

ISC English Paper 1 Question Paper 2024

Question 1

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Write a composition (in approximately 400 – 450 words) on any one of the following subjects.

(You are reminded that you will be rewarded for the orderly and coherent presentation of the matter, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- (i) Recently you attended the wedding of a close relative. It was the first family gathering after the pandemic. Describe the excitement of meeting all the family members, the venue of the wedding, the food that was served and the celebrations that followed.
- (ii) During the summer break, you joined a group of young people who read to the elderly at a senior citizens' home. Narrate your experience of reading to the elderly and the interactions you had with them. How did this experience impact you?
- (iii) Cooking should be made a compulsory subject in the higher classes. Argue either **FOR** or **AGAINST** the given statement.
- (iv) Music

- (v) A person should be judged by the way they treat their subordinates. Present your reflections on this statement.
- (vi) Write an original short story that begins with the following words:
She was still on the phone giving out instructions when...

Question 2

- (i) Write a review of a film that you watched recently, using the points given below. [15]
The review is to be published in your school newsletter and should not exceed 300 words.

Name of the film and director – lead actors and their performances – plot – setting – description of a scene that you particularly liked – rating and recommendation.

- (ii) As a Member of the Student Council of ABC School, you wish to start a Laughter Club to develop the appreciation for humour among students. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps you would take to make this club a success. [10]

Answer: (z) The plants were revived by the heavy showers of rain.

- (a) (I) P.G. Wodehouse is the funniest author I have ever read.
(II) No other author
- (b) (I) Michelangelo was an architect and a poet.
(II) Not only
- (c) (I) Sara said that she would come to my house the following day.
(II) Sara said to me, "
- (d) (I) As soon as the students enter their classroom, the teacher welcomes them.
(II) No sooner
- (e) (I) Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches.

(ii) Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (Do not write the sentence.)

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- (a) We must carry on despite the challenges we come across.
- (b) The police promised to carry _____ a thorough investigation.
- (c) He is sure to appeal _____ the judgment, since it was unfavourable to him.
- (d) The leader appealed _____ the public to maintain law and order.
- (e) The experienced doctor found it easy to deal _____ young patients.
- (f) This particular shop deals _____ organic food.
- (g) The fresh college graduate jumped _____ the first offer of a job.
- (h) My mother advised me never to jump _____ conclusions.

- (g) The fresh college graduate jumped at the first offer of a job.
- (h) My mother advised me never to jump to conclusions.
- (i) The signboard in the park read 'Keep off the lawn'.
- (j) It is not easy to keep _____ with the rapidly changing fashions.

- (iii) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order.

A young man had a beautiful garden in his mansion. As he loved flowers, shrubs and trees, he tended to the garden himself. Next to his mansion, there was a small house in which _____ (1) (live) an old man. One day, when the young man was _____ (2) (expect) some special guests, he took extra care in _____ (3) (tend) to the garden. He pulled the weeds, _____ (4) (trim) the shrubs, combed the moss and spent a long time meticulously _____ (5) (rake) up and carefully arranging all the dry autumn leaves. As he worked, the old man _____ (6) (watch) him with interest from across the wall that _____ (7) (separate) their houses.

When he had finished, the young man stood back to _____ (8) (admire) his work. "Isn't it beautiful?", he called out to the old man. "Yes", replied the old man, "but there is something missing. Help me over this wall and I'll put it right for you."

garden, grabbed it by the trunk, and shook it. Leaves showered (10) (shower) down all over the garden and formed a beautiful carpet.

"There", said the old man, "now it is perfect!"