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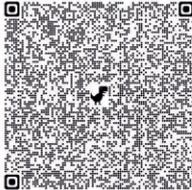
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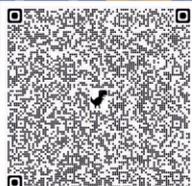
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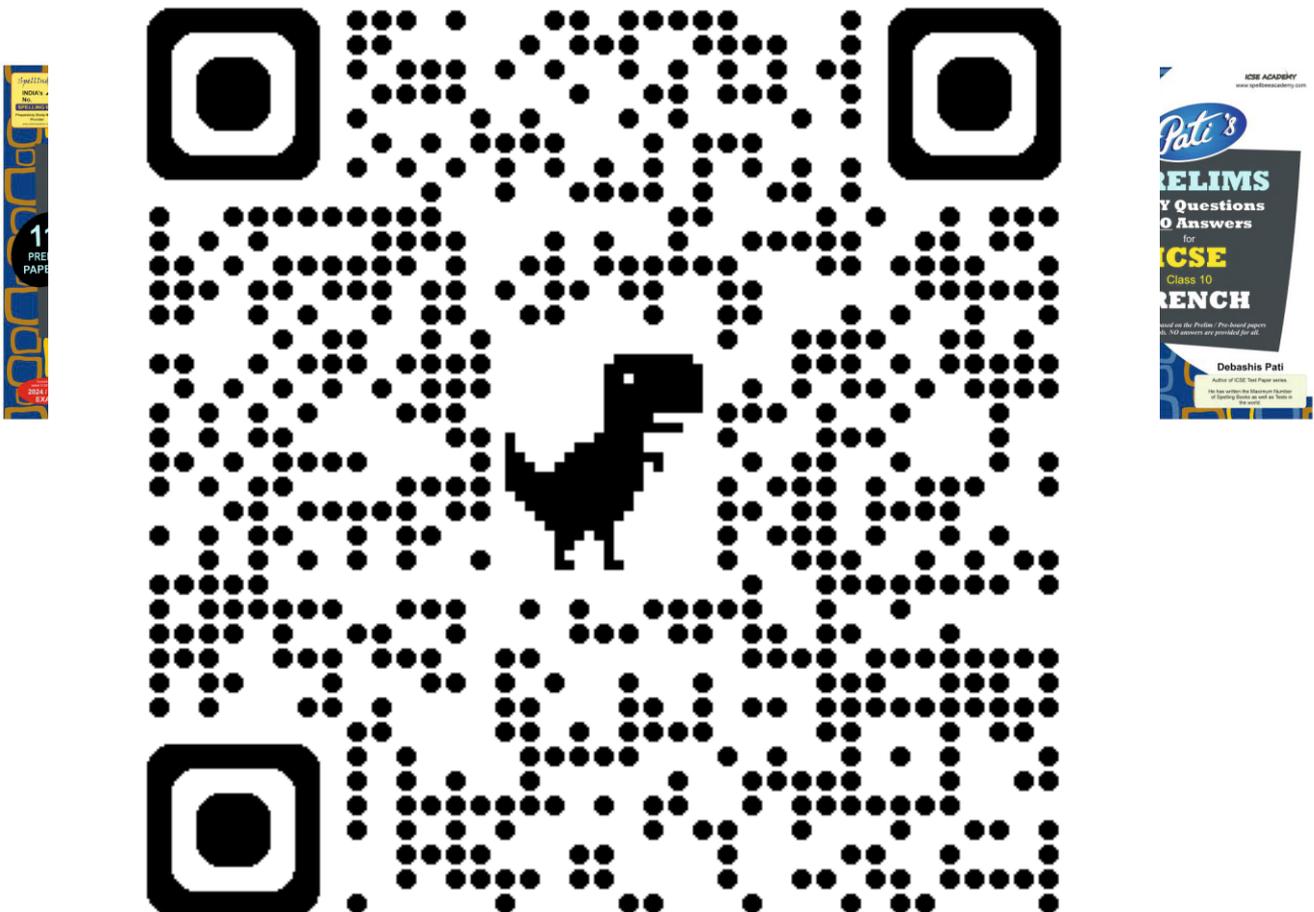
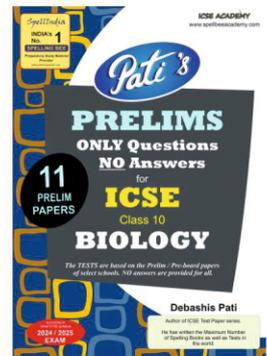
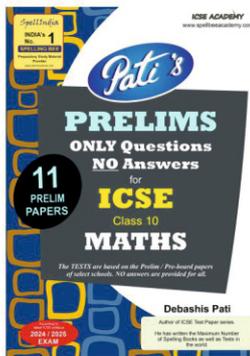
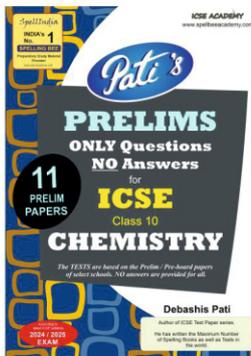
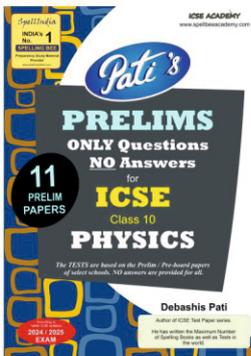
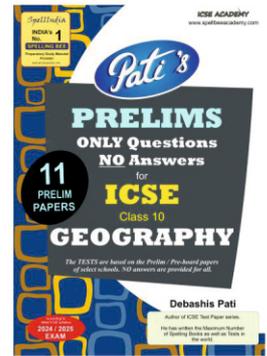
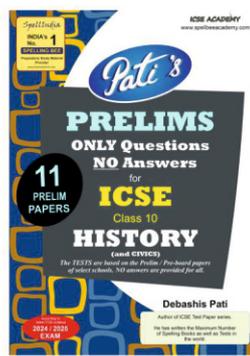
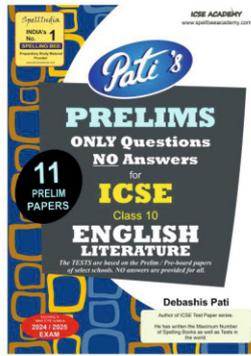
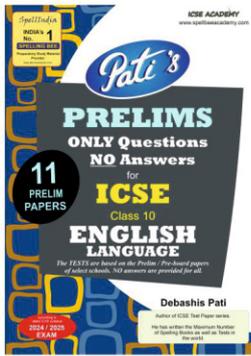
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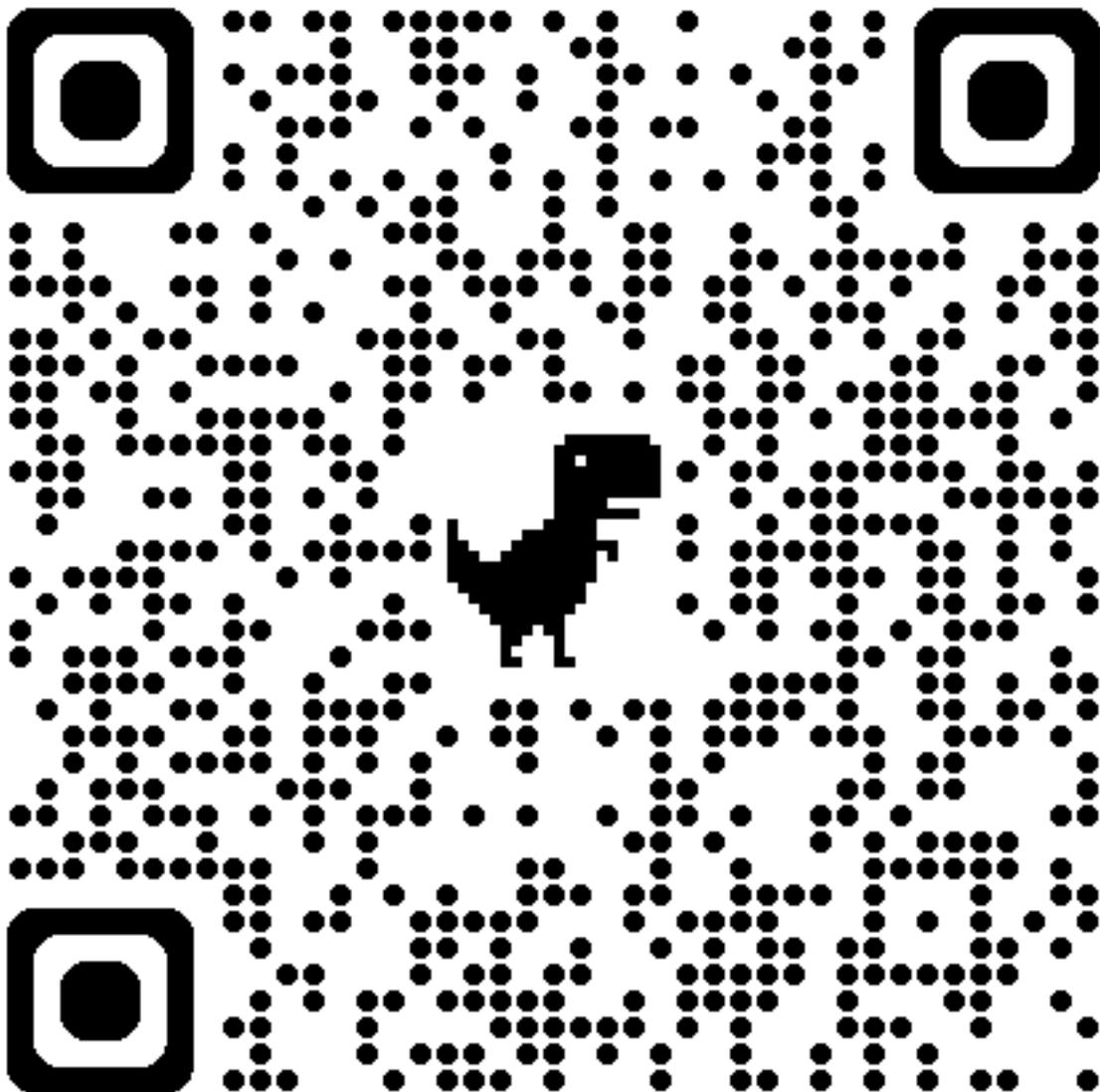
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Time: 2 Hrs
Marks: 80

