

English (First Language)

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 80

Question Paper – 1

[Section I : Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar (Prose)]

Q.1. (A) Read the following passage and do the activities:

10 Marks

A1. True or False. State whether the following statements are True or False.

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- 1. Acts of kindness are a form of enlightened self – interest.**
- 2. We feel good when we do good.**
- 3. There was devastating floods that hit Mumbai in July 2007.**
- 4. Rajen was simple fulfilling his karma.**

So what can science teach us about why altruism comes so naturally to many of us? For one, it's possible that acts of kindness are a form of enlightened self-interest. "There's evidence that people are likely to reciprocate when someone helps them," explains Marylene Gagne, a social psychologist at Montreal's Concordia University. "They might not reciprocate with the person who helped them, but they pay it forward. People feel they owe something. The Society becomes more cohesive, and everyone benefits."

To Geminiuc, who recently beat cancer, this makes perfect sense. "You never know when you'll need help," she explains. The experience of having lived through her treatments and recovery, she says, changed her priorities. "I just feel so blessed to have survived."

In short, we feel good when we do good. "It's why we get this fuzzy, warm feeling when we hold the door for someone," says Gagne. Performing an act of kindness produces a positive attitude and enhances well-being and self-esteem.

During the devastating July 2005 floods that hit Mumbai, Rajen Dutia received an urgent call from a relative, Lopa Vyas, late in the evening. "A friend's mother is stranded near your home, Rajen. Can you please take her home? Her name is Rashmi," Vyas told him.

Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere. Despite a power failure and raging rain, Dutia stepped out and made his way to the spot, where he found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people. They were stranded in the dark, shivering in the rain. They all lived far away and had no place to go for the night.

Rajen took all of them to his one-bedroom flat, where he served them dinner and invited them to spend the night.

"By doing so "says Rajan, " I was simply fulfilling my karma, paying the universe back for the good it had done for me".

A2. Complete / Transformation Choose the correct alternative and complete the following.

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1. There's evidence that people are likely to reciprocate..... .
2. The society becomes

3. Geminiuc feels so blessed..... .
4. It's why we get the fuzzy warm feeling when..... .

A3. Replace. Replace the underlined words with proper words / phrases from the text. 2

1. We should exchange the good deed of a person who has helped us.
2. Due to a flash strike by the motormen, the commuters were left in difficulties.
3. The piligrimage to Uttarakhand stopped completely due to floods.
4. We have an indistinct feeling when we do a kind of act.

A4. Do as Directed. 2

1. Despite a power failure and raging rain, Rajen stepped out. (Make it Compound)
2. Can you please take her home? (State the function of the underlined word.)

A5. Personal Response 2

“Selfless social service can bring enduring benefits.”- Sachin Tendulkar. Given you views on the above words.

Q.1. (B) Read the following passage do the activities: 10 Marks

B1. Find the correct alternatives Choose the correct alternatives from the following to complete the sentences. 2

1. **Grandpa turned around with surprising..... .**
 a) Confidence b) vigour c) agility
2. **He clamped his hand on my mouth to me.**
 a) silence b) warn c) scare
3. **When we got to the third floor he took out**
 a) the telephone b) a bunch of keys c) a torch

My curiosity aroused, I got up in bed. My watch showed the awkward time of 3.30 am. His back was to me, so he didn't notice. The sight of a 70-odd year old man sleepwalking like this seemed so strange, I couldn't control a giggle.

He turned around with surprising agility, his large, owl-like eyes probing through the darkness to locate the source of the sound. He clamped his hand on my mouth to silence me. He led me through the main gate of the apartment, and up the stairs, where he had rented out a floor to a computer institute. When we got to the third floor, he took out a bunch of keys.

The room, when it wasn't full of students, served as a cyber cafe. But it wasn't the main room that interested Grandpa. He took a right turn into another room, and we entered what looked like a shabby storehouse. He took two confident steps and turned on a light.

His tenants trusted him with all their secure teaching material, and here we were, robbing of God-knows what.

Grandpa suddenly whispered, "Lend me a hand beta ..." I went closer. He was crouched on the floor, his 'shopping bag' open. A large stack of paper was strewn about towards one corner.

I helped him pile it all into his bag. After filling it, we hurried down. It was now 4.45 by my watch, and we went to bed again. I didn't even try to sleep.

B2. Complete. Complete the following list of action words mentioned in the passage. 2

1. Giggle
2.
3.
4.

B3. Vocabulary.

