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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

1. Write the correct prepositions into the gaps.

Example: Look! The people are getting the train.

Answer: Look! The people are getting on the train.

- 1) She was born 2004.
- 2) They are waiting the bus.
- 3) Don't forget to bring some flowers you.
- 4) I haven't smokedages.
- 5) You can look up the word a dictionary.
- 6) She is allergic insect stings.
- 7) I'm looking my keys. Have you found them?
- 8) The song was written Madonna.
- 9) He likes to travel Spain in summer.
- 10) The police car chased the robbers the streets.

(10 marks)

2. Rearrange the words to form correct sentences.

a. a / and/ bag/ his/ notebook/ he/ the pencil/ took/ out/ of.

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b. I / science/ two/ in/ class/ minutes / have/ a.

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c. have/ you/ you /bag/ in your/ something/ do /think/ ?

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d. pleaded/ to/ clean/ room / his/ his/ parents/ with him/ out

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e. simply/ and / Justin /motto /smiled /repeated /his.

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(10 marks)

3. Read about Rani's Day.

I work in a shop. I live near the shop, so I always walk to work. I leave home at 8.30 and I start work at nine o'clock. I finish work at 5.45 and I sometimes have a cup of coffee with my friends after work. In the evening, I usually watch TV. On Wednesdays I go to an Italian class in the evening, so on Tuesdays I always do my homework. I enjoy my life.

Now describe Rani's day. One is done for you.

Rani (1) works in a shop. She (2)..... near the shop, so she always (3)..... to work. She (4)..... home at 8.30 and she (5) work at nine o'clock. She (6)work at 5.45 and she sometimes (7) a cup of coffee with her friends after work. In the evening, she usually (8) TV. On Wednesdays she (9) to an Italian class in the evening, so on Tuesdays she always (10)..... her homework. She (11)..... her life.

(05 marks)

4. Complete the conversation. Make suitable questions to the response.

- A: _____ ?
- B: Yes. I enjoyed my holidays very much.
- A: _____ ?
- B: I went to Aagra in India.
- A: _____ ?
- B: No. I went with my wife Swetha.
- A: _____ ?
- B: We visited Thaj Mahal and we went for shopping.
- A: _____ ?
- B: She says that she really enjoyed the visit and she likes to go to Malaysia for the next holiday.

(10 marks)

5. Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. I (learn)..... English for seven years now.
2. But last year I (not / work) hard enough for English, that's why my marks (not / be) really that good then.
3. As I (pass / want)..... my English exam successfully next year, I (study)..... harder this term.
4. During my last holidays, my parents (send) me on a language course to Colombo.
5. It (be) great and I (think) I (learn) a lot.
6. Before I (go)..... to Colombo, I had not enjoyed learning English.

(10 marks)

6. Read this text and answer the questions.

We were lucky that morning. The train was not very crowded and we managed to get a corner seat to ourselves in one of those long open carriages. "I don't like this sort of carriage." Mark said as he took out papers for our meeting, "but at least you get a table to work on!" I fetched some coffee and biscuits from the restaurant car and we settled down to work. People passed up and down the train, and once the ticket inspector came to look at our tickets. But, apart from that, it was a peaceful journey.

"Good!" said Mark after an hour or so. "I think we've just about finished." He began to put away his papers. "What time is it?" he asked. "My watch has stopped." About nine-thirty, I reckon, "I said. "Hold on a moment. My watch is here somewhere on the table."

I looked under my own papers, and then on the floor, but there was no sign of my watch. It was not in my pockets, either.

"You didn't put it in your bag, did you?" I asked Mark. "Along with your papers." He checked, but the watch was not there.

"It's very odd." I said. "I remember taking it off and putting it on the table when we started work. No one's been near us except the ticket collector and he didn't pick it up!"

"Someone came and cleared away the coffee cups," Mark said, "I remember seeing a man with a big plastic bag."

The man with the plastic bag came from the restaurant car, one of the passengers informed us. I went along there to see him and I explained my problem.

“Are you sure?” the man asked. “Look, there’s the bag-full of rubbish. I don’t want to empty everything out if you’re not sure”.

“I can’t be absolutely certain,” I said, “but my watch was on the table. I’ll look in the bag myself if you like. It’s a very expensive watch!”

“Well, in that case, we’d better have a look, sir,” the man said and emptied everything out on the floor. There, among the paper coffee cups, half-eaten biscuits and pieces of paper, lay my very valuable watch!

“Phew!” I said. “I think I need another cup of coffee after that!”

“Sorry, sir,” the man snapped. “The restaurant car is closed. We’re almost at London.”

A) Find these words and phrases in the text.

apart from or so just about odd valuable

Now choose the right meaning and write it in the blank.

- 1 strange
- 2 about
- 3 almost
- 4 worth a lot of money
- 5 except for

D) Answer these questions in full sentences.

- 1 Who was with the writer in the train?
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- 2 Where did the writer look for his watch?
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- 3 Who remembered seeing the man from the restaurant car?
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4 What did the man from the restaurant car have with him?

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5 Why did the writer want another cup of coffee?

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(15 marks)

7. Read this text and answer the questions.

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That is because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I have never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I did not know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

Underline the best choice according to the text.

- 1) Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!
 - B. The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers
 - C. The Finest Ice Cream in the World
 - D. Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer
- 2) If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?
- A. Randolph Farms
 - B. Goodies
 - C. Disco
 - D. Twinkle
- 3) According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it
- I. is all natural
 - II. is made in Bolivia
 - III. comes in many flavors
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 4) In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good."
Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that
- A. Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream
 - B. Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world
 - C. things that are hard to get must be high quality
 - D. cocoa from the United States is not very good
- 5) According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it
- A. is relatively inexpensive
 - B. has bubblegum in it
 - C. is made in Bolivia
 - D. is okay

Answer the following questions in full sentences according to the text.

1) According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different from Goodies?

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2) According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

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