

# English Language

All questions are compulsory.

	Marks	Time Duration
Full Marks	52 + 3	1 hour 30 minutes
Pass Marks	26	

**1. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in 300 words.**

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- Trees our best friend.
- Time and tide waits for none.
- A journey to remember.

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## 2. Write a letter on the following topic.

- You have been invited into a party. Write a letter to your friend or family why you cannot attend the party.

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### 3. Read the comprehension and answer the following questions.

#### Component: 1

## Third Culture Kids

### Focus your reading

Emily was born in Beijing, spent two years in Yugoslavia (where her sister was born) and then three years in Kenya. At eight she moved to Hong Kōng for seven years. Her mother is French, her father is Canadian, and her sister, who hasn't had such a life often wonders what her sister concerns about identity are all about. Believe it or not, more and more children are living life, as "global nomads" or "Third culture kids".

The third culture kid was coined by the 1860s by Drs. Ruth and John Useem, who used it to define the experience of primarily immigrant children growing up between two cultures. Their culture of 'origin' or that of their parents and the place they were currently living. In today's global society, the "Third culture kid" term also refers to children who have travelled a lot and who are "culturally blended" familiar with many cultures and not as familiar with the culture of the parents. It has been said that third culture kid represents the single fastest growing population in the world today.

Any child could face anxieties when moving homes, even to a different neighbourhood. But these issues are compounded when a child is put into a different culture, and must deal with language issues and cultural differences, and finding themselves in a new place in society. But "Third culture kids" experts agree that the advantages of being a child of the world outweigh the disadvantages, if the parents can help the children see the opportunity they've been given.

When raised by open minded parents who see for themselves opportunities of a mobile lifestyle, "Third culture kids" have sensitivity and an awareness of cross-cultural issues. They are more comfortable internationally and well-travelled, multilingual (astute) and cross culturally enriched.

The majority of third culture kids continue the transient lifestyle as adults. These children can be reminded that while they may not identify with anyone culture, they are a part of a growing culture of people the world over, who feel at home in many places, and consider themselves a part of all of them.

## Answer in short

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

1. Explain in your own words who "Third culture kids" are.
2. What do you think are the causes for more and more "Third culture kids"?
3. What are some common problems that they face?
4. In what ways can "Third culture kids" foster better understanding and acceptance among people of different cultures?
5. Find a prepositional phrase and a subordinating clause.

## Give one word for the following

$$2 \times 1.5 = 3$$

1. Traits of a person that distinguish him or her from others
2. People who travel from place to place

## Write the opposite word for the following and hence make a sentence from the opposite word

1. Global
2. Nomads

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$