Once upon a time there were 3 friends, all of whom were ever supportive to the other. One of the friends was a merchant’s son; the other was a peasant’s son while the third was an orphan. It is fairly surprising to see 3 children from such varied backgrounds to have come to be friends. Everyone in the village seemed to admire their friendship. Parents used to state their friendship as an example to make them understand the true meaning of friendship.

Years passed and the 3 friends grew up to be fine men. One such time came when the merchant went on a voyage never to return and his son had to take his father’s place and continue with the business. This young man got help from his friends in the business. The peasant did not object to his son helping the merchant’s son in his business, as it looked like a good opportunity for his son to learn a new trade. The orphan, who did not have any clue on what to do, too joined his friend in helping in the business.

Answer the questions given below.

• Give a title to this story. 2.5 Marks
• Do you think that the peasant was greedy when he agreed for his son to join the merchant’s son in business? 2.5 Marks
• This is an incomplete story. Can you complete it? 10 Marks

• Given below are some homonyms. Frame sentences for each of them. 10 Marks
  • Born / Borne
  • Aide/ Aid
  • Anymore/ Any More
  • Adverse/ Averse
  • One / Won
• Identify the clause in the sentences. (comparative, adjective, conditional clause) **5 Marks**

• Samantha is smarter than me.

• If I had only known, I would not have gone elsewhere.

• Grandpa remembers the good old days when there was no television.

• Fruit that is grown organically is expensive.

• If I have enough money, I will go abroad for a vacation.

• You are the manager of a distributorship. Write a letter to the head office informing them of insufficient products – X, the demand for which is high. **10 Marks**

• Write a letter to your grandparents inviting them to your birthday party on Feb 1, 2015. **10 Marks**