Std: X
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Date: 02.01.26

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word or phrase given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Mehul (0) _____ on his way to the railway station to receive his sister.

Answer: (0) was

When he reached the platform, the train (1) ____ (arrive) earlier than scheduled and (2) _____ (depart). He (3) _____ (check) the notice board and (4) ____ (realise) that he (5) _____ (misread) the timing. While he (6) ____ (wait) for further instructions, a railway official (7) _____ (inform) him that his sister (8) _____ (travel) by another train that evening.

ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- (a) The student acted _____ the teacher's advice.
- (b) She refrained _____ commenting on the controversial issue.
- (c) He got an A grade _____ the Mathematics test.
- (d) The book is on the table _____ the lamp.
- (e) I ran _____ my old school friend at the market yesterday.
- (f) She hid _____ the cupboard and gave everyone a fright.
- (g) The journalist uncovered the truth _____ a series of interviews.
- (h) The thieves argued _____ themselves over the stolen goods.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using** *and, but* or *so*. Choose the correct option. [4]

- (1) Roshni took a day off. She wanted to visit her ailing grandparents.
- (a) Roshni took a day off when she wanted to visit her ailing grandparents.
 - (b) Roshni took a day off wishing to visit her ailing grandparents.
 - (c) Roshni took a day off to visit her ailing grandparents.
 - (d) Roshni wanted to visit her ailing grandparents, so she took a day off.

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(2) They went out to eat. They were very hungry.

- (a) They went out to eat, having been very hungry.
- (b) Being very hungry, they decided eating out.
- (c) They went out to eat, for they were so hungry.
- (d) Since they were very hungry, they went out to eat.

(3) He completed his homework. He went for a walk.

- (a) Homework was completed, he went for a walk.
- (b) He went for a walk when his homework is completed.
- (c) Having completed his homework, he went for a walk.
- (d) Having completing his homework, so he went for a walk.

(4) She spoke to the general manager. He was a friendly man.

- (a) She spoke to the general manager who was a friendly man.
- (b) She has spoken to the general manager who was a friendly man.
- (c) She spoke to the general manager, a friendly man.
- (d) She spoke to the general manager who is a friendly man.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each. [8]

1. It is a pity that I did not visit my sick friend. (*Begin: I wish*)

- (a) I wish I did visit my sick friend.
- (b) I wish I did not visit my sick friend.
- (c) I wish I had visited my sick friend.
- (d) I wish I would have visited my sick friend.

2. As soon as we reached the river, we began to swim. (*Begin: No sooner*)

- (a) No sooner did we reach the river than we began to swim.
- (b) No sooner we reached the river, we began to swim.
- (c) No sooner had we reached the river when we began to swim.
- (d) No sooner on reaching the river we began to swim.

3. The little boy rarely makes mistakes. (*Add a Question Tag*)

- (a) The little boy rarely makes mistakes, didn't he?
- (b) The little boy rarely makes mistakes, doesn't he?
- (c) The little boy rarely makes mistakes, did he?
- (d) The little boy rarely makes mistakes, does he?

...6...

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4. Even though she worked hard, she could not pass the exam. (Begin: Despite.....)

- (a) Despite working hard, she could not pass the exam.
- (b) Despite she worked hard, she could not pass the exam.
- (c) Despite worked hard, she could not pass the exam.
- (d) Despite of working hard, she could not pass the exam.

5. He shouldn't have spoken rudely to his mother. (Use: ought)

- (a) He ought to have spoken rudely to his mother.
- (b) He ought not have spoken rudely to his mother.
- (c) He ought to have spoken not rudely to his mother.
- (d) He ought not to have spoken rudely to his mother.

6. She is the best girl in the class. (Begin: No other girl

- (a) No other girl in the class is better than she is.
- (b) No other girl in the class is as good as she is.
- (c) No other girl in the class is best than she is.
- (d) No other girl in the class was as good as she is.

7. The athlete was so exhausted that he could barely stand. (Use: too)

- (a) The athlete was too exhausted to barely stand.
- (b) The athlete was too exhausted for him to stand.
- (c) The athlete was too exhausted to stand.
- (d) The athlete was too exhausted that he could not stand.

8. I cooked the meal and served the guests. (Use : Not only....)

- (a) Not only did I cooked the meal but also served the guests.
- (b) Not only did I cook the meal but also I served the guests.
- (c) Not only I cooked the meal but also served the guests.
- (d) Not only did I cook the meal but also served the guests.

Answers

(I)

1) had arrived 2) had departed 3) checked 4) realised

5) had misread 6) was waiting 7) informed

8) would be / was travelling

(ii) a) on b) from c) in d) beside e) into f) behind / inside

g) through h) among

(iii)

1 c 2 d 3 c 4 a

(iv)

1 c 2 a 3 d 4 a 5 d 6 b 7 c 8 d

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(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example:

From thousands of kilometers out in space, astronauts (0) _____ (take) photographs of Earth.

(0) have taken

If you were to look at one of those photographs, you (1) _____ (will) see something that (2) _____ (look) like a snake, (3) _____ (wind) its way across northern China. You would in fact be looking at a huge wall.

The great wall of China stretches, with all its loops and curves, for about 6000 kilometres. It's the only object (4) _____ (build) by man that is large enough

(5) _____ (show) up on a photograph taken from space. Yet this wall (6) _____ (do not) belong to the space age. It (7) _____ (is) rather built 2200 years ago. In

246 BC, Qin Shi Huang became the King of one of China's many small states. By 221 BC, he (8) _____ (succeed) in his mission.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- Within a few days he took _____ his new surroundings.
- Rashid was longing _____ some company.
- Regular work is indispensable _____ success.
- The success of the film hinged largely _____ the actor's ability to portray emotions.
- His cabs ply _____ Mumbai and Alibagh.
- My sister takes _____ my mother in good looks.
- I shall decorate the hall _____ pleasure.
- The aircraft was taxiing _____ the runway for a take-off.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and' 'but' or 'so'. Choose the correct option [4]

1. Sujata opened her purse. She found the money missing.

- a) No sooner did Sujata opened her purse, she found no money.
- b) Hardly had Sujata opened her purse, she found the money missing.
- c) As soon as Sujata opens her purse, she found the money missing.
- d) When Sujata opened her purse, she found the money missing.

2. The attic is very high. Rami cannot reach it.

- a) The attic is so high that Rami can reach it.
- b) The attic is so high that Rami cannot reach there.
- c) The attic is very high for Rami to reach it.
- d) The attic is very high, therefore Rami can reach it.

3. The students were delighted. The exams had been cancelled.

- a) The students were delighted but the exams had been cancelled.
- b) The students were delighted since the exams had been cancelled.
- c) The students were delighted as long as the exams had been cancelled.
- d) The students were delighted despite the exams having been cancelled.

4. You cannot run a company. You do not have an efficient team.

- a) You cannot run a company unless you do not have an efficient team.
- b) You cannot run a company if you have an efficient team.
- c) You cannot run a company though you do not have an efficient team.
- d) You cannot run a company unless you have an efficient team.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

1. There is no point in taking my car, if I cannot find a place to park it.
(Begin: What is)

- a) What is the point to take my car if I cannot find the place to park it?
- b) What is the point in taking my car if I cannot find place to park it.
- c) What is the point about taking my car if I cannot find a place to park it?
- d) What is the point in taking my car if I cannot find a place to park it?

