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CBT Question Paper

Class – 9

Subject – English Language & Literature (184)

Syllabus –

1. Tenses (Grammar),
2. Notice Writing (Writing Skills),
3. How I Taught My Grandmother to Read (Text),
4. Bharat Our Land (Poem)

Q.1 Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verb by choosing the most appropriate option.

When the students reached the station, the train _____.

- A) left
- B) has left
- C) had left
- D) was leaving

Correct Answer: C) had left

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): When two actions occur in the past, the Past Perfect tense is used for the earlier action to show which one happened first, while the Simple Past is used for the later action.

Q.2 Fill in the blanks with suitable form of verb by choosing the most appropriate option.

Seema fell off the ladder when he _____ the roof.

- A) is mending
- B) was mending
- C) mended
- D) had mended

Correct Answer: B) was mending

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): When a continuous action (mending the roof) is interrupted by a short, sudden action (falling), the continuous action takes the Past Continuous tense and the interrupting action takes the Simple Past tense.

(Q.3 – Q.4) Choose the Correct option.

Q.3 What are the essential "5 W's" that every notice body must answer?

- A) Who, What, When, Where, Whom to contact

- B) Which, Why, When, Who, Whose
C) What, When, Where, Why, Weather
D) Who, What, Whose, Where, Way

Correct Answer: A) Who, What, When, Where, Whom to contact

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): The body of the notice should briefly and factually answer these 5 key questions: What the event/announcement is, When it happens, Where the venue is, Who is eligible/involved, and Whom to contact for details.

Q.4 Which of the following best describes the appropriate tone for a formal notice?

- A) Casual and friendly
B) Emotional and persuasive
C) Formal and objective
D) Humorous and dramatic

Correct Answer: C) Formal and objective

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): A notice is an official, professional means of communication used by organizations, schools, or government bodies to announce important events, meetings, or instructions. Because it is an official document, it must be written in a **formal tone**.

(Q.5 – Q.7) Read the extract and choose the most appropriate option in the given questions.

"I became all of a sudden a very important person—a teacher! I laughed at her determination. 'Avva, at this age of sixty-two you want to learn the alphabet? All your hair are grey, your hands are wrinkled, you wear spectacles and you have so much work in the kitchen...'"

Q.5 Why did the narrator initially laugh at her grandmother's decision?

- A) She thought her grandmother was joking to make her feel better.
B) She believed learning was physically and practically impossible at the age of 62.
C) She did not want to lose her importance as the reader in the house.
D) She thought Kannada was too difficult a language for an old person to pick up.

Correct Answer: B) She believed learning was physically and practically impossible at the age of 62.

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): The narrator pointed out physical traits like grey hair, wrinkles, spectacles, and household chores, reflecting the common stereotype that old age is a barrier to starting an education.

Q.6 What does the phrase "all of a sudden a very important person" indicate about the narrator?

- A) She felt burdened by the massive responsibility given to her.
- B) She was proud of her high academic qualifications.
- C) She experienced an unexpected shift in status from a playful child to a revered guide.
- D) She wanted to show off her skills to the other children in the village.

Correct Answer: C) She experienced an unexpected shift in status from a playful child to a revered guide.

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): The role reversal gives the young granddaughter the prestigious status of a teacher, changing the dynamic between them.

Q.7 Which of the following traits is NOT attributed to the grandmother by the narrator in this extract?

- A) Determination
- B) Physical aging
- C) Household busyness
- D) Lack of interest

Correct Answer: D

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): The narrator explicitly acknowledges her grandmother's "determination" and mentions her physical traits and chores, but never implies a lack of interest.

(Q.8-Q.10) Read the extract and choose the most appropriate option in the given questions.

But one day, she wanted to know what was written in the weekly magazine, Karmaveera. In those days, a popular serial called 'Kashi Yatre' was running in the magazine. The protagonist was an old lady who had a great desire to go to Kashi. She had a strong belief that going to Kashi and worshipping Lord Vishweshwara was the ultimate Punya."

Q. 8 Why did the protagonist of 'Kashi Yatre' resonate so deeply with the grandmother?

- A) Both characters wanted to escape their families and live in a new city.
- B) The protagonist's deep religious faith and unfulfilled desires mirrored the grandmother's own life situation.

C) The grandmother had already visited Kashi and wanted to see if the story was accurate.

D) The protagonist was an educated woman, which inspired the grandmother to study.

Correct Answer: B) The protagonist's deep religious faith and unfulfilled desires mirrored the grandmother's own life situation.

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): The grandmother, like the protagonist, was an elderly village woman who held a deep spiritual desire to visit Kashi but had been unable to do so due to life circumstances. This shared longing created a powerful emotional bond with the story.

Q.9 What does the term "Ultimate Punya" imply in the context of the story's setting?

A) A commercial reward given to travellers by the government.

B) The highest form of spiritual merit or religious blessing one could achieve in life.

C) A competitive title awarded to the most educated person in the village.

D) The psychological satisfaction of completing a difficult physical challenge.

Correct Answer: B B) The highest form of spiritual merit or religious blessing one could achieve in life.

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer):In traditional Hindu belief, "Punya" refers to spiritual merit accumulated through righteous deeds or holy pilgrimages. For the characters, visiting Kashi was not a vacation, but the ultimate spiritual achievement of a lifetime.

Q.10 How does the introduction of the magazine *Karmaveera* mark a turning point in the grandmother's life?

A) It motivated her to move away from her village to a big city.

B) It created a conflict between her and the narrator over wasting time.

C) It transformed her from a content, busy homemaker into someone deeply aware of her own illiteracy.

D) It allowed her to learn how to cook modern, urban dishes.

Correct Answer: C) It transformed her from a content, busy homemaker into someone deeply aware of her own illiteracy.

Explanation (Feedback for the Correct Answer): Before the magazine's serial became popular, the grandmother was content with her routine. The urge to know what happened next in *Kashi Yatre* created a sudden, intense need to read independently, shattering her contentment with being illiterate.