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ANNUAL EXAMINATION – 2012-2013

SUBJECT – English (Language)

Class – V I I

Time – 2 Hrs.

M.M. – 80

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

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

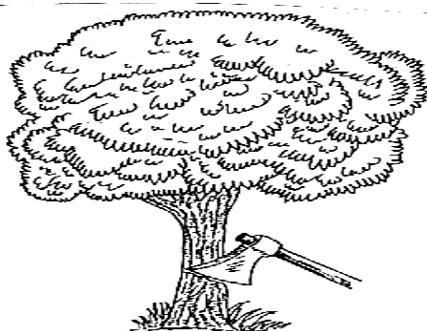
This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

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

The intended Marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [ ].

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- Question 1** Write a composition in about 250-300 words on any one of the following - [25]
- Describe a weekly market scene in your area. State why you like or do not like the scene.
  - Of all the subjects you are studying at present, which one do you think would be most useful to you in future and why?
  - A village fair is very different from a city one. It is connected with a religious festival or harvest. Describe one such fair.
  - Write an original story, beginning with the line. "The water was cold, I took a deep breath and jumped....."
  - Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you –



- Question 2** Select any one of the following: [10]
- You have just acquired a pet. Write a letter to your friend telling him / her about it. Give details about the care you have to take in looking after and feeding the pet.  
Or
  - Write a letter to the Chief Minister of your state drawing his attention to the urgent need for a government hospital in your district.

- Question 3** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow -

The beaver had made a dam two hundred yards long and it had formed out of the quickly flowing stream a wide stretch of water about twenty feet deep. The dam was so firm and broad that it was easy for me to walk along it. After hundred and fifty yards I came to a 'beaver's castle' a great heap of logs, skillfully fitted together, the lower part covered with earth and plants. The upper logs were put loosely together so that air could pass through to the interior.

In the late autumn before land and water are covered with snow and ice, the beaver has to make its dwelling frost proof. It collects young trees and gnaws the stem in a double cone until the tree falls. Then the long stems are gnawed into small sections, the thin twigs bitten off and the logs dragged to the dwelling. There the timber is piled on the 'castle', sometimes to a ten or a dozen feet. Mud is brought from the bottom of the lake and packed between the logs with the animal's clever forepaws. The interior is lined with the finest wood shavings. In this tall shelter the beaver remains high and dry, and protected from frost throughout the winter. The only access to the dwelling is under the water, and even the frost wolves are unable to pull the building apart.

The water is the beaver's element. On land it moves slowly and awkwardly. Thus it is vital for the beaver to have water in which it can swim, and where nature has not provided this condition for it, it has created it with its dam.

The beaver's activities change whole landscapes. With the dam for instance on which I was standing, beavers had turned a whole wooded valley into a lake, trees that had stood there had been killed by the water and had disappeared. Aquatic game had settled there. Ducks swam past us and great must have been the number of fish, as swamps of trout had swam past me in the clear stream. Wide stretches of meadows had come into existence on the banks, with flat landing places to which well

beaten beaver tracks lead. Many years of building, gnawing and dragging must have gone to the completion of this immense work, creating a new region, for the beavers to live in.

- A- Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage - [4]
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| i) Gnaws  | iii) Access |
| ii) Vital | iv) Aquatic |
- B- Answer the following questions in your own words-
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| a) What evidence in the passage suggests that beavers build fairly strong dams?                   | [3] |
| b) How does a beaver ensure that its 'castle' is well ventilated?                                 | [3] |
| c) How does a beaver fell a tree?   | [3] |
| d) Why do beavers build dams?   | [3] |
| e) Quote a sentence from the passage that tells us that beavers just love being in or near water. | [1] |
| f) Describe a beaver's castle.  | [3] |
- C- Make sentences with words given below - [5]
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| a) Skillfully | b) Interior  | c) Disappear |
| d) Immense    | e) Protected |              |

#### Question 4

- a) Do as directed - [10x1=10]
- Vikas did not get a reservation on the train. Mandeep did not get a reservation on the train. [Join into a compound sentence]
  - I like mathematics very much. I like English as much equally. [Join using a conjunction]
  - You are permitted to use the pass. [Rewrite using the modal 'can']
  - Disha is drawing a picture. [Change the voice]
  - My parents tell me, 'You must obey your teacher.' [Change into indirect speech]
  - The girl wouldn't speak; she remained \_\_\_\_\_. [complete by using suitable simile]
  - You ought to obey your parents. [Begin: Your parents.....]
  - Rajan said, 'I work for the Government.' [Begin: Rajan said that.....]
  - The king needs heir to the throne. [Insert indefinite article wherever necessary]
  - This is the school. I was taught here. [Join without using 'and' or 'but']
- b) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words- [5x1=5]
- Though he was not well he calmly went \_\_\_\_\_ his business.
  - This plan will remain a secret \_\_\_\_\_ you and me.
  - Her plan differs \_\_\_\_\_ mine in many ways.
  - He began to listen \_\_\_\_\_ sounds indicating the presence of some animal.
  - The neighbours complained \_\_\_\_\_ his unruly behaviour.
- c) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs: [5x1=5]
- Rony said that he \_\_\_\_\_ (will) give early reply.
  - Sophia will be \_\_\_\_\_ (punish) if she does not do her work.
  - Once there \_\_\_\_\_ (live) a monk who \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to make his followers always laugh.
  - I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into the Administrative Block tomorrow.

