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Q.1 (A) Do as directed. (5)

1. The master appointed him monitor. (Change the voice.)
2. He is too proud to beg. (Remove 'too'.)
3. Swimming is one of the healthiest exercises. (Change the degree.)
4. There is nobody in the class. (Make affirmative.)
5. I was certain of passing the examination. (Change into complex sentence.)

(B) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (3)

1. The day before yesterday the light ____ out while I ____ tea. (go, have)
2. My wife ____ home yet. She never ____ home before night. (not come, come)
3. By this time next year we ____ our project. (complete)

(C) Choose appropriate words to complete the sentence. (2)

1. To err is _____. (humane, human)
2. He applied ____ to control his car. (break, brake)

(D) Use following idioms and phrases in your own sentences. (2)

A Red Letter Day
First and foremost

(E) Choose correct alternatives (5)

1. She finished first ____ she began late. (though, as)
2. He was _____ Napoleon of his age. (a, the)
3. Rajesh spoke loud ____ to be heard. (enough, often)
4. Rohan has eaten nothing ____ yesterday. (since, from)
5. I was travelling by train _____ met with an accident. (who, which)

(F) Replace words in block letters by an appropriate word given in the bracket. (3)

1. Smita studies ANCIENT THINGS. (archaeology, indology)
2. Rakesh lives in AMERICA FOR LAST 5 YEARS . He is an _____. (immigrant, anarchist)
3. The story told by Meeta was ENTIRELY BEYOND BELIEF. (incredible, inevitable)

Q.2 Write an essay: (10)

My Ambition

Q.3 Write a brief report regarding the blood donation camp organized in your college. (10)

Q.4 Write a letter to the Principal of your college asking permission to arrange the study tour. Also provide details of the study tour. (10)

Q.5 Write a letter of condolence to your friend who has recently lost his father. (10)

Q.6 (A) Write a paragraph on: (5)

Laughter is the Best Medicine

(B) **Precis writing** (5)

The invention of the printing press has increased the production of books so much that while our ancestors had great difficulty in getting them, ours is what to select. Books can yield the best results only when they are wisely selected and read. The same book will affect its readers differently according to the purpose with which they read it. Books can provide enough material for serious study and improvement; they can as well poison the minds with suggestions of evil. The butterfly flies over the flower gathering nothing; the spider collects poison therefrom, but the bee stores.

Q.7 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10)

Why is it easy to form bad habits, and so hard to form good ones? The reason is plain. Our natural inclination is to take the line of least resistance. It requires at first a distinct effort to take the more difficult of two possible courses of action. For instance it is easier to lie in bed on a cold morning than to get up early. It is easier to tell a lie than to own up and take the punishment for a fault. It is easier to put off today's duties to tomorrow than to do them at the right time. Now a habit is formed by repetition. Every time we yield to a temptation, it becomes easier to yield, and hard to resist, the next time. So we form the habits of laziness, lying and unpunctuality. Happily, good habits are formed in the same way. The forming of them calls for effort and determination at first; but every time we resist temptation and do what is in the long run wise and good, we make the struggle less severe. At last, we form a good habit, which would be hard to break even if we wanted to break it. Get into the habit of telling the truth, and you will feel uncomfortable if you have to put anything off till tomorrow. Habit-forming is very important; for character; if we form bad habits, we form a bad character.

1. 'A habit is formed by repetition'. Comment.
2. What type of habits are formed easily? Why?
3. What is needed to form good habits?
4. Why is habit forming important?
5. Why do we prefer to lie often?