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- Return the question paper.
- Read each question completely before answering it. There are **4 questions and 4 pages**.
- In case of any ambiguity, you may make assumption. But your assumption should not contradict any statement in the question paper.
- Draw a star on the upper right corner of the page 1.
- ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE ANSWER COPY. QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON THE QUESTION PAPER WILL NOT BE SCORED.
- **The invigilator present is not supposed to tell the meaning of any word.**
- Be precise and to the point.

Time: 120 minutes.

Max Marks: 60 points

Question 1

[Estimated Time: 20 minutes]

A. In the following sentences, choose the correct word or phrase that gives the correct parallel structure. Write only the option number in your copy. [4 marks]

- Justin was excited about inviting friends over, eating a good meal, and _____.
 - ...a game of cards.
 - ...to play cards.
 - ...playing a game of cards.
- I have always enjoyed reading the book more than _____.
 - ...I watched the movie version.
 - ...watching the movie.
 - ...to watch the movie.
- When the weather outside is cold and _____, I like to be indoors.
 - ...starting to get windy...
 - ...windy...
 - ...getting windy...
- Running, lifting, and _____ are three of Ashley's favorite exercises.
 - ...racquetball...
 - ...a spinning class...
 - ...bicycling...

B. Read the following sets of sentences and choose the correct sentence from each set that is grammatically correct and has no dangling or misplaced modifier: [10 marks]

Sample answer has been done for you:

Set 1: A (or whatever the correct answer is)

SET 1

- A) The preschool children watched the pelicans' holding hands.

- B) The preschool children were holding hands and watching the pelicans.
- C) Holding hands, the pelicans walked around the preschool children.

SET 2

- A) Karen returned the fruit to the store that was spoiled.
- B) Karen returned the spoiled fruit to the store.
- C) Spoiled, Karen returned the fruit to the store

SET 3

- A) Wearing a bathing suit, she washed the car.
- B) Wearing a bathing suit, washing the car was fun.
- C) She washed the car in her bathing suit.

SET 4

- A) Smiling, the refund was handed to her by the clerk.
- B) The clerk handed her the refund with a smile.
- C) Smiling, the clerk handed her the refund.

SET 5

- A) She thanked the usher wearing a badge in the theater.
- B) She thanked the usher in the theater wearing a badge.
- C) Wearing a badge, she thanked the usher in the theater.

SET 6

- A) The children took pictures of the bears sitting in the car.
- B) Sitting in the car, the children took pictures of the bears.
- C) Sitting in the car, the bears had their pictures taken by the children.

SET 7

- A) On her way to the bank, the missing dog was seen by Sarah.
- B) On her way to the bank, Sarah saw the missing dog.
- C) Sarah saw the missing dog on her way to the bank.

SET 8

- A) He got a Mustang from his father with a custom interior for his birthday.
- B) He got a Mustang for his birthday from his father with a custom interior.
- C) For his birthday, he got a Mustang with a custom interior from his father.

SET 9

- A) A man got onto the bus with a bottle of whiskey.
- B) A man with a bottle of whiskey got onto the bus.
- C) Carrying a bottle of whiskey, the bus was boarded by a man.

SET 10

- A) He was attacked by a stray dog delivering the mail.
- B) Delivering the mail, a stray dog attacked him.
- C) Delivering the mail, he was attacked by a stray dog

C. The following sentences have fragments. Rewrite them with the correction. [5 marks]

1. Salt-water fish can be very colorful. For example, Parrot Fish.
2. Merwin passed the exam. Although he got the last five questions wrong.
3. Robert has met his long-lost daughter. Who had been searching for him over twenty years.
4. In the seventh grade every young boy goes out for football. To prove to himself and his parents that he is fit.
5. She opened the door and let us into her home. Not realizing at the time that we would never enter that door in her home again.

Question 2
[Estimated Time: 10 minutes]

A. Topic sentences with the supporting details are provided below. Select and write in your copy the one that would Not contribute to the unity of a paragraph with that topic sentence. [6 marks]

- 1. Computer technology has become increasingly important in our society.**
 - a. Many parents limit the use of video games by children.
 - b. A great majority of the population uses smart phones to stay in touch.
 - c. Businesses depend on computers for record keeping.
- 2. Weight control requires a combination of exercise and calorie restriction to be effective for individuals who want to lose weight.**
 - a. Some people don't have much will power.
 - b. Exercise burns calories.
 - c. Diets of various sorts control caloric intake.
- 3. Football is a violent sport that can have severe repercussions for the athlete.**
 - a. Concussions can result in serious disability many years later.
 - b. Coaches teach the fundamentals of blocking and tackling.
 - c. Joint injuries are the most common injury, affecting shoulders, knees, and ankles especially.

B. Read the following paragraph and find one sentence that requires further detail. Choose the detail from the options given after the paragraph and write the option number in your copy. [2+2]

1. We have been having problems with sales reports. **(2)** Some sales team members have been turning them in late or incomplete. **(3)** Sales reports must be in your Team Folder each Thursday by 4:00. **(4)** Inform your team leader if you have an unavoidable delay in turning in your reports.

- a. The promotion list is in the sales team office.
- b. Others have not been turning sales reports in at all.
- c. The sales team incentive program starts Friday.

Question 3
[Estimated Time: 30 minutes]

Write a single paragraph using **point by point method** and **compare** any one of the following: **(Word limit: 80-120) [11 marks]**

Karachi and Lahore.

OR

E-Books and Text-Books.

Marks distribution:

- Topic Sentence [2 mark]
- Aspect [2 mark]
- 2 Details [4 marks]
- Coherence [3 mark]

Question 4
[Estimated Time: 55 minutes]

Write a persuasive essay on any one of the following topics:

Does social media improve or hurt our society?

Or

Are celebrities bad role models for the youth?

Remember, pick **one** topic and decide whether you agree or disagree with it. Modify the topic accordingly. Then **write a persuasive essay** that supports your view, explaining and illustrating from your own experience, your observations of others, or your reading. **[20 marks] Word Limit: 250-300**

OR

Write a problem solution essay on any one of the following topics:

Most of the Pakistani university students have poor English writing skills. Even after attending writing classes, their skills remain under-developed? What measures can students take to address this issue and improve their writing ability?

Or

University students usually have huge academic workloads and thus struggle to complete the work on a timely basis along with preparing for frequent exams. What strategies can they use for efficient management without feeling anxious and overly stressed?

Remember, pick one topic and modify according to your understanding. Explain the problem and suggest solutions with the help of explanation and illustration from your own experience, your observation, and your reading. **[20 marks] Word Limit: 250-300**

NOTE: Write the essay. You have a choice between the persuasive and problem solution essay. Also, you have a choice between the topics for both the essays. Do not write both of them.