

Section C: LANGUAGE

(30 marks)

Exercise 1: Write the following sentences in the negative:

(15 marks)

1. He loves the English countryside.
2. The girl is looking at the mirror.
3. Mother felt sorry for her son.
4. The salesmen were doing a great business.
5. They could make a big profit.

Exercise 2: Fill in the correct missing word:

(15 marks)

1. She is sitting _____ the sofa.
2. The cook placed the cake _____ the oven.
3. _____ is a fire in that building.
4. _____ much do I owe you?
5. Once _____ a time a big giant lived here.

**EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF COURT
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Time Allowed - 1½Hrs

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End of Paper

WRITE ALL YOUR WORK ON THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED

Section A: Comprehension

(40 marks)

Read carefully and answer the following questions.

When I was twelve I belonged to the YMCA. We sang songs, played ping-pong, tossed a basketball around and had lectures on living the good life. We did not care much for the lectures, but since they usually preceded a dinner with chicken and ice cream we always listened to them.

I used to wonder how my cousin Roy could do it. Roy was a collector of anything he saw lying around. He explained that his father was sick, his mother worked for less than nothing and the only way he could survive was to pick up a bit here and there.

Of course I could not agree with his theory, even if at times I admired his cunning and nerve. The point is that I was astonished at the way Roy could listen without blinking to all the lectures and then go ahead and operate.

We would come from the lecture and Roy would take two chocolate bars from the supervisor's desk. Then he would put twenty-five cents in the cashbox and remove change for a dollar.

"I don't count very good," Roy explained whenever I caught him.

He was a good-looking, husky boy with dark hair, laughing eyes and strong white teeth. He looked young and innocent and no one suspected that when a detective opened his locker in the YMCA one night he would find seven track suits, nine pairs of basketball kneepads, four pairs of gym shoes and a dozen other items. It was marvelous how Roy could get all that stuff in his locker, let alone the manner in which he acquired it.

The truth, which Roy told me once, was that he went around to all the lockers, row after row, and twisted the combinations this way and that way. Sometimes, some of the lockers opened. All the things were too big for him and he never sold them. I do not know why he picked them up. But he did.

1. Did the children like the lectures? Quote a phrase from the first paragraph to substantiate your answer. (5 marks)
2. When were lectures held? (5 marks)
3. Roy cheated in money too. How? (5 marks)
4. From what you read which word describes Roy best? Choose from: greedy, egoistic, crafty or pervert? (5 marks)

5. "Blinking" is an action carried out by the: (5 marks)
 - a) Ears
 - b) Eyes
 - c) Mouth
 - d) Legs
 - e) Nostrils

6. Which sentences are **TRUE or FALSE** (5 marks)
 - a) Roy was a handsome kid. TRUE/FALSE
 - b) Roy's mother had a good salary. TRUE/FALSE
 - c) Roy and the narrator were cousins. TRUE/FALSE
 - d) The lockers were in rows. TRUE/FALSE
 - e) Roy could open all the lockers. TRUE/FALSE

7. Underline the word/phase which has the same meaning as the word outside the bracket: (5 marks)
 - a) Illegible: (heard/understood/cannot be read)
 - b) Vacant: (holiday/unoccupied space/festive)
 - c) Pursue: (follow/runaway from/place at)
 - d) Convicted: (sorrowful/unhappy/found guilty)
 - e) Lethal: (acceptable to/deadly/freshening)

8. In not more than 20 words show how Roy cheated at the cashbox as testified by the narrator in paragraph 4 (5 marks)

Section B:

(30 marks)

Grammar Exercise 1:

1. Choose the missing words from the following – (reporter; potter; referee; bookshop; salesman) (15 marks)
 - a. We bought all our books from the local _____
 - b. The _____ whistled when the match was over.
 - c. The pot was made by Peter the _____
 - d. The _____ was trying to sell mother a refrigerator.
 - e. An exciting account of the accident was written by the _____ of the local newspaper.

Grammar Exercise 2:

2. Give the opposite of: (15 marks)
 - a. Black
 - b. Up
 - c. Slow
 - d. High
 - e. Long
 - f. Old
 - g. Rich
 - h. Many
 - i. Big
 - j. Hot
 - k. Day
 - l. Happy
 - m. Wet
 - n. Boy
 - o. Father