2. Kohli is the best batsman in the Indian team. (Use: 'No other....')

- a) No other batsman in the Indian team is best as Kohli.
- b) No other batsman in the Indian team is better than Kohli.
- c) No other batsman in the Indian team is as good as Kohli.
- d) No other batsman in the Indian team is best than Kohli.

3. You would be nervous to face them alone. (End with a question tag)

- a) would you?
- b) will you?
- c) won't you?
- d) wouldn't you?

4. Rashi was scolded by the teacher for not completing her assignment. (Begin: The teacher)

- a) The teacher scolded Rashi for not completing her assignment.
- b) The teacher scold Rashi for not completing the assignment.

- c) The teacher scolded Rashi for not completing the assignment.
- d) The teacher will scold Rashi for her incomplete assignment.

5. "Don't forget to bring your Aadhaar card to the community club," Supriya reminded us. (Begin with: Supriya reminded us...)

- a) Supriya reminded us not forgetting to bring our Aadhaar card to the community club.
- b) Supriya reminded us to not to forget to bring our Aadhaar card to the community club.
- c) Supriya reminded us not to forget to bring our Aadhaar card to the community club.
- d) Supriya reminded us don't forget to bring our Aadhaar card to the community club.

6. The food was still fresh though mother made it in the morning. (Use: it was made...)

- a) The food was still fresh though it was made by Mother in the morning.
- b) The food was still fresh though it was made in the morning by mother.
- c) The food was still fresh, though it was made in the morning by Mother.
- d) The food was still fresh, though by Mother it was made in the morning.

7. The father as well as the son _____ industrious. (Choose the correct option.)

- a) is
- b) are
- c) be
- d) has

8. There is a slight difference between the two shades. (Use: different)

- a) There is a slight different between the two shades.
- b) The two shades are slightly different.
- c) The two shades are slight different.
- d) There the two shades are different.

Answers

(I)

1) would 2) looks 3) winding 4) built 5) to show

6) does not 7) was 8) had succeeded

(ii)

a) to b) for c) to d) on e) between f) after

g) with h) along / on

(iii)

1 d 2 b 3 b 4 d

(iv)

1 d 2 c 3 d 4 a 5 c 6 b 7 a 8 b

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Preliminary Examination II - 2025 - 2026

Subject: English Language
Class: X

Time: 2 hours
Marks: 80

Question 5

- (i) 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]

Example: For many years, the origin of tea (0) _____ (intrigue) scholars and travellers alike.

Answer: had intrigued

According to legend, Emperor Shen Nong (1) _____ (observe) the peculiar behaviour of a few wild leaves when they drifted into his pot of boiling water. Curious, he (2) _____ (examine) the changing colour of the liquid as the leaves swirled and deepened its hue. Drawn by the fragrance, he (3) _____ (lean) closer, sensing that this accidental mixture held something remarkable. When he finally tasted it, he (4) _____ (realise) that the brew possessed both clarity and vigour, unlike anything he had consumed before. Word of this new drink spread quickly, especially after wandering monks (5) _____ (carry) its fame across distant regions in search of meditation and alertness. Over time, communities (6) _____ (adopt) tea into their daily customs, refining its preparation and cherishing its calming effect. For the Emperor, however, the first cup remained unforgettable; he (7) _____ (treasure) the soothing warmth it brought, unaware that this simple brew (8) _____ (travel) across continents and shape cultures.

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. [4]
- The professor spoke passionately _____ the ethical implications of artificial intelligence.
 - The bucket had to be suspended directly _____ the door for it to fall on Martin when he opened it the next morning.
 - The council convened immediately _____ the unexpected resignation of the mayor to discuss the next steps.
 - The activists protested vehemently _____ the proposed legislation, insisting it was undermining their civil rights.
 - She paused _____ signing the contract, reflecting on the commitment she was about to make.
 - No one could guess what was really _____ the company's sudden decision to sell the factory.
 - This book was written _____ a famous historian who specialized in medieval Europe.
 - _____ the heavy rain, the hikers had to face strong winds and slippery paths on their journey.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. Choose the correct option. [4]

1. I bought these oranges yesterday. They are quite tart.

a. These oranges are quite tart.

b. These oranges, which I bought yesterday, are quite tart.

c. Since I bought these oranges yesterday, they are quite tart.

d. I bought these oranges yesterday because they are quite tart.

2. Red Riding Hood walked through the forest. She was accosted by the wolf.

a. As Red Riding Hood walked through the forest, she was accosted by the wolf.

b. Red Riding Hood walked through the forest and was accosted by the wolf.

c. Red Riding Hood was accosted by the wolf so she walked through the forest.

d. Although Red Riding Hood walked through the forest, she was accosted by the wolf.

3. Tani can dance wonderfully. Raj has two left feet.

a. Tani can dance wonderfully but Raj has two left feet.

b. Although Tani can dance wonderfully, Raj has two left feet.

c. Tani can dance wonderfully as Raj has two left feet.

d. Since Tani can dance wonderfully, Raj has two left feet.

4. Harry had an owl. It had white feathers.

a. Harry had a feathered white owl.

b. Harry had a white feather owl.

c. Harry had an owl with white feathers.

d. Harry had an owl whose feathers had white.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. As soon as Martin reached the elevator, the doors opened.

(Begin with: No sooner...)

a. No sooner did Martin reached the elevator than the doors opened.

b. No sooner does Martin reach the elevator when the doors opened.

c. No sooner did Martin reach the elevator then the doors opened.

d. No sooner did Martin reach the elevator than the doors opened.

2. Tell me the truth.

(End with a question tag)

a. Tell me the truth, will you?

b. Tell me the truth, can you?

c. Tell me the truth, can't you?

d. Tell me the truth, won't you?

3. This matador is more menacing than all other matadors.

(Use: *most menacing*)

- a. This matador is the most menacing of all matadors.
- b. This matador is most menacing of all matadors.
- c. This matador is the most menacing than all matadors.
- d. This matador is the most menacing from all matadors.

4. Calvin Harris recorded the songs written by Taylor Swift.

(Begin with: *Taylor Swift...*)

- a. Taylor Swift had written the songs recorded by Calvin Harris.
- b. Taylor Swift wrote the songs recorded by Calvin Harris.
- c. Taylor Swift wrote songs that were recorded by Calvin Harris.
- d. Taylor Swift writes songs recorded by Calvin Harris.

5. Mother said to Rohan, "Pack your books before going to bed."

(Begin: *Mother instructed Rohan.....*)

- a. Mother instructed Rohan to pack the books before going to bed.
- b. Mother instructed Rohan to pack your books before going to bed.
- c. Mother instructed Rohan to pack his books before going to bed.
- d. Mother instructed Rohan to pack all books before going to bed.

6. He chose to read a book instead of scrolling through social media.

(Begin: *Rather than...*)

- a. Rather to read a book, he did not scroll through social media.
- b. Rather than choosing to read a book, he scrolled through social media.
- c. Rather than scrolling through social media, he chose to read a book.
- d. Rather than reading a book, he chose to scroll through social media.

7. We will take a taxi if the train does not arrive on time.

(Use: *unless*)

- a. Unless the train does not arrive on time, we will take a taxi.
- b. Unless the train arrives on time, we will not take a taxi.
- c. Unless the train arrives on time, we will take a taxi.
- d. Unless the train does not arrive on time, we will not take a taxi.

8. Although the frost was heavy, the cherry blossoms began to show.

(Begin with: *Despite ...*)

- a. Despite of the heavy frost, the cherry blossoms began to show.
- b. Despite the heavy frost, the cherry blossoms began to show.
- c. Despite the frost was heavy, the cherry blossoms began to show.
- d. Despite the heavy frost, the cherry blossoms had begun to show.

Answers

(I)

1) had observed 2) examined 3) leaned 4) realised 5) carried
6) adopted 7) had treasured 8) would travel

(ii)

a) about / on b) over c) after d) against e) before f) behind
g) by h) besides

(iii)

1 b 2 a 3 b 4 c

(iv)

1 d 2 d 3 a 4 b 5 c 6 c 7 c 8 b

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- (iv) In not more than 50 words, describe Valli's first solo bus journey, highlighting the challenges she faced and the qualities she displayed. [8]

Question 5

- (i) 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]

Example: (0) admire.

I (0) ... (admire) Jemimah Rodrigues for her determination and skill on the cricket field. She (1) ... (lead) the team into several major matches and (2) ... (earn) the respect of her peers. Her performance (3) ... (improve) steadily, and even when faced with injury she (4) ... (remain) undeterred. Her coach (5) ... (commend) her work ethic and also (6) ... (state) that her attitude (7) ... (inspire) many young girls. The journey (8) ... (be) not always easy, but her perseverance (9) ... (make) her achievements remarkable.

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- (a) Google cloud has evolved _____ a powerful business unit.
(b) "The sound echoed _____ the empty hall, sharp and sudden."
(c) Moral and ethical values are the basis _____ human progress.
(d) The treasure lay hidden _____ the ruins of the ancient temple.
(e) _____ immense pressure, the government announced reforms that stretched across state lines.
(f) The teacher refused to comply _____ my request.
(g) His words were lost _____ the noise of the cheering crowd.
(h) The officers proceeded _____ the tax evaders.

