

# ***City International School***

## **FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2013 - 2014**

**Date : 31/07/2013**

**Marks : 80**

**Std : X**

**Subject : English I**

**Time : 2 hrs**

Answer 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.

Attempt all four questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ( ).

You are advised to spend not more than **35** minutes in answering **Question 1**

And **20** minutes in answering **Question 2**.

### **Q. 1 (Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)**

**Write a composition (350 – 400 words) on any one of the following.**

**(25)**

- a. Begin a short story with the following words:  
I knocked at the door and waited ..... (continue).
- b. While on a picnic excursion an exciting event takes place. A child is either lost or kidnapped: a wild animal makes an unexpected appearance.  
Use one of these ideas to describe the event. Remember that the exciting event must be the most important part of the picnic.
- c. 'With audio video media invading the home, newspapers have become outdated.'  
Give your views for or against the statement.
- d. Describe a task, which involved you in difficulties, showing how you succeeded or failed in overcoming them. Bring out your thoughts and feelings during the performance of the task.
- e. Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition must be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it. But there must be a clear connection between the pictures and your composition.

**Q. 2 (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)**

**Select ONE of the following.**

**(10)**

- a. You have been selected to participate in the National Youth Festival to be held in another city. The dates however clash with your final school exam. You are still keen on going. Write a letter to your parents stating the pros and cons and seeking their advice.
- b. Write a letter to the Railway Station Master complaining about the untidy conditions of waiting rooms in the railway station. Suggest what improvement can be done.

**Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Camron Mounger and I have been friends since we were teenagers. Both of us liked music, and several years after we left school, Cam, as we called him, became a disc jockey.

Recently he told me story about the day he was down to his last dollar. It was the day his luck and his life changed.

The story begins in the year 1970 when Cam was an announcer and a disc jockey at a radio station in Texas and attained celebrity status. He met many country music stars, and enjoyed flying to Nashville, the center of country music, in the company plane with the station owner.

One night Cam was in Nashville for a show. After it was over an acquaintance invited him back stage with all the stars. "I didn't have any paper for autographs, so I took out a dollar note," Cam told me "Before the night was over, I have virtually every stars autograph, I guarded the dollar note and carried it with me always. I knew I would treasure it forever."

Then the radio station where he was working was put up for sale and many employees found themselves without a job. Cam landed part time work at another station and planned to hang on to his job long enough for a full time position to open up.

That winter was extremely cold in Texas. The heater in Cam's old car emitted a hint of warm air, the windscreen defroster didn't work at all. Life was hard and Cam was broke. With the help of a friend who worked at the local supermarket he occasionally got food that was spoilt and was being thrown away. "This kept me and wife eating, but we still had no cash."

One morning as Cam left the radio station he saw an old man sitting in an old yellow car in the car park. Cam waived to him and drove away. When he came back to work that night, he noticed the car again, parked at the same place. After a couple of days it dawned on him that the car had not moved. The fellow in it always waived cordially to Cam as he came and went. What was the man doing sitting in the car for three days in the terrible cold and snow?

Cam discovered the answer the next morning. This time the man rolled down the window. He introduced himself and said he had been in his car for days with no money or food, Cam recalled. He had come from out of town to take a job. But he arrived three days early and couldn't go to work right away.

Very reluctantly he asked if he might borrow a dollar for a snack to get him by until the next day, when he would start work and get a salary advance. I didn't have a dollar to lend him. I barely had petrol to get home. I explained my situation and walked

Then Cam remembered the dollar which the country music stars at Nashville had signed. He wrestled with his conscience a minute or two, pulled out his wallet and studied the note one last time. Then he walked back to the man and gave it to him. "Somebody has written all over this," the man said, but he didn't notice that the writing was dozens of autographs. He took the note.

"That very morning when I went back home trying not to think about what I had done, things began to happen." Cam told me. "The telephone rang, a recording company wanted me to do an ad that paid \$500. It should like a million. In the next few days more opportunities came to me out of nowhere. Good things kept coming steadily, and soon I was back on my feet."

The rest as they say, is history. Things improved dramatically for Cam. His wife had a baby. Cam opened a successful car repair shop and built a nice home. And it all started that morning in the car park when he parted with his last dollar.

Cam never saw the man in the old yellow car again. Sometimes he wanders if the man was a beggar or an angel.

It doesn't matter. What matters is that it was a test – and Cam had passed.

a. **Five words or phrases are given below. Give the meaning of each word as given in the passage. One word answer or short phrases will be accepted. (3)**

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| i. virtually  | ii. emitted    | iii. Downed |
| iv. cordially | v. reluctantly |             |

b. **Answer the following questions briefly in your words.**

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| i. What was Cam's first occupation in life?                         | (2) |
| What did he do in the end for a living?                             |     |
| ii. How did he get signatures of singing stars?                     | (2) |
| iii. On what did Cam get the autograph? Why?                        | (1) |
| iv. How did he lose his full time work?                             | (1) |
| v. How did the man in the yellow car attract Cam's attention?       | (2) |
| vi. Why did the man in the yellow car ask for a loan of one dollar? | (2) |

c. **In not more than 60 words, explain how Cam's life changed when he made his greatest sacrifice. (10)**

**Q. 4 a. Rewrite the following sentences correctly according to the instruction given after each. Make other change that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of the sentence. (5)**

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| i. Suresh suddenly thought of a splendid idea.           | (End: ..... to Suresh) |
| ii. John has probably forgotten the date of examination. | (Begin: In .....)      |

- iii. The sergeant asked, "Did you have any training before?"  
(Rewrite using 'whether' or 'if')
- iv. He sold his house to a wealthy diamond magnate.  
(Rewrite using 'bought' instead of 'sold')
- v. Nobody in our city can run as fast as Usha. (Begin: Usha.....)

**b. Complete each of the blanks (1 – 5) using appropriate forms of verb given in brackets. (5)**

The falcons were obviously in a heat of fury when the ravens \_\_ (1) \_\_ (come) scouting along the cliff. The falcons \_\_ (2) \_\_ (attempt) to drive away the ravens. The ravens, however, \_\_ (3) \_\_ (fly) unconcerned to and fro. Only at the last split second of each falcon's drive \_\_ (4) \_\_ (do) the ravens turn over side ways to present that remarkable beak which \_\_ (5) \_\_ (can) transfix the falcon were it to continue its wild drive.

**c. Fill in the blanks with suitable words. (5)**

- i. The car battery has run \_\_\_\_\_; it needs recharging.
- ii. How can you put \_\_\_\_\_ with his unpleasant manner?
- iii. You must reach the place \_\_\_\_\_ sunset.
- iv. He was let off \_\_\_\_\_ a fine.
- v. Where did you come \_\_\_\_\_ this word?

**d. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and or but. (5)**

- i. Rahil is a clever boy. The other boys are not so clever.
- ii. It rained heavily. We could not have the tournament.
- iii. You must study diligently. You will miss your grade otherwise.
- iv. The air hostess was injured. She helped the victims.
- v. The supervisor was out of the class. The students made a lot of noise.