

ISC Class 12 English Paper 1 Question Paper 2026

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) As part of the school annual trip, you were taken on a jungle safari. You explored the beauty and wilderness of nature for the first time in an open jeep. Describe the thrilling sights you saw, sounds you heard and the smells of the jungle that caught your attention. How did this entire experience change your perspective about nature?
- (ii) You and your classmate were selected to represent your school at an inter school sports competition. However, both of you had stopped talking to each other due to a misunderstanding in the past. Narrate what had caused the misunderstanding and your initial reaction on being part of the same team. Elaborate on the efforts you made to resolve the differences and thereby renewed your friendship.
- (iii) Tourism results in loss of local culture and tradition. Argue either **FOR** or **AGAINST** the topic.

(iv) Magic

(v) Happiness is a state of mind. Present your reflections on this statement.

(vi) Write an original short story that **begins** with the following words:

It was a familiar voice, and this could only mean that....

Question 2

- (i) You are seeking admission into a prestigious college. The college requires a Statement of Purpose to be convinced of your suitability and genuine interest in the institution. Write a Statement of Purpose in about 250 – 300 words based on the following guidelines: [15]
Your personal qualities – your academic performance – your achievements in extra-curricular activities – the course of study you wish to pursue and your future plan – reasons for choosing this institution – how you wish to contribute to the institution
- (ii) As president of the Student Council of your school, you wish to organise an exhibition on 'The History of India'. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. [10]

Answer subparts (i), (ii) and (iii).

(i) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each of them in brackets. [5]

- (a) As soon as he wakes up, he reads the newspaper.
(Begin: No sooner)
- (b) Rajani was writing a long essay.
(End:Rajani.)
- (c) I would rather sing than dance.
(Use: prefer)
- (d) Do not tamper with the beautiful artwork.
(Begin: Let)
- (e) We watched the movie as well as had dinner at a restaurant.
(Begin: Not only.....)

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- (a) He gave up most of his money to a charitable institution.
- (b) The authorities are showing signs of giving away to the workers' demands.
- (c) We need to cut up the article to five hundred words.
- (d) After a few months, he realised he was not cut in for the job.
- (e) I handed on the application for the visa to the officer.
- (f) The athlete in the relay race handed in the baton to the next runner.
- (g) I am surprised you fell by that simple trick.
- (h) Our plan to start a new project fell down due to lack of financial support.
- (i) The coach tried to bring about the best in every player.
- (j) The teacher brought on an important matter for discussion with the parents.

(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. [5]

A large notice on the window of a shop _____ (1) (announce) a big sale, with sweeping reductions, _____ (2) (start) at 9:00 a.m. An enormous queue had _____ (3) (begin) to form by 7:30 a.m.

Just before the shop was about to open, an inconspicuous little man _____ (4) (walk) to the beginning of the queue. Angry customers _____ (5) (elbow) and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man _____ (6) (go) to the start of the queue again.

Once more, he was _____ (7) (shove) unceremoniously to the back. This time he _____ (8) (receive) a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by those in the queue.

The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that _____ (9) (be) your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today. We can all go home, if you continue to _____ (10) (behave) like this."

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(ii) Replace the INCORRECT underlined words to make the following sentences meaningful and grammatically correct. Do not copy the sentences.

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<p>Question 3 (iii)</p>	<p>(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.</p> <p>(1) A large notice on the window of a shop _____ (announce) a big sale, with A large notice on the window of a shop sweeping reductions, _____ (2) (start) at 9:00 a.m. An enormous queue had _____ (3) (begin) to form by 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Just before the shop was about to open, an inconspicuous little man _____ (4) (walk) to the beginning of the queue. Angry customers _____ (5) (elbow) and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man _____ (6) (go) to the start of the queue again.</p> <p>Once more, he was he _____ (7) (shove) unceremoniously to the back. This time _____ (8) (receive) a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by those in the queue.</p> <p>The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that _____ (9) (be) The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today. We can all go home, if you continue to _____ (10) (behave) like this."</p>
<p>Question 4</p>	<p>Read the passage given below and answer the questions (i), (ii) and (iii) that follow.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Extremely old2. Cold and Dangerous3. Stopped for a while

Find a single word from the passage that will exactly replace the underlined word or words in the following sentences.

1. Glass (line 10)

2. Right (line 38)

3. Table (line 49)