- (iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence *without using and, but or so*. Choose the correct option [4]

1. The dacoit was angry. He threatened to kill the family.

- (a) The dacoit got angry as he threatened to kill the family.
(b) The dacoit being angry, threatened to kill the family.
(c) The dacoit threatened to kill the family for being angry.
(d) The dacoit was angry to threaten to kill the family.

2. The soldier was wounded. He refused to leave the battlefield.

- (a) Wounded though he was, he refused to leave the battlefield.
(b) Though wounded he had been, he refuses to leave the battlefield.
(c) Being wounded, he was refusing to leave the battlefield.
(d) Although he has been wounded, he refused to leave the battlefield.

3. Dance is her favourite. She is better at sports.
- (a) Although dance is her favourite, she is better at sports.
 - (b) Despite dance being her favourite, she is better with sports.
 - (c) Dance is her favourite while she is better at sports.
 - (d) Dancing is her favourite though she is better at sports.
4. Winston Churchill was a great politician and statesman. He also won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- (a) Winston Churchill who was a great politician and statesman won the Nobel prize for Literature.
 - (b) Winston Churchill, a great politician and statesman, also won the Nobel Prize for literature.
 - (c) Winston Churchill being a great politician and statesman, won the Nobel Prize for literature.
 - (d) Winston Churchill won the Nobel Prize for literature because he was a great politician and statesman

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. I hoped to get the scholarship. (Begin with: I hoped that...)
- (a) I hoped that I would get the scholarship.
 - (b) I hoped that I can get the scholarship.
 - (c) I hoped that I was to get the scholarship.
 - (d) I hoped that I got the scholarship.
2. He must not be late or he will be punished. (Begin with: In the event of...)
- (a) In the event of his getting late, he will be punished.
 - (b) In the event of his late entry, he will be punished.
 - (c) In the event of his being late, he will be punished.
 - (d) In the event of coming late, he will be punished.
3. Do not go away until I return. (Use: 'as long as')
- (a) Do not return as long as I go away.
 - (b) Do not go as long as I am away.
 - (c) Do not go away as long as I do not return.
 - (d) Do not go as long as I return back.
4. Kankabati was not the only person who had congratulated me at the convocation. (Begin: Besides...)
- (a) Besides Kankabati, others had congratulated me at the convocation.
 - (b) Besides others who had congratulated me at the convocation, was Kankabati.
 - (c) Besides Kankabati, there were others who had congratulated me at the convocation
 - (d) Besides Kankabati, no other had congratulated me at the convocation.
5. I had wiped one salt drop from my cheek when another followed. (Begin with: No sooner...)
- (a) No sooner I have wiped one salt drop from my cheek when another followed.
 - (b) No sooner did I wipe one salt drop from my cheek, when another followed.
 - (c) No sooner was I wiping one salt drop from my cheek than another had followed.
 - (d) No sooner had I wiped one salt drop from my cheek than another followed.

6. The Christmas night was intensely cold. Even Santa could not be on time for the party.
(Replace "intensely" with "too")
- (a) *The Christmas night was too cold that even Santa could not be on time for the party.*
 - (b) *The Christmas night was too cold for even Santa to be on time for the party.*
 - (c) *The Christmas night was too much cold that even Santa was not on time for the party.*
 - (d) *The Christmas night was too cold so that even Santa could not reach on time for the party.*
7. A few writers are as imaginative as J. K. Rowling.
(Use: more imaginative)
- (a) *J. K. Rowling is more imaginative than any other writers.*
 - (b) *No other writer is more imaginative than J. K. Rowling.*
 - (c) *J. K. Rowling is most imaginative than few writers.*
 - (d) *J. K. Rowling is more imaginative than most other writers.*
8. When did you notice this crack in the wall?
(End:you?)
- (a) *When this crack was noticed by you?*
 - (b) *When was this crack in the wall noticed by you?*
 - (c) *This crack in the wall was noticed by you?*
 - (d) *Was this crack in the wall noticed by you?*

Answers

(I)

1) has lead 2) earned 3) has improved / has been improving

4) remained 5) commends 6) states 7) has inspired

8) was 9) made

(ii)

a) into b) through c) of d) in e) under f) with g) in h) against

(iii)

1 b 2 a 3 a 4 a

(iv)

1 a 2 d 3 c 4 c 5 d 6 b 7 d 8 b

Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai

FIRST PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2025 – 2026

Date: November 25, 2025

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 80

Subject: English Language

Std: X A

Answer provided separately.

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage. Write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: 0 - was pacing

One late night, George ...0... (pace) back and forth in his room, unable to sleep. He ...1... (keep) glancing at the clock, which only made him more restless. This ...2... (wake) his wife, who asked him why he couldn't sleep. George ...3... (reply), "You know that thousand dollars I ...4... (borrow) from Bob next door? Well, it's

due tomorrow. I'm not ready—I ...5... (try) all week to arrange the money, but nothing has worked."

She opened the window and ...6... (shout) to the house next door, "Bob, wake up!" A light went on immediately and Bob stuck his head out of his window. She continued, "You know that thousand dollars my husband owes you? Well, he doesn't have it!" Then she closed the window and ...7... (say) to George. "There—now let him pace the floor. You go to sleep." Well, good wives are always helpful even in their own ...8... (surprise) ways.

(ii) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. Write only the word in the answer sheet, with the correct numbering. [4]

- (a) The proposal was rejected _____ account of insufficient evidence.
- (b) The students waited anxiously _____ the announcement.
- (c) Rare artifacts were found deep _____ the ruins of the old monastery.
- (d) The witness spoke _____ length about the incident.
- (e) Her patience was pushed _____ its limit after weeks of delays.
- (f) The boy brushed the sand _____ his shoes before entering.
- (g) The professor reviewed the results again _____ noticing an inconsistency.
- (h) Hearing the commotion, a small crowd quickly gathered _____ the gate.

(iii) Join the following sentences without using and, but or so. [4]

1. He bought a bicycle. It has a lightweight aluminium frame.
 - (a) His bicycle is aluminium with a lightweight frame.
 - (b) He bought a bicycle which is a frame of lightweight aluminium.
 - (c) He bought a bicycle that has a lightweight aluminium frame.
 - (d) He bought an aluminium-light bicycle frame.

2. Mia set two alarms. She did not want to miss her interview.
- (a) Mia set two alarms because she did not want to miss her interview.
 - (b) Mia set two alarms as missing her interview was not what she wanted.
 - (c) Mia did not want to miss her interview unless she set two alarms.
 - (d) Mia set two alarms although she did not want to miss her interview.
3. Rohan didn't complete his essay. Rohan didn't complete his revision.
- ~~(a)~~ Neither did Rohan complete his essay nor complete his revision.
 - (b) Rohan completed neither his essay nor his revision.
 - ~~(c)~~ Rohan completed either his essay or his revision.
 - (d) Neither the essay nor the revision was completed by Rohan.
4. The café offered discounts. Customers complained about the service.
- (a) Despite customers complained about the service, the café offered discounts.
 - (b) Customers complained about the service unless the café offered discounts.
 - (c) The café offered discounts because customers complained about the service.
 - (d) Although the café offered discounts, customers complained about the service.
- (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. **[8]**
1. He impressed the judges with his flawless piano performance.
(Rewrite using 'impression')

- (a) His flawless piano performance left an impression for the judges.
- (b) His flawless piano performance gave the judges an impressed feeling.
- (c) The judges watched his flawless piano performance in impression.
- (d) His flawless piano performance made a great impression on the judges.
2. Rita is coming to the school carnival. (Add a question tag)
- (a) Rita is coming to the school carnival, is she?
- (b) Rita is coming to the school carnival, isn't she?
- (c) Rita isn't coming to the school carnival, is she?
- (d) Rita is coming to the school carnival, aren't she?
3. "Will you join the debate team this term?" the teacher asked Ravi. (Begin: The teacher asked Ravi...)
- (a) The teacher asked Ravi that he join the debate team this term.
- (b) The teacher asked Ravi for joining the debate team this term.
- (c) The teacher asked Ravi if he would join the debate team this term.
- (d) The teacher told Ravi to join the debate team this term.
4. Learning to budget wisely was the smartest choice I made last year. (Begin: No other...)
- (a) No other choice I made last year was as smart as learning to budget wisely.
- (b) No other budgeting choice was as smart as I made last year.
- (c) No other choice was smarter that I made last year like budgeting wisely.
- (d) No other year was as smart as the choice I made to budget wisely.