(1) Find out words for the following from the passage. 1

- i. Ability to move quickly and easily
- ii. To attach firmly

(2) Find out particular terms for the following defining sentences. 1

- i. A building for storing goods.
- ii. A large neatly arranged pile.

B4. Rewrite : 2

1. He took two confident steps and turned on a light. (Rewrite as a simple sentence).
2. I couldn't control a giggle. (Remove the Negative)

B5. Personal Response 2

'Never jump to conclusions'.

How is it illustrated through the above passage?

Q.2. (A) Read the following passage and do the activities given below : 10 Marks

A1. Complete. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct alternatives. 2

1. The first most important step in solid waste management is

- a) segregation b) separation c) collection

2. The will convert waste into vermicompost.

- a) insects b) earthworms c) segregation

3. Vermicompost can be commercially used in place of

- a) pesticide b) insecticide c) chemical fertilizer

Garbage converted to vermicompost

Conversion of urban garbage (organic solid wastes) into vermicompost can be done at two stages; one at domestic level by each household and the other at big vermicompost units to biodegrade the garbage of a city. The first most important step in solid waste management is segregation. Organic waste from kitchens and markets should be separated from recyclable waste like plastic, paper and glass, leather and inert debris and should be put in separate containers. This would help in proper disposal of the solid waste. At domestic level, culture of earthworms can be directly added to the container with organic wastes from kitchens and markets. The earthworms will convert the waste into vermicompost rich in plant nutrients, vitamins and growth hormone. Use of this vermicompost in kitchen gardens, terrace gardens and in pots will give higher yields of vegetables, fruits and flowers'. Vermicompost can also be used commercially in place of chemical fertilizers for production of crops, fruits and vegetables in the field. Farmers using vermicompost in Maharashtra have reported higher yields in different crops.

Organic solid wastes from different localities of a city can be converted into vermicompost in big plants.

According to environmentalist: "Vermicomposting is the only solution to manage the magnitude of waste accumulated, especially in the urban areas." Said Mr. Raj who practices vermicomposting on a small scale : "With proper knowhow, it is an easy technique."

A2. Information Transfer Fill in the information in the following table.

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	Type of waste	One example
1
2

A3. Find the meaning

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Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlined word:

1. This would help me in proper disposal of solid waste.

- a) throwing away b) management c) organization

2. Use of vermicompost gives higher yield of vegetables.

- a) quality b) price c) production

3. Vermicompost can be used commercially.

- a) to exploit for profit b) for foreign trade c) for internal trade

4. Organic solid wastes from different localities can be converted into vermicompost in big plants.

- a) an organized b) natural c) grown without the use of artificial fertilizers

A4. Reported speech**2****Complete the reported form of the following sentences given in direct form.**

1. The environmentalist said, "Vermicomposting is the only way to manage accumulated waste." (Universal Truth)
2. "With proper knowhow it is an easy technique," said Raj.

A5. Personal Response**2****What is your Mantra for Waste Management?****Q.2. (B) Read the following passage and do the activities given below :****10 Marks****B1. True or False. State whether the following statements are True or False.****2**

1. The young boy in the extract lived and studied in a college in Mumbai for five years.
2. India sheltered and honoured Dalai Lama.
3. India is a compassionate land.
4. The grandmother sprang up from the chest of memories of the author after decades.

The young boy reluctantly came up to me and apologized: "Madam, please pardon my grandmother. She is a villager and has hardly come out. I know you must have felt awkward about what she did to you. I'm sorry, she was just thanking you."

I was surprised at the Indian English he spoke. He said he had lived and studied in a college in Chennai for five years, "But why did your grandmother thank me? I have done nothing for her!" I said. "Yes Madam. India has been a great help for us. It has sheltered and honoured Dalai Lama, our living God. We all respect him but cannot express that in public due to political reasons. You must have seen there isn't a single photo of Dalai Lama in any public place in Lhasa. My grandmother was telling you, I'm an old lady and I don't know how long I'll live. If I don't thank an Indian and die, I will never attain peace after death. I'm not bothered even if somebody punishes me for that. Neither can I go to India at this age nor can I wait to meet many Indians in this land. It's a gift that today I was able to see an Indian and I must thank her and her country. If India had not sheltered our Dalai Lama, his life would have been difficult. India - the holy land, India the compassionate land...."

I understood why my fingers felt moist. Maya sprang up from the chest of memories after decades.

