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**Special Instructions :**

Answer All the questions. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

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SECTION A

(25 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

**A Devoted Son**

- 1 When the examination results appeared in the morning papers, Rakesh scanned them, before taking the good news to his father, Varma, and bowing down to touch his feet. 'I'm at the top of the list, Papa,' Rakesh murmured, after this mark of respect. 'First in the country.'
- 2 Bedlam broke loose then. All day, visitors **streamed** into the small yellow house to congratulate the parents of this wonderful son, to slap Rakesh on the back and fill the house and garden with the sounds and colours of a festival. There were gifts – clothes, garlands, enough fountain pens to last years, even a few watches – all in a multicoloured whirl of pride and of shining vistas newly opened. So much had been sacrificed to send Rakesh to school, and at last the fruits of the sacrifices had arrived. When the neighbours heard that Rakesh had bowed down to touch his father's feet when he got the results, they shook their heads in wonder and approval at such exemplary filial behaviour. But some said, 'Do you think Varma is giving himself airs? He himself has never even seen the inside of a school.'
- 3 That was only the beginning of Rakesh's success. He won a scholarship, went to university, became a doctor in the most **prestigious** of hospitals, and even returned occasionally to the small yellow house, where the first thing he did was to bow and touch his father's feet. Rakesh eventually established his own clinic, which he took his parents to see in his new limousine. His mother gloated over the strange fact that he did not marry a foreign girl, but one from his own village, a girl so placid that she settled into the household like a charm, apparently too good-natured to want Rakesh to set up home independent of his parents, as any other girl might have done.
- 4 However, none of this was accomplished **in the wink of an eye**: it was the achievement of a lifetime. His mother died contented: was it not her own son who looked after her in her last illness? Rakesh's father retired from work and grew old; he developed such mysterious diseases that even Rakesh could not decide when it was something of significance and when it was merely a figment of his father's imagination. Varma had an exasperating habit of stretching out very suddenly and lying absolutely still, allowing the whole family to fly around him in a flap, weeping and wailing, and then suddenly sitting up, stiff and gaunt, as if to mock their mistaken belief.

- 5 After a while, no-one paid much notice, all except, of course, Rakesh. It was Rakesh who brought Varma his tea in the morning, and who persuaded him to take the evening air out in the garden. All of this was very **gratifying** for the old man, but then dramatic events ensued. When his son started to supervise Varma's diet – 'Nothing rich, like oil, butter or cream, Papa,' – he stared at Rakesh with a disbelief that darkened quickly to **reproach**. A son who actually refused his father the food he craved? He complained in a martyred tone to his old neighbour: 'That is what it has come to.' If Varma asked for another helping, in a voice which cracked theatrically, Rakesh himself would come to the door, gaze at him sadly and shake his head. Although the daughter-in-law kept tactfully out of the way, the old man could just see the cruel smiles she was trying to hide. Varma soon became a genuinely sick man. Powders and pills were not only brought in when dealing with a crisis like an upset stomach, but became a regular part of his diet – became his diet, complained Varma with melancholy triumph. Sometimes the hypocritical daughter-in-law would pile up the pillows under his head in a way that made his back ache.
- 6 One evening the limousine drove smartly into the yard and the great doctor stepped out. Ever the devoted son, he went first to the garden where his father sat, stricken, gazing at some undefined spot in the dusty yellow air. He did not turn his head to look at his son. 'Papa,' his son said tenderly, reaching out to touch his feet. Old Varma tucked his feet under him, and continued to gaze stubbornly into the evening air.