5. The instructions were unclear, yet he managed to assemble the furniture. (Use: Although...)
- (a) Although he assembled the furniture, the instructions are unclear.
 - (b) Although the instructions were unclear, he manages to assemble the furniture.
 - (c) Although assembling the furniture, the instructions were unclear.
 - (d) Although the instructions were unclear, he managed to assemble the furniture.
6. She prefers to read a book rather than scroll through social media. (Begin: She would rather...)
- (a) She would rather prefer reading a book than scrolling through social media.
 - (b) She would rather reading a book than be scrolling through social media.
 - (c) She would rather read a book than scroll through social media.
 - (d) She would rather read a book than to scroll through social media.
7. People believe that the scientist discovered the cure accidentally. (Begin: The scientist is...)
- (a) The scientist is believed to discover the cure accidentally.
 - (b) The scientist is believed to have discovered the cure accidentally.
 - (c) The scientist is believed to be discovering the cure accidentally.
 - (d) The scientist is discovered accidentally by people.
8. I will not join the trek if I am not fully prepared. (Use: unless)
- (a) Unless I am fully prepared, I will join the trek.
 - (b) I will join the trek unless I am not fully prepared.
 - (c) I will not join the trek unless I am fully prepared.
 - (d) Unless I am fully prepared, I am not joining the trek.

Answers

(I)

1) kept 2) woke 3) replied 4) had borrowed / borrowed

5) have tried / have been trying 6) shouted 7) said

8) surprising

(ii)

a) on b) for c) inside / within / in d) at e) to f) off

g) on / after h) at

(iii)

1 c 2 a 3 b 4 c

(iv)

1 d 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 d 6 c 7 a 8 c



THE J. B. VACHHA HIGH SCHOOL FOR PARSI GIRLS

CLASS - X

Date: 11-12-2025

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Marks: 80

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
English Paper – I
(Two hours)

- (i) *Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word appropriate to the blank space.* [4]

Example: (0) **are considered**

In the field of journalism, cartoonists (0) _____ (consider) as an unusual breed of people. By (1) _____ (draw) a few lines, they can highlight or (2) _____ (reduce) to dust somebody's character in the society. Their style of (3) _____ (express) can (4) _____ (deliver) a strong blow to the subject of caricature. R.K. Laxman (5) _____ (be) a cartoonist (6) _____ (endow) with the skill to draw attractive cartoons. With a deep understanding of political and social realities, he was able to see and express the reality through his protagonist – the Common Man with a (7) _____ (close) umbrella. The Common Man (8) _____ (become) a signature of Laxman's art.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[4]

1. Production has been held ____ by strikes.
2. They have carried ____ the first prize.
3. Can we count _____ you to help us?
4. The novel has been translated _____ many languages.
5. My car is always breaking _____.
6. He is cured _____ asthma.
7. It has been a long time _____ I met him.
8. If he is careful, he will not lag _____ his schedule.

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

[4]

1. The store was small. It had all the necessary things.
 - a) The store was so small to have all the necessary things.
 - b) The store, though small, could have all the necessary things.
 - c) The store was small enough to have all the necessary things.
 - d) Though the store was small, it had all the necessary things.
2. Leo has won the first prize. I am pleased to announce it.
 - a) I am pleased to announce Leo's first prize.
 - b) I am pleased to announce Leo had the first prize.
 - c) I am pleased to announce that Leo had to win the first prize.
 - d) I am pleased to announce that Leo has won the first prize.
3. He might not be sure of it. In that case, he would not agree to it.
 - a) Unless he is sure about it, he would not agree to it.
 - b) In the case he is not sure about it, he will agree to it.
 - c) If he is sure about it, he will not agree to it.
 - d) He is sure about it such that he would not agree to it.
4. Here is the lady. Her son is a pianist.
 - a) Here is the lady's son, a pianist.
 - b) Here is the lady, her son was a pianist.
 - c) Here is the lady whose son is a pianist.
 - d) Here is the ladies son who is a pianist.

(iv) 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. She said to me, "What a pity, you missed my birthday party!"
(Begin with: She exclaimed.....)
 - a) She exclaimed what a pity you missed my birthday party.
 - b) She exclaimed with pity for I missed her birthday party.
 - c) She exclaimed with pity that I missed her birthday party.
 - d) She exclaimed what a pity it was that I missed her birthday party.

2. Very few towns in India are as old as Delhi.
(Begin: Delhi)
- Delhi is older than most other towns in India.
 - Delhi is one of the older towns in India.
 - Delhi is the oldest town in India.
 - Delhi is one of the few oldest towns in India.
3. Jaswant's grandfather is too old to take up this job.
(Use: so that....)
- Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he could not take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he cannot take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he could take up this job.
 - Jaswant's grandfather is so old that he can take up this job.
4. As soon as he reaches home, his friends call him.
(Begin: No sooner)
- No sooner did he reach home than his friends call him.
 - No sooner does he reach home then his friends call him.
 - No sooner does he reach home than his friends call him.
 - No sooner had he reached home than his friends call him.
5. The team consists of eleven players.
(Use: comprises)
- The team comprises of eleven players.
 - The team comprises eleven players.
 - Eleven players comprises the team.
 - The team comprises with eleven players.
6. Unless the train arrives on time, we shall miss the concert.
(Begin: If.....)
- If the train arrives on time, we shall miss the concert
 - If the train does not arrive on time, we shall miss the concert.
 - If the train arrived on time, we shall miss the concert.
 - If the train does not arrive on time, we shall not miss the concert.
7. Not only did he give her money, but also helped her complete the work.
(Use: Besides)
- Besides money he was helped to complete the work.
 - Besides help with money, he completed the work.
 - Besides giving her money, he helped her complete the work.
 - Besides giving money, he could be help to complete the work.
8. You remembered to take your keys.
(Add a question tag)
- You remembered to take your keys, isn't it?
 - You remembered to take your keys, haven't you?
 - You remembered to take your keys, didn't you?
 - You remembered to take your keys, did you?

Answers

(I)

1) drawing 2) reduce 3) expressing / expression 4) deliver

5) was 6) endowed 7) closed 8) had become

(ii)

a) up b) off c) on d) in e) down f) of g) since h) in

(iii)

1 d 2 d 3 a 4 c

(iv)

1 d 2 a 3 b 4 c 5 b 6 b 7 c 8 c



Vile Parle Mahila Sangh's
Orion School (CISCE)

First Preliminary Examination (2025 -2026)

Grade: X

Subject-English Language-1

Date: 13/11/25

Time Duration: 2 Hours

MM: 80

- a) 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]

Examples:

Tom ___(go) thinking.

Answer: went

Presently, it ___(1) (occur) to him that he wished he was sick. He ___(2) (examine) his system. No ailment was found. He imagined he ___(3) (detect) colicky symptoms. But they soon ___(4) (grow) feeble. He ___(5) (reflect) further. Suddenly he ___(6) (discover) something. One of his upper front teeth ___(7) (be) loose. He was about to begin to groan when it occurred to him that his aunt ___(8) (pull) it out, and that would hurt.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

- (a) Open your book ___ page sixty.
- (b) The child died ___ hunger.
- (c) Bring the file to me ___ ten o'clock.
- (d) ___ giving her bangles, my mother gave her clothes too.
- (e) The teacher is standing ___ the blackboard.
- (f) The diver jumped ___ the river.
- (g) He shared the fruit juice _____ all the guests, but divided the chocolate _____ only two of them.

[4]

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so**.
Choose the correct answer.

[4]

1. The teacher gave his students valuable advice. He helped them monetarily.
 - (a) Besides giving his students valuable advice, he helped them monetarily too.
 - (b) The teacher gave his students valuable advice as well as he helped them monetarily.
 - (c) The teacher helped his students monetarily besides giving them valuable advice.
 - (d) The teacher gave the students valuable advice along with monetary help.
2. The sun had set. The birds returned to their nests.
 - (a) The birds returned to their nests before sunset.
 - (b) The birds returned to their nests by sunset.
 - (c) The birds returned to their nests at sunset.
 - (d) As soon as the sun set, the birds rushed to their nests.
3. You must hurry. You will miss the bus.
 - (a) You will miss the bus if you mustn't hurry.
 - (b) You must hurry or you will miss the bus.
 - (c) If you want to catch the bus, you hurry.
 - (d) If you do not hurry you will certainly miss the bus.
4. My sister is working hard. She wishes to be a doctor.
 - (a) My sister is working hard because she wishes to be a doctor.
 - (b) My sister wishes to be a doctor, therefore she is working hard.
 - (c) To be a doctor my sister is working hard.
 - (d) My sister is working very hard to become a doctor.

(iv) 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 the given sentence. Choose the correct options.

[8]

1. She has returned from Canada? Ask her neighbour. (*Combine the sentences using 'whether'*)
 - (a) Ask her neighbour whether she has returned from Canada.
 - (b) Ask her neighbour if she has returned from Canada, ask her neighbour.
 - (c) Her neighbour should be asked about her return from Canada.
 - (d) Ask her neighbour whether she asked her return from Canada.
2. Mr. Varma won a lottery. He bought an apartment. (*Combine using 'after'*)
 - (a) After winning a lottery, Mr. Varma bought an apartment.
 - (b) After winning a lottery, they bought an apartment.
 - (c) After winning a lottery, Mr. Verma bought an apartment.
 - (d) As soon as Mr. Varma won a lottery, he bought an apartment.
3. Mr. Murthy was known to be a learned man. (*Begin: People*)
 - (a) People know Mr. Murthy to be a learned man.
 - (b) People knew Mr. Murthy to be a learned man.



