



THE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE,
KETTI.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2022

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: IX (9)

WRITING TIME: 1 HOUR

DATE:

TOTAL MARKS: 25

NO. OF PAGES: 02

- a. **Transformation of Sentences** [5]
1. This summer has been the warmest in the last ten years.
(Rewrite using “warm”)
 2. The taxi driver said, “He opened the door and jumped out before I could say a word.”
(Begin: The taxi driver told...)
 3. Robinson gave his companion Friday, a gift every Friday.
(Begin: Robinson’s companion Friday...)
 4. As soon as the game was over, the chess pieces were put in the box.
(Begin: Hardly...)
 5. The hike was so hard, that Joan had to turn back just an hour into it.
(Rewrite using “too” in place of “so”)
- b. **Join the sentences using subordinating conjunctions.** [2]
1. The valley is seventeen miles long. At the head of it lies a beautiful lake.
 2. I want to sell a boat. I have had it for many years.
- c. **Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.** [3]
1. Who will be at the stationMonday evening?
 2. The anniversary function will be held ... 15th March.
 3. I have been to this partyJanuary.
 4. The progress report of the student will be sent to their parents the end of the week.
 5. Our school announced a prizethe Annual Day.
 6. We should sit in this placea while.
- d. **Write an original story in about 100 – 150 words beginning “There were no more matchsticks left...”** [5]
- e. **You have been elected as the President of the Cultural Club of your school, write a letter to your brother inviting him to the induction ceremony. (Use the block format)** [5]
- f. **Comprehension**
- Read the passage and answer the questions that follow, each question carries one mark:** [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 he 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 to 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 we have to live in the house 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, will help build the “house” you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

1. What did the carpenter tell his employer?
2. What favour did his employer ask for, from the carpenter ?
3. What surprise did the employer have for the carpenter ?
4. Why was the surprise a ‘shame’ for the carpenter?
5. Which word in the first paragraph means the same as ‘art of skill of a workman’ ?