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Q1: Formal and informal greetings

Situation	Appropriate Greeting	Type
Greet your new teacher on the first day of school.	<i>Good morning, ma'am/sir. It's a pleasure to meet you.</i>	Formal
Seeing your favorite teacher at school.	<i>Hello, sir/ma'am! Nice to see you again.</i>	Semi-formal / Formal
Reunite with a close friend after months apart.	<i>Hey! Long time no see! I missed you so much!</i>	Informal
Meet your neighbor while taking out the trash.	<i>Hi there! How are you today?</i>	Informal
Greeting your younger	<i>Good morning, buddy!</i>	Informal

Situation	Appropriate Greeting	Type
sibling in the morning. <i>Did you sleep well?</i>		

Q2: Categorize each type of reading material

Reading Material	Reading for Information	Reading for Enjoyment	Reading for Work
Magical tales		✓	
Cartoon strips		✓	
School textbooks	✓		
News articles	✓		
Technical guide			✓
Research papers	✓		
Scholarly essay	✓		
Graphic novels		✓	
Road Signs	✓		
Illustrated stories		✓	
Biographies	✓	✓	
Travel handbook	✓		
Jokes and riddles		✓	

Reading Material	Reading for Information	Reading for Enjoyment	Reading for Work
User manuals			✓
Imaginary stories	✓		
Encyclopedia entries	✓		
How-to guides	✓		
Fairy tales		✓	
Scientific periodicals	✓		

Q3: Giving Permission — How to Seek Permission

Situation	How to Seek Permission
You are at a movie theater with your friend, and you want to change the seat.	<i>Excuse me, do you mind if I change my seat?</i>
Your best friend wants to borrow your favorite book.	<i>Can I please borrow your book for a few days?</i>
You are in a public park and want to have a picnic with your family.	<i>Is it okay if we set up a picnic here?</i>
You are at a restaurant and want to join your friend.	<i>Would you mind if I join you?</i>
You are in a library and want to use your friend's laptop.	<i>Could I please use your laptop for a few minutes?</i>

Q4: Politely Turning Down Requests

Situation	Polite Response
Your friend asks to borrow your new bike for a week.	<i>I'm sorry, but I'd rather not lend it right now; it's still new and I need it daily.</i>
Your neighbor asks to park their car in your driveway.	<i>I'm afraid that won't be possible; I need the space for my own vehicle.</i>
Your classmate needs to borrow your pen during an exam.	<i>Sorry, I only have one pen with me for the test.</i>
A friend requests to borrow your brand-new smartphone for the day.	<i>I'm really sorry, but I'm not comfortable lending my phone out.</i>
Your classmate wants to borrow your pen during an exam.	<i>I wish I could help, but I have only one pen and I need it.</i>

Q5: Meanings of Highlighted Words

1. Testament — Proof or evidence of something remarkable or true.
2. Ingenuity — The quality of being clever, inventive, or resourceful.
3. Craftsmanship — Skill and artistry in creating or building something.
4. Intricate — Very detailed and complicated in design.
5. Rustic — Simple, old-fashioned, or related to the countryside.
6. Majestic — Grand, impressive, or magnificent in appearance.

7. **Treasury** — A famous carved building in Petra known for its beauty.
 8. **Captivating** — Attracting and holding one's attention; fascinating.
 9. **Blend** — A mixture or combination of different styles or elements.
 10. **Inhabitants** — People who lived in a particular place in the past.
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Q6: Character Descriptions (5 sentences each)

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a courageous Pakistani activist who advocates for girls' education and women's rights. She showed extraordinary bravery by speaking out against oppression even after surviving a brutal attack. Her determination and calm resilience made her a global symbol of peace and education. Despite her young age, she inspired millions through her speeches and books. She continues to work tirelessly for education through the Malala Fund.

Abdul Sattar Edhi

Abdul Sattar Edhi was a selfless humanitarian who dedicated his entire life to serving humanity. He founded the Edhi Foundation, which provides shelter, food, and medical care to the poor and needy. His simple lifestyle and deep compassion earned him the love and respect of all Pakistanis. Edhi's philosophy of kindness and equality made him a symbol of mercy and service. His legacy continues to inspire people around the world to help others without discrimination.