Answers

(i)

1) occurred 2) examined 3) had detected 4) grew 5) reflected

6) discovered 7) was 8) would

(ii)

a) to b) of c) by / before d) besides e) beside f) into g) with

(iii)

1 c 2 b 3 b 4 d

(iv)

1 a 2 a 3 b



ST. GREGORIOS HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

No. of Pages- 9

MARKS : 80

TIME : 2 Hours

STD : X

DATE : 18.12.2025

The first 15 minutes are for reading only. No writing work to be done during this time. The writing time is excluding this reading time.

- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in [4] brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

Example: (0) was advertised

Sir Edward Thomas was the Minister for civil works in Churchill's Cabinet. A work tender ___0___ (advertise) by his department, and one of his classmates ___1___ (fill) in the tender. He assured his friend that he ___2___ (help) him get the assignment but the job must ___3___ (finish) on time. Eventually Sir Thomas called ___4___ (inform) him that the work order was ready. The meeting was fixed at 1p.m. The friend reached six minutes past one. ___5___ (look) at his watch, Thomas asked his secretary

to tell his friend that his tender ___6___ (reject) . The thoroughly ___7___
(shake) friend immediately called Sir Thomas to ask what ___8___ (happen).
“Yes , I said that ! because you are six minutes late. It is evident that you
would never finish the job on time,” said the Minister.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[4]

- (a) The neighbours came _____ our aid.
- (b) These are the rules all should live _____.
- (c) Maya dropped _____ of school due to her illness.
- (d) You cannot get _____ with murder.
- (e) “Let us go _____ some idioms,” said the teacher.
- (f) They set _____ the tent in the backyard for camping.
- (g) I can never get _____ my fear of insects.
- (h) His irresponsible actions will be held _____ him.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using
and, but or so. Choose the correct option.

[4]

1. Hina met her teacher on the road. She stopped to talk to her.
 - (a) Hina stopped to talk to her teacher she met on the road.
 - (b) Hina stopped to talk to her teacher whom she met on the road.
 - (c) Hina stopped to talk to her teacher when she met her on the road .
 - (d) Hina stopped her teacher to talk to her on the road.
2. I am looking for a book. It is a thick one with a blue cover.
 - (a) The blue cover book I am looking for has the thick cover.
 - (b) The book is thick and with a blue cover, I am looking for it.
 - (c) I am looking for a blue cover thick book.
 - (d) I am looking for a thick book with a blue cover.

3. The examination was over. The students were happy.
- (a) The examination had been over so the students were happy.
 - (b) The students were happy while the examination was over.
 - (c) The students were happy when the examination was over.
 - (d) The examination was over since the students were happy.

4. The contract was terminated. It had several errors.
- (a) The contract was terminated as it had several errors.
 - (b) The contract was terminated despite several errors.
 - (c) The contract was terminated due to its having several errors.
 - (d) The contract had several errors , so it was terminated.

✓ (iv) 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. Choose the correct options. [8]

1. Rahul said , "My mother is away from home, but she will return tomorrow." (Begin: Rahul said that.....)
- (a) Rahul said that his mother was away from home but she would return the next day.
 - (b) Rahul said that his mother was away from home but she will return the next day.
 - (c) Rahul said that his mother was away from home but she would return tomorrow.
 - (d) Rahul said that his mother is away from home but she would return the next day.

2. Nobody will deny that she is able.(Begin: Everyone ...)
 - (a) Everyone will accept that she is able.
 - (b) Everyone will not deny that she is able.
 - (c) Everyone will admit that she is able.
 - (d) Everyone will deny that she is able.

3. You remembered to take your car keys, didn't you ? (Begin: You didn't...)
 - (a) You didn't remember your car keys?
 - (b) You didn't forget to take your car keys , did you?
 - (c) You didn't remember to take your keys, didn't you?
 - (d) You didn't forget your car keys?

4. Do as I tell you or you will regret it.(Begin: Unless.....)
 - (a) Unless you do as I tell you, you will regret it.
 - (b) Unless you don't do as I tell you , you will regret it.
 - (c) Unless you don't do as I told you, you will regret.
 - (d) Unless you regret it you will not do as I tell you.

5. No sooner had he gone than the uproar commenced. (Begin: As soon as....)
 - (a) As soon as the uproar commenced, he had gone.
 - (b) As soon as he had gone, the uproar commenced.
 - (c) As soon as he had gone, still the uproar commenced.
 - (d) As soon as he had gone when the uproar commenced.

6. Put your toys away, people may fall over them. (Use: lest)
- (a) Lest people fall, put your toys away.
 - (b) People may fall over them , lest you put your toys away.
 - (c) Put your toys away lest people should fall over them.
 - (d) Put your toys away lest people fall over them.
7. Sana is the cleverest pupil in the class. (Use: clever)
- (a) Sana is the clever pupil in the class.
 - (b) None other pupils in the class is as clever as Sana.
 - (c) No other pupil in the class is as clever as Sana.
 - (d) No other pupil in the class is more clever than Sana.
8. It is time to watch the movie. (Change into Passive Voice)
- (a) The movie is to be watched now.
 - (b) It is time the movie is to be watched.
 - (c) It is time the movie can be watched.
 - (d) It is time for the movie to be watched.

Answers

(I)

1) filled 2) would help 3) be finished 4) to inform 5) looking

6) was rejected 7) shook 8) had happened

(ii)

a) to b) by c) out d) away e) through f) up g) over

h) against

(iii)

1 c 2 d 3 c 4 a

(iv)

1 a 2 a / c 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 c 7 c 8 d



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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2025-26

Grade : X

Subject : ENGLISH-I

Marks : 80

Date : 29/11/2025

Time : 2 hours

- (i) 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]

Example:

Long ago, people _____ (0) (tell) stories around fires to explain thunder, lightning and stars.

Answer: told

They believed Gods _____ (1) (control) the winds and rains. In India, the tale of Lord Indra and his thunderbolt _____ (2) (pass) from one generation to another. Even today, those myths _____ (3) (tell) in villages, classrooms and festivals. Children listen with wide eyes, even when they _____ (4) (know) science has different answers. Now a days, filmmakers and authors

_____ (5) (retell) these old stories with new twists. They _____ (6) (mix) mythology with adventure, making it exciting for today's audiences. In the future, these stories _____ (7) (keep) inspiring movies, games, and books. Culture will always find ways to adapt and survive. What began as simple storytelling _____ (8) (become) a global treasure.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. [4]

- (a) The short circuit set _____ the fire alarm in the school lab.
- (b) Keyur was lucky. He got _____ with cheating in the test.
- (c) The store manager backed _____ of the deal at the last moment.
- (d) The child is weak and weighs _____ five kilos.
- (e) I will be back latest _____ 5:00 p.m.
- (f) The garden is open to public but the house is out _____ bounds.
- (g) I do not have much to contribute _____ the discussion.
- (h) Mahima left without paying the bill _____ purpose.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and*, *but* or *so*. Choose the correct option. [4]

1. Mayuri wakes up early on weekdays. She has to reach office on time.
 - (a) Mayuri wakes up early on weekdays since she has to reach office on time.
 - (b) As Mayuri wakes up early on weekdays, she reaches office on time.
 - (c) Mayuri wakes up early on weekdays and reaches office on time.
 - (d) Mayuri wakes up early on weekdays so that she has to reach office on time.
2. Shreya does not like broccoli. Shreya does not like cabbage.
 - (a) Shreya either likes broccoli or cabbage.
 - (b) Shreya does not like broccoli but cabbage.
 - (c) Shreya likes neither broccoli nor cabbage.
 - (d) Shreya does not like broccoli and cabbage.
3. Suhail was stuck in traffic. He reached the venue on time.
 - (a) Suhail was stuck in traffic but he reached the venue on time.
 - (b) As Suhail was stuck in traffic, he reached the venue on time.
 - (c) Suhail was stuck in traffic though he reached the venue on time.
 - (d) Though Suhail was stuck in traffic, he reached the venue on time.

4. Rahil saw the boy running across the road. He tried to stop him.
- (a) Rahil saw the boy running across the road while he tried to stop him.
 - (b) Rahil saw the boy running across the road and he tried to stop him.
 - (c) When Rahil saw the boy running across the road, he tried to stop him.
 - (d) Rahil saw the boy running across the road, he tried to stop him.

