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Section I Prose

(Reading for Comprehension, Language study, Vocabulary, Summary and Mind Mapping)

Que.1 (A) Read the given extract and completes the activities given below:

[16]

A-1) Pick out the sentences those are false and write them correctly.

(12)

(2)

- I rushed to Umbarzara village where I was stationed.
- Walking alone in jungle needs more alertness.
- Many birds make alarm calls when they see a Predator nearby.
- All this uproar was created by only one animal a Leopard.

The eight-and-a-half-hour-long day inside the hide was as fruitful as the Jambha tree standing tall on the edge of Umbarzara. Before wrapping up my day at this natural waterhole, I took entries of the avifauna in my field notes. Since I was alone, I rushed to Pitezari village where I was stationed. I camouflaged the hide, took my essentials, came out of the hide and stretched out to my heart's content. I lifted my camera bag and took the familiar trail to Pitezari. Negotiating the webbed leaves of Teakwood and Moha trees, trying to make minimal sound, I was treading cautiously among the woods. Walking alone in a jungle needs more alertness than walking with a companion. I was alone here like a fox. Following the trail silently, watching with wide-open eyes, my ears were grasping a variety of sounds just when a familiar sound stunned me... 'Khyak! Khyak! KhyakoSS Khyak!'

It was a Langur alarm call. The leader of the gang of Langurs was sitting on the tall tree making alarm calls out of fear for life. Rest of the Langur brigade continued raising the alarm calls. The network of alarm calls was expanding its range as the petrified Langurs speeded to the trees near and far and secured their places on treetops. All this upheaval was created by only one animal's presence – a Leopard. Many animals make alarm calls when they see a predator - Tiger or Leopard nearby. The Langur is most reliable when it comes to finding clues about the presence of the apex predators in the jungle. The mighty elusive Leopard of Umbarzara was out of its lair. He was on the prowl. The stealthily moving figure in spotted gold-black cloak was spied by these Langurs. Even the small ones from the legion of Langurs were giving alarm calls.

A-2) Find out the reason.

- Kiran Purandare stretched out to his heart's content because.....
- Even the small members of Langur family were giving alarm calls because.....

(2)

A-3) Explain the statement in about 50 words in relation to the extract.

"I was alone here like a fox."

A-4) You might have visited any sanctuary near your place. Write your experience of visit in about 50 words.

(2)

A-5) Language study

(2)

- I took entries of the Avifauna in my field notes.

(2)

(Rewrite beginning the sentence with, 'Entries of the')

- The leader of the gang of langurs was sitting on the tall tree making alarm calls.

(Rewrite as a Compound Sentence)

A-6) Vocabulary

Find out the words from the extract which mean-

(2)

- a great number of people or things
- very frightened
- an animal that preys on other animals
- topmost

Que.1 (B) Non- textual Grammar

(4)

Do as directed:

- The little one grew into boy and boy into a robust healthy young man.
(Use appropriate articles and rewrite the sentence.)
- Heat can be used change water steam.
(Rewrite the sentence using appropriate prepositions)
- These internet giants provide the greatest data about people.
(Begin the sentence with, 'No other')
- The sea have become a cheap dumping ground for all kind of waste products.
(Spot the error and rewrite the sentence.)

Que.2 (A) Read the given extract and complete the activities given below:

[18]

A-1) Rearrange the following jumbled statements in a way they have occurred in the extract and rewrite them.

(12)

I was allowed to stand at the dinner table even in restaurants.

(2)

- In 1955, when I was four, they had moved us from Chicago.
- Once my father took the family to dinner at the local country club.
- They express their faith in God through their gratitude, generosity, kindness, and dedication to the family.

My parents, Gerald and Idelle Slavin, were not particularly religious in a formal sense. Rather they expressed their faith in God through their gratitude, generosity, kindness, and dedication to the family. They had grown up during the depression, and ever since their childhood had worked hard to support their families. While they wanted the best for their children, they were also careful not to spoil us, encouraging thankfulness for all we had and were given. In 1955, when I was four, they had moved us from Chicago to the village of Sherwood Forest in Highland Park, Illinois, so they could raise my two brothers and me in an environment free from the pollution and dangers of the big city. Our tranquil neighbourhood was set on flat terrain with abundant grass and trees. Children played in the empty lots and the quiet streets lined with houses that were almost identical to each other.

"Our Little Richie is sweet, but so strange, my parents would often say. "Why is he like this?" I had odd habits. No one had any idea where they came from.

Until I was eight or nine years old, I refused to sit in chair while eating and preferred to sit on the floor, which my parents forbade. As a compromise, I was allowed to stand at the dinner table even in restaurants. It was a common occurrence for waitresses to ask if they could bring me a chair. "He doesn't believe in chairs," my mother would reply with a shrug of her shoulders.

