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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2025

PORTION FOR YEAR5 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-MAY 2025

SUBJECT:ENGLISH

Reading

Questions on extracts from fiction and non-fiction texts will be given to assess comprehension and understanding of ideas, events, situations, characters, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation.

Comprehension questions will focus on:

- Identifying and explaining main ideas, information, events, situations
- Summarising ideas using own words
- Deducing and inferring information, ideas, character's feelings, thoughts, and reasons for actions with examples from the texts.
- Justifying inferences with examples from the given texts.
- Expressing opinions and preferences about characters, situations, and events with evidence from the texts.
- Predicting what might happen from details in the texts read.
- Awareness of synonyms & homophones.
- Explaining the meaning of words from context.
- Awareness of grammar and usage:
 - Nouns
 - Pronouns
 - Verbs
 - Adverbs
 - Prepositions
 - Conjunctions
 - Adjectives
 - Present tense, Past tense & Future tense.
 - Active and Passive voice
 - Direct and Reported (indirect) speech.
 - Types of sentences-statements, questions, imperative sentences, exclamatory

sentences.

- Simple, compound, complex sentences⁴

- **Awareness of punctuation:**

- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Commas
- Question marks
- Exclamatory marks
- Apostrophe
- Dash
- Inverted commas or Speech marks (direct speech).

Writing

Writing questions will focus on a topic. Some guidelines will be given. Writing questions will focus on any of the following:

- Writing about personal experiences recounts
- Writing journal entry or diary entries, describing their experiences, their thoughts, feelings about a given situation
- Letter writing - formal and informal letters
- Writing description of a room, a place, a person, an experience
- Writing arguments for or against a given topic expressing views

Writing questions will assess student's ability to:-

- Communicate variety of ideas, descriptive details, informative details
- Organise ideas into meaningful sentences
- Organise ideas into paragraphs
- Use appropriate connectives
- Use accurate grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Write neat, legible joined handwriting