➤ (iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. [8]

1. Priya said to Neha, "How did you solve this sum?"
(End: ...sum.)
- (a) Priya asked Neha how did you solve this sum.
 - (b) Priya asked Neha how had she solved that sum.
 - (c) Priya asked Neha how she had solved that sum.
 - (d) Priya asked Neha how she had solved this sum.
2. Very few dancers in the crew are as graceful as Anika.
(Begin: Anika is...)
- (a) Anika is more graceful than many other dancers in the crew.
 - (b) Anika is more graceful than any other dancer in the crew.
 - (c) Anika is the most graceful dancer in the crew.
 - (d) Anika is a graceful dancer in the crew.
3. The strong winds have shattered the window.
(Begin: The window...)
- (a) The window has been shattered by the strong winds.
 - (b) The window have been shattered by the strong winds.
 - (c) The window had been shattered by the strong winds.
 - (d) The window was shattered by the strong winds.
4. Tanmay strengthened his argument with valid examples.
(Rewrite using 'strong'.)
- (a) Tanmay strong his argument with valid examples.
 - (b) Tanmay made his argument strong with valid examples.
 - (c) Tanmay made his argument with strong valid examples.
 - (d) Tanmay converted his argument strong with valid examples.

As soon as the festival begins, the joyous atmosphere fills the air.

(Begin: No sooner...)

- (a) No sooner did the festival begin than the joyous atmosphere filled the air.
- (b) No sooner does the festival begins than the joyous atmosphere fills the air.
- (c) No sooner does the festival begin, the joyous atmosphere fills the air.
- (d) No sooner does the festival begin than the joyous atmosphere fills the air.

6. The hall was too small to accommodate everyone.

(Remove: too)

- (a) The hall was so small that it cannot accommodate everyone.
- (b) The hall was so small that it could not accommodate everyone.
- (c) The hall is so small that it cannot accommodate everyone.
- (d) The hall is so small that it could not accommodate everyone.

7. Mandira does not have the skills to excel in Mathematics.

(Remove: not)

- (a) Mandira does have the skills to excel in Mathematics.
- (b) Mandira lacks the skills to excel in Mathematics.
- (c) Mandira wants to have the skills to excel in Mathematics.
- (d) Mandira is without the skills to excel in Mathematics.

8. Diya enjoys outdoor activities.

(Add a question tag)

- (a) Diya enjoys outdoor activities, didn't she?
- (b) Diya enjoys outdoor activities, did she?
- (c) Diya enjoys outdoor activities, doesn't she?
- (d) Diya enjoys outdoor activities, does she?

Answers

(I)

1) controlled 2) has been passed 3) are told 4) know

5) retell 6) mix 7) will keep 8) has become

(ii)

a) off b) away c) out d) under e) by f) of g) to h) on

(iii)

1 a 2 c 3 d 4 c

(iv)

1 c 2 a 3 a 4 b 5 d 6 b 7 b 8 c



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- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. [4]
Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

Example: The scientist (0)_____ (work) on an important experiment.
Answer: (0) was working



By the time the scientist (1) _____ (arrive) at the laboratory, his assistant (2) _____ (already begin) the experiment. They (3) _____ (work) together for over an hour when suddenly the power (4) _____ (go) off. Since the generator (5) _____ (not repair), they (6) _____ (decide) to record their observations in detail. When the power finally (7) _____ (return), they (8) _____ (continue) their work with greater enthusiasm.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

[4]

- (a) He is skilled _____ handling complex machines.
- (b) The book was hidden _____ the pile of old newspapers.
- (c) She insisted _____ paying the bill herself.
- (d) The criminal was charged _____ fraud.
- (e) He lives _____ the outskirts of the city.
- (f) The teacher divided the class _____ four groups.
- (g) The students protested _____ the unfair judgment.
- (h) This old castle is famous _____ many mysterious legends.

(iii) Choose the correct option to make one complete sentence **without using and, but or so.**

[4]

1. She borrowed a book from the library. She wanted to prepare for the examination.
 - (a) She borrowed a book from the library while she wanted to prepare for the examination.
 - (b) She borrowed a book from the library as she wants to prepare for an examination.
 - (c) She borrowed a book from a library as she wanted to prepare for a examination.
 - (d) She borrowed a book from the library as she wanted to prepare for the examination.

2. Rohit stayed back in the office. He had a meeting scheduled in the evening.
 - (a) Rohit stayed back at the office although he had a meeting scheduled in the evening.
 - (b) Rohit stayed back in the office for the scheduled meeting in the evening.
 - (c) Rohit stayed back in the office because he had a meeting scheduled in the evening.
 - (d) Rohit stayed back in the office when he had a meeting scheduled in the evening.

3. The patient collapsed. The doctor was called immediately.
- (a) As soon as the patient collapsed, the doctor was called immediately.
 - (b) No sooner had the patient collapsed then the doctor was called.
 - (c) Hardly did the patient collapsed when the doctor was called.
 - (d) Scarcely did the patient collapse when the doctor was called.

4. The king does not give the orders. His soldiers do not give the orders.
- (a) Neither the king nor the soldiers give the orders.
 - (b) Either the king or his soldiers do not give the orders.
 - (c) Both the king and his soldiers do not give the orders.
 - (d) Neither the king nor the soldiers gives the orders.

(iv) Choose the correct option and rewrite the sentence according to the instruction given [8]
after each.

1. Your mother cooks brilliantly. (*Rewrite using a question tag*)

- (a) Your mother cooks brilliantly, won't she?
- (b) Your mother cooks brilliantly, does she?
- (c) Your mother cooks brilliantly, doesn't she?
- (d) Your mother cooks brilliantly, isn't it?

2. It is dangerous, as well as illegal, to ride a motorcycle without a helmet. (*Use - not only ... but also*)

- (a) It is not dangerous, but also illegal to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.
- (b) It is not only dangerous but also illegal to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.
- (c) It is both, dangerous and also illegal to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.
- (d) Not only dangerous but it is also illegal to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.

3. Pick up the toys from the floor or the children will trip over them. (*Use: lest*)

- (a) Pick up the toys from the floor lest the children trip over them.
- (b) Pick up the toys from the floor lest the children should trip over them.
- (c) Pick up the toys from the floor or the children may trip over them.
- (d) Pick up the toys from the floor or the children might trip over them.

4. Andrew's grandfather is too old to take up a job. (*Remove 'too'*)

- (a) Andrew's grandfather is so old that he could not take up a job.
- (b) Andrew's grandfather is so old that he cannot take up a job.
- (c) Andrew's grandfather was very old to take up a job.
- (d) Andrew's grandfather is so old that he will not take up a job.

5. She asked me, "Have you ever had a meal in a fine dining restaurant?"
(Change to Indirect Speech)
- (a) She asked me whether I had a meal in a fine dining restaurant.
 - (b) She said to me had I had a meal in a fine dining restaurant.
 - (c) She inquired of me if I had ever had a meal in a fine dining restaurant.
 - (d) She asked me if did have a meal in a fine dining restaurant.
6. As soon as the burglar entered the house, the alarm began ringing.
(Use: Scarcely.....)
- (a) Scarcely as the burglar entered the house, the alarm began ringing.
 - (b) Scarcely had the burglar entered the house when the alarm began ringing.
 - (c) Scarcely did the burglar entered the house then the alarm began ringing.
 - (d) Scarcely did the burglar enter the house when the alarm began ringing.
7. The captain was the last one left on the ship. (Begin: None....)
- (a) None, except the captain, was left on the ship.
 - (b) None but the captain was left on the ship.
 - (c) None, beside the captain, was left on the ship.
 - (d) None were on the ship except the captain.
8. Everybody dislikes her for her arrogance. (Begin: Who....)
- (a) Who likes her for her arrogance?
 - (b) Who dislikes her for her arrogance?
 - (c) Who likes her arrogance?
 - (d) Who doesn't dislike her for her arrogance?
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Answers

(i)

1) had arrived 2) had already begun 3) had been working

4) went 5) could not be repaired 6) decided 7) returned

8) continued

(ii)

a) at b) under c) on d) with e) in / on f) into g) against

h) for

(iii)

