(g) ~~playground~~
(h) arm-chair
(i) open
(j) podium
(k) lines

My class teacher asked me to draw a picture for the Art Exhibition of the school. I drew this picture of the Independence Day celebration held at the school (1) .....g..... . In my drawing you can see the (2) ..... hoisted by the (3) ..... . In the pavilion, students are in two (4) ..... to sing the National Anthem. There are some (5) ..... on the table placed between the (6) ..... and the oil lamp (7) ..... with flowers. You can also see an (8) ..... behind the oil lamp. A troupe of (9) ..... are ready to perform on the (10) ..... stage in front of the pavilion. The agenda is displayed on the (11) ..... behind the table. I think this is one of my best drawings I have ever presented for an exhibition.

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Test 4

Suresh sent an email to his friend Kumar inviting him to join on a trip. Here is Kumar's reply. Fill in the blanks of the email using the words given below in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

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To : suresh@gmail.com

Subject : Trip

Thank you for inviting me to join the trip. Travelling is something that I love. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you (1) .....as..... my mother is not well, (2) ..... also I have to get ready for a test to be held next week. Have fun (3) ..... be careful (4) ..... you wish to swim (5) ..... bathe in streams and rivers on your way.

Let's meet (6) ..... the trip. Have a nice time!

Kumar

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○ **Test 5**

Read the following sentences about chipmunks. Match the sentences from 1-6 with the topics given in the table below. Write the correct **number** of the sentence against each topic. *The first one is done for you.*

1. The chipmunk is a small, energetic animal belonging to the squirrel family, *Sciuridae*.
2. There are about 25 different species of chipmunks in the world.
3. Chipmunks are mammals who are native to North America and they are found mainly in the Eastern and some parts of the South Eastern regions of the United States.
4. They are characterized by distinctive dark and light stripes running down their backs.
5. Chipmunks' diet consists mainly of seeds, nuts, fruits and berries, though they may also eat insects occasionally.
6. Chipmunks generally live two to three years in the wild, though they may live longer in captivity up to eight years.

Topics	The sentence number
a. Animal family	**1**
b. Habitat	
c. Food	
d. Different types	
e. A body feature	
f. Life span	

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○ **Test 6**

The Environmental Society of your school has organized a programme for distributing plants among the students to mark the Environment Day. Write a notice to be displayed in the school notice board. Use about **40-50** words.

Include the following:
- date and time
- place of distribution
- invitees
- types of plants to be distributed

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○ **Test 7**

Read the text and **underline** the most suitable answer for the questions given below.

① On a warm afternoon in Malgudi, the busy market was alive with the sounds of vendors calling out their wares. Swami, a curious boy of ten, wandered through the lanes, his eyes wide with excitement. He stopped at a fruit stall, attracted by the vibrant colours of mangoes and guavas.

"Look, Swami! You can't just stare. Buy something!" called out his friend, Raj.

⑤ Swami **hesitated**, his pocket was empty except for a few coins saved from his allowance. "I want to buy a mango, but I don't have enough" he replied with disappointment.

Raj, noticing his friend's unhappy expression, reached into his pocket and pulled out a shiny coin. "Here, take this! Let's share the mango."

Swami's face lit up. "Thanks, Raj! You are the best!"

⑩ As they bought the fruit and sat under a nearby tree, they laughed and talked about their dreams, feeling the warmth of friendship blossom in the afternoon sun.

(Adapted from 'Malgudi Days' by R.K. Narayan)

(1) What made Swami stop wandering through the streets?
- (a) the noise made by vendors
- (b) very bright mangoes and guavas
- (c) crowded lanes in the market

(2) Why was Swami hesistant to buy fruits?
- (a) He didn't want to spend his money.
- (b) He wanted his friend to buy him some fruits.
- (c) He didn't have enough money.

(3) How did Raj help his friend?
- (a) by sharing the mango
- (b) by giving him a coin to buy a mango
- (c) by talking about their childhood dreams

(4) How did they feel after buying the fruit?
(a) happy and contented (b) sad and worried (c) silent and thoughtful

(5) The meaning of the word "hesitated" in line 5 is
(a) rushed. (b) moved. (c) waited.

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○ **Test 8**

Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics. Use about **50** to **60** words.

(a) Advantages of travelling (b) My favourite sport

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○ **Test 9**

Read the text and **underline** the most suitable word given within each bracket.

'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White is a children's book that tells a lovely story between a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte. Wilbur is born on a farm and is in danger of being killed.

The most significant part of the story is the (1) ..... ((a) friend, (b) friendly, (c) friendship) between Charlotte and Wilbur. Charlotte writes (2) ..... ((a) word, (b) words, (c) wordy) such as 'gentle', 'caring' and 'humble' in her web to show the farmer the (3) ..... ((a) special, (b) speciality, (c) specially) qualities of her friend Wilbur. Her clever words make the farmer change his idea of killing Wilbur.

