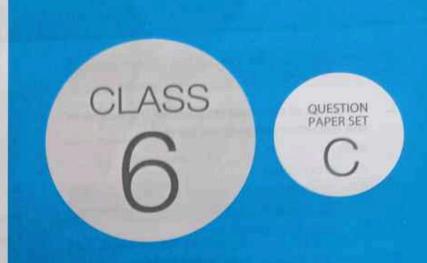




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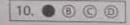
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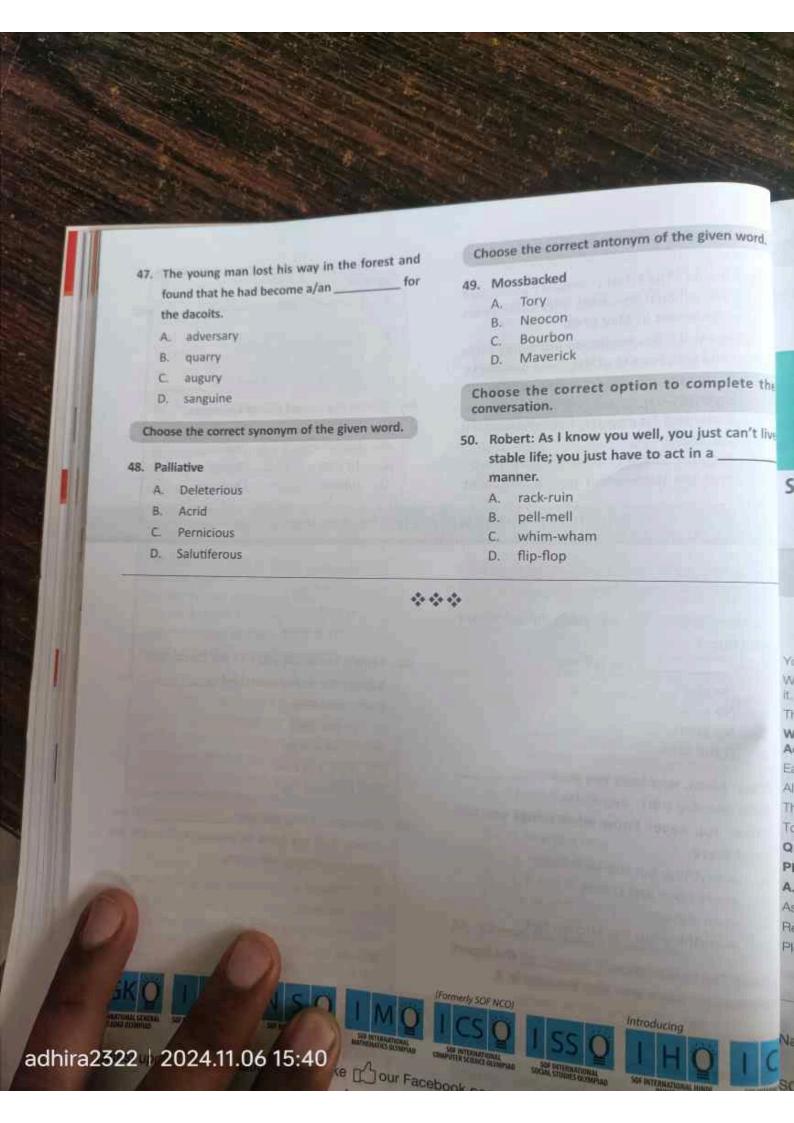
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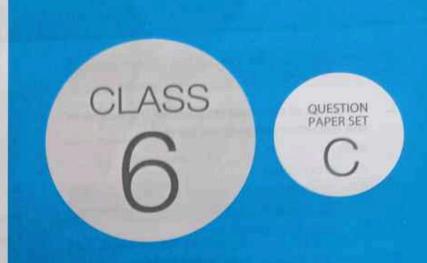
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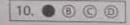
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However, the revolution soon took a radical turn with the rise of the radical Jacobin faction, led by Maximilien Robespierre. The Jacobins, who were committed to the ideals of democracy and social equality, seized

power during the Reign of Terror, of mass executions and political aimed at eliminating perceived the revolution.

The excesses of the Reign of Terror, as the execution of King Louis XVI and many of others, ultimately led to the down Robespierre and the Jacobins in 12 per revolution came to an end with the Napoleon Bonaparte, who serves the acoup d'état and established no ruler of France.

The French Revolution had professed lasting effects on French society and have at large. It abolished the absolute manage and feudal privileges, established principles of popular sovereignty and each before the law, and laid the groundway modern democratic institutions.

- 36. What were the principles produing Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen?
  - i. Freedom
  - ii. Equality
  - iii. Sovereignty of people
  - iv. Feudal privileges
  - v. Monarchy
  - A. i, iv and v only
  - B. ii, iii and iv only
  - C. I, ii and iii only
  - D. iii, iv and v only
- 37. Choose the correct statement.
  - A. The French Revolution didn't has profound and lasting effect on society or the world at large.
  - B. The period of mass executions and purges during the French Revold known as Jacobin faction.
  - food shortages, and social inequality
    the revolution.
  - the French Revolution.

39. Choose the most appropriate title for the given E a bellod Read statements I and II and select the correct al purges passage. French Revolution: Timeline, Causes, and nemies of Statement I: The Estates-General transformed Events into the National Assembly after commoners Rights of French People including grew discontent in May 1789 8. Ruins during French Revolution Statement II: The revolution ultimately came C thousand Effects of French Revolution to an end with the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte. D. ownfall of 40. Choose the correct pair of synonyms. Statement I is correct but Statement II is 1799, the Apparent he rise of A. Profound incorrect. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is Iniquity power in Legitimacy 8. Despotism self as the correct. Tyranny C. Both the Statements I and II are correct. Quietude Turmoil D. D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect. ound and SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION the world monarchy A. blared into shed the For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct option B. blanked out to complete each conversation. d equality C. blissed over dwork for 41. Jordan: Where are we going to spend our D. blacked away vacations? 44. Father: Sandy, did you find my spectacles? You tell me. Luke: \_\_\_\_ aimed in t for Sandy: No dad. I searched A. No idea! n and of t them yesterday. B. No way. No great. A. in and over D. Some idea. B. close and far 42. Riley: Mom, why have you packed back and now C. high and low for a one-day trip? D. Mom: You never know what things you will 45. Manager: Alex, please need there. topics that we have to discuss to ensure we A. everything but the tablecloth cover everything efficiently. every nook and cranny bring of even-steven 0 everything but the kitchen sink B. list down D. 1't have 143. Anne: The police officer trickle up C the report let down because his name was also involved in it. t on Fren ACHIEVERS SECTION and politi evolution him questioning the reality of life. For questions 46 and 47, choose the correct read pover option to fill in the blank. corroborate uality bef B. kafkaesque 46. The actor's life took a turn when buttress he immersed himself in spirituality, which left d the end D. EVY

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