

**Rewrite the following sentences so that the verbs will be in the active voice.**

1. We are taught grammar by Ms Sullivan.
2. He was praised by the teacher.
3. The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.
4. The town was destroyed by an earthquake.
5. The teacher was pleased with the boy's work.
6. The building was damaged by the fire.
7. By whom were you taught French?
8. You will be given a ticket by the manager.
9. The streets were thronged with spectators.
10. We will be blamed by everyone.
11. The trees were blown down by the wind.
12. The thieves were caught by the police.
13. The letter was posted by Alice.
14. We were received by the hostess.
15. The snake was killed with a stick.
16. The minister was welcomed by the people.
17. He was found guilty of murder.
18. This house was built by John Mathews in 1991.

## ICSE 2019 English

### Paper 1: Grammar and Composition: Practice Paper 4

Time: One hour

Marks: 40

#### Question 1

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper showing your concern for the lack of safety of children in the school buses and autorickshaws.

[10]

#### Question 2

(a) On

the occasion of National Literacy Day, the school has decided to organise a campaign called 'Each one teach one'. The secretary of the Literary Society, wants to call a meeting of the office bearers of the society to discuss the arrangements for the campaign. Write a notice to be displayed on the School notice board regarding this meeting.

(b) Write an email, as

the secretary of the Literary Society, to the Principal of the School with reference to the matter mentioned in the Notice mentioned above.

[5+5]

#### Question 3

(a) In the following passage, fill in

each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

[4]

We are often .....1.....(cruel) to animals

intentionally or unintentionally, for example, .....2.....(kill) animals for food or for their fur. Cruelty to animals sometimes involves .....3.....(inflicting) harm or suffering for personal amusement.

Laws concerning animal cruelty

.....4.....(design) to prevent the needless cruelty. For example, some laws govern methods of killing animals for food, clothing, or other products, and other laws concern the .....5.....(keep) of animals for entertainment, education, research, or pets.

The animal welfare position

.....6.....(assert) that there is nothing inherently wrong with .....7.....(use) animals for human purposes, such as food, clothing, entertainment, and research, but that it should be done in a way that minimizes unnecessary pain and suffering, sometimes .....8.....(refer) to as "humane" treatment.

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(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[4]

1. The brothers live ..... the same roof.
2. The child rushed ..... my room yesterday.
3. He was afraid ..... telling the truth.
4. Do you have the evidence ..... him?
5. He kept the bicycle..... the wall.
6. She moved herself..... the library
7. The judge has acted ..... according with rules.
8. The hospital is adjacent ..... my house.

(c) Combine each set of the following sentences without using **and**, **but** or **so**.

[4]

1. Roja cannot speak English fluently. She cannot read English fluently.
2. He is the most competent tailor. No other tailor can be compared to him.
3. The film actress is very famous. She is humble.
4. Heera had left the country. Heera married an Italian magnate.

(d) Rewrite the following sentences

according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be

necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

1. Rachel is better trained than you in singing. (Begin: You...)
2. He was so distraught that he could not sleep that night. (Use: too...to)

3.  
"I  
play softball", Shakeel says. (Change into  
indirect speech)
4.  
Do  
not surrender to life's difficulties. It is shameful.  
(Begin: It...)
5.  
Say  
no to drugs. (Change the  
voice)
6.  
He  
wished that he might have some food. (Begin:  
He said, ".....")
7.  
This  
is the best solution for the problem.  
(Use: better)
8.  
As  
soon as the bell rang, the children ran out of the class.  
(End:....  
children)

### Question 1 [5+5]

You are the Head Boy/ Head Girl of your school. Write a notice to be put up on the school Notice Board, asking the students of Classes VI to X to make contributions to be given to a charitable institution for the underprivileged children.

Based on Question 1(a), write an email to the Head of the charitable institution asking him/her whether he/she wants the contribution to be in cash or kind.

### Question 2

Rewrite the following sentences as directed without changing the meaning of each sentence: [8]

Put your tools away, the children may fall over them. (Use: lest)

The experience is so intense that I will never forget it. (Use 'too' in place of 'so'.)

The President will summon him to Mumbai. (Change the Voice.)

Although he was eighty years old, he was very active. (Begin: Despite....)

Presidency College is one of the oldest buildings in Kolkata. (Begin: Very few.....)

Whatever he says, he does the opposite. (Begin: No.....)

He said to her, "Are you ready to rack your brains?" (Begin: He enquired.....)

The bus left as soon as we got off. (Begin: Hardly.....)

### Question 2

Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. [4]

It may rain. We will remain at home.

He drew his sword. He rushed towards the enemy.

I cannot show you the book. I cannot lend the book to you.

Thomas is smart. His brother is a moron.

### Question 3 [3]

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word:

The Second World War broke \_\_\_\_\_ in 1939.

She insisted \_\_\_\_\_ hiring a taxi.

I met Tom \_\_\_\_\_ the party.

You can contact the Principal \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

She found it difficult to get \_\_\_\_\_ the shock.

The cricket match was called \_\_\_\_\_ because of the rain.

### Question 1

Recently, you went to a restaurant for dinner and there you saw a renowned personality. You had an opportunity of spending some moments with him or her. Write a letter to your friend, giving a brief account of your memorable interaction. [10]

### Question 2

Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

- i) There was little hope of success. They decided to perform the operation.
- ii) Tom qualified for the finals. Brown qualified for the finals. [ 2]

### Question 3

Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage.

Robert (1) .....(fly) into house and returned in five seconds (2) ..... (hold) a powerful rifle and ramming a cartilage into the breech. Mdhisho was yelling. " The lion (3) .....(take) the wife of the cook and is eating her and the cook (4) .....( be) chasing the lion and trying (5) .... (save) his wife." As we came running round the corner, we (6) .....(see) four or five houseboys leaping about. [3]

### Question 4

Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

- i. They have pulled down the old building.  
(Begin: The old building.....)
- ii. Though he was young, he fought valiantly.  
(Use 'as' instead of 'though')
- iii. As soon as he gets money, he spends it.  
(Begin: No sooner .....)
- iv. He ran too quickly for me to catch him.  
(Rewrite using 'so....that.')
- v. If you do not put some oil on the hinge, it will squeak.  
(Begin: Unless.....)
- vi. Put on your warm clothes, otherwise you will catch a chill.  
(Use 'lest' instead of 'otherwise'.)
- vii. Although he has a car, he often goes to the office by bus.  
(Change into a simple sentence using 'In spite of '.)
- viii. As soon as they began to speak, they heard a loud knock at the door.  
(Begin: Scarcely.....)
- ix. It is better to starve than to beg.  
(Begin: Starving.....)
- x. They made Newton President of the Royal Society.  
(Change the Voice.) [10]