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**Duration: 2 hours**

Read the instructions given below.

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- ❖ This paper contains 08 questions and 05 pages.
  - ❖ Answer all questions on the question paper itself.
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**Reading Comprehension**

**Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.**

Lilly loves her new town. She loves the mall. She loves the parks. She also loves her school. Most of all, though, Lilly loves the seasons. In her old town, it was hot all of the time. Sometimes it is cold in Lilly's new town. The cold season is in winter. Once in a while it snows. Lilly has never seen snow before. So for her, the snow is exciting as well as very beautiful. Lilly has to wear gloves to keep her hands warm. She also wears a scarf around her neck.

In spring, flowers bloom and the trees turn green with new leaves. Pollen falls on the cars and windowsills and makes Lilly sneeze. People work in their yards and mow their grass. In summer, Lilly wears her old shorts and sandals—the same ones she used to wear in her old town. It's hot outside, and dogs lie in the shade. Lilly and her friends go to a pool or play in the water sprinkler. Her father cooks hamburgers on the grill for dinner.

Lilly's favorite season is autumn. In autumn, the leaves on the trees turn yellow, gold, red, and orange. Halloween comes in autumn, and this is Lilly's favorite holiday. Every Halloween, Lilly wears a costume. Last year she wore a mouse costume. This year she will wear a fish costume.

One evening in autumn, Lilly and her mom are sitting together on the porch. Mom tells Lilly that autumn is also called "fall". This is a good idea, Lilly thinks, because in fall all of the leaves fall down from the trees.

**Underline the correct answer**

- 1) Which of the following words best describe the way Lilly feels about living in her new town?
  - A. skeptical, meaning questioning or showing doubt
  - B. apprehensive, meaning anxious or worried
  - C. overjoyed, meaning extremely happy
  - D. content, meaning satisfied with what one is or has



3) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles (a, an, the)

1. ....village chief has started .....hardware shop.
2. Janu's father is .....principal of our college.
3. ....Ganges flows from .....Himalayas.
4. Please give me.....copy of The Times of India.
5. ....Pereras are particularly interested in music.
6. ....Market will remain closed for two days.
7. She wrote ..... paper for ..... seminar.
8. Rohan bought ..... cup of coffee.
9. ....earth moves round the sun

(6 marks)

4) Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in the simple past tense or past continuous tense.

i. We (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ by the bakery when the smell of fresh rolls (reach) \_\_\_\_\_ our noses.

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| a) were walking, reached | c) were walking, reach |
| b) was walking, reached  | d) was walking, reach  |

ii. Dr. Fernando (treat) \_\_\_\_\_ her patient when she (get) \_\_\_\_\_ a call from her son.

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| a) was treated, getting | c) was treating, got     |
| b) were treating, got   | d) were treated, getting |

iii. Ajith and Laith (climb) \_\_\_\_\_ trees when Ajith (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ and (break) \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.

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| a) were climbing, fell, broke    | c) were climbed, falling, breaking |
| b) were climbing, fallen, broken | d) was climbed, falling, breaking  |

iv. While Chamila (dig) \_\_\_\_\_ a hole in the sand, a crab (crawl) \_\_\_\_\_ out.

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| a) was digging, crawling | c) was digging, crawl   |
| b) was dugged, crawled   | d) was digging, crawled |

v. They (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ on the park bench when the fountain suddenly (light) \_\_\_\_\_ up.

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| a) were sitting, lit  | c) were sit, lighted   |
| b) were sat, lighting | d) were sitting, light |

(5 marks)

**5) Simple Present or Present Continuous tense. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb tense.**

- i. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say) ..... because everybody (talk) ..... so loudly.
- ii. Justin (write, currently) ..... a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.
- iii. Jim: Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?  
Denise: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go) ..... to a movie tonight with some friends.
- iv. The business cards (be, normally) ..... printed by a company in New York. Their prices (be) ..... inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.
- v. This delicious chocolate (be) ..... made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.

**(10 marks)**

**6) Read the following dialogues and fill in the blanks with the suitable words.**

**(1/2 marks each- 5 marks)**

*Scenario one – Asking for Directions*

Lost Person: Excuse..... (me, I, we) Do you .....(see, know, like))where the post office is?

Passer-by: Yes, it's next ..... (in, on, to) the bank. Go ..... (near, in, to)one block, ..... (go, turn, move) left and go straight 100 metres. It's .....(in, on, after )your left.

Lost Person: Thank you very much!

Passer-by: No problem.

*Scenario two – No help*

Lost Person: Excuse me. Do you know where the bank is?

Passer-by: I'm sorry; I ..... (does, do, don't)know where .....(they, it, its) is.

Lost Person: Alright, thank (me, you, I)

**7) Are the following nouns count or noncount? Put an 'N' next to the noncount nouns and a 'C' next to the count nouns. **(10 marks)****

- 1. bag
- 2. water
- 3. juice
- 4. girl