The book (4) ..... ((a) discussing, (b) discusses, (c) discussion) important qualities such as friendship, kindness and loyalty. Charlotte's care for Wilbur tells readers how (5) ..... ((a) intelligently, (b) intelligent, (c) intelligence) she acted to save Wilbur. This story truly shows the power of friendship to the reader.

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○ Test 10

Complete the following passage using the correct form of the verb given within each bracket.

Last weekend, I went on a trip with my family. We visited a place called the National Park, that was full of beautiful trees, birds and other animals. The weather was sunny, perfect for sightseeing. We packed our lunch and (1) ..... (leave) early in the morning so that we could spend the whole day exploring nature.

First, we walked along a long trail in the forest, where we saw so many colourful birds (2) ..... (fly) among trees.

After walking for a while, we reached a big hill. It was a bit tiring to (3) ..... (climb), but when we got to the top, the view (4) ..... (be) amazing. I could see the whole park from up there, and everything (5) ..... (look) so small and we felt as if we were standing on the top of the world.

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○ Test 11

Fill in the blanks of the following passage with the words given in the box. There is **one** extra word.

as, concentration, setting, mind, to, like, improve practising, also, that, with, focus, helps, on, meditation

Living a stress-free life is possible with some good practices. First it is important (1) ..... prioritize self-care by (2) ..... aside time for activities (3) ..... bring you joy such (4) ..... hobbies or spending time (5) ..... loved ones. Mindfulness techniques (6) ..... meditation can help you (7) ..... concentration and manage anxiety. (8) ..... meditation can regularly enhance (9) ..... span and the ability to (10) ..... on tasks. Meditation also (11) ..... you to calm the (12) ..... and body. It can (13) ..... reduce stress levels significantly. (14) ..... generally improves your overall mental well-being by generating a sense of tranquillity allowing you to cope with challenges in life effectively.

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○ **Test 12**

Underline the correct verb phrase within brackets.

(1) If you jog every morning, you (would lose, would have lost, will lose) your weight.

(2) If you (practised, would practise, had practised) your speech, you would have delivered it flawlessly.

(3) If I had time, I (would go, will go, had gone) shopping with you.

(4) Unless you study hard, you (won't pass, wouldn't pass, wouldn't have passed) the examination.

(5) If Kamal (has, had, will have) a telescope he would watch the stars every night.

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○ **Test 13**

Read the following extracts and match them with the headings given below. Write the relevant letter of the heading in the box given against each extract. There is **one** extra heading.

Headings

(A) Feature article	**(B)** Employment offer	**(C)** Walk-in interview
(D) Examination guide	**(E)** Letter of invitation	**(F)** Instructional manual

Extracts

(i)	We invite those who are competent and confident in handling two or more languages including English because we need to communicate with foreign communities. Priority will be given for the ones with experience in managerial level of which three years as an internal supervisor.	
(ii)	Your presence in the event is highly valued and it is a great honour to our school since you are a reputed past pupil. This will be a great opportunity for our students to be inspired and motivated in their career development. We would be much grateful if you could send us your profile.	
(iii)	Veganism is more than just a dietary choice. It's often a lifestyle dedicated to avoiding harm to animals. Some people think that it negatively affects human health but many people justify it based on ethical and environmental reasons.	
(iv)	Check the documents of the item very carefully. Complete them with legible handwriting and correct spelling. Don't use black ink pens or correction fluid. Submit the documents with a copy of your identity card. Make sure that the item works properly before you purchase it.	
(v)	Keep the electronic devices in the cupboard, provided for that purpose outside the hall. Keep them on silent mode. Don't leave the hall without due permission. Inform your urgent physical requirements to the invigilator. Leave the hall when the third bell is rung.	

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○ **Test 14**

Write only **one** of the following. Use the space provided.

(a) Imagine that you are the secretary of the Language Club of your school. You have organized an inter-school debate competition to mark the fifth anniversary of the club. Write a letter to the principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send the debating team of his/her school to the competition. Use about **100** words.
Include the following:

- Purpose of the event
- Medium of the debate
- Date, time and venue
- Confirmation of participation

OR

(b) The following pie chart shows the future plans of 100 Grade 11 students of King's College, Kalutara. Write a description about the future plans of Grade 11 students referring to the pie chart. Use about **100** words.

The following words and phrases will help you.