While my parents took great care with their appearance always dressing neatly and well, my mother had to wash my new clothes again and again until they looked old before agreed to wear them. When they bought me new shoes. I scraped them with rocks till they looked worn. Whenever my parents had a new car, I squeezed onto the floor of the back seat until the car wasn't new anymore.

Having better things than others made me feel embarrassed, I idolized the poor and downtrodden. Once, my father took the family to dinner at the local country club. I disrupted everything by suddenly rushing from the table and out the door because I couldn't bear to be served by the boy who was a classmate of mine. When my Grandpa Bill found me sitting alone in our car, I explained my feelings. "It's all right, Little Richie, he said. "You did the right thing. I'm proud of you."

A-2) Complete the following sentences:

- The writer disrupted everything by suddenly rushing from the table because.....
- Writer's mother had to wash the new clothes again and again because.....

(2)

A-3) "The parents wanted the best for their children." Interpret this statement in the light of the extract.

A-4) Write four to five sentences about your childhood memory related to your family.

(2)

A-5) Language study:

- i) I couldn't bear to be served by the boy who was a classmate of mine.
(Use "be able to" and ~~re~~ rewrite)
- ii) "You did the right thing. I am proud of you." he said to me.
(Change the sentence into "indirect speech" and ~~re~~ rewrite)

A-6) Vocabulary:

A

- i) dedication
- ii) forbade
- iii) embarrassed
- iv) downtrodden

B

- a) to deny from
- b) to humiliate
- c) oppressed
- d) devotion

B Summary:

Write a brief summary of the above extract with a suitable title with ~~at~~ the help of the cues
(Parents concern for children..... shifting from their place to another..... ~~struggling~~ the writer's
embarrassment of the writer)

C) Mind Mapping:

Develop mind mapping frame to show the development in your personality ~~seen~~ within your self in last
5 years. You can take help of the following points in order to develop each of them ~~at~~
(Development in physique, self-learning process, communication skills, social ~~awareness~~ family respons.---
~~each of them in further lines~~)

Section II (Poetry and Appreciation)

Que.3) A) Read the given extract and complete the activity given below:

A foot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.
Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am good-fortune,
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing,
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road.
The earth, that is sufficient,
I do not want the constellations any nearer,
I know they are very well where they are,
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.
(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,
I carry them, men and women,
I carry them with me wherever I go,
I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,
I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)

A-1) Pick out four lines showing that the poet is prepared to enjoy every moment

A-2) Write down the traits the poet exhibit through following lines:

- 1) Henceforth, I ask for no good fortune - I myself am good fortune.
- 2) Henceforth, I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing.
- 3) I do not want the constellations any nearer.
- 4) I am fill'd with them and I will feel them in return.

A-3) Express your personal opinion regarding the following line.

"Healthy, free, the world before me."

A-4) Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following line.

"Still here I carry my old delicious burdens."

A-5) Poetic creativity

Write 4 lines of free verse on the topic, "The road that leads to my college."

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i new-born child.

l of night,

ment so bright?.....

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veils of a queen.

in and still,

ne moonlight chill.....

white as a cloud,

funeral shroud.

SECTION III (WRITING SKILLS)

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versation between Pradip and Amrita. Pradip:

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nt to speak to Vivek. I am his friend from IHM Goa.

'ivek is not at home at the moment. Can you ring up a little later?

busy. Actually, I have got a placement at Hotel Mumbai, and will have to ct. So right now, I am trying to get all the formalities completed. This is the ve Vivek. Will you do that for me? Also tell him that I will let him know my is soon as I get one.

and all the best.

office. So, she wrote a note for Vivek. Draft a message in not more than 50 words.

OR

lover. You have a pet dog and some love birds at home. You are extremely fond of member of bird watchers' club. You have loved going on a safari. You have taken care imals who are hurt. In school you loved Biology. You wish to make a career in this 'Cambridge offers an excellent course/ programme which would boost your career. pose which will help you to get admission to this University.

(4)

OR

ed girl student in your class has received admission in a reputed college abroad needs further studies there. Have a group discussion amongst your friends to seek solutions in the form of dialogue in about 8 to 10 sentences.

(4)

Use this page as page no. 04 in this activity sheet.
Don't use previous page no. 04.

B) Appreciation.

With the help of the following points write a poetic appreciation of the poem 'Indian weavers'.

(4)

- About the poem/ poet and the title
- The theme
- Poetic style
- The language/ poetic devices used in the poem
- Special features
- Message, values, morals in the poem
- Your opinion about the poem

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?.....
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?.....
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill.....
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

SECTION III (WRITING SKILLS)

Que.4) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

[16]

A) Attempt any ONE of the following:

1) Drafting a virtual message:

(4)

Read the following Conversation between Pradip and Amrita. Pradip:

Is this 28473892?

Amrita: Yes, May I know who is speaking?

Pradip: I am Pradip. I want to speak to Vivek. I am his friend from IHM Goa.

