

ENGLISH

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1. Write an essay on any ONE Topic in 1000 words
i. Role of agriculture in national development in India

ii. Dignity of labour

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2. Write a letter

i. To your friend conveying condolence on his father's death

or

ii. To a book seller with a request to send two books by VP post

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3. Write the précis of the following paragraph :

Like all intelligent beasts, the wolf is incurably inquisitive, and watching a camp fire far off, he waits till he sees the men pack up and go; then out of sheer curiosity he simply has to go and investigate their camping site. This inquisitiveness, however, often costs him his life, for one of the most deadly wolf traps I know is set as follows. You dig a little square in the ground just large enough to take your wolf trap, then you scatter a little earth over it, and build your camp fire on top. You let the fire burn low, then into the dying embers you throw a few scraps of meat. The wolf sniffs the sizzling meat and immediately you are gone, he comes up to investigate. The fire has quite destroyed the scent of the trap, and so he begins to scratch unsuspiciously in the dead ashes, when – thud! – the terrible jaws rise up and he is a prisoner. Wolves are trapped or poisoned whenever possible, because they kill everything from sheep cattle down to dogs and deer. (181 words)

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it.

5 x 1 = 5

The Rajputs occupy an honoured place in the history of India. They were a war-like people, proud and patriotic. They were jealous of their honour and would lay down their lives to uphold it. They loved their homes and fought bravely to defend the honour of their women folk. Nothing would tame their spirits. Perils only called forth their courage and poverty only increased their power of resistance. None could fight like them. Their motto was 'Better death than dishonour.'

- i. What is the central theme of the passage
- ii. What is meant by the expression 'tame their spirit'?
- iii. Mention two opposite meaning of the 'proud' in the passage
- iv. For which in the statement the Rajputs occupy an honoured place in history?
- v. How far this is true that they could not face the challenges of poverty?

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5. Fill up the blanks with proper article :

5 x 1 =

- i. I met _____ European on the way.
- ii. By the side of the river there is _____ hotel
- iii. They ran away when they saw _____ one-eyed giant
- iv. He is carrying _____ umbrella in his hand
- v. He got _____ honorarium of Rs.5000.00 only

6. Rewrite the sentences in correct form :

5 x 1 =

- i. We have never known a such severe winter
- ii. People could no longer tolerate a so cruel king
- iii. There are a few mangoes just left
- iv. We have a little milk only for our use
- v. His father is teacher

7. Write the correct spelling :

5 x 1 =

- i. Meditererrian
- ii. Commomeration
- iii. Siluete
- iv. Melborn
- v. Inaguration

8. Rewrite the following sentences with the change of voice
(from active to passive or passive to active)

- i. The tailor is making me a new suit
- ii. Open the window
- iii. Let a cage be made

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- iv. The teacher gave Marie a prize
- v. The prisoner was set free by the judge

9. Convert the following sentences from *Direct to Indirect* or *Indirect to Direct* as required : 5 x 2 = 10

- i. The speaker said, "I object to the proposal. Have you considered all that it involves? Gentlemen, I entreat you to be cautious."
- ii. John asked Mary whether she should be going to Paris for Easter, and when she replied that she would, he ordered to take her there in his car.
- iii. Prospero said, "Can you remember a time before you came to this cell? I think you cannot, for you were not then three years of age." "Certainly I can sir," replied Miranda.
- iv. He said that, his mother was absent from home just then, but that I must not on that account, defer my visit, as she would, without doubt, return in a few days.
- v. The teacher became angry with the students and said, "Why have you again disturbed the class in this way? I have told you before that you should be silent when I am speaking. Leave the room, and do not return again today."

10. Transform the sentence as directed :

5 x 1 = 5

- i. New York is the richest city in the world (*Affirmative to Negative*)
- ii. He was a patriot to do such a noble deed (*Assertive to Interrogative*)
- iii. Man is indeed a wonderful piece work (*Assertive to Exclamatory*)
- iv. No other fruit is as sweet as the mango (*Positive to Comparative*)
- v. The horse is faster than any other animal (*Comparative to Superlative*)

11. Fill up the gap by appropriate preposition :

5 x 1 = 5

- i. A heavy fine was inflicted ____ him for breaking the traffic rule
- ii. He is endowed ____ talents
- iii. I entrusted him ____ the thing

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iv. Minors are excluded ____ the list of voters

v. They are murmuring ____ their low wages

12. Write the antonym of the following :

5 x 1

i. Pacific

ii. Ignominy

iii. Mirthful

iv. Deprecate

v. Duvious

13. Mention the opposite gender of the following:

5 x 1

i. Leopard

ii. Stag

iii. Drake

iv. Jackass

v. Stallion

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