



# St. Paul's School, Darjeeling

Session 2023-24

Class V

## ENGLISH

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The paper is divided into three sections.

Section A is Comprehension, Section B is Grammar and Section C is Creative Writing.

The intention is to test the candidate's comprehending ability; grasp of grammar and creative skills which are pre-requisites for admission into Standard V.

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Time: 1 hour

Full Marks: 50

### SECTION A

#### COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

It was the jackal Tabaqui. The wolves hate Tabaqui because he runs about making mischief, and telling **tales**, and eating rags and pieces of leather from the village rubbish-heaps. But they are **afraid** of him too, because Tabaqui often goes mad, and then he forgets fear and runs through the forest biting everything in his way. Even the tiger runs and hides when little Tabaqui goes mad.

'Enter, then, and look,' said Father Wolf stiffly, 'but there is no food here.'

'For a wolf, no,' said Tabaqui, 'but for me a dry bone is a good feast. Who am I, just a jackal?' He scuttled to the back of the **cave**, where he found the bone of a buck with some meat on it, and started munching on it merrily.

Tabaqui sat **still**, relaxed after a good meal, and then he said spitefully: 'Shere Khan, the Big One, has shifted his hunting grounds. He will **hunt** among these hills for the next month, so he has told me.'

Shere Khan was the tiger who lived near the Waigunga River, twenty miles away.

'He has no right!' Father Wolf began angrily. 'By the Law of the Jungle he has no right to change his quarters without due warning. He will scare off every small animal within ten miles, and I --- I have to kill for my whole family.'

Mother Wolf said quietly, 'He has been lame in one foot from his birth. This is why he has only killed cattle.'

**Q.1. Match the following words, as taken from the passage, on the left with its meaning on the right. [5x1=5]**

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| (a) tales  | - | a large hollow in a rock |
| (b) afraid | - | kill animals             |
| (c) cave   | - | frightened               |
| (d) still  | - | stories                  |
| (e) hunt   | - | not moving               |

**Q.2. Answer the following questions taken from the passage above. [5x2=10]**

- (a) Why do the wolves hate Tabaqui?
- (b) What does Tabaqui do when he goes mad?
- (c) What did Tabaqui get to eat at the back of the wolves' cave?
- (d) What news did Tabaqui give the wolves regarding Shere Khan?
- (e) Who was Shere Khan?

### SECTION B

#### GRAMMAR

**Q.3. Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in the bracket. [5x1=5]**

**Example:** Jack and Jill went up ( up / in ) the hill.

- (a) Ron joined school \_\_\_\_\_ ( in / on ) the year 2007.
- (b) James went to school \_\_\_\_\_ ( on / by ) foot.
- (c) Ritesh sits \_\_\_\_\_ ( at / over ) the dining table and eats his meals.
- (d) The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_ ( on / into ) the river to save Jill.
- (e) The parrot perched \_\_\_\_\_ ( in / on ) the branch.

**Q.4. Fill in the blanks correctly using - where, were, there , their . [5x1=5]**

- (a) The students of class five and \_\_\_\_\_ teacher went on a picnic.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ is a cricket match between India and Australia, today.
- (c) Ramesh asked Ritesh \_\_\_\_\_ he had been for the holidays.
- (d) All the guests \_\_\_\_\_ at the party when the earthquake occurred.
- (e) Many monkeys use \_\_\_\_\_ tail to swing from tree to tree.

**Q.5. Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in brackets: [5x1=5]**

**EXAMPLE:** Ranjan is crying because ( as / because ) he is hurt.

- (a) Sita is tall \_\_\_\_\_ ( and / but ) Rita is short.
- (b) Ram \_\_\_\_\_ ( and / or ) Shyam love coffee.
- (c) Jatu hurt his head \_\_\_\_\_ ( so / but ) he was taken to the doctor.
- (d) The aeroplane crashed \_\_\_\_\_ ( whether / because ) a bird was sucked into its engine.
- (e) Pintu has been playing \_\_\_\_\_ ( since / so ) morning.

### SECTION C

#### **CREATIVE WRITING**

**[20]**

**Q.6. Write an essay of at least two paragraphs on any ONE of the topics given below. Make sure to write enough in order to score 20 marks.**

- (a) Imagine you have a pet animal at home. Write about the advantages of having a pet animal at home and about some things that might go wrong with a pet animal at home.
- (b) Write about your favourite food or foods. Describe the food. Say why you like your favourite food.
- (c) If you happen to find a thousand rupees write what you would do with it; how would you put it to good use and how would your decision help you.

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