Amrita: I am his sister. Vivek is not at home at the moment. Can you ring up a little later?

Pradip: I shall be a little busy. Actually, I have got a placement at Hotel Mumbai, and will have to join with immediate effect. So right now, I am trying to get all the formalities completed. This is the news that I wanted to give Vivek. Will you do that for me? Also tell him that I will let him know my new cell phone number as soon as I get one.

Amrita: I'll do that. Bye and all the best.

Amrita had to leave for office. So, she wrote a note for Vivek. Draft a message in not more than 50 words.

OR

2) Statement of Purpose:

(4)

You are an avid animal lover. You have a pet dog and some love birds at home. You are extremely fond of them. You have been a member of bird watchers' club. You have loved going on a safari. You have taken care of orphan animals or animals who are hurt. In school you loved Biology. You wish to make a career in this field. The University of Cambridge offers an excellent course/ programme which would boost your career. Make a Statement of Purpose which will help you to get admission to this University.

OR

3) Group Discussion:

(4)

An economically deprived girl student in your class has received admission in a reputed college abroad needing monetary help to pursue further studies there. Have a group discussion amongst your friends to seek solution to help her. Write views in the form of dialogue in about 8 to 10 sentences.

B) Attempt any ONE of the following.

1) E-mail Writing:

While on a business trip you had to spend a week at a large hotel. However, the poor facilities and behaviour of the hotel staff made your stay very unpleasant. Write an e-mail of complaint to the manager the hotel expressing your feelings of annoyance and suggesting what could be done to improve the standard of the hotel. (4)

2) Report Writing:

OR

Your college organised "Save Girl Child Movement". The Health Minister of Maharashtra state Shri Rajesh Tope was invited to launch this campaign. Write a report of this function in about 120 words. (4)

3) Interview:

OR

Write a set of 8 to 10 interview questions to be asked to a social worker. Take the help of the following points: (4)

- Childhood
- Education
- service
- difficulties
- future plans
- achievements
- message

C) Attempt any ONE of the following:

1) Speech Writing:

You intend to take part in an inter collegiate elocution competition. One of the topics there in is "My idea of happy life". Prepare a speech on it in about 120 words. (4)

OR

2) Compering:

Imagine that you are a Compere of Annual Day of your college. Write a script for the same. (4)

Make use of the following points.

- a. Introduction -a brief introduction of the program/ function
- b. lighting of lamp
- c. Welcome song
- d. Welcome speech/Principal speech/welcome of the guest
- e. Guest speech
- f. Prize distribution
- g. Vote of thanks

OR

3) Expansion of Idea:

Expand the following idea with the help of the points given below. Write your answer in about 100 to 150 words. (4)

"Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself."

- h. key point
- i. Literal meaning
- j. Explanation of the different aspects of the topic sentence.
- k. Conclusion

D) Attempt any ONE of the following:

1) Film Review:

(4)

Write a review of a film that you have recently seen. Write your review based on any four points given below.

- Name of the characters (main and supporting roles)
- About the story/ theme of the film
- Did you like or not like the film?
- special features/ novelties /novel ideas
- music/ dance songs/ action direction
- should others watch this film?
- would you recommend your friends to enjoy it/ watch this film / why?

OR

2) Blog Writing:

(4)

Write a blog on the following topic: "Man is free by birth"

OR

3) Appeal:

(4)

Prepare an appeal for making the people aware about the **Tree plantation**. Use an attractive slogan.

Section IV (Literary Genre-Novel)

[16]

Que.5) A) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions:

1) Rewrite the correct statements only.

(4)

- Mulkraj Anand, R. K. Narayan and Raja Rao were the major trio who prevailed in the period after Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya.
- The novel originated as the literary form in Norway.
- English novelists like Arvind Adiga, Arundhati Roy and Kiran Desai have dazzled with their writing.
- There are very few aspects of the setting.

2) Fill in the blanks.

- Murasaki Shikibu's.....(1010) has been described as the world's first novel. *Tell of Jinji*
- The struggle between the opposite forces in the story is called *Tell of Jinji*
- The word picaresque is originated from
- Detective fiction is a of crime fiction and Mystery fiction.

B) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below.

- Describe the atmosphere of the school described in the extract given for our study from the novel "To Sir, with Love".

(4)

- Compare the character of the narrator E. R. Braithwaite and the head of the school.

(2)

C) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below.

- Justice is served/ done in the end. Explain.
- Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel "Around the World in Eighty Days".

(2)

D) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below.

(2)

- Discuss the importance of the following statement in the light of the extract given for our study from the novel "The Sign of Four"

(4)

"Holmes carefully examined the paper given by Mary."

(2)

- Basically the setting of the extract is in London but it has some references of India too. Justify how setting of the extract contribute to the theme of the novel

"The Sign of Four."

(2)

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