



**IV. Answer the following questions (ANY 3):**

16. Where did the narrator work?  
 17. Who is Pongo?  
 18. Why did the narrator call Clem Jones a careful planner?  
 19. What did Pongo consider as evidence against the narrator?

**V. Answer the following paragraph:**

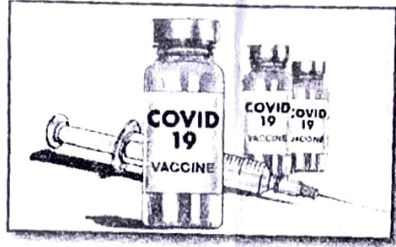
1x5=5

20. Narrate the clever strategy followed by Clem Jones to deceive Pongo. (OR)  
 Write a character sketch of the spider.

**VI. Writing Skills:**

2x5=10

21. a) You are Nikil / Nikitha school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate world elder's day in your school auditorium on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the next month.  
 b) Look at the picture and express your views on it in and write five sentences.

**VII. Quote from memory:**

1x5=5

22. From: Will you..... To:..... in vain.

**VIII. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order:**

1x5=5

23. i) So Tom was dull and depressed.  
 ii) His aunt Polly was an experimenter in medicine.  
 iii) At last, she gave him a pain – killer.  
 iv) Tom's friend, Becky, stopped coming to school.  
 v) She tried different types of medicine on him.

(OR)

**Answer the questions based on the passage:**

The old lady bent down and took the teaspoon and held it out! Tom winced and dropped his eyes. Aunt Polly raised him by the usual handle – his ear – and cracked his head soundly with her thimble – “Now, Sir, what did you want to treat that poor dumb beast so, for?” I done it out of pity for him – because he hadn't any aunt. ‘Hadn't any aunt! – you numb skull. What has that got to do that with it?’ Aunt Polly felt a sudden painful regret. This was putting the thing in a new light, what was cruelty to a cat might be cruelty to a boy too. She began to soften; she felt sorry. Her eyes watered a little, and she put her hand on Tom's head and said gently; I was meaning for the best, Tom and, Tom, it did do you good.

**Questions:**

- i) Who was the poor beast?  
 ii) What happened to Peter?  
 iii) Why did Aunt Polly feel a sudden painful regret?  
 iv) Who began to soften?  
 v) Did Aunt Polly feel her mistake? How do you know?

**IX. Handwriting:**

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- 1) c) chunks - Large pieces  $10 \times 1 = 10$
- 2) a) apron - protective garment
- 3) c) docks - post
- 4) a) hidden x exposed
- 5) c) concealed x revealed
- 6) d) never x always
- 7) b) look at - observed
- 8) b) found out - identified
- 9) a) must
- 10) b) dare
- 11) can
- 12) should May
- 13) must / should

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- 14) a) The spider parlour can be reached through the winding stair.
- b) The fly will get to see <sup>many</sup> curious things in the parlour.  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- 15) a) Sweet creature, witty, wise, handsome, gauzy wings, brilliant eyes are the words used by the spider to describe the fly.
- b) Since the fly was able to escape all his cunning ideas.

- 16) The narrator worked as a driver of a pony and cart for the Swift Delivery Company.  $3 \times 2 = 6$

- 17) Pongo was a Police man.

- 18) (i) Clem Jones carried a cat in a box in his first attempt to steal a large Dutch cheese in his second attempt.

- (ii) So the narrator called Clem Jones a careful planner.

- 19) Pongo considered the seventeen oranges as evidence against the narrator.

- 20) The spider and the fly - Mary Betham Hewitt.  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- "Will you walk into my parlour?" said the Spider to the Fly,  
"Tis the prettiest parlour that ever you did spy;  
The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,  
And I've many curious things to show when you are there."  
"Oh no, no" said the fly, "to ask me is in vain,

- 20) Seventeen Oranges - Bill Naughton 1910-1992  $1 \times 5 = 5$   
 Irish-born British writer  
 The Spider and <sup>[OR]</sup> the Fly - Mary Betham Howitt.  
 1799 - 1888 English poet.

- 21) a) Notice w/G - World Elder's Day - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov  $2 \times 5 = 10$   
 b) Picture Description - COVID 19.

- 23) Re-arrange  $1 \times 5 = 5$
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| i) Tom's friend ... | (v). Yes, Aunt Polly felt<br>sorry for experimenting on Tom.<br>At last her eyes watered<br>a little. |
| i) So Tom ...       |   |
| ii) His aunt ...    |   |
| v) She tried ...    |   |
| iii) At last        |   |
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- i) Peter [Aunt's cat] was the poor beast.
- ii) a) Tom gave a pain killer to Peter.  
 b) It triggered adverse reactions on Peter.
- iii) When Tom uttered that the cat had no aunt to do demedies she felt a sudden painful regret.
- iv) Aunt Polly began to soften.

H/w [2]