

English Precis and Composition (Test 4)

Q1) Punctuate the following sentences

A)

It was almost midnight when the young scholar returned to his rooms. He had left them in a state of revolt: piles of books lay like islands in a turbulent sea, papers fluttered on the floor as if impatient to be read, and on the desk a single lamp burned, its halo warming a photograph of his grandmother, which seemed to smile even in such disorder. Who would have thought she once peddled tales to children in the village? he wondered. Would she have laughed at his neat stories, written now in the margin of a book?

B) Narration of a dialogue to be written in Paragraph form

John greeted Sara with a cheerful "Good afternoon" and remarked that she was still buried in her books. He invited her to take a little rest and join the group for a walk along the river. Sara replied that she wished she could join but examinations was hanging over her head, and every minute felt precious to her. John sighed that examinations stole all the joy of youth and admitted that he could not understand how

she endured such constant pressure. Sara explained that she did not study merely for the examination, but for the discipline and knowledge that came with sincere efforts. John reminded her that life is not all about books and seriousness, insisting that a weary mind grows dull and unproductive. Sara agreed, but added that temporary weariness was a small price for the satisfaction of achieving what one had set one's heart upon.

(Q2)

(ii) Someone has stolen the professor's briefcase from the staff room.

Professor's briefcase was stolen by someone from the staff room.

(iii) They were preparing the new syllabus before the inspection.

The new syllabus was being prepared by them before the inspection.

(i) Who will deliver the keynote address at the symposium?

By whom will the keynote address be delivered at the symposium?

the mayor thanked the volunteers for organizing the relief effort.

The volunteers were thanked by the mayor for organizing the relief effort.

The committee will announce the results next Monday

The results will be announced by the committee next Monday.

Q3)

i. altogether, all together

Altogether

meaning: without any doubt

Sentence: The train went slower and slower until it stopped altogether

All together

meaning: Together, collectively

Sentence: They decided to visit the theme park all together

(vi) maybe, may be

maybe

~~Sentence~~

meaning: perhaps, possibly

Sentence: maybe we will visit Quetta this winter

may be

meaning: might be

Sentence: This may be the reason she
did not attend the chemistry class.

(ii) Allude, Elude

Allude

meaning: to indirectly refer to something

Sentence The teacher began to allude to the coming exam
without announcing it.

Elude

meaning: To escape from something

Sentence: The fox managed to elude the hunters

(iii) Callous / Callus

Callous

meaning: cruel

Sentence His callous remarks hurt everyone.

Callus

meaning: hardened skin caused by friction

Sentence A callus developed on her finger from writing
too much.

Dinghy , Dingy

Dinghy

meaning : a small boat

Sentence : Sailors used a dinghy to reach the
shore

Dingy

meaning : dirty and dull

Sentence: My clothes looked dingy after
walking through the dusty market.