B2. Explain :**2****Why was the old lady filled with gratitude for India and Indians?****B3. Matching****2****Match the following words with their meanings.**

1)	sheltered	a)	Give high regard and respect
2)	honoured	b)	To give protection

3)	attain	c)	To arise suddenly
4)	sprang	d)	To achieve

B4. Conditional

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Replace 'if' with 'unless'

1. If India had not sheltered our Dalai Lama, his life would have been difficult.
2. If I don't thank my grandparents, I will never be happy.

B5. Personal Response

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Give two reasons why you are proud to be an Indian.

[Section II : Poetry]

Q.3. (A) Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below :

10 Marks

A1. Complete

2

1. Books were found on the and
2. The tales are described as and

Have you forgotten? Don't you know ?

We'll say it very loud and slow :

THEY..... USED.....TO.....READ ! They'd READ and READ,

AND READ and READ, and then proceed

To READ some more. Great Scott! Gadzooks !

One half their lives was reading books !

The nursery shelves held books galore !

Books cluttered up the nursery floor!

And in the bedroom, by the bed,

More books were waiting to be read !

Such wondrous, fine, fantastic tales

Of dragons, gypsies, queens, and whales

And treasure isles, and distant shores

Where smugglers rowed with muffled oars,

And pirates wearing purple pants,

And sailing ships and elephants,

And cannibals crouching 'round the pot'

Stirring away at something hot.

(It smells so good, what can it be ?

Good gracious, it's Penelope.)

A2. What kind of books does the poet mention? 2

A3. Poetic Device 1

THEY..... USED.....TO.....READ ! They'd READ and READ,
AND READ and READ, and then proceed

Which word is repeated?

The figure of speech is

Q.3. (B) Read the following passage and do the activities given below : 5

B1. True or False. State whether the following statements are True or False. 2

1. There is deforestation.
2. The poet has not contributed to environmental pollution.
3. Mother Earth is sad.
4. Industries are creating havoc in nature.

Our world is an institution
Of environmental pollution
We choose not to care
For our future generations
And I for one am guilty
For buying the hundreds of electronic gadgets
That attracts the industries to produce like maggots
Environmental pollution is at the heart of our planet
The forests are dying
Wild life is crying
Millions of fish are dying
Mother earth is sighing Tell me is it right
That we sleep well at night
Replenishing ourselves
For tomorrow's greedy fight
Overcrowded trains
Overloaded brains
Where is the light? What is our plight?
While river break their banks
And greedy industries play their polluted pranks.

B2. Comparison 2

What is the world compared to? Why?

B3. Figures of Speech:**1**

1. Give an example of 'Metaphor' from the above extract.
2. Name and explain the figure of speech used in the last line of extract.

[Section III : Rapid Reading]**Q.4. (A) Read the following extract and complete the activities given below :****5 Marks****A1. Compare the qualities of the two main characters in the play.****1**

	Character	Qualities
1	Intruder	
2	Gerrard	

Intruder : (disregarding him) You phone your orders and sometimes you go away suddenly and come back just the same. Those are just the things I want to do. Hearing about you was one of my luckiest breaks.

Gerrard : Apparently you haven't the intelligence to ask why I am invested in this cloak of mystery.

Intruder : (Preparing to shoot) As I said before, this conversation bores me.

Gerrard : Don't be a fool. If you shoot, you'll hang for sure. If not as yourself, then as Vincent Charles Gerrard?

Intruder : What is this?

Gerrard : This is your big surprise. I said you wouldn't kill me and I was right. Why do you think I am here today and gone tomorrow, never see trades people? You say my habits would suit you. You are crook. Do you think I am a Sunday school teacher?

Intruder : You may be a liar.

Gerrard : Listen. The game's up as far as I'm concerned. I'm expecting trouble. My bag's packed ready to clear off. There it is.

Intruder : It's a bag all right and this is a gun all right. What's all this?

Gerrard : That's disguise outfit; false moustaches and what-not. Now do you believe me?

Intruder : (musingly) I don't know.

Gerrard : For God's sake clear that muddled head of yours and let's go. Come with me in the car, I can use you. If you find it's a fake, you've got me in the car, and you've still got your gun

Intruder : May be you're right.

Gerrard : Then don't waste time. (Goes and picks up hat and bag)

Intruder : Careful, boss I'm watching you.

Gerrard : I've got a man posted on the main road. He'll ring up if he sees the police, but I don't want to leave it as late as that. (Telephone bell rings) Come on! They are after us Through here straight to the garage.

Intruder : How do I know that?

