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Sub. : ENGLISH

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SECTION 1 (Prose)

(Reading for comprehension, Language study, Vocabulary, Summary,

Note-making or Mind Mapping

Q.1 (A) Read the given extract and complete the activity given below. (12)

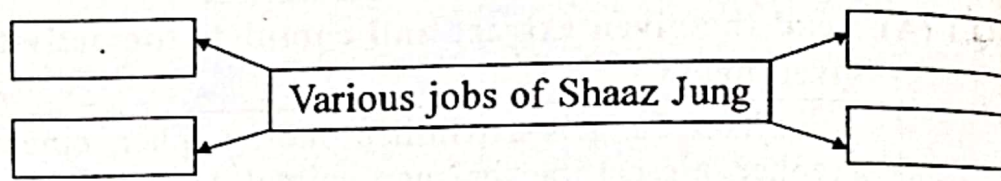
Shaaz Jung is a wildlife photographer, cinematographer, big cat tracker, man-animal conflict resolution seeker and lodge owner-all rolled into one. When he's away from the jungles of Nagarhole, officially called The Rajiv Gandhi National Park, he's leading photography safaris in Africa or showcasing his work at Art Galleries in capital cities and speaking to those interested in conserving the planet's riches.

Shaaz recalls with great clarity the incident that ultimately leads to his answering the call of the felines over a career dedicated to finance. "It was somewhere around sunset. We were at a junction. The deer were calling," he says, "we went around a blind turn," he continues, "and up ahead on the path was this old leopard. You could tell he was past his prime. The jungle had taken a toll on him. He only had three canines. His eyes were sagging. Close to this leopard was another very young, good looking male who was soon to come into his prime. It was like looking at the past and the present. It was clear that there was going to be a fight. Unfortunately, the sun was setting, and we had to leave. But the next morning, I went back to the spot. Sitting on a high rock was that young leopard. Blood was dripping from a gash across his face. He sat there like he was 'king of the jungle'. I knew right then that he had taken over, that it was the beginning of a new journey for him. And for me." Photographs of that leopard, the victor, Scarface, as Shaaz named him, not only made Shaaz famous among India's wildlife community, but also led to Shaaz's enviable reputation as a chronicler of the wild.

(1)

- (A-1) **Complete:** Shaaz Jung had chosen the profession
(a) on purpose
(b) because he had learnt photography
(c) with no intention
(d) because he had nothing to do

- (A-2) **Complex Factual:**
Complete the following web.



- (A-3) **Inference:**
What do you infer from "It was the beginning of a new journey for him." Tick
(a) Now he would rule over the territory.
(b) He was to be taken to a zoo.
(c) He was going to carve out a new area.
(d) Forest department will keep eyes on him.

- (A-4) **Personal Response:**
"Wildlife photography is a challenging job." Give your opinion.

- (A-5) **Language study:**
(1) Unfortunately, the sun was setting and we had to leave. (Use 'because')
(2) The jungle had taken a toll on him. (Rewrite the sentence using past continuous tense)

- (A-6) **Vocabulary:**
Complete the table.

Verb	Noun
(a) console	
(b) locate	
(c) direct	
(d) decide	

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(B-1) Do as directed.

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(Fill in the blanks with suitable articles)

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- (3) I developed an inferiority complex. (Rewrite the sentences - beginning with an inferiority complex)

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techniques helps reduce stress at the physical level. Love compassion and friendship are valuable) Strength gives us help to cope with stress. The scriptures say that knowledge of the self cannot be gained without inner strength. Reading of good books also builds up inner strength.

(A-2) **Complete the following.**

- (1) It is characterized by a
- (2) The scripture say that knowledge of the self

(A-3) Simple living can keep away stress. Give evidence from the passage to support this.

(A-4) **Vocabulary:**

Give words from the passage which are related to Healthcare.

(A-5) Suggest other "Things To Do" to overcome stress.

(A-6) **Rewrite the following sentences as instructed.**

- (1) Modern technology increased workloads and decreased relaxation.
(Rewrite using not only but also)
- (2) We can cope with stress. (Use "be able to")

Q.2 (B) Summary:

Write a short summary of the above extract with the help of the given clues and suggest a suitable title.

Increasing environmental pollution pollution result of contamination of the things survival problem need to control including humans all in danger population growth.

(C) Mind mapping:

Develop a "Mind Mapping" frame / design using your own ideas to illustrate on the topic - "On the Hazards of Global Warming".

- (1) Connect your thoughts or ideas using the title.
- (2) Use your own design / format for branching.
- (3) Create minimum two or three main branches and its sub-branches excluding the title.

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SECTION II (Poetry and Appreciation)

Q.3 (A) Read the following extract and do the activities that follows.

(10)

No stir in the air, no stir in the sea,
The ship was as still as she could be,
Her sails from heaven recieved no motion,
Her keel was steady in the ocean.

Without either sign or sound of their stock
The waves flow'd over the Inchcape Rock;
So little they rose, so little they fell,
They did not move the Inchcape bell.

The Abbot of Aberbrothok
Had placed that bell on the Inchcape Rock;
On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung,
And over the waves its warning rung.

When the Rock was hid by the surge's swell,
The mariners heard the warning bell;
And then they knew the perilous Rock,
And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.

