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	Instruction: All questions are compulsory.	
Q.1.	Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:	(10)
	<p>Have you ever wondered why authors write? Sometimes they are inspired to create stories. Other times they write to provide information about an interesting topic. Some authors write to convince us about something. Whatever the circumstances, authors have reasons for writing; this is called the “author’s purpose.” The three most common types of author’s purpose are: to entertain, to inform, and to persuade.</p> <p>Think about the last time a story made you laugh, cry, or tremble with fright. These types of stories are written with a particular purpose in mind: to entertain the reader. Authors write many kinds of stories to entertain young and old, including humorous fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, fairy tales, and fables. While fiction entertains, non-fiction has a different purpose.</p> <p>Many non-fiction writings or texts are written with the purpose of giving information about an interesting topic. Authors who write to inform must research their subject to ensure that they convey accurate information to the reader. Some examples of texts that inform are encyclopedia entries, news articles, expository non-fiction books, and interviews. All of these types of writing give information about certain topics.</p> <p>Sometimes authors write because they want to convince their readers about something. This is called argumentative or persuasive writing. Oftentimes, texts that are meant to persuade use specific techniques to make the reader care about the subject, and to think about it in a certain way. These techniques might be found in letters to the editor, argumentative essays or persuasive speeches.</p> <p>Next time you read a text, see if you can figure what the author is trying to tell you. It might be easier than you think. Just ask yourself: what is the author’s purpose?</p> <p>Q1. Why do authors write ? Q2. What do you mean by “author’s purpose”? Q3. What are the most common types of “author’s purpose” ? Q4. What type of stories entertain people ? Q5. What are non-fiction writings ? Give examples. Q6. What is the meaning of argumentative writing ? Give examples. Q7. What is the synonym of a) Persuade b) humorous Q8. What is the antonym of a) fiction b) young Q.9 Suggest a suitable title for this paragraph. Q.10 List down all the Prepositions in the Paragraph.</p>	

Q.2(a)	Give the synonyms of the following	(10)
	1. Cry 2. Bright 3. Awful 4. Angry 5. Neat	6. Impartial 7. Exterior 8. Opponent 9. Simple 10. Sufficient
Q.2(b)	Give the antonyms of the following	(10)
	1. Artificial 2. Professional 3. Argue 4. Depart 5. Adult	6. Forget 7. Appreciate 8. Build 9. Exit 10. Sharp
Q.3(a)	Fill in the blanks with prefixes and suffixes	(10)
	1. ____ place ____ 2. ____ act ____ 3. ____ avoid ____ 4. ____ taken ____ 5. ____ taste ____	
Q.3(b)	Select the appropriate form of verb	(10)
	a. The children _____ with joy as soon as they heard the ice-cream truck arrive. b. I _____ a track of all the events since a week. (keep) c. The cat _____ away all the mice in the nearby vicinity. (chase) d. Our nosy neighbors always _____ us whenever we are leaving or coming back home. (bother) e. His work _____ by all in the office (appreciate)	
Q.3(c)	Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions	(10)
	a. It was risky to hide the keys _____ doormat but he anyways took a chance. b. He stood _____ his best friend through thick and thin. c. The cat _____ the bed. d. Being an introvert, he likes _____ stay _____ himself. e. I have inherited the house _____ my Grandparents. f. Psychology is _____ my understanding. g. He will be travelling _____ Chennai tomorrow. h. _____ the year 2000 this has been the only restaurant to serve 24/7 . i. My sister leaves the house every morning _____ all of us. j. While entering _____ the auditorium, he felt the eyes ____ all the spectators ____ him.	
Q.4(a)	Write a paragraph each on the topics given below	(10)
	a. Corruption b. Ways to reduce stress	

Q.4(b)	Write an essay (Any Two)	(20)
1.	My favorite book	
2.	If I become the President of our nation, I would...	
3.	Time and tide wait for none	
4.	Effects of Advertisement on the youth of the nation	
Q.5	Write a letter (Any One)	(10)
1.	Write a letter to 'Venus Stationers' cancelling the order of books and stationery items that you had placed before.	
	OR	
2.	Write a letter to your cousin informing about your participation in the sports event that recently took place in your college.	