

2.2 The Boy who Broke the Bank

Time: 45 Minutes

Sub: English

Total Marks: 20

(With Answers)

Q. 1. Do as directed: (5 Marks)

(1) The Seth was not at home. (Make it affirmative.) 1

Ans: The Seth was out of home.

(2) The Seth was holidaying in Kashmir.

(Frame a Wh – question to get underlined answer.) 1

Ans: Where was the Seth holidaying?

(3) He saw the refuse and the broken glass cluttering the steps.

(Rewrite the sentence using ‘not only’ ‘but also’.) 1

Ans: He saw not only the refuse but also broken glass cluttering the steps.

(4) The washerman’s boy said to Nathu, “Are you ready to take up a new job from the first of the next month?” (Change it into indirect speech.) 1

Ans: The washerman’s boy asked Nathu if he was ready to take up a new job from the first of the next month.

(5) When he had finished his work, he sat down on the highest step. (Rewrite using ‘as soon as’) 1

Ans: As soon as he had finished his work, he sat down on the highest step.

Q. 2. Read the following passage and do the activities: (10 Marks)

A1. Complete the chart: 2

Men stood in groups at street corners discussing the situation. Pipalnagar seldom had a crisis, seldom or never had floods, earthquakes or drought; and the imminent crash of the Pipalnagar Bank set everyone talking and speculating and rushing about in a frenzy. Some boasted of their farsightedness, congratulating themselves on having already taken out their money, or on never having put any in; others speculated on the reasons for the crash, putting it all down to excesses indulged in

by Seth Govind Ram. The Seth had fled the State, said one. He had fled the country, said another. He was hiding in Pipalnagar, said a third. He had hanged himself from the tamarind tree, said a fourth, and had been found that morning by the sweeper-boy.

By noon, the small bank had gone through all; its ready cash, and the harassed manager was in a dilemma. Emergency funds could only be obtained from another bank some thirty miles distant, and he wasn't sure he could persuade the crowd to wait until then. And there was no way of contacting Seth Govind Ram on his houseboat in Kashmir.

People were turned back from the counters and told to return the following day. They did not like the sound of that. And so they gathered outside, on the steps of the bank shouting 'Give us our money or we'll break in!' and 'Fetch the Seth, we know he's hiding in a safe deposit locker!' Mischief makers who didn't have a paisa in the bank, joined the crowd and aggravated their mood. The manager stood at the door and tried to placate them. He declared that the bank had plenty of money but no immediate means of collecting it; he urged them to go home and come back the next day.

A2. Complete the following: 2

Men in groups at street corners were chatting about:

- (i)..... (ii).....
 (iii)..... (iv).....

Ans: Men in groups at street corners were chatting about:

- (i) The imminent crash of the Pipalnagar Bank.
 (ii) Everyone was talking, speculating and rushing about in a frenzy.
 (iii) Some were congratulating each other for taking out their money or never have put anything in.
 (iv) Some were boasting of their farsightedness.

A3. Match the following: 2

'A'	Answer	'B'
(i) Frenzy	fury	(a) annoyed

(ii) Aggravated	annoyed	(b) think over
(iii) Seldom	rarely	(c) fury
(iv) Speculate	think over	(d) rarely

A4. Do as directed: 2

(1) They did not like the sound of that. (Make it affirmative.)

Ans: They disliked the sound of that.

(2) Mischief makers who didn't have a paisa in the bank, joined the crowd. (Pick out the Main Clause and Subordinate clause.)

Ans: *Mischief makers joined the crowd – Main clause

*who didn't have a paisa in the bank – Subordinate clause

A5. Why should we not believe rumours? 2

Ans: Rumours excite, disturb, cause anxiety, raise false hopes, and may slander people. It disturbs our routine. So we should not believe it unless and until make sure whether it is rumour or truth.

Q. 3. Report Writing: (5 Marks)

Write news report based on the given headline:

“Tsunami rumours trigger stampede, 18 killed”.

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Mumbai: After, bomb blast, terrorist attack, floods, landslides, electrocution came the cruellest cut of all – a stampede sparked by rumours later. Thursday night killed 18 people, including 7 children, at Nehru Nagar slums in Juhu.

The rumours which began circulating around 10 pm that a tsunami had struck, brought thousands of people out onto streets near Mithibai college. While running out for life 18 people were killed including seven children, who were taken to Nanavati Hospital but declared dead. The rumours allegedly spread by anti-social elements led to a panic situation, compounded by the fact that the area was in complete darkness. Repeated police announcement that there was no cause for worry failed to cut ice.

On the contrary, the rumours gained credence in the sea level rose due to a high tide. 40 others were rushed to Cooper and Nanavati Hospitals. The chief minister of the state expressed his concern and sorrow about the incident.

