1. **Read the passage and answer the questions 5x1=5 M**

The evening arrived; the boys took their places. The master, in his cook’s uniform,

stationed himself at the copper; his assistants ranged themselves behind him; the gruel

was served out. The gruel disappeared; the boys whispered to each other, and

winked at Oliver, while his next neighbours nudged him. Child as he was, he was desperate

with hunger, and reckless with misery. He rose onthe table; and advancing to the master,

basin and spoon in hand, said: somewhat alarm at his own courage.

1. Choose the meaning for the word **gruel.**

A) a thin liquid food B) dry fruits C) raw food D) biryani

1. What is the synonym of “**disappeared**”?

A) looked like B) vanished C) poured D) appeared

1. What is Antonym for “**whisper**”?

A) speak in low voice B) speak loudly C) speak angrily D) speak rudely

1. Use the correct Preposition in the sentence**. “**He rose \_\_ the table”

A) at B) into C) of D) from

1. Choose the meaning for the word **nudge**

A) push B) take C) give D) none

1. **Fill in the blanks in the following passage by using the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.**  **5x1=5 M**

A forty-year old man was killed and six others (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (injure) when the van in which they (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel) overturned after colliding with a truck last evening. Soon after the incident a huge crowd (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (gather) on the spot and (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) beating the driver as he (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) to be under the influence of alcohol. The police arrived on the scene and arrested the driver.

1. **Identify the most appropriate one-word substitutes for the following.**  **5x1=5 M**
2. A person or thing that cannot be corrected

A) unintelligible B) indelible C) illegible D) incorrigible

1. A person of good understanding, knowledge and reasoning power
2. Expert B) intellectual C) snob D) literate
3. A person who knows many languages

A) linguist B) grammarian C) polyglot D) bilingual

1. One who possesses many talents

A) versatile B) prodigy C) exceptional D) gifted

1. Words inscribed on a tomb

A) epitome B) epistle C) epilogue D) epitaph

1. **Fill in each blank with the correct compound prepositional phrase from**

**the options given under each sentence. 5x1=5 M**

1. I finished my project work several days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the deadline.

A) instead of B) ahead of C) in spite of

1. Sravani goes to school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yamuna daily.

A) according to B) in spite of C) along with

1. My house stands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the other houses in the street as it is big in size.

A) apart from B) in accordance with C) in addition to

1. Madhu got a good job \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his own abilities and skills.

A) in addition to B) instead of C) by means of

1. She was unable to attend the party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her marriage engagement.

A) in spite of B) in addition to C) due to

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. 5x1=5 M**
2. All last winter Sharath suffered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coughs and colds.
3. Anand is unaccustomed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the heat.
4. Kumar was afraid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his enemies.
5. Sriram was always arguing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his brother.
6. Sindhu was dedicated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her job.
7. **Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks with appropriate 3 x 2 =6 M**

**verb forms i.e., past perfect / simple past.**

1. **Sarath :** Oh! What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (happen)? Everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) disturbed

before the play \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to an end.

1. **Bharath :** Damn it! The play \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) very interesting. Someone on the

stage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) something when the hero \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (throw) him off.

1. **Sarath :** I too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) it. It was the comedian. The hero \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hurl)

him since he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) a mischievous thing

1. **Rearrange the Jumbled Words. 3 x 2 =6 M**

**Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.**

1. left me/ my/ city/ parents/ her/ with/ they/ in /went/ live/ when/ to/ they

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

1. morning / to/ wake/ used/ up/ the/ in/ she/ me.

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1. Said / prayers /monotonously/ morning/ she/ her.

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1. **Complete the following sentences using appropriate articles. In some cases, no articles are needed 3 x 1 = 3 M**
2. That is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_girl I told you about.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night is quiet. Let's take a walk!
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ price of gas keeps rising.