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Instructions: 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Nick was bored with life. Every day was exactly the same. He got up at exactly the same time, he caught the same bus to work, he did the same things in the office, he talked to the same people, he came home at the same time, he watched the same programmes on TV-and he went to bed at the same time!

“What I need is a little adventure!” Nick thought as he waited at the bus stop one morning. His little adventure happened sooner than he expected! While he was on the bus, reading the newspaper, a man sitting next to him suddenly pushed a large, brown envelope into his hands. “Here, take this!” he **muttered**. Then he stood up and got off the bus before Nick could say a word.

Nick sat there, holding the envelope. It felt heavy. There were papers inside or money, perhaps. “I had better hand it over to the police,” he thought. There was a police station close to his office and he planned to go there as he got off the bus. But, as he got off, a man approached him. He was obviously waiting for something. “He wants the envelope,” Nick thought to himself. Nick began to walk quickly-and the man hurried after him. Nick started to run, and the man began to run too. But then, just before he got to the police station, Nick finally managed to lose the man in the crowds. When he entered the police station, the man was no longer in sight.

Inside the police station, Nick handed over the envelope to the inspector in charge. The inspector opened it. To everybody’s surprise, the envelope was full of money-**counterfeit** money. “Obviously the man made a mistake,” the inspector said. “He mistook you to be one of their gang! Well! Congratulations!”

Nick was elated. He felt like a hero. He could already envision his name in all the newspapers the next day. He could imagine an interview on TV.

But the inspector went on, interrupting Nick’s daydreaming, “However, I must ask you to keep quiet about all this. We’re trying to catch some very clever thieves-and we don’t want them to know that we have some of their money. So, you must say a word to anyone-not even your boss-Sorry!”

Nick was on his way to office. He was over an hour late. “I have had my little adventure……. But I can’t tell anyone about it, so what’s the point? I have even got to make up an excuse for the boss for coming late.”

1. What happened when Nick was on the bus? (2)
2. Describe the object in Nick’s hands. (2)
3. What did the inspector instruct Nick to do? (2)
4. Give the meaning of the following. One word or a short phrase is acceptable. (2)
 - (a) muttered (b) counterfeit
5. Do as instructed: (2)
 - (a) He waited at the bus stop. (Rewrite into present perfect continuous tense)
 - (b) He got up at exactly the same time. (Frame a w/h question to get the underlined part as an answer)

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

Q. 2 A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: **(10)**

- 1) You cannot play _____ completing your homework.
- 2) He will be in New York _____ two weeks.
- 3) Rohit Sharma led the team _____ victory.
- 4) I saw him sitting _____ the spectators.
- 5) The jockey fell _____ the horse.
- 6) She poured some milk _____ the mug.
- 7) Although his family opposed him, he stuck _____ his decision to go abroad.
- 8) _____ his injury, he will play in the match.
- 9) He worked _____ a diplomat in the U.S.
- 10) She stayed by his side _____ his long illness.

(B) Complete the following table: **(20)**

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
Confidence		
Need		
Protection		
Strength		
Sale		
Familiarity		
Length		
Support		
Challenge		
Growth		

Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option: **(10)**

- 1) She covered her head out of (difference/deference) to Muslim customs.
- 2) His constant talking was more than I could (bear/bare).
- 3) She walked down the sandy (isle/aisle).
- 4) The little girl was (loathe/loath) to leave her mother.
- 5) The medicine did not (affect/effect) her the way the doctor had hoped.
- 6) Many important life (principals/principles) are learnt in kindergarten.
- 7) The four accused were given (bale/bail) by the court.
- 8) The Pole Star is (stationary/stationery) in the heavens.
- 9) For skin (lighting/lightening), there are many products in the market.
- 10) Watching 4D movies gives you an (illusion/allusion) that you are actually experiencing the same.

(B) Fill in the gaps with appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets: **(10)**

- a) The teacher asked the students if they _____ (complete) the assignment.
- b) Our Guru taught us that being honest _____ (be) the best quality.
- c) Her health _____ (improve) since she returned from hospital.
- d) I eat eggs every day because I _____ (always/love) them.
- e) When I went to the hospital, the doctor _____ (already/perform) the operation.

- f) The stars will shine in the sky as long as the world _____ (last).
- g) They _____ (live) in San Francisco for the last ten years.
- h) We take responsibility of everything that _____ (happen) in our lives.
- i) It _____ (rain) heavily last night.
- j) Currently, I _____ (read) 'Shakuntal' by Kalidas.

Q. 4 A) : Complete the following table:

(20)

BASE VERB	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
Broadcast		
Lead		
Creep		
Wear		
Sit		
Lay		
Defeat		
Teach		
have		
Consume		

B) Make sentences of your own using the phrases given below (Choose any five):

(10)

As soon as, in the long run, to look for, to give up, in spite of, according to, to create awareness

C) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words:

(10)

- 1) My favourite book
- 2) Every dark cloud has a silver lining
- 3) Addiction to social media