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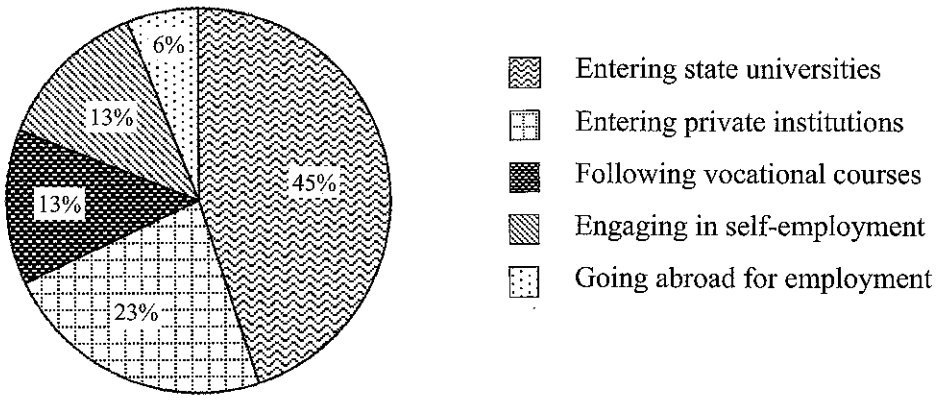
Future Plans of Grade 11 Students



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○ **Test 15**

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

① Five hundred years ago, sailing - even in familiar waters - was an adventure. There were no radios, weather reports, or good maps. Sailors were on their own. Many died in shipwrecks. So little was known about the Earth and its seas that no one was sure that the world was round.

Then Ferdinand Magellan led a crew of 265 on a voyage. They were the first men to sail ⑤ around the world. They were also the first Europeans to cross the Pacific Ocean. They set sail in September 1519. Magellan commanded the 'Trinidad'. The other ships in his fleet were the 'San Antonio', 'Concepcion', 'Victoria', and 'Santiago'.

In November they reached the Brazil's shore. They rested there. On Christmas Day, they started going down the South American coast. The fleet set out in August 1520. In October, ⑩ they found a bay. Magellan sent two ships to **explore** it. A violent two-day storm began. The ships took shelter in a small inlet. They found that it was a long waterway. Although it had land on both sides, the water was salty. They had discovered the Strait of Magellan at the tip of South America! They came back and got the rest of the fleet. For the first time, people sailed from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. It took one month.

⑮ The weather was **awful**, and the captain of the San Antonio turned his ship around and fled. It took the remaining ships from November 1520 until March 1521 to cross the Pacific Ocean and reach the Philippines. Magellan was killed when he tried to force the natives there to become Christians. But enough of **his** crew survived that the other two ships returned to Spain in September 1522. Only 18 men had survived the trip. One had kept a log about ⑳ this adventure that proved once and for all that the world was round.

(Adapted from the text 'The Journey that Proved Earth was Round' by Sarah Conolly)

(1) State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Put a tick (√) in the relevant cage.

	True	**False**
(a) Five hundred years ago, sailing was dangerous as sailors did not have modern equipment.		
(b) There were four ships in the fleet of ships that sailed under the leadership of Magellan.		
(c) Ferdinand Magellan's voyage proved that the world was round.		
(d) Magellan successfully completed his journey and returned to Spain in September 1522.		

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Underline the correct answer.

(2) People on land did not know anything about the progress of the sailors because,
(a) many sailors died in the shipwreck caused by the violent storm.
(b) there were no facilities on ships to communicate with others.
(c) sailors did not have time to send messages as there was a storm.
(d) they were not interested in getting information about sailors. (01 *mark*)

(3) When the fleet of ships started the journey in 1519, the ship that was under the command of Magellan was,
(a) Victoria. (b) San Antonio.
(c) Trinidad. (d) Concepcion. (01 *mark*)

(4) The sailors that returned to Spain could prove that the world was round as
(a) one of the sailors had kept a record of their adventures of the journey.
(b) they had found the Strait of Magellan in South America.
(c) they had sailed from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.
(d) people knew very little about the earth and its seas. (01 *mark*)

(5) What does the following word in line 18 refer to? Write your answer in the space given.
'**His**' ..... (01 *mark*)

(6) **Underline** the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.
(a) '**explore**' in line 10
(i) to intend a result (ii) to search more about a place
(iii) to perform a task (iv) to control or influence (01 *mark*)
(b) '**awful**' in line 15
(i) quite pleasant (ii) sudden and unexpected
(iii) calm and quiet (iv) extremely bad (01 *mark*)

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○ **Test 16**

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200** words.

(a) Write an article to a national newspaper on '**Educational Programmes on Television**'.
Include the following:
- What an educational programme is
- Types of programmes
- Benefits to students/public

(b) Write an essay on the topic, '**Spending time with animals**'.
Include the following:
- Types of animals; pets, animals in zoos and wild animals
- Importance of spending time with them
- Steps taken to protect them

(c) Imagine that you have been selected to make a speech at the school assembly on the topic '**How to choose your food wisely**'. Write the speech you would make on the occasion.
Include the following:
- types of food you eat
- how you select them
- why you select them

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(d) Imagine that following statements describe an exciting situation you have faced recently. Use them at the beginning and complete the story.

I felt so proud and wonderful. I was waiting impatiently to tell the good news to my best friend .....

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