1.

Fill in the blanks using the prepositions in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one extra preposition. **(05 marks)**

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On Saturday, our science club met (1) _____ the school gate. We travelled to a village (2) _____ our teacher. The villagers thanked us (3) _____ repairing their weather station. We recorded the rainfall (4) _____ a notebook and explained the results (5) _____ the farmers. Everyone agreed to visit again the following month.

2.

Underline the most appropriate form of the verb in brackets to complete the text. **(10 marks)**

Last month, our class (1) _____ (start / starting / starts) a seed bank. Before collecting seeds, we (2) _____ (had asked / asks / asking) a farmer for advice. She suggested (3) _____ (dry / drying / dried) them carefully. We decided (4) _____ (to label / labelled / label) every packet. While I (5) _____ (have written / was writing / write) the names, my partner sorted the seeds. Since then, we (6) _____ (stored / have stored / stores) fifty packets. Each packet (7) _____ (is kept / keeping / keep) in a cool cupboard. If another class needs seeds, we (8) _____ (shared / will share / sharing) ours. Our teacher always (9) _____ (check / checks / checking) the records. She says the project helps us (10) _____ (understood / understand / understands) how plants grow.

3.

Underline the most appropriate word in brackets to complete the text. **(10 marks)**

A student found (1) _____ (an / a / the) unusual wooden box in the art room. Inside it were two brushes and (2) _____ (some / much / any) coloured pencils. One brush was narrow; the (3) _____ (other / another / others) was wide. The art teacher, (4) _____ (who / which / whose) had lost the box, was delighted. She thanked the student for (5) _____ (her / she / hers) honesty. Then she showed the class a picture of a tree (6) _____ (who / whose / whom) branches formed a heart. (7) _____ (Unless / Because / Although) the picture looked simple, it had taken several days to finish. Every pupil received (8) _____ (an / a / any) sheet of paper. The pupils enjoyed (9) _____ (themselves / itself / ourselves) during the lesson. By the end, (10) _____ (every / all / each) the pictures were on display.

4.

Underline the most appropriate word in brackets. **(05 marks)**

(1) Please _____ attention to the safety instructions. (pay / spend / set / bring)

(2) The club will _____ a meeting on Friday. (hold / carry / do / put)

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(3) We must _____ a decision before noon. (perform / build / grow / make)

(4) The rain was so _____ that we stayed indoors. (deeply / strongly / heavy / weighty)

(5) Rani takes _____ in keeping her desk tidy. (pride / honourable / proud / glorying)

5.

Underline the correct word-ending in brackets. **(05 marks)**

Our club organised a photo exhibit(1)_____ (ing / ive / ion). The guide was very help(2)_____ (ful / fully / ness). She explained the camera settings clear(3)_____ (er / ness / ly). Her kind(4)_____ (ness / ly / ful) made everyone feel welcome. By the end, we felt more confiden(5)_____ (t / tly / ce) about taking photographs.

6.

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each sentence. **(05 marks)**

(1) The new timetable is a step in the right direction.

(a) It is a useful improvement. (b) It is a journey to the right. (c) It has solved every problem. (d) It has not changed anything.

(2) Although the road was flooded, the clinic remained open.

(a) The clinic closed because of the flood. (b) The clinic stayed open despite the flood. (c) The clinic opened after the flood ended. (d) There was no flood near the clinic.

(3) Only members may borrow these tools.

(a) Everyone can borrow the tools. (b) Members are forbidden to borrow tools. (c) People who are not members cannot borrow the tools. (d) Members must borrow every tool.

(4) Neither the captain nor the coach was absent.

(a) Both were absent. (b) Only the captain attended. (c) Only the coach attended. (d) Both attended.

(5) Unless you book early, you may not get a seat.

(a) Booking late guarantees a seat. (b) Booking early improves your chance of getting a seat. (c) Seats are never available. (d) You must cancel an early booking.

7.

Read the following four news items and answer (I) and (II). **(10 marks)**

(A) Mobile Library Reaches Hill Villages

On 3 March, the district library launched a mobile service for four hill villages. A van will visit each village twice a month. Readers may borrow two books free of charge by showing a library card. The library said the service is intended mainly for residents who cannot easily travel to town. Its opening collection contains 800 books. Residents will receive visit reminders by text message.

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(B) School Opens Breakfast Garden

On 12 March, Lakeview School opened a vegetable garden beside its kitchen. Pupils and local volunteers planted beans, spinach and tomatoes. The harvest will supplement the school breakfast programme, rather than replace food purchases completely. A local growers' association donated seeds and tools. Teachers will use the garden during science lessons. The school has not yet announced the cost of the project.

(C) Footbridge Restored

On 25 March, a repaired footbridge reopened across the village stream. It had been closed for six weeks because several wooden boards were damaged. The council replaced the boards and fitted handrails. The bridge now allows residents to walk directly to the clinic instead of taking a longer route along the main road. Motor vehicles are not allowed on it.

(D) Repair Workshop Welcomes Teenagers

On 18 March, the youth centre began a free repair workshop for young people aged 14 to 18. Participants bring damaged lamps and small toys to learn basic repairs under adult supervision. The organisers inspect all items before anyone handles them. They want teenagers to repair useful objects rather than throw them away. They also hope the workshop will help them develop patience and practical skills.

(I) Underline the most appropriate response. **(05 marks)**

(1) Why was the mobile library introduced?

(a) To sell books in town (b) To help residents far from the town library (c) To replace every village school (d) To collect library fines

(2) What is the main role of the school harvest?

(a) To supply all food for every meal (b) To be sold abroad (c) To add vegetables to school breakfasts (d) To replace science lessons

(3) How long had the bridge been closed?

(a) Two weeks (b) Four weeks (c) Six weeks (d) Eight weeks

(4) In D, who does the final word "them" refer to?

(a) The organisers (b) The teenagers (c) The lamps (d) The adults only

(5) Which event happened first?

(a) The library launch (b) The garden opening (c) The bridge reopening (d) The workshop launch

(II) Write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**. Use Not Given when the news items do not supply enough information. **(05 marks)**

(6) A library card is required to borrow books from the van.	
(7) The garden will completely replace purchased breakfast food.	

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