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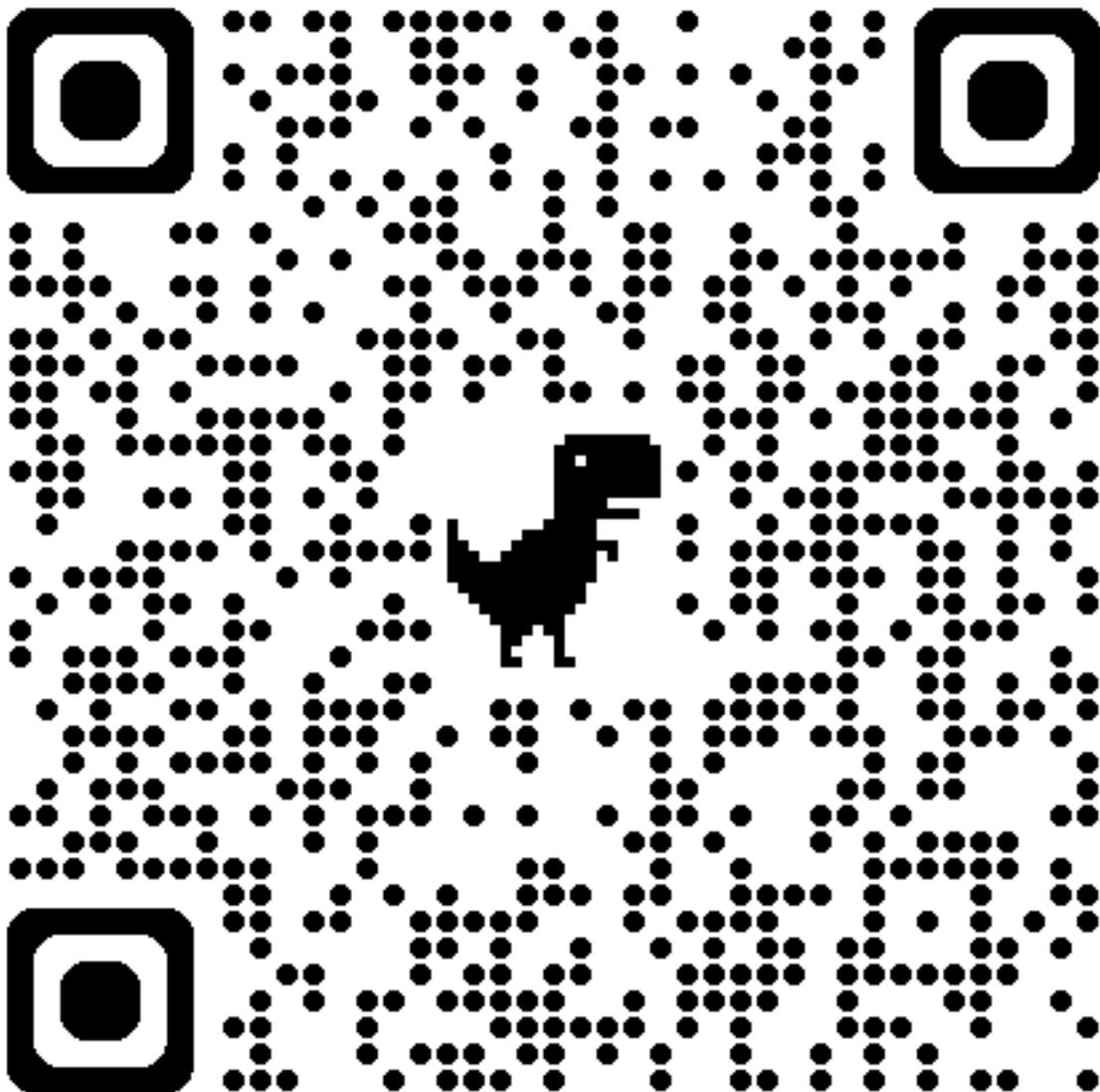
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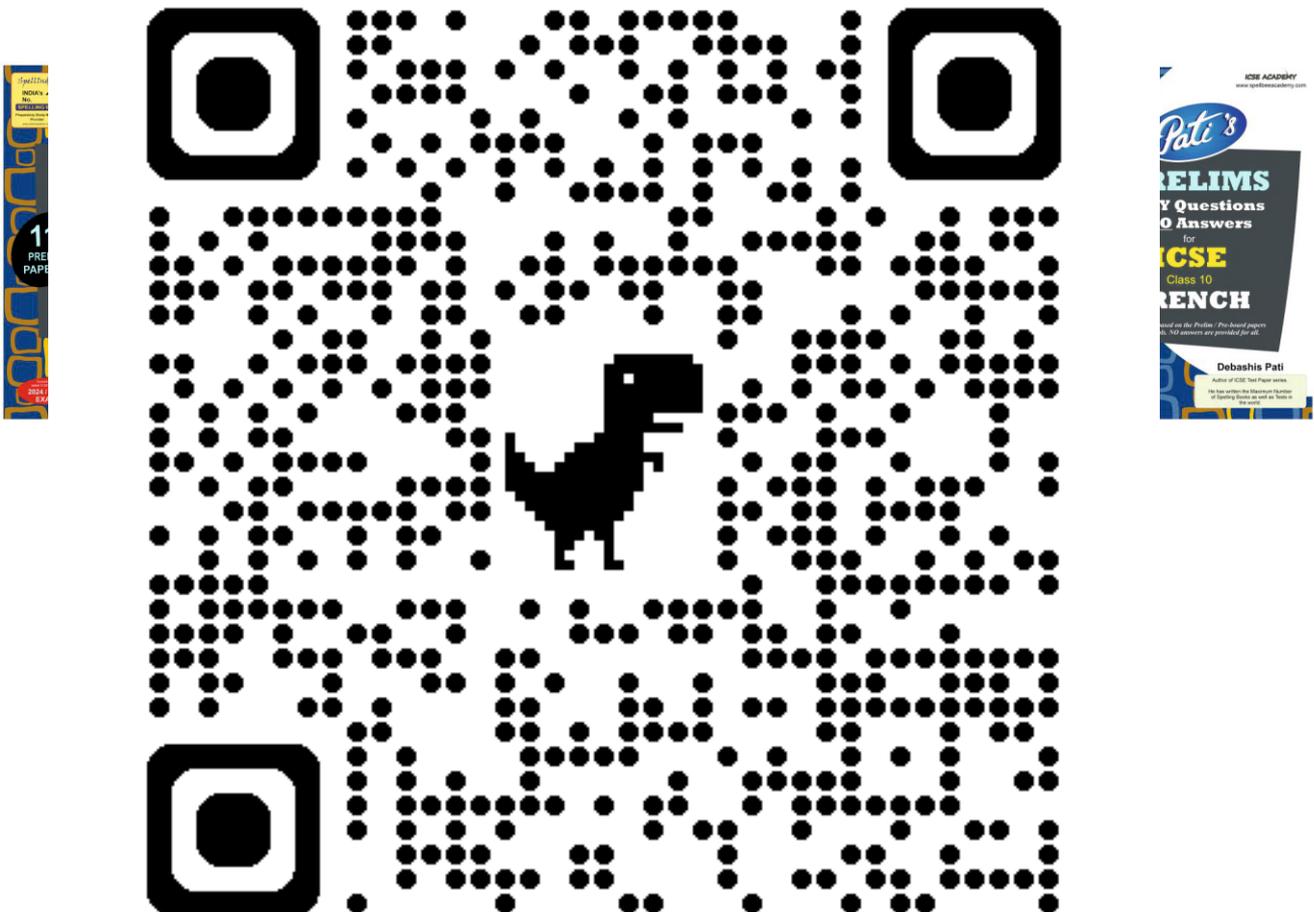
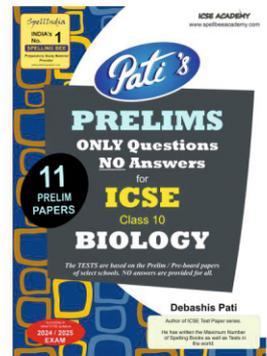
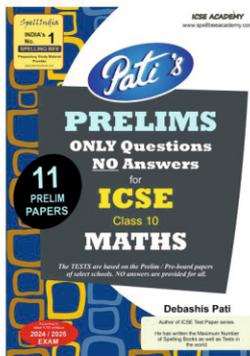
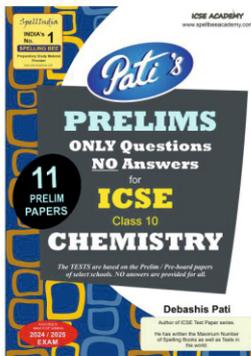
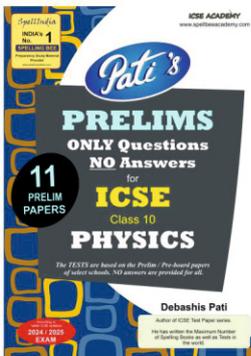
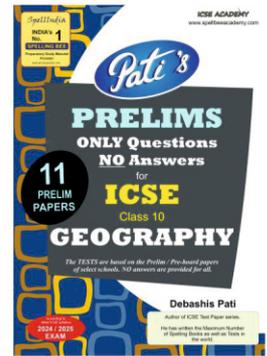
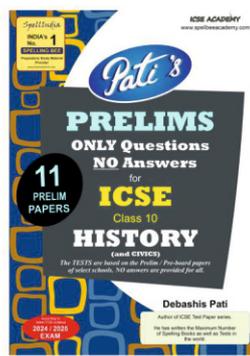
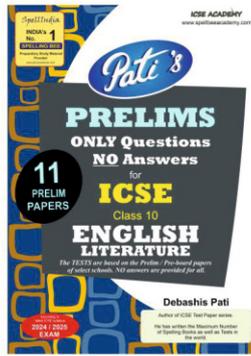
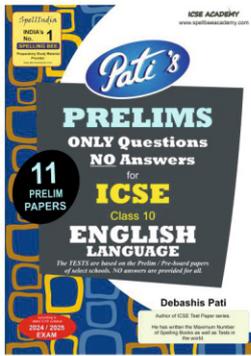
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