

**ENGLISH**  
**CLASS TEST – 09.01.2026**  
**F.M- 12**  
**DURATION : 30 MINS**

**A. Read the excerpt carefully and answer the following questions: (1× 5 = 5)**

My mouth watered, but I wasn't about to be swept away so easily. In school I was among the most promising students. In the fourth standard exams, I had even won a scholarship of four rupees a month. Besides, I came from a particularly well-to-do family, so I enjoyed considerable prestige. I'd never once been beaten so far. On the contrary, Masterji had got me to beat the other boys. For a child of such status, standing there in the middle of the bazaar eating jalebis? No. It wasn't right, I decided. I clenched the rupiyas in my fist and came home.

The coins were so keen on being spent that day, they kept up their attempts at persuasion till their voices began to choke. When I reached home and sat on the bed, they began to speak. I went inside to have lunch, they began to shriek. Thoroughly fed up, I rushed out of the house barefoot and ran towards the bazaar. Terrified I was, but quickly I told the halwai to weigh a whole rupee worth of jalebis. His astonished look seemed to be asking where I had the handcart in which I would carry all those jalebis. Those were inexpensive times. One rupee fetched more than twenty rupees does nowadays. The halwai opened up a whole newspaper and heaped a pile of jalebis on it.

- a) The narrator resists the temptation of jalebis at first. Which reasons does he give to justify his decision?
- b) The mention of the scholarship and Masterji reflects the narrator's image in school. How is he presented as a student?
- c) The coins are described as trying to persuade the narrator to spend them. Which literary device is used here?
- d) The halwai's astonished look conveys a reaction. Why is the halwai surprised at the narrator's demand?
- e) Which word from the passage is closest in meaning to "surprised"?

**B. Choose the correct alternative:**

**(1× 4 = 4)**

**1.** She said, "I am tired now."

Choose the correct indirect form:

- a) She said that she is tired now.
- b) She said that she was tired then.
- c) She told that she was tired now.
- d) She says that she was tired then.

**2.** The teacher said to the students, "Do not waste time."

Choose the correct indirect form:

- a) The teacher said the students do not waste time.
- b) The teacher ordered the students not to waste time.
- c) The teacher told the students to not wasting time.
- d) The teacher ordered that students not wasted time.

**3.** He said, "What a terrible mistake I have made!"

Choose the correct indirect form:

- a) He said that he had made a terrible mistake.
- b) He exclaimed with sorrow that he had made a terrible mistake.
- c) He exclaimed that he has made a terrible mistake.
- d) He said with sorrow that he makes a terrible mistake.

**4.** Father said, "Let us start early tomorrow."

Choose the correct indirect form:

- a) Father ordered that they start early tomorrow.
- b) Father suggested that they should start early the next day.
- c) Father told that they should start early tomorrow.
- d) Father said that they will start early the next day.

**C. Answer the following questions:**

**(1× 3 = 3)**

**1.** Change the narration:

She said to me, "Can you finish the work today?"

**2.** Change the narration:

The old man said, "Alas! I am ruined."

**3.** Change the narration:

The manager said to the clerk, "Submit the report by evening."