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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

(1) Write a suitable answer to each of the following questions. Your answers should be in complete sentences.

a. Is there a restaurant near here?

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b. Which way is the police station?

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c. Did I ever promise to help you?

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d. You are older than your sister, aren't you?

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e. Who did you come with?

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f. Why didn't you bring your children with you?

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g. How old were you when you got your first appointment?

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h. How often is this room cleaned?

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i. Were you treated properly at the function?

.....

j. Why didn't they come to class today?

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(10 marks)

(2) Write an appropriate question for the responses given below each line.

a.

Not you

b.

Yes, it's a pleasure.

c.

Two days before

d.

Yes, I think so.

e.

Sorry, she's out at the moment.

f.

Next year

g.

It's five in the morning.

h.

I hardly smoke.

i.

It's very expensive.

j.

One million rupees

(10 marks)

(3) Complete the sentences using a relative pronoun: **who, which, whom, whose** or **where**.

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- a. I'd like to meet people values are the same as mine.
- b. A good friend is a person I can trust.
- c. She has a friend lives in Alaska.
- d. I have some friends I met online.
- e. Do you remember the place you met?
- f. People work hard are often successful.
- g. The school she attended is in Colombo.
- h. I joined a group members speak English very well.
- i. This is the place I have a good job, so we decided to live here.
- j. They often meet in a restaurant isn't crowded in the morning.

(10 marks)

(4) Match the beginnings in Column 'A' with the endings in Column 'B'. Put the number of the beginnings against each of the endings. One has been done for you.

A	B
1. If they offered me the job,	<u>4</u> if I didn't go to their party.
2. I'm sure he would understand .....	..... before it's too late.
3. Your wife would be upset .....	..... if you explained the situation to him.
4. They would be offended .....	..... if it happens again.
5. What would you do .....	..... we enjoyed our holiday.
6. Although it rained a lot, .....	..... when you are on holiday?
7. If they don't come soon, .....	..... I would have met lots of people.
8. He will be angry .....	..... I'm not going to wait.
9. We must do something soon .....	..... if you lost this ring.
10. What are you going to do .....	..... I think I would take it.
11. If I had gone to the party, .....	..... if you won a million rupees?

(10 marks)

(5) Complete the letter below with the expressions in the box. Put the number (1-12) of the expressions in the blanks.

1. have tickets
2. get used to living
3. nothing to do
4. start my homework
5. being with you
6. spend the summer
7. you and I like
8. write an informal letter
9. have to wear
10. tell me all the news
11. will come home
12. so different

8th January 2011

Dear Jane,

Oh, how I missed during the holidays this year! Everything in London is from Spain that I don't know if I'll ever here. I'm so glad that my father's job at the Spanish Embassy will only last until June. Then we, and you and I can on the beach. (I hope you'll spend your holiday in Spain, as usual.)

I've already made some very nice friends, but don't worry - no one could ever replace you as my best friend! After school, I sometimes go to my friend Fiona's house. She enjoys listening to the same music and watching the same clips that In fact, Fiona and I for Bon Jovi's concert next month. I wish you were coming with us!

Life is very different here. Would you believe that we a uniform to go to school? It's awful! A blue skirt and blazer, a white blouse and a ridiculous checked tie, not to mention a pair of horrible, long, white socks. Besides, there is in the evening. All the shops close by 4.30 p. m.

That's all for now. I must for my English class tomorrow. The teacher wants us to to a friend and I don't even know where to begin! Please write soon and I miss you.

Love,
Sandra

(12 marks)

(6) Read the passage and answer the questions below.

As the train approached the seaside town where I was going to spend my holidays, I went into the corridor to stretch my legs. I stayed there a short while, breathing in the fresh sea air and exchanging a few words with one of the passengers, whom I had met earlier on the station platform.

When I turned to go back to my seat, I happened to glance into the compartment next to mine. Sitting there was a man who many years before had been my neighbour. He was a great talker, I remembered; it used to take hours to get away from him once he began a conversation. I was not at all sorry when he went to live in another part of London. We had not met since then, nor did I wish to meet him now, when my holiday was about to begin.

Luckily at that moment he was much too busy talking to the man opposite him to catch sight of me. I slipped back into my compartment, took down my two suitcases and carried them to the far end of the corridor so as to be ready to get off the train as soon as it stopped. The moment the train came to a halt, I called a porter, who in no time at all had carried my luggage out of the station and found me a taxi. As I drove towards my small hotel on the outskirts of the town, I breathed a deep sigh of relief at my narrow escape. There was little chance that I should run into my boring ex-neighbour again.

When I reached the hotel, I went straight to my room and rested there until it was time for dinner. Then I went down to the lounge and ordered a drink. I had barely raised the glass to my lips when an all too familiar voice greeted me. I had not escaped from my tiresome neighbour after all! He grasped me warmly by the hand and insisted that we should share a table in the dining room. "This is a pleasant surprise," he said. "I never expected to see you again after all these years."

a. Why did the writer want to avoid his ex-neighbour?

b. Why did the writer feel sure that he had escaped from his ex-neighbour?

c. What was the writer doing when his ex-neighbour greeted him?

d. Did the writer speak to anyone in the corridor?

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e. Did it take the writer long to get out of the station?

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(10 marks)

(7) Read the text and answer the questions below.

THE TITANIC: ANOTHER DISASTER MOVIE?

The biggest gamble in movie making history has received no fewer than fourteen Oscar nominations. And not only that: contrary to what almost everyone said during the troubled course of its production, it looks like the gamble is going to pay off. Titanic, James Cameron's \$200 million epic about what he has called 'the quintessential tragedy of the 20th century' has been a great success across Europe and America. Test screenings in America have been overwhelmingly positive. **Daily Variety**, the most influential film newspaper in America, has no doubts. They call it 'a spectacular demonstration of what modern technology can contribute to dramatic story-telling,' and conclude that, unlike the liner which sank in the North Atlantic eighty-five years ago, this Titanic 'arrives at its destination.'

But it hasn't been all that easy. Shot over eight months (about two months longer than originally planned), Titanic saw its budget spiral almost out of control. With such lavish sets, huge casts and expensive, state-of-the-art computerized special effects, the movie seemed set to become as big a disaster as the story on which it was based.

The perfectionist James Cameron went to extraordinary lengths to get his film exactly right. The filmmakers built a perfect scale model of the ship, which at 236 metres was almost as big as the original, and mounted it on giant hydraulic lifts to reproduce the effect of the vessel sinking. The model stood in a tank filled with 77 million litres of sea water.

Everything in Cameron's movie is bigger, grander and more expensive than anything that has been done before.

1. Read each definition below and choose the word from the list that matches the definition.

gamble, success, budget, lavish, vessel

- a. A large ship or boat:
- b. Extravagant, excessive:
- c. A risk taken in order to gain some advantage:
- d. The cost or estimated cost of something:
- e. A favourable, satisfactory result or accomplishment:

2. Answer the following questions according to the text.

a. What does the phrase 'Daily Variety' mean?

b. How long did it take to shoot the Titanic?

c. Why is Cameron being described as a perfectionist?

3. Rewrite the following sentences maintaining the same meaning.

a. The scale model of the ship was almost as big as the original.

The original ship was....

b. Unlike the liner which sank in the North Atlantic eighty-five years ago, this Titanic 'arrives at its destination'.

In contrast to...

(15 marks)

