

## 6. Analysing and Constructing Sentences

### Question 1

Look at the following sentences.

- This is my pen.
- Vanka penned his thoughts in a letter.

In the first sentence 'pen' is used as a noun whereas in the second it is used as a verb. Use the words given below as a noun and as a verb in sentences of your own.

- a. bag
- b. pocket
- c. fan

### Question 2

Read the following sentences.

1. Konstantin Makarich was a small and lean man about sixty five years old.
2. The sky was sprinkled with twinkling stars, and the Milky Way stood out as clearly as if cleaned for the holiday.
3. Vanka dipped his pen in the ink and went on writing.

In the first sentence the linker 'and' is used to combine two adjectives. In the second 'and' is used to combine two sentences and in the third to combine two verb phrases. Frame three sentences in the same pattern.

### Question 3

Frame sentences in the same pattern as given in column 'A' and complete the following table. One is done for you.

A. Sample sentence	B. Sentence in the same pattern
1. The cameraman shouted to everyone to take their positions but the dog remained where it was.	1. The trainer tried well to control the tiger, but it rushed towards the peoplegathered there.
a. Mr Thorat brought two well-fed and robust tigers.	a.....
b. The door of one of the cages was unfastened and Mr. Thorat called out to the tiger.	b.....

### Question 4

Read the following sentences carefully.

- I. He tried to recoup the money he had lost, but he failed in his attempt.
- II. He took the cubs and ran up the mountain without looking back.
- III. The younger brother became a wanderer, and one day he arrived at the house of the elder brother.
- IV. His dark suit, sober tie and rimless spectacles gave evidence of a serious and reserved disposition.

Now, complete the table given below.

Sentence	Linking word used	Purpose of the linking word
I	but	to combine two sentences
II	and	.....a.....
III	and	.....b.....
IV	and	.....c.....

### Question 5

Look at the following sentences

- 1. I stared at him in shock and a small sound of dismay escaped my throat.
- 2. By the time I got home, my eyes were red and puffy.
- 3. Martha turned to the principal and looked at him.

In the first sentence the linker 'and' is used to combine two sentences.

In the second 'and' is used to combine two adjectives.

In the third to combine two verb phrases.

**Frame three sentences in the same pattern.**

### Question 6

Read the following sentences.

- 1. I passed the examination and my father gave me a gift.
- 2. The teacher and the students performed well.
- 3. The artist was talented but lazy.

In sentence (1) the linking word 'and' connects two sentences, in sentence (2) 'and' connects two noun phrases and in sentence (3) two adjectives are connected by the linking word 'but'.

**Frame three sentences of the similar pattern.**

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## Answers

### Question 1:

- (a) Bag (Verb): Finally Martha bagged the prestigious award, the Scholarship Jacket.
- Bag (Noun): She safely kept the jacket in her bag.

- (b) Pocket (Verb): The father carefully pocketed the little rabbit and went to the woods.  
Pocket (Noun): The father kept Adolf, the rabbit carefully in his pocket.
- (c) Fan (Noun): The homoeopathic doctor had no fan or electricity in his room.  
Fan (Verb): It was very hot, so the doctor fanned himself with a book.

**Question 2:**

1. Martha was a *bold* **and** *brilliant* girl.
2. *Adichie was an early reader* **and** *she began to write at the age of seven.*
3. The tiger *jumped out* **and** *started prancing* around.

**Question 3:**

- a) The narrator's father brought home a *tiny* and *motionless* rabbit.
- b) *Vanka completed writing the letter* and *he ran out to post it.*

**Question 4:**

- a) To combine two verb phrases.
- b) To combine two sentences.
- c) To combine two noun phrases.

**Question 5:**

- a) *Mr. Schmidt quarreled with Mr. Boone* and *he left the room angrily.*
- b) Fide was *poor* and *uneducated.*
- c) The homoeopathic doctor *entered the room* and *lighted a kerosene lamp.*

**Question 6:**

- a) *The younger brother went in to the forest* and *the elder brother went home.*
- b) Dr. AJ Cronin, *the sergeant* and *the landlady* decided to help the young man.
- c) Martha's grandfather was *uneducated* but *wise.*

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