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Grade – IX

Subject – ENGLISH

Marks – 20

(USE ENGLISH HW NOTEBOOK TO ANSWER)

I) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1x5=5

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour, The carpenter said 'yes', but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter – “This is your house, my gift for you”.

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize that we have to live in the house which we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the “HOUSE” you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

Questions:

1. What did the carpenter tell his employer?
2. What favour did the employer ask from his carpenter?
3. What surprise did the employer have for his carpenter?
4. Why was the surprise a 'shame' for the carpenter?
5. Which word in the first paragraph means the same as “unlucky”?

II) With the help of given clues, develop it to a readable story:

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1. The mice in a house _____ afraid of the cat hold meeting _____ one proposes to tie _____ bell around the cat's neck _____ all agree _____ who is to bell the cat? No mouse offers _____ the cat appears _____ all run away.

III) Use the following adverbs to fill in the blanks in the given sentences:

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[Sorrowfully completely carefully differently]

1. The report must be read _____ so that performance can be improved.
2. We all behave _____ when we are tired and hungry.
3. The teacher shook her head _____ when Ravi lied to her.
4. I _____ forgot about it.

IV) Answer the following questions in a word or sentence each:

1x3=3

1. How old was Evelyn when she went to the Royal Academy of Music?
2. When was Evelyn's deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?
3. Where was the shehnai played traditionally?

V) Answer any one the following questions in two to three sentences:

1x3=3

1. Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?

OR

Find at least two instances in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras.

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