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Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions in not more than 45 words.

1. Who has the best garden in town?
2. What does he win each year?
3. Who else has a fine garden?
4. Is Joe's better or not?
5. Is the writer's garden beautiful, or is it terrible?
6. What does he always win a prize for?

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⇒ Comprehension Précis and Composition:-

Exercise # 1

Q1:- Who has the best garden in town?

Ans:- Joe Sanders has the most beautiful garden in town. There is a garden in town. Bill Frith's garden is larger than Joe's garden but Joe's garden is more interesting.

Q2:- What does he win each year?

Ans:- Every year, Joe Sanders enters in 'The Nicest Garden Competition', and he wins each year.

Q3:- Who else has a fine garden?

Ans:- Bill Frith has a nice garden. His garden is larger than Joe's. He also works harder than Joe and grows more flowers and vegetables.

Q4:- Is Joe's better or not?

Ans:- Joe is not better because he doesn't like hard work as compared to the other gardeners.

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Q5:- Is the writer's garden beautiful, or is it terrible?

Ans:- The writer's garden is beautiful in town. He has made neat paths and built a wooden bridge over a pool.

Q5:- Is the writer's garden beautiful, or is it terrible?

Ans:- The writer's garden is beautiful in town. He has made neat paths and built a wooden bridge over a pool.

Q6:- What does he always win a prize for?

Ans:- Each year, when he participates in the competition, he always wins a little prize for the worst garden in the town.

Key Structures

The best and the worst

I want to tell you something about three girls in our class. The girls' names are Mary, Jane and Betty. Read these sentences carefully:

Mary is tall, but Jane is taller. Jane is taller than Mary. Betty is very tall. She is the tallest girl in the class.

Jane's handwriting is bad, but Mary's is worse. Betty's handwriting is very bad. It is the worst handwriting I have ever seen.

The three girls collect photos of film stars. Mary hasn't many photos, but Jane has more. Jane has more photos than Mary. Betty has very many. She has the most.

Mary's collection of photos is not very good. Jane's is better. Betty's collection is the best.

Last week the three girls bought expensive dresses. Betty's dress was more expensive than Jane's. Mary's was more expensive than Betty's. Mary's dress was the most expensive.

Exercises

A. How do they compare?

These questions are about Mary, Jane and Betty. Answer each question with a complete sentence:

1. How does Mary's handwriting compare with Jane's?
2. How does Betty's handwriting compare with Mary's and Jane's?
3. How does Betty's dress compare with Jane's?
4. How does Mary's dress compare with Jane's and Betty's?

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B. In the passage 'The Best and the Worst' there are seven comparisons. Can you find them?

Exercise # 2

Q1:- How does Mary's handwriting compare with Jane's?

Ans:- Mary's handwriting is worse, but Jane's handwriting is bad.

Q2:- How does Betty's handwriting compare with Mary's and Jane's?

Ans:- Betty's handwriting is very bad as compared to Mary and Jane.

Q3:- How does Betty's dress compare with Jane's?

Ans:- Betty's dress was more expensive than Jane's.

C. Give the correct form of the words in brackets and make other necessary changes. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

Joe Sanders has the (beautiful) garden in our town. Nearly everybody enters for 'The (Nice) Garden Competition' each year, but Joe wins every time. Bill Frith's garden is (large) Joe's. Bill works (hard) Joe and grows (many) flowers and vegetables, but Joe's garden is (interesting). He has made neat paths and has built a wooden bridge over a pool. I like gardens too, but I do not like hard work. Every year I enter for the garden competition too, and I always win a little prize for the (bad) garden in the town!

D. Put in *of* or *in*:

1. Which is the longest river . . . the world?
2. This is the finest picture . . . them all.
3. This radio is the most expensive . . . all the ones in the shop.
4. He is the best boxer . . . our town.

Exercise # 3

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Exercise # 4

Put in 'of' or 'in'.

- 1:- Which is the largest river in the world?
- 2:- This is the finest picture of them all.
- 3:- This radio is the most expensive of all the ones in the shop.
- 4:- He is the best boxer in our town.

Special Difficulties

a Everyone, everybody, everything. Everybody enters for 'The Nicest Garden Competition'. (ll. 2-3)

Read those sentences:

Everything is ready.

Everybody has come.

Everyone likes ice-cream.

Exercise

Choose the correct verbs in the following sentences:

1. Everybody (believe) (believes) he will win.
2. I heard a noise and went downstairs. I found that everything (were) (was) in order.
3. Everyone (try) (tries) to earn more and work less.

b Enter. Everybody enters for the competition. (ll. 2-3)

Read these sentences:

Everyone stood up when he entered the room.

Did you enter for this examination?

The lights went out just as we entered the cinema.

How many people have entered for the race?

Exercise

Put in the word *for* where necessary:

1. He is very ill. No one is allowed to enter . . . his room.
2. Will you enter . . . this week's crossword competition?
3. Many athletes have entered . . . the Olympic Games this year.
4. No one saw the thief when he entered . . . the building.
5. I have entered . . . the examination but I don't want to take it.

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Exercise # 5 Choose the correct verbs;

- 1:- Everybody believes he will win-
- 2:- I heard a noise and went downstairs-
I found that everything was in order-
- 3:- Everyone tries to earn more and work less-

Exercise # 6

Put in the word *for* where necessary:

- 1:- He is very ill. No one is allowed to enter his room.
- 2:- Will you enter this week's crossword competition?
- 3:- Many athletes have entered the Olympic Games this year?
- 4):- No one saw the thief when he entered the building-
- 5):- I have entered the examination but I don't want to take it-

My favorite Subject

As a student, we have many subjects to study. The subject which I love to study and interesting for me to study is History. I can say that history is my favorite subject.

History is a subject that gives us an idea about our past, revolutions and other important events. It would help me to read about the historical background of any country, historical places etc.

The teaching style of my History teacher is too good. She teaches us with every angle of the event. Similarly, she made a chart on board for explanation and explained each event in the form of a story. This had made the study easier and interesting for every student. That is the reason I took interest in the history subject.

This subject speciality is that it provides us inspiring stories related to our national heroes and world leaders like, to read about Alama Iqbal, Quaid-e-Azam, etc. We have come to know about the existence of several civilizations, it also reveals our culture and heritage.