

City International School

FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2013 – 2014

Date : 31/07/2013

Marks : 80

Std : VIII

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 mote 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. You have lived in your ancestral house since birth. The house is to be sold so that flats may be built. Narrate the circumstances that led to this decision and describe your feeling about moving out.
- b. The railway station seldom rests day or night. The station is one point in a vast system of communication necessary to modern civilization. Write a description of a railway station.
- c. Science has made man's life quite comfortable. Express your views for or against this statement.
- d. Study the picture given on the next page. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture or may take suggestions for it, but there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.

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

Select ONE of the following.

(10)

- a. You heard from a friend that your brother, who will be twelve next month, is behaving foolishly and upsetting your parents. Write a letter to him for his birthday, conveying your greetings and also persuading him to mend his ways.
- b. Your bicycle or motorbike has been stolen. Write a letter to the local Station House Officer (SHO) of your Police Station giving a description of the vehicle and the circumstances of the theft.

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

The policeman was on the night **patrols** at the busy market place as usual. No spectators. Most of the doors of the business places had closed down. Outside a darkened store, a man leaned with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. As the policeman walked upto him, the man assured him that he was waiting there for a friend who had departed twenty years ago. The man in the doorway struck a match to light his cigar. The light showed a pale, square – jawed face with keen eyes, and a little white scar near his right eyebrow.

The man narrated – twenty years ago, he and his friend, Jimmy Wells had dined hear at a restaurant. The policeman said that restaurant is no more. Jim was the best **chum** and the finest person. Both of them were raised here in New York, like two brothers. The next morning he was to leave for West. Jimmy was unwilling to leave New York. It was decided that they would meet here after twenty years, whatever be the condition. We figured out that our destinies and fortunes would be clear by then.

They lost track of each other because the West is a big proposition. He was sure Jimmy will turn up that night. He came from thousand miles away for this meeting. The policeman went away hopefully, saying: Good Night.

After twenty minutes, a tall man came, in a long overcoat, with collars turned up to his ears. Both of them inquired the names of each other they talked of the old restaurant that is no more. Had it been there, they could've another dinner.

“How has the West treated you, old man?”

“Moderately.”

Bob proposed to go somewhere to have a long talk about old times. They went arm in arm. Bob narrated the history of his career while the other listened with interest. They reached under the light. Bob left his friend's arm and said,

“You are not Jimmy Wells. Twenty years is a long time, but not long enough to change a man's nose from a Roman to a **pug**.”

“It sometimes changed a good man into a bad one,” said the tall man. “You are under arrest, “Silky” Bob.” He handed him the note of Patrolman Wells. His hands trembled

- a. The following words or expressions from the passage are given below. (3)
Give the meaning of each as used in the passage.
One word answer or short phrases only will be accepted.
- i. Patrols ii. Chums iii. Pug
- b. Answer briefly the following questions in your own words.
- i. What was the purpose of the meeting? (2)
Why had the gap of twenty years come?
- ii. Describe the body (physical) features of the man in waiting. (3)
- iii. What was the background history of both the friends? (2)
- iv. Why did Jimmy leave for West? (3)
What was decided between two of them?
- v. What did the note say? (2)
- c. With close reference to the extract and it not more than 600 words, trace the progression of Jimmy's career. (8)
- d. Give a suitable heading to the passage. (2)

- Q. 4** a. In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space (4)

Example: (0) speaks

A poor Arab, ____ (1) ____ (travel) in the desert, thirsty and tired. When he saw an oasis, he drank some water from it and felt that it was very sweet ____ (2) ____ (fill) his leather bottle with the water, he continued his journey to Baghdad. After ____ (3) ____ (secure) an audience with the Caliph of water. It was the only gift he had. The Caliph received the gift and drank some water from it. He rewarded the Arab for his gift. All the courtiers were eager ____ (4) ____ (taste) the wonderful water. But the Caliph denied them the privilege.

When the Arab departed, the Caliph explained why he ____ (5) ____ (act) so strangely. The water in the leather bottle, because of its long storage, ____ (6) ____ (have) a foul smell. He knew that if the others had tasted the water, they ____ (7) ____ (show) their disgust, and the poor man's ____ (8) ____ (feel) would have been hurt.

- b. Punctuate the following. (4)
- why don't you see now if you've caught a fish my mother suggested
casually it seems to me your float's quite low in the water
- c. Name and explain the figures of speech. (4)
- i. He was as innocent as a newly born babe.
 - ii. Opportunity knocks at the door, but once.
 - iii. Life is a dream.
 - iv. A Soldier faces the powder, a woman powders her face.
- d. Do as directed, without change the meaning of the sentence. (8)
- i. The public is the best judge.
(Change to positive degree and rewrite.)
 - ii. My heart is too full for words.
(Rewrite removing the adverb 'too')
 - iii. Maria reads to a blind girl every week.
(Rewrite adding a question tag)
 - iv. His father is _____ honorary magistrate.
(Fill in the blank with an appropriate article.)
 - v. No sooner did the bell ring then the students rushed out of the class room.
(Begin:- As soon as.....)
 - vi. Members _____ not borrow from the library more than
two books at a time.
(Fill in the blank with an appropriate modal auxiliaries)
 - vii. Take care of the pence. The pounds will take care of themselves.
(Rewrite joining the sentences without take 'and', 'but' or 'so'.)
 - viii. If Tapan can't arrange it, Nidhi will.
(Begin:- Either