

### Question 5

- (a) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

**Example:**

(0) coaching

The sports (0) \_\_\_\_\_ (coach) industry is big business in India. All children dream of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (to become) the next sports superstar. However, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (to get) there is not easy. Every morning you see hundreds of children

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (run), jumping and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) hard in towns and villages. The coaches too (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a tough job. Not everyone is destined to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a superstar. Some get (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (injure) and others end up (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (to prioritise) other activities. [4]

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words

- (i) My best friend lives \_\_\_\_\_ Balthazar Road.
- (ii) Please may I speak \_\_\_\_\_ Drumilla.
- (iii) Would you mind opening the door \_\_\_\_\_ me?
- (iv) Sean lay down \_\_\_\_\_ the grass and went off to sleep.
- (v) We had to force the pipe \_\_\_\_\_ the tiny hole in the wall.
- (vi) Remember to place the napkin \_\_\_\_\_ the side plate while laying the table.
- (vii) After pouring the mix in the cake tin, place the tin \_\_\_\_\_ the oven.
- (viii) Joe fastened his seatbelt, then put his head \_\_\_\_\_ the headrest and went off to sleep. [4]

(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so*.

- (i) Senthil could not play the guitar. Senthil could not play the tabla.
- (ii) Thomy spent a lot of money on coaching classes. He still failed the English exam.
- (ii) The yoghurt was ready. Immediately it was poured into the bowl of rice.
- (iv) Brighesh went to play football. There was some heavy rain. [4]

(d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

- (i) Shall we ever forget those happy days?  
(Begin: We ....)
- (ii) None but the brave deserve the riches.  
(Begin: Only ....)
- (iii) She tried all plans to save her house from being sold.  
(Begin: She left....)

(iv) He is always suspicious.

(Use: suspicion)

(v) No sooner had Mr Brown entered the classroom than the electricity went off.

(Begin: As soon as ....)

(vi) He succeeded by dint of his hard work.

(Begin: He worked .....)

(vii) His silence proves his guilt.

(Begin: The fact .....)

(viii) He is not only cunning but also a cheat.

(Begin: Besides .....)

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