(A-1) **Global Understanding:**

Choose the correct alternative:

- (1) The extract focuses on
 - (a) Abbot Aberbrothok
 - (b) Inchcape Rock
 - (c) The bell
- (2) Waves did not move the Inchcape Bell because
 - (a) There was fast wind
 - (b) The waves did not rise high
 - (c) The bell was too high to reach
 - (d) The bell was broken

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- (A-2) Give reasons for the sailor's appreciation of the Abbot.
- (A-3) **Personal Response:** What do you learn about the Abbot from the extract ?
- (A-4) **Poetic Device:** Identify and explain the figure of speech.
"So little they rose, so little they fell"
- (A-5) **Creative Writing:**
Compose four lines to describe the bell on the Inchcape Rock.

Q.3 (B) Appreciation:

(4)

Read the given extract and write the appreciation of the given poem based on the following aspects.

When I had money, money, O !
I knew no joy till I went poor;
For many a false man as a friend
Came knocking all day at my door.
Then felt I like a child that holds
A trumpet that he must not blow
Because a man is dead; I dared
Not speak to let this false world know.
Much have I thought of life, and seen
How poor men's hearts are ever light;
And how their wives do hum like bees
About their work from morn till night.
So, when I hear these poor ones laugh,
And see the rich ones coldly frown :
Poor men, think I, need not go up
So much as rich men should come down
When I had money, money, O!
My many friends proved all untrue;
But now I have no money, O!
My friends are real, though very few.

- (1) About the poem, significance of the title.
- (2) Form of the poem, theme and its significance
- (3) Poetic style, language features, poetic device
- (4) Inspirational message, values, morals reflected
- (5) Your opinion and critical evaluation of the poem

Section III (Writing Skill)

Q.4 Complete the activities as per the instructions given below. (16)

(A) Attempt any ONE of the following. (4)

(1) Drafting a virtual message:

You are Srikant, a part time assistant at the library. You take a call for the Head Librarian Mr. Shinde. You take down a message for him from his wife.

Draft a message using the following information for Mr. Shinde.

Mrs. Shinde - rang up - 4:30 pm - Sumit, your son unwell - gone to hospital - Address - Perry Cross Road hospital - requested to meet there - urgently.

OR

(2) Statement of Purpose:

You are an avid animal lover. You have a pet dog and some love birds at your home. You are extremely fond of them. You have been a member of a bird watcher's club. You have loved going on safari. You have taken care of orphan animals or animals who are hurt. In school you loved biology. Now you wish to make 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:

You and your friends including Rahul are on the Juhu Beach, Mumbai. You are discussing about the hot weather in Mumbai. You discuss about the cold weather of

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Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani. Write a short group discussion amongst you and your friends. You are Sumedh. Write your answer in 8 to 10 dialogues.

(B) Attempt any ONE of the following.

(4)

(1) Email Writing:

As a group leader, write an email to the superintendent of Holiday Home at Mahabaleshwar for making reservation for the stay of a group of 45 students of your college. Make use of the following points.

- Your proposed date of visit.
- Number of days and nights of stay.
- Breakfast, food arrangement.
- Reservation charges per day.

OR

(2) Report Writing:

Your college had organised an intercollegiate Literary Festival, as one of the organizers of the festival, write a report for your college magazine in about 120 to 150 words, using the points below as guidelines.

Date and Venue - purpose of the festival - college invited - events - chief guest - inauguration - standard performances - awards won - closing ceremony - experience gained.

OR

(3) Interview Questions:

Write a set of 8 to 10 interview questions to be asked to a social worker. Take the help of the following points : Childhood education service difficulties future plans achievements message.

Q.4 (C) Attempt any ONE of the following.

(4)

(1) Speech Writing:

You wish to take part in Elocution competition in your college, one of the topics there is "Disadvantages of Television". Prepare a speech on it in about 100 words

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(2) Compering:

Imagine that you are a compere of Annual Day of your college. Write a script of the same. Make use of the following points.

- Introduction - a brief introduction of the programme
- Lighting up a lamp
- Welcome song
- Welcome speech - Principal's speech, welcome of the guest, guest speech
- Prize distribution
- Vote of thanks

OR

(3) Expansion of Idea:

"Manners maketh Man", expand the idea in your own words with proper examples.

(D) Attempt any ONE of the following. (4)

(1) Book Review :

Choose any recent book that you have read and give an account of it based on the following points.

Name of the book theme and plot of the book critical appreciation your final assessment.

OR

(2) Blog Writing :

Prepare a blog in about 150 words on the topic "Communication Skills". Make use of the following clues.

- What is communication skill ?
- Types of communication skill
- Communication in the past
- Present or modern scenario of communication skills
- Advantages and disadvantages
- Conclusion

OR

(3) Appeal:

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

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SECTION IV (Literary Genre) (Novel)

Q.5 (A) Do the following as per the instruction. (4)

(A-1) Match the column.

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
(1) Murasaki Shikabu	cuvantes
(2) Novella	Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya
(3) Don Quioiote	Tate of Genji
(4) Rajmohan's Wife	New

(A-2) Pick out the odd element from the group and rewrite the sentence.

- (1) Anita Desai, Nayantara Sehgal, RK Narayan, Herman Melville
- (2) Place, Period, Theme, Climate, Lifestyle
- (3) Theme, Language/style, Character, Stream of Consciousness, Setting
- (4) Realistic, Psychological, Autobiographical, Complex, Picaresque

(B) Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. (4)

- (1) Write a short note on the character of "ER Braithwalte" from the novel "To sir with love".
- (2) Write the short summary of the chapter 17 of the novel "To sir with love".

(C) Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. (4)

- (1) Write the plot of the novel "Around the world in 80 days".
- (2) Write down the comparison and contrast between Mr Fogg and Passepartout.

(D) Write the answers of the following questions in about 50 words. (4)

- (1) What details did Mary Morstan tell Holmes about her father ?
- (2) Write the theme of the novel "The sign of four".

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