

# Self Assessment Paper

## General Instructions :

1. Candidates are allowed **additional 15 minutes** for **only** reading the paper.
2. They must NOT start writing during this time.
3. Attempt all the **four** questions.
4. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].
5. You are advised to spend not more than **45 minutes** on Question 1, **55 minutes** on Question 2, **30 minutes** on Question 3 and **50 minutes** on Question 4.
6. You should begin each answer on a fresh page.

1. Write composition (in 400-450 words) on any **one** of the following subjects: [20]
  - (a) Describe a place that provides your heart, mind and soul, a peaceful pleasurable feeling.
  - (b) Narrate a skill that you learnt and which became your passion.
  - (c) Online shopping: A boon or bane. Express your views.
  - (d) Adolescence
  - (e) Write an original short story that begins with the words, "In the background, I could hear an awful commotion, men's voice is raised and women screaming."
2. (a) A three-day cultural programme was organised at Maharani Gayatri Devi School, Jaipur. Write a review of the programme for your school magazine. [15]  
(b) Write a proposal suggesting measures to inculcate leadership qualities among the students in the school. [10]
3. Answer sections (a),(b) and (c). [5]
  - (a) Complete sentence B, as directed, making it similar in meaning to sentence A.
    1. A. Prabal has wasted his money and spoilt his reputation.  
B. Not only.....
    2. A. India is the biggest democracy in the world.  
B. No other.....
    3. A. She passed out with flying colours but did not work very hard.  
B. Although.....
    4. A. He can be ignorant but I am not sure.  
B. I am not sure about.....
    5. A. The authorities filed a case against the firm.  
B. A case.....

(b) Fill in the blank with a suitable word. (Do not write the sentence)

[5]

1. I do not agree \_\_\_\_\_ you on this point.
2. She apologised \_\_\_\_\_ detaining you so long.
3. The girl is engaged \_\_\_\_\_ a boy in Delhi.
4. Compare the character of the brother \_\_\_\_\_ that of the sister.
5. He is blind \_\_\_\_\_ one eye.
6. He appealed \_\_\_\_\_ the judge for justice.
7. The man died \_\_\_\_\_ cholera.
8. I have applied \_\_\_\_\_ the Principal for the post.
9. I have no trust \_\_\_\_\_ him.
10. We were supplied \_\_\_\_\_ money.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. [5]

Three boys \_\_\_\_\_ (1)(play) in the sand. Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (2)(be) the biggest of them and a bit of a leader that afternoon because the other two, Tom and Johny, \_\_\_\_\_ (3)(be) the smallest boys on the island; mouse coloured Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (4)(be) not very attractive even to his mother in days gone by Rex and Cherry \_\_\_\_\_ (5)(come) out of the forest. They \_\_\_\_\_ (6)(come) down to take a swim. Rex \_\_\_\_\_ (7)(lead) the way straight through the sand castles \_\_\_\_\_ (8)(kick) them over. Three little ones \_\_\_\_\_ (9) (look) up wondering what these big fellows \_\_\_\_\_ (10)(do) then.

4. Read the passage given below and answer questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

#### PIP

My father's family name being Pirrip, and my Christian name Philip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So, I called myself 'Pip', and came to be called Pip. I gave Pirrip as my father's family name, on the authority of his tombstone and my sister Mrs. Joe Gargery, who married the blacksmith. As I never saw my father or my mother, and never saw any likeness of either of them (for their days were long before the days of photographs), my first fancies, (5) regarding what they were like, were unreasonably derived from their tombstones. The shape of the letters on my father's tombstone gave me an *odd* idea that he was a square, stout, dark man, with curly black hair. From the character and turn of the inscription, 'Also Georgiana Wife of the Above', I drew a childish conclusion that my mother was freckled and sickly. To five little stone lozenges, each about a foot and a half long, which were arranged in a neat row beside their *grave*, and were sacred to the (10) memory of five little brothers of mine—who gave up trying to get a living exceedingly early in that universal struggle—I am indebted for a belief, I religiously entertained that they had all been born on their backs with their hands in their trousers' pockets, and had never taken them out in this state of existence.

Ours was the marsh country, down by the river within, as the river *wound*, twenty miles of the sea. My first most vivid and *road* impression of the identity of things, seems to have been gained on a (15) memorable *raw* afternoon towards evening. At such a time I found out for certain that this bleak place overgrown with nettles was the churchyard; and that Philip Pirrip, late of this parish, and Also Georgiana Wife of the Above, were dead and buried; and that Alexander, Bartholomew, Abraham, Tobias and Roger, infant children of the aforesaid, were also dead and buried; and that the dark flat wilderness beyond the churchyard, intersected with dykes and mounds and gates, with scattered (20) cattle feeding on it, was the marshes, and that the low leaden line beyond was the river, and that the distant savage lair from which the wind was rushing, was the sea; and that the small bundle of shivers growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip. (Charles Dickens: Great Expectations).

(a) (i) Given below are three words. Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage.

[3]

- (1) clear  
(2) speckled  
(3) dreary
- (ii) For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least 10 words, using the same word unchanged in form, but with a meaning different from that which it carries in the passage. [3]
- (1) odd (line 7)  
(2) grave (line 10)  
(3) wound (line 14)
- (b) Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in your own words:
- (i) What was Pip's full name? [2]  
(ii) Why did he not know what his parents really looked like? [2]  
(iii) Why did he think that his brothers had been born lying on their backs and that they had kept their hands in their pockets all their lives? [2]  
(iv) What do we know about the distance from Pip's home to the sea, as the crow flies? [2]
- (c) In about 100 words, write how the author has described the countryside. [6]

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