Wasim Akram

Wasim Akram is one of Pakistan's greatest cricket legends, known for his mastery of fast bowling. He possessed remarkable skill in swing bowling and was feared by batsmen worldwide.

Beyond his cricketing talent, he is admired for his leadership and sportsmanship. Wasim Akram played a key role in Pakistan's victory in the 1992 World Cup. Even after retirement, he continues to contribute to cricket as a mentor and commentator.

Q7: Homonyms — Different Meanings Explained

Sentence	Homonym	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
She adorned her hair with a decorative bow.	bow	A ribbon tied in loops.	—
The ship set sail with a new bow.	bow	The front part of a ship.	—
They heard a loud crash in the kitchen.	crash	A loud breaking or smashing sound.	—
I need to crash at your place for the night.	crash	To sleep or stay temporarily.	—
The monkey went near the bank of a river.	bank	The land beside a river.	—
I need to deposit my money at the bank.	bank	A financial institution.	—
He caught a cold after standing in the cold wind.	cold	(1) An illness caused by a virus.	(2) Low temperature.

Sentence	Homonym	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
She couldn't stand his rude behavior.	stand	(1) To tolerate something.	(2) To be in an upright position.
The room had a bright light on the ceiling.	light	(1) Illumination or brightness.	—
Light a candle to brighten the dark room.	light	(2) To ignite or start a flame.	—
The plane is ready for takeoff.	take off	(1) The action of an aircraft beginning flight.	—
Please take off your shoes before entering.	take off	(2) To remove something (like shoes or clothing).	—

Q8: Correcting Run-on Sentences

All sentences below have been revised for proper punctuation and clarity.

1. I have a sweet tooth, so I enjoy eating ice cream daily.
2. She planned to visit the park, but realized she'd forgotten her umbrella.
3. As a skilled athlete, he earned numerous medals in competitions.
4. I need to purchase groceries and also pick up the kids from school.

5. They spent the day at the beach, enjoying the beautiful weather.
6. She's an avid reader and can finish a book within a day.
7. The sun shone brightly, and the birds sang sweetly amidst the blooming flowers.
8. Due to the chilly weather, we decided to stay indoors.
9. I'm heading to the store; do you need me to pick up anything for you?
10. After completing my homework, I'll go for a jog, followed by a refreshing shower.

Excellent — here are complete, detailed, exam-ready answers (Q9–Q16) exactly in the same style as your previous ones. Each answer is written in full sentences, clear, and easy to copy-paste.

Q9: Sentences Expressing Apologies (10 Marks)

1. *I'm really sorry for forgetting to return your pen; I'll make sure to give it back as soon as possible.*
2. *Oh, I'm terribly sorry for bumping into you; I didn't see you there.*
3. *I sincerely apologize for accidentally scratching your car; please allow me to cover the repair cost.*
4. *I'm so sorry for forgetting your anniversary; I truly didn't mean to upset you.*
5. *I deeply apologize for misplacing the document you needed; I'll do my best to find it or replace it immediately.*

Q10: Descriptive Paragraph — “A Family Gathering” (15 Marks)

Last weekend, my family gathered at my grandparents’ house for a joyful reunion. The air was filled with laughter and the aroma of delicious homemade food. Despite the busy schedules that usually keep us apart, everyone made an effort to be there, and that made the moment even more special. We shared stories, played games, and took countless photos together, so the day felt full of warmth and love. Finally, as the sun began to set, we sat together in the garden, talking and enjoying tea; therefore, it became a beautiful memory that strengthened our bond. At least for that one day, everyone forgot their worries and simply celebrated being together as a family.

