

English Paper 1

1. (a) Write down one word which means the opposite of each of these words: -

SELDOM; TRUE; DECREASE.

(b) The following names of things you would expect to find in your house are jumbled up:

Write the correct words: -

KOCCL; WWNDIO; OODR.

(c) Write two sentences, each one containing one of the following pairs of words and showing their meanings: -

GRATE, GREAT; PEEL, PEAL.

(d) Join the following sentences together: -

- (i) I picked up the book. It was very heavy.
- (ii) My uncle is very old. He is kind to me.
- (iii) I met my friend. His name is Jim.

2. Write five suitable questions to which you think the following would be good answers: -

- (a) Because I was in a hurry.
- (b) He is called Robert.
- (c) It was exactly two o'clock.
- (d) Yes, we do.
- (e) Last November.

3. One word is required to answer each of the following questions. Write this word down.

- (a) What animal is sometimes called Bruin?
- (b) What is the wife of a Duke called?
- (c) What is the name given to a big railway station that is at the end of the line?
- (d) What is the name of the most important church in a city?
- (e) What kind of artist makes figures out of stone or clay?

4. Alter the verb (the action word) in the following sentences to describe something that happens now, that is, in the present (simple form). Write this word down.

Example: "The boy was in the room" becomes: -

"The boy is in the room. Answer: "IS."

- (a) The train stopped here.
- (b) Mother made the tea.
- (c) The artist drew a picture.
- (d) My friend wrote to me.
- (e) The boy came home late.

5. Read the following passage carefully, and then answer the questions about it: -

A hare insulted a tortoise upon account of his slowness, and vainly boasted of her own great speed in running. "Let us make a match," replied the Tortoise. "I will run with you five miles for five pounds, and the fox shall be the umpire of the race." The hare agreed, and they both started together; but the hare by reason of her exceeding swiftness outran the tortoise to such a degree, that she made a jest of the matter; and, finding herself a little tired, settled down in a tuft of fern that grew by the way, and slept a little, thinking that if the tortoise went by, she could at any time catch him up, with all the ease imaginable. In the meanwhile the tortoise came jogging on with a slow but continued motion, and the hare, out of a too great security and confidence of victory, oversleeping herself, the tortoise arrived at the end of the race first.

- (a) How far were the animals to race, and what was the prize to be?
- (b) How many animals are mentioned in this story?
- (c) This is a special kind of story. Give its name.
- (d) Explain in your own words what is meant by the following passages in the story:-
 - (i) by reason of her exceeding swiftness.
 - (ii) made a jest of the matter.
 - (iii) with all the ease imaginable.
- (e) What words in the passage mean the same as (i) a judge. (ii) surpassing. (iii) moving along not very quickly.
- (f) Why did the hare not win the race?
- (g) Suggest a suitable title for the story.

ANSWERS BELOW

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1. a) seldom – often true – false decrease – increase

There are other possibilities.

1. b) clock window door

1. c) great = super grate = to rasp away
peel = to remove a layer or skin peal = a loud ringing

1. d) There are other possibilities.

I picked up the book although it was heavy.

Even though my uncle is very old, he is kind to me.

I met my friend; and his name is Jim.

2. I trust you to have written suitable questions.

3.a) bear

3.b) Duchess

3.c) terminal

3.d) cathedral

3.e) sculptor

4.a) The train stops here.

4.b) Mother makes the tea.

4.c) The artist draws a picture

4.d) My friend writes to me.

4.e) The boy comes home late.

5.a) 5 miles for 5 pounds

5.b) three: tortoise, hare, fox

5.c) fable

5.d) (i) by reason of her exceeding swiftness = because she is so fast

(ii) made a jest of the matter = poked fun (at)

(iii) with all the ease imaginable = easily done

5.e) (i) a judge = umpire

(ii) surpassing = exceeding

(iii) moving along not very quickly = came jogging on with a slow but continued motion

5.f) The hare was arrogant. The hare fell asleep – because she underestimated the tortoise and thought she could never lose.

5.g) many possibilities, for instance:

Steady wins the race

The Hare and the Tortoise

Pride comes before the fall