Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow:

It’s becoming very dangerous to sit in the sun. If you have a fashionable suntan, it doesn’t necessarily mean that you have lots of outdoor activities- but it does mean that you’re in the greater danger of getting skin cancer and cataract. The ozone layer, which protects us from the sun’s dangerous ultra-violet rays, is progressively deteriorating.

The nations of the world came together to sign a global treaty, the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The agreement came into force in 1988 and the subsequent Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer became effective in 1989. Currently over 180 countries are parties to the Montreal Protocol. The parties to the Protocol decided on a timetable for countries to reduce and to end their production and consumption of eight major halocarbons. The Protocol also provides a ten-year delay in this timetable for those developing countries consuming less than 0.3 kilograms per capita.

In February 1992, a scientific report said that people in Canada, Northern Europe and Russia were in serious danger. In 1985, the news of destruction of the ozone layer in the South Pole alarmed people in the Southern Hemisphere. In Australia, there are now three times more cases of skin cancer than in the past. In New Zealand, teachers tell school children to wear hats and not to sit in the sun. What causes the destruction of the ozone layer? Mostly chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Aerosol sprays, refrigerators, air conditioners, as well as industrial chemicals which, send chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere.
Governments are now trying very hard to ban the use of CFCs, but it will be expensive and difficult to do so. After the first ozone alarm in the Southern Hemisphere, ecologists all over the world asked governments to take strict measures immediately. Some governments did, but not soon enough. Other countries believe that they have other problems which are more important. Now stricter measures are going to be taken, but already a lot of damage has been done.

(a) What is dangerous to the skin?

(b) Which global treaty was signed by the nations of the world?

(c) Which country is taking steps to deal with the problem?

(d) What may a fashionable suntan cause?

(e) What does the word ‘deteriorating’ in the passage mean?

(f) What did the parties to the Protocol decide on?

(g) Which countries are in serious danger as per 1992 report?

(h) Why are students told to wear hat and not to sit in the sun in New Zealand?

The ‘Little Tramp’, the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush – like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall comedian. The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.

But life wasn’t always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes,
Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That’s when a star was born.

Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother’s death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

(a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent?

(b) Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved.

(c) What did Charlie see himself as?

(d) Give two reasons to shows that his early life was very sad.

(e) The word that means ‘to search for food’ is ________ (para 3)

   (i) stepped    (ii) forage    (iii) emerged    (iv) orphanage

(f) What is meant by the word ‘invented’? (para 1)

   (i) created    (ii) wrote    (iii) struggled    (iv) laughed

(g) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to ‘bold’? (para 2)

   (i) found    (ii) shy    (iii) silent    (iv) puzzled

(h) Find the word opposite in meaning to ‘failure’? (para 5)

   (i) troubled    (ii) share    (iii) motion    (iv) success
The medical test in your school showed that most of the students were suffering from weak eyesight. This is cause for concern. You decide to write an article on what the students should do to protect their eyesight. Using the following points and adding some of your own, write this article for your school magazine in about 120 words.

- Correct posture while studying
- Proper listening
- Limit television viewing
- Correct diet
- Washing eyes regularly with cold water
- Use anti-glare glasses while using computer
- Proper sleep for giving rest to the eyes

Look at the picture given below. Write a story in 150-200 words about the girl and her three dogs.

Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word / phrases from the given options.

Albert Einstein was born in the nineteenth century (a) ________ poor parents. He started out with (b) ________ means whatsoever, living in destitution and misery. But, from the very outset, he was an ambitious person (c) ________ was blessed with a very special
sagacity – the determination to pursue his goal to the very end.

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6 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example.

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary for the James Bond films. The fast James Bond movie title ‘Dr. No’ was released in 1962. Numerous events was held for fans over the world.

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7 Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows:

Ali : Omar, why don’t you leave this place? I can drop you on my way back home.

Omar : I have no home.

Ali : Where have you come from?

Omar : From Tunisia.

Ali asked Omar (a) ________ and offered to (b) ________. Omar replied that he had no home. Then Ali asked (c) ________. Omar replied that he had come from Tunisia.

OR

SECTION C
(LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT: 25 Marks)

8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

"The whole universe is built up through love and the grief of separation is inescapable".

(a) When did the speaker acquire this philosophy?
(b) What pain has the speaker gone through?
(c) What does the word ‘inescapable’ mean?

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Now the frog puffed up with rage. "Brainless bird-you’re on the stage-
Use your wits and follow fashion.
Puff your lungs out with your passion”.

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(i) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
(ii) Give the opposite of ‘Brainless’?
(iii) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?

**Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words:**

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**OR**

|   | Give a character sketch of Mr. Anagnos of Perkins Institution for the Blind and discuss about his association with Helen. | 10 |

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