Reported Speech

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 40 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Choose the reported speech of: Zoya said, “I will read a book tomorrow.”
   (a) Zoya said that she would read a book the next day.
   (b) Zoya said that she will read a book tomorrow.
   (c) Zoya said that I would read a book the next day.
   (d) Zoya said that she would read a book tomorrow.

2. Choose the reported speech of: Aman said, “I cook the vegetables every day.”
   (a) Aman said that he cooked the vegetables every day.
   (b) Aman said that he cooks the vegetables every day.
   (c) Aman said that I cooked the vegetables every day.
   (d) Aman said that he cooked the vegetables yesterday.

3. Choose the reported speech of: Kavya said to Neha, “Will you wash the plate tomorrow?”
   (a) Kavya asked Neha if she will wash the plate tomorrow.
   (b) Kavya asked Neha if she would wash the plate the next day.
   (c) Kavya asked Neha if would she wash the plate the next day.
   (d) Kavya asked Neha that she would wash the plate the next day.

4. Choose the reported speech of: Arjun said to Meera, “Do not finish the project.”
   (a) Arjun told Meera not to finish the project.
   (b) Arjun told Meera that not finish the project.
   (c) Arjun told Meera to not finish the project.
   (d) Arjun told Meera do not finish the project.

5. When the reporting verb is in the past, the simple present in the reported words becomes:
   (a) the simple past
   (b) the present continuous
   (c) the simple future
   (d) the present perfect

6. In reported speech, “now” usually becomes:
   (a) that day
   (b) the week before
   (c) then
   (d) already

7. In reported speech (after “said”), “I will open” becomes “he …”:
   (a) he opening
   (b) he will open
   (c) he would open
   (d) he would have opened

8. Assertion (A): Farhan said, “I will fly my kite tomorrow.” is reported as “Farhan said that he would fly his kite the next day”.
Reason (R): Direct speech is written inside quotation marks.

(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

(c) A is true, but R is false.

(d) A is false, but R is true.

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Change into reported speech: Meera said to Dev, “I will cook the vegetables next week.”

10. Change into reported speech: Neha said, “I catch a fish every morning.”

11. Change into reported speech: Kabir said to Rohan, “I will buy a notebook tomorrow.”

12. Change into reported speech: Rohan said to Asha, “When will you paint the gate?”

13. Change into reported speech: Aman said to Dev, “Will you send a parcel tomorrow?”

14. Change into reported speech: Kavya said to Ananya, “Please decorate the room.”

15. Change into reported speech: Aman said to Rohan, “Please feed the dog.”

16. Change into direct speech: Meera said that she had painted her picture that day.

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Change into reported speech:
(1) Isha said to Neha, “I read a poem last week.”
(2) Kavya said to Dev, “Why are you flying a kite?”
(3) Asha said to Priya, “Please write the story.”
(4) Priya said, “I am reading my book today.”

18. Report this conversation:
Vikram: “I am writing a letter.”
Priya: “Will you repair the bicycle tomorrow?”
Vikram: “Please help me.”

19. Explain three changes we make when turning direct speech into reported speech, using Ananya said to Kabir, “Please draw the map.” as an example.

20. Change into direct speech:
(1) Ananya said that she would fly her kite the next day.
(2) Kabir told Rohan that he had built a sandcastle the week before.
(3) Zoya asked Neha if she would clean the room the next day.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) Zoya said that she would read a book the next day.**	“I” becomes “she”; simple future becomes “would”; “tomorrow” becomes “the next day”
2	**(a) Aman said that he cooked the vegetables every day.**	“I” becomes “he”; simple present becomes simple past
3	**(b) Kavya asked Neha if she would wash the plate the next day.**	“will” becomes “would”; “tomorrow” becomes “the next day”
4	**(a) Arjun told Meera not to finish the project.**	a negative command becomes “told … not to + base verb”
5	**(a) the simple past**	—
6	**(c) then**	time words move back as the tense does
7	**(c) he would open**	the tense moves one step back into the past
8	**(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.**	A is true: “I” becomes “he”; simple future becomes “would”; “tomorrow” becomes “the next day”. R is true but does not explain A.
9	**Meera told Dev that she would cook the vegetables the following week. (or “the next week”)**	“said to” becomes “told”; “I” becomes “she”; simple future becomes “would”; “next week” becomes “the following week”
10	**Neha said that she caught a fish every morning.**	“I” becomes “she”; simple present becomes simple past
11	**Kabir told Rohan that he would buy a notebook the next day. (or “the following day”)**	“said to” becomes “told”; “I” becomes “he”; simple future becomes “would”; “tomorrow” becomes “the next day”
12	**Rohan asked Asha when she would paint the gate.**	a wh- question keeps its question word; “will” becomes “would”
13	**Aman asked Dev if he would send a parcel the next day. (or “whether”; “the following day”)**	“will” becomes “would”; “tomorrow” becomes “the next day”
14	**Kavya requested Ananya to decorate the room.**	“please” becomes the reporting verb “requested … to”
15	**Aman requested Rohan to feed the dog.**	“please” becomes the reporting verb “requested … to”
16	**Meera said, “I have painted my picture today.”**	reverse the changes: the tense moves forward and the pronoun becomes “I”
17	**(1) Isha told Neha that she had read a poem the week before. (2) Kavya asked Dev why he was flying a kite. (3) Asha requested Priya to write the story. (4) Priya said that she was reading her book that day.**	“said to” becomes “told”; “I” becomes “she”; simple past becomes past perfect; “last week” becomes “the week before”; a wh- question keeps its question word, and the word order becomes a statement; “please” becomes the reporting verb “requested … to”; “I” becomes “she”; present continuous becomes past continuous; “today” becomes “that day”

Q	Answer	Working
18	**Vikram said that he was writing a letter. Priya asked Vikram if he would repair the bicycle the next day. Vikram requested Priya to help him.**	pronouns follow the speakers (Priya is a girl)
19	**Ananya requested Kabir to draw the map. Changes: “please” becomes the reporting verb “requested … to”. Also, the quotation marks go and a joining word (that, if, to) is added.**	—
20	**(1) Ananya said, “I will fly my kite tomorrow.” (2) Kabir said to Rohan, “I built a sandcastle last week.” (3) Zoya said to Neha, “Will you clean the room tomorrow?”**	—