#### From Paragraph 1

1. What "good news" did Rakesh receive that morning? (1 mark)
2. What was the "mark of respect" shown by Rakesh to his father? (1 mark)

#### From Paragraph 2

3. What were the most surprising gifts given to Rakesh? (1 mark)
4. Pick out and write down **four consecutive words** which show that Rakesh's future was likely to be happy and successful one. (1 mark)
5. Describe in **your own words** the neighbours' reaction to Rakesh's 'exemplary filial behaviour'. (2 marks)
6. Why do you think the writer tells us that Varma had 'never ever seen the inside of a school'? (1 mark)

#### From Paragraph 3

7. Rakesh's mother thought his choice of wife was 'strange'. Explain fully what kind of woman his mother thought he would marry. (2 marks)

**From Paragraph 4**

8. Why did Rakesh's mother die 'contented'? (1 mark)
9. Describe the **two** ways in which Rakesh viewed his father's 'mysterious diseases'. Answer **in your own words**. (2 marks)
10. When the family flew around Rakesh's father 'in a flap', what do you think was 'their mistaken belief'? (1 mark)

**From Paragraph 5**

11. 'After a while, no-one paid much notice, all except, of course, Rakesh.' What effect is created by the inclusion of the expression 'of course' in this sentence? (1 mark)
12. 'dramatic events ensued'. Pick out and write down the **single word** used later in the paragraph which continues the idea of 'dramatic'. (1 mark)
13. Rakesh 'started to supervise Varma's diet'. Explain the **two** ways in which he did this. (2 marks)
14. According to Varma, what did his diet eventually become? (1 mark)
15. Varma thought the daughter in law was 'hypocritical' when she piled up pillows under his head. Explain fully the other way Varma thought she showed her hypocrisy. (2 marks)
16. Explain the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. (5 marks)
  - (a) streamed ( paragraph 2 )
  - (b) prestigious ( paragraph 3 )
  - (c) in the wink of an eye ( paragraph 4 )
  - (d) gratifying ( paragraph 5 )
  - (e) reproach ( paragraph 5 )

**SECTION B****(25 marks)**

Part A: Read the paragraph below. Identify the Parts of Speech of the words underlined.

**(5 marks)**

The Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary (1) in Sandakan, Sabah is the only one of its kind in the world. The orang utans are bred in their natural surroundings in the jungle reserve and (2) then are left free to roam. Some orang utans are taken from illegal owners and brought to Sepilok where they are carefully (3) rehabilitated so that they can survive in the wilderness. This endangered (4) species is protected by law and the law enforcers are very strict with the capture, killing and keeping of these primates. The Wild Life Department of the Forestry Department is always on the lookout for (5) illegal trapping and keeping of these primate as pets.

Part B: Add a prefix (no: 1-3) and a suffix (no : 4-5) to the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Write the new word in the line provided.

**(5 marks)**

1. If you miss the live telecast of the Thomas Cup badminton finals, you can watch the \_\_\_\_\_ (play) at 9 o'clock.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) buying the magazine if you find it uninteresting.
3. People who speak two languages are \_\_\_\_\_ (lingual).
4. Add one \_\_\_\_\_ (teaspoon) of baking powder to the flour.
5. They had a \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) over which film to watch on television.

Part C: Each sentence contains an error in subject-verb agreement. Pick out the error and correct it. The first one has been done for you.

**(15 marks)**

**Example:** The land which surround the South Pole is full of strangeness and wonder.

**Answer :** surround – surrounds

1. Plant life only consist of algae, lichens and mosses.
2. The robes is then reverently draped over the main images of Buddha.

3. When the sun sets, the weaving begin.
4. This exercise of thrashing about and struggling in the mid-air make them become stronger and fiercer.
5. Some houses is painted white, but many are blue.
6. The inhabitants of the Batan Islands is the heaviest gin drinkers.
7. The government have stepped in, encouraging them to use fertilizers.
8. Now there is fins all around him.
9. She feel tired after hours of travelling.
10. Each creation take about 30 days to complete.

**SECTION C****(25 marks)**

Part A: Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs in the brackets. Your answers can be more than one word. (15 marks)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the fire broke out.
2. Unless he \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) more he won't get much money.
3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) home from London today. Her flight \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in an hour so I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for the airport right now to get there in time.
4. Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the news on TV every day and it \_\_\_\_\_ (helps) him with his English.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to ski when I was at the university but I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) a leg five years ago and since then I \_\_\_\_\_ (not ski) any more.
6. My family \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some land in southern France recently. They \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a summer house there at the moment.
7. Alan \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the car accident yesterday. The other driver \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) control of his car because he \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) asleep.