Q11: Expressing Opinions with Reasons (20 Marks)

- 1. Issue: Why is it important to plant trees in your neighborhood?**
Opinion: In my opinion, planting trees is essential for a healthy environment.
Reason: This is because trees provide oxygen, reduce pollution, and offer shade and beauty to our surroundings.
- 2. Issue: Why should people exercise regularly for good health?**
Opinion: I believe regular exercise is vital for maintaining good health.
Reason: It strengthens the body, reduces stress, and helps prevent diseases like obesity and heart problems.
- 3. Issue: Why is recycling an important practice?**
Opinion: In my view, recycling is extremely important for our planet.
Reason: It helps reduce waste, conserves natural resources, and keeps our environment clean.
- 4. Issue: Why should students read books regularly?**
Opinion: I think reading books regularly is very beneficial

for students.

Reason: It increases knowledge, improves vocabulary, and enhances imagination and creativity.

5. Issue: Why should people respect others' privacy?

Opinion: I strongly feel that everyone should respect others' privacy.

Reason: Because respecting privacy builds trust, maintains good relationships, and protects personal boundaries.

Q12: Completing Paragraphs with Supporting Details (10 Marks)

1. Topic Sentence: Eating fresh fruits and vegetables, along with regular exercise, is the key to a healthy life.

Supporting Details: Fresh fruits and vegetables provide essential vitamins and minerals that keep our body strong. Regular exercise helps maintain fitness and reduces the risk of many diseases. A balanced diet and daily physical activity improve mood, increase energy, and promote overall well-being.

2. Topic Sentence: Hobbies like painting, gardening, and reading bring joy and relaxation to our lives.

Supporting Details: They allow people to express creativity and relieve stress after a long day. Spending time on hobbies helps develop new skills and boosts confidence. Moreover, hobbies create happiness, strengthen mental health, and make life more meaningful and enjoyable.

Q13: Polite Expressions of Disagreement (10 Marks)

Statement	Polite Disagreement
Would you share your lunch with me?	<i>I'd love to, but I didn't bring enough today.</i>
Please come to my birthday party next	<i>That sounds fun, but I already have</i>

Statement	Polite Disagreement
Saturday.	<i>another commitment that day.</i>
Could you lend me your favorite book?	<i>I'd like to, but it's very special to me, so I prefer to keep it safe.</i>
Will you help me with my science project?	<i>I'd like to help, but I have my own project to finish first.</i>
Pick up the groceries on your way home, please.	<i>I'd do that, but I have to go somewhere else directly after work.</i>

Q14: Descriptive Paragraph — “A Great Day I Had” (15 Marks)

One of the greatest days of my life was when my family and I went on a picnic to the lake. The weather was bright and pleasant, and the cool breeze made everything feel refreshing. We played outdoor games, shared homemade food, and laughed endlessly. What made the day so special was the feeling of togetherness and peace away from the noise of the city. As we watched the sunset reflecting on the calm water, I realized how beautiful simple moments can be when spent with the people you love.

Q15: Creative Story Conclusion (10 Marks)

Story given:

Ali discovered a strange key in the park. It looked different, and Ali got curious about what it could open. While looking around, he found an old hidden door. To his surprise, the key fit perfectly, and the door opened...

Creative Ending:

As the door creaked open, Ali stepped into a small underground room glowing with golden light. Inside, he found a box filled with

old letters, photographs, and a dusty journal belonging to a traveler who had once lived in the town. Reading the journal, Ali realized the man had hidden his memories there so they wouldn't be forgotten. Therefore, Ali decided to give the box to the local museum, so everyone could learn about the town's forgotten history. Finally, he smiled, proud that his curiosity had uncovered a story from the past.

Q16: Comprehension – Fireflies (10 Marks)

- 1. What process enables fireflies to produce their distinctive light?**

Fireflies produce their light through a process called bioluminescence.

- 2. Describe the types of environments where fireflies typically thrive.**

Fireflies usually thrive in warm and humid environments, such as meadows and gardens.

- 3. How do fireflies utilize their light during their nightly activities?**

Fireflies use their light for communication and finding mates during the night.

- 4. What unique characteristic makes it easy to distinguish between different firefly species?**

Each firefly species has its own unique light pattern, which makes it easy to tell them apart.

- 5. Beyond their captivating appearance, what important role do fireflies play in maintaining the ecosystem?**

Fireflies help maintain the ecosystem by naturally controlling pests.
