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- Return the question paper.
- Read each question completely before answering it. There are **3 questions and 2 pages**.
- In case of any ambiguity, you may make assumption. But your assumption should not contradict any statement in the question paper.
- 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: 60 minutes.

Max Marks: 35 points

Question 1

Rewrite the following sentences in a more formal style: [12 marks]

1. In the following section, we will introduce the potential consequences.
2. I am trying to cut down on sugar this month.
3. You can increase productivity by taking regular breaks.
4. The summer camp offers many outdoor activities for kids: fishing, hiking, canoeing, etc.
5. It's hard to believe a person would turn down a trip to the Paris.
6. I have a lot of stuff to do this week.
7. Sugar prices have gone up drastically in the past few days.
8. She looks forward to having a chat with you soon.
9. No one in history has ever been able to look into the past the way it is happening now.
10. They don't have to go unnecessarily unless they have an emergency.
11. Most of the contestants were warming up for the race.
12. You won't get the flu if you take an umbrella in the rain.

Question 2

a. Do as Directed: [5 marks]

- i. We used to live in Brazil. [Add a clause and convert the simple sentence into compound sentence following the grammar rules]
- ii. She faced difficulty in learning Chinese. [Add a clause and convert the simple sentence into complex sentences]
- iii. I would eradicate corruption, and _____ if _____ . [Complete the given sentence in your copy to make them compound complex sentence]
- iv. He is so weak that he cannot carry the box. [convert it into a simple sentence]

- b. All the conjunctions have been removed from the following passage. Select the most suitable conjunction from the box given below to complete each of the missing spaces. [5 marks]

Hence, yet, thus, however, so, in addition, even if, but, although, nevertheless, suddenly, consequently, while

Instructions:

- Do not copy this passage in your answer sheet.
- Mention sentence number and write the appropriate conjunction.

Once upon a time, a boy that wanted to have a best friend; (1) _____, he had no friends. Then, he asked himself: "How can I make it possible to meet someone? I feel so alone..." He went out to the street, (2) _____, he looked at the kids that played on the ground, so happy, laughing and enjoying what they were doing. "They seem to have a nice game. I want to play too, (3) _____ I do not know them, and I am too scared to talk to them, maybe they would not like to play with me", thought the boy. (4) _____, he sat down in a bank which was near the kids, in order to see them play.

Inside his thoughts, he was waiting for a kid to see him and to ask him to play with them, but no one saw him. Until one of them saw him all alone in the bank, (5) _____, he turned his sight and still played. The boy realized he looked at him; in fact, he stood up in order to be prepared for kid's coming; (6) _____, he still played. "I do want to play, I do not want to see them play anymore, I want to be with them", thought the boy. (7) _____, he added: "I'm going to stand up (8) _____ to go where they are and to ask them if I may play with them, yes, that's what I'll do" Indeed, this is what he did. (9) _____ the boy encouraged himself and took his fear away.

(10) _____, he took courage, stood up and went where the kids were playing, believing in that the kids would not say him no. Being already there, all the kids stopped playing and saw him like a phenomenon.

Question 3

A. Do as directed for the topic "**Pandemic.**" [2+2+5 marks]

- Narrow down and specify the topic and **create a title for a basic academic essay.**
- Generate ideas** for the specified title. Use clustering or brain storming technique.
- Use the generated ideas to **create an outline for a body paragraph.**

B. Read the sentences in each group, and decide which sentence is the best topic sentence. **Write best BTS** (for "best topic sentence"), **write TG** if it is too general, **TS** if it is too specific, and **I** if it is incomplete. [4 marks]

Do not copy sentences. Refer to the sequence number and write the type.

Group 1	Group 2
<p>a. A lunar eclipse is an omen of a coming disaster.</p> <p>b. Superstitions have been around forever.</p> <p>c. People hold many superstitious beliefs about the moon.</p> <p>d. Is made of green cheese.</p>	<p>a. The history of astronomy is interesting.</p> <p>b. Ice age people recorded the appearance of new moons by making scratches in animal bones.</p> <p>c. For example, Stonehenge in Britain, built 3500 years ago to track the movement of the sun.</p> <p>d. Ancient people observed and recorded lunar and solar events in different ways.</p>