Part B: Choose the most appropriate answer to express the idea specified in parentheses.

(10 marks)

1. You don't look well. You \_\_\_\_\_ see a doctor.(advice)  
(a) are to  
(b) could  
(c) need to  
(d) should
2. \_\_\_\_\_ lending me your CD player for a couple of days?(request)  
(a) Can you  
(b) Could you  
(c) Would you  
(d) Would you mind
3. Whose book is this ? I am not sure. It \_\_\_\_\_ be Ann's.(possibility)  
(a) might  
(b) must  
(c) should  
(d) would
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ home yesterday because her little son was sick.(necessity)  
(a) could have stayed  
(b) had to stay  
(c) must have stayed  
(d) should have stayed
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ leave work at 3.30pm today.(permission)  
(a) can  
(b) could  
(c) might  
(d) will
6. Though he was ill and weak, he \_\_\_\_\_ get out of the burning building.(ability)  
(a) could  
(b) might  
(c) should  
(d) was able to
7. The windows look clean. You \_\_\_\_\_ wash them.  
(a) cant  
(b) don't have to  
(c) must not  
(d) are not to

8. You \_\_\_\_\_ disturb him during his work!(prohibition)  
(a) could not  
(b) don't have to  
(c) must not  
(d) should not
9. Whose car it this? It \_\_\_\_\_ be Anton's. I think I saw him driving a red car like this one.(probability)  
(a) might  
(b) could  
(c) must  
(d) would
10. I don't believe it. It \_\_\_\_\_ be true.(impossibility)  
(a) can't  
(b) mustn't  
(c) shouldn't  
(d) wouldn't

**SECTION D**

**(25 marks)**

Part A: Rewrite the following active sentences into passive.

**(8 marks)**

1. A committee chooses the winner.
2. They are presenting an award now.
3. They will pick the best movie.
4. They are going to pick the best movie.
5. They announced the winner's name.
6. They were interviewing the winners.
7. They have chosen the best movie.
8. You can see the movie on DVD.

Part B: Change the sentences below into complex sentence by using the word(s) provided below.  
Your answer must be in one sentence. (5 marks)

until	unless	upon hearing	in spite of	to avoid
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**Example:** Eunice badly wants to win. I will let her win.

**Answer:** If Eunice badly wants to win, I will let her win.

1. Kok Keong went ahead with his plans. Kok Keong's friends protested.
2. Desmond heard the screams. Desmond dashed in the direction of the screams.
3. Jason would not move his car. He was blocking the way.
4. Helen walked through the back door. Helen did not want the audience to notice her late entry.
5. Panggi would not move from his seat. When the bell rang, Panggi moved from his seat.

Part C: Fill in the correct conjunctions and linking words from the list. (12 marks)

as well as	during	because	either ... or
neither.. nor	when	although	unless
which	so that	then	so
despite	while	such as	however

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Dad comes home from work he lies down on the sofa  
\_\_\_\_\_ he is tired.
2. Max had a headache yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't come to basketball practice.
3. This is Toby's new mountain bike, \_\_\_\_\_ he got from his parents. He locks it up every evening, \_\_\_\_\_ nobody can take it.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Samantha was very tired, she watched TV until well after midnight.
5. First, cut out the pictures, \_\_\_\_\_ glue them into your album.
6. I would like to learn Japanese, \_\_\_\_\_, I don't know anyone who can teach me.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ we were driving through the countryside we saw many nice villages.
8. He likes all kinds of sports , \_\_\_\_\_ skiing, hockey and volleyball.
9. You can have \_\_\_\_\_ tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee for breakfast.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ his injury, the boy desperately wanted to play for his team in the finals.

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