

**ICSE BOARD EXAMINATION 2024**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**KEY ANSWER**

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5. (i) (1) Selected (2) gave (3) groomed (4) followed  
(5) uttering (6) letting (7) hits (8) to look
- (ii) (a) on (b) over (c) to (d) in  
(e) with (f) at (g) in (h) since
- (iii) (1) (d) Taking pity on the mouse the magician turned it into a cat.  
(2) (b) This work must be completed because there is a deadline.  
(3) (a) He fled where his pursuers could not follow him.  
(4) (d) Though he began late, he finished first.
- (iv) (1) (c) Arun and Nikhil had climbed the mountain, hadn't they?  
(2) (b) The window pane has been broken by the children.  
(3) (d) The apples are too cheap to be good.  
(4) (a) Not only is she very clever but also beautiful.  
(5) (b) I would rather have a simple vanilla ice cream than fancy desserts.  
(6) (a) He asked when he did intend to make the payment.  
(7) (d) Unless the rain stops, Mariam will not be able to do the laundry.  
(8) (c) Never have I seen a better movie than this.
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