ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN

FINAL TERM EXAMINATION FEBRUARY- MARCH, 2025-26

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS VII M.M.: 70 TIME: 2 HOURS

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

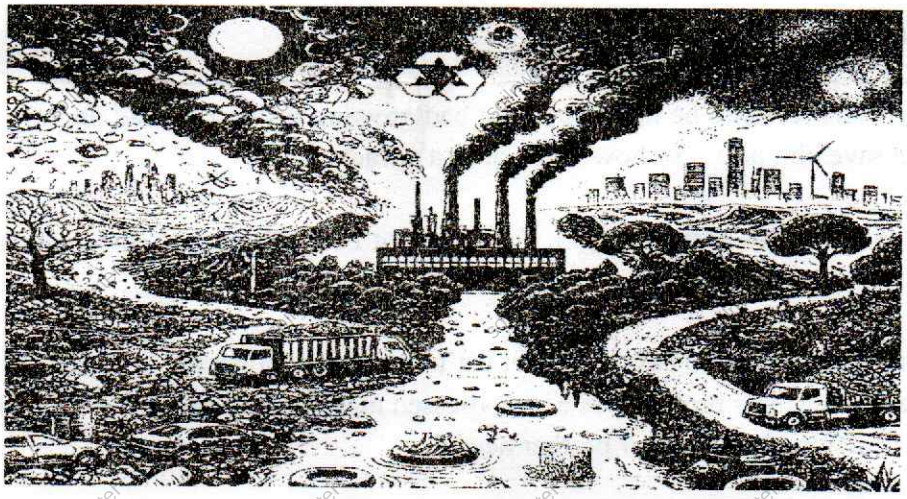
Question 1. Write a composition in about 200-250 words on **any one** of the following topics:- [20]

a) You heard some painful cries from the flat opposite your residence a few days back. You saw a few men jostling and pushing an old lady who was the only occupant of the flat. The burglars robbed the house and fled. What happened then? Recount the incident of burglary and the way it affected you.

b) Imagine that at midnight all your childhood toys you had kept safely come to life and there's a scene of amusement all around the place. Write about the world of surprises that you see when you peep into the room.

c) Write a story with the opening line—
Julia missed the train. While she was waiting for the next one ...

d) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2.

Write a letter on **any one** of the following topics:- [15]

a) Your friend has sent you a unique and unexpected gift on your birthday. Write a letter thanking him/her and express your feelings after receiving it.

b) Recently, your grandmother completed eighty years of age. Celebrating her birthday was a grand event for the family. Write a letter to your cousin who was unable to attend it due to some unfortunate circumstances. Give details about the event, and your role in it.

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Question 3.

Your school is organizing an Inter-School Mask-making competition for the students of classes VI to VIII. Draft a notice for the school noticeboard, inviting the students for the same. Provide all the necessary details. [4]

Question 4.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: - [20]

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured the change out on the floor and counted carefully. Three times, same. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out from the back door and made her way to Rexall's Drug Store. She waited patiently for the **pharmacist** to give her some attention, but he was too busy at that moment.

Teresa twisted her feet to make a scratching noise. Nothing happened. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could gather. No good. Finally, she took a 25 cent-coin from her jar and clanked it on the glass counter. That did it!

'What do you want?' the pharmacist asked in an **annoyed** tone of voice. I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages,' he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

'Well, I want to talk to you about my brother,' Teresa answered back in the same annoyed tone. 'He's really, really sick and I want to buy a miracle.'

'I beg your pardon?' said the pharmacist.

'His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?'

'We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you,' the pharmacist said, softening a little.

'Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs.' The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He **stooped** down and asked the little girl,' What kind of a miracle does your brother need?'

'I don't know,' Teresa replied with her eyes welling up. I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money.'

'How much do you have?' asked the man from Chicago.

'One dollar and eleven cents,' Teresa answered hardly audibly. 'And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to.'

'Well, what a coincidence,' smiled the man. 'A dollar and eleven cents—the exact price of a miracle for your little brother.' He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grabbed her mitten and said, 'Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need.'

That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neurosurgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well.

Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. Her Mom whispered, 'That surgery was a real **miracle**. I wonder how much it would have cost?' Teresa smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost...one dollarand eleven cents....and the faith of a little child.

a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:- [1×4=4]
   i) pharmacist
   ii) annoyed
   iii) stooped
   iv) miracle

b) Answer the following questions:- [2×5=10]
   i) Where was the glass jelly jar? What did it contain?
   ii) What were the efforts made by Teresa to attract the attention of the pharmacist?
   iii) Who was the well-dressed man?
   iv) Where was the well-dressed man from? What miracle did he perform?
   v) What was the cost of the miracle for Teresa?

c) Identify the part of speech of the underlined words:- [½×2=1]
   She poured the change out on the **floor** and counted **carefully**.

d) Summarize the passage in not more than **fifty** words:- [1+4=5]

Question 5.

Identify the following sentences as Simple, Compound or Complex:- [½×4=2]

a) I had just started reading the book when my friends called me.
b) Harshit needed some chart paper so he went to the stationery store.
c) We should not make a mountain out of a molehill.
d) Susan didn't come to the class because she had to visit the doctor.

Question 6.

Change the following sentences to Indirect speech: - [1×4=4]

a) Aditya said, "I brush my teeth twice a day."
b) The instructor said to me, "Can you hold the steering wheel of the car properly?"
c) Rohit said to his friends, "Please wait here till I return."
d) He said to me, "Why did you write such an insulting letter to me?"

Question 7.

Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given in the bracket. Make other necessary changes but do not change the meaning of the sentence: - [1×5=5]

a) No other metal is as expensive as gold. (change to superlative)
b) Alas! Poor Harish is dead. (change to assertive)
c) Birds do not fly as fast as the airplane. (change to comparative degree)
d) Dennis was the boy who jumped over the fence yesterday. (change to interrogative)
e) England is one of the most advanced countries. (change to positive degree)