Gerrard : Oh, don't be a fool. Look for yourself. (Gerrard opens the door and steps away. Intruder leans forward to inspect it, with his side towards Gerrard, but with revolver ready. As he turns his head, Gerrard gives him a push into the cupboard, knocking the revolver out of his hand. He slams the door and locks it, picks up the revolver and goes to the phone, here he stands with the gun pointed to the cupboard door. Intruder rattles the door and shouts, "Let me out of here!") Hello, speaking. Sorry I can't let you have the props in time for rehearsal, I've had a spot of bother-quite amusing. I think, I'll put it my next play. Listen, can you tell our friend the Sergeant to come up here at once. You'll probably find him in the Public

A2. Complete.

1. Complete the following list of disguise outfits

- i)
- ii)

A3. What are the two pieces of evidence that make the intruder believe Gerrard's story ? **1**

A4. Personal Response. **2**

How does the climax illustrate the adage, 'All's well that ends well'?

[Section IV : Writing Skills]

Q.5. (A) A1 or A2 : Do any one of the activities: **5 Marks**

A1. Letter

Look at the following extract of a news and write a letter of thanks of your sister / brother.

On Rakshabandhan
Siblings revelry !!
News correspondent
Reporters @ anytime news.com
Mumbai : Today is Rakshabandhan
And celebrations are planned
well in advance by families.
A day to express unconditional love and
Support for ones brother and sister.....

OR

A2. Letter

Registering complaint.

Read the following extract and write a letter to the Police Commissioner complaining about the incident which is on a rise in your locality.

Mumbai : Last Monday, Seema was riding pillion on a motorcycle driven by her husband. At Andheri(E)another bike came close to theirs. Its pillion rider snatched Seema's gold chain.....

Q.5. (B) B1 or B2 Attempt any one of the following activities :

5 Marks

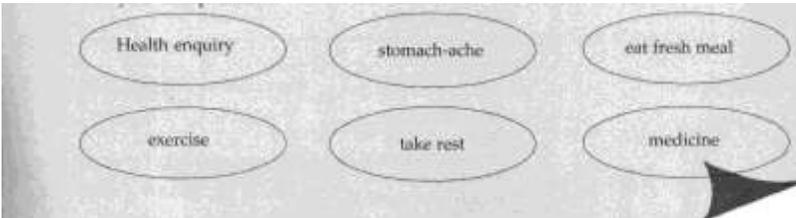
B1. Report Writing

Look at the following news. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter. Prepare a report. Mumbai : Ruchi Restaurant, a thickly crowded restaurant, catches fire!.....

OR

B2. Dialogue Writing.

Develop a dialogue between a doctor and a patient using the points given in the balloons. Add your own points.



Q.6. (A) A1 or A2 : Information Transfer : Do any one of the activities:

5 Marks

A1. Non – verbal to Verbal

Write a paragraph of 100 words based on the information given in the following table.

	Rural Area	Urban area
1	Agriculture is the main occupation here	Industries flourish in urban areas
2	Sparsely populated	High population due to migration
3	Small houses and self –sufficient hamlets	Sky scrapers and tall buildings.
4	Abounds in natural beauty	Slowly turning into a concrete jungle.

OR

A2 . Verbal to Non – Verbal

Draw a tree – diagram that contains the main points and supporting details on the basis of the following text.

Several methods are used for the sale of goods. Some methods are direct while others are indirect. Broadly these methods can be classified into 3 types. Negotiated sale is the sale completed by negotiation between the buyer and seller. Auction sale is direct sale but without any negotiation. The third method is the system of consumer credit facility which again can be either hire – purchase system or installments method. Negotiated sale, can take place through inspection, by description, by sample, by tender, by approval and on consignment.

Auction sales are carried out by two methods viz. open auction and closed auction.

Q.6. (B) B1 or B2 : Do any one of the following activities:

5 Marks

B1. Counterview.

‘Our elderly – the real torch – bearers’

Views :

- They have experience of life.
- They teach us values.
- They guide us to solved problems.

You do not agree with the views expressed in the news. Prepare a paragraph expressing your views against. Give examples.

OR

B2. Speech Writing

Your school is hosting a Round Table Conference on the topic “Empowering Indian Villages” Prepare a welcome speech for the event.

Q.7. Expansion of Ideas :

5 Marks

1. Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any one of the following ideas:

- i) Perseverance pays.
- ii) “What is this life with full of care, We have no time to stand and stare”.

OR

2. Develop a story with the following ending.

..... on that day we took a pledge to do our best in whatever we do.
