

# English (First Language)

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 80

## Question Paper – 2

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### [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) Heena is renowned for its medicinal properties.
- (2) Muslims hold the application of heena to be a meritorious act.
- (3) Heena comes from the leaves of the plant Lawsonia inermias.
- (4) Heena is native to North Africa among other places.

Generally, it is held that henna was introduced in India by the Mughals in the 12 century AD. The plant is renowned for its medicinal as well as its natural dyeing properties. Henna is a popular cosmetic used to beautify hands, feet, and the other parts of the body especially during weddings and festivals. Hindus consider the plant sacred since it is believed to be dear to Goddess Laxmi. Muslims hold the application of henna to be a meritorious act.

Henna comes from the leaves of the plant Lawsonia inermias. The plant grows in hot and dry climates, and is native to North Africa, the Indian sub-continent and Middle East. The leaves of the plant are dried and crushed to powder. Various additives such as coffee decoction, tea, lime juice, mehendi and eucalyptus oil are mixed with the henna powder to increase the potency of the dye; this also helps to bind the powder to a paste like consistency. The mixture is applied through cones in intricate patterns depending on the region of use.

#### Album of Patterns

Four major styles can be found in the vast dictionary of mehendi designs. Earlier the application was restricted to hand and feet, but the adoption of mehendi by different cultures throughout the world has seen experimentation

#### A2. Complete

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Complete the following sentences

- (1) Hindus consider the plant sacred since .....
- (2) The mixture is applied .....
- (3) ..... Can be found in the vast dictionary of mehendi designs.
- (4) Earlier the application was restricted to .....

**A3. Find Words.**

**2**

**Find out proper words from the passage :**

- (1) Something that is known or famous : .....
- (2) Substance that is added in small quantity : .....
- (3) Colouring : .....
- (4) Regarded as holy : .....

**A4. Do as Directed**

**2**

**(1) The plant is renowned for its medicinal as well as its natural dyeing properties.**

**(Use 'Not only..... But also')**

**(2) Heena was introduced in India by the Mughals in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century A.D.**

**(Change the voice)**

**A5. Personal Response**

**2**

**Which aspect of Indian culture are you proud of ? Elaborate.**

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

**10 Marks**

**B1. True or False**

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

**2**

- (1) Sangla offers limited rendezvous with nature.**
- (2) Chitkul falls on what used to be an ancient route between India and Tibet.**
- (3) High above on a hillock is the Kamakshi Temple.**
- (4) Three temples of Goddess Mathis have been constructed over 300 years ago.**

The picturesque little hamlet of Sangla is situated on a slope with houses rising one above the other and the Kinner-Kailash Peak looming large over the horizon.

Orchards are abundant here. In fact, the best 'Golden Delicious' apples in Himachal come from, this area. Sangla offers an uninhibited rendezvous with nature. Walks and treks are the order of the day, and those bare pleasures - reading on a hammock under the warm sun, lively bonfires by the river and so on. Sangla is also famous for the impressive Kamru Fort, once the bastion of the Rajas of the erstwhile Rampur Bushehr State. High above the village on a hillock is the Kamakshi Temple, where the coronation ceremony of these Rajas would take place. Don't miss the ornate carvings on the great wooden door of the temple. The one hour drive north from Sangla to the tiny outpost of Chitkul (26 km), the highest village in the valley, is spectacular, a drive which reveals the splendour and breathtaking magnanimity of the valley, its enormity and beauty laid bare.

Chitkul falls on what used to be an ancient trade route between India and Tibet. It also has three temples of Goddess Mathis, said to have been constructed over 500 years ago, and an archaic tower.

**B2. Complete**

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Complete the following list of sights with one descriptive word one witnesses in Sangla.

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
- (3) .....
- (4) .....

**B3. Vocabulary**

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(1) Give the antonyms of :

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- (i) highest × .....
- (ii) ancient × .....

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

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- (i) Beautiful in an eye-catching way.
- (ii) Having a look of complicated decoration.

**B4. Do as Directed**

2

(1) Orchards are abundant here. (Make it interrogative)

(2) Sangla offers an unlimited rendezvous with nature. (Add question tag)

**B5. Give reasons**

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Why do you feel visiting Sangla would be a unique experience?

**Q.2. (A) Read the following passage complete the activities :**

10 Marks

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

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(1) Sachin Tendulkar loved to .....

- (a) practice                      (b) play                      (c) excel

(2) Sachin Tendulkar understood ..... better than any other player I played with.

- (a) game                      (b) the rules                      (c) his technique

(3) Sachin Tendulkar is..... on his own terms.

- (a) retiring                      (b) quitting                      (c) leaving

(4) Sachin Tendulkar had a ..... strategy for every opposition bowler.

- (a) Pre-planned                      (b) proper                      (c) clear

**An Interview in Times of India with Gary Kirsten**

**Do you think the time was right for Sachin to retire?**

That is not for me to answer. It does however appear that he is retiring on his own terms, which for a player of his stature is very important.

**What facet of Tendulkar's batting or personality impressed you the most?**

His mental ability to handle the massive expectation placed on every innings.

**As a coach what was it like for you to work with Sachin?**

An absolute privilege. He loved practice and he was always looking for ways to improve. He had a clear strategy for every opposition bowler and he would work tirelessly in the nets to perfect that strategy before matches. He understood his technique better than any other player I have worked with.

**As a coach did you ever seek Sachin's advice?**

Of course, he was good at sharing information and never did it in a forceful way. He was very respectful of whatever decisions the leadership of the team would take.

**Which is your favourite Sachin innings?**

There are many but his 100 against England in 2008 at Chennai when we were in trouble in difficult batting condition, really, in my opinion, set him apart. We went on to win the Test match which seemed highly unlikely for four days.

**What according to you helped Sachin live up to the expectations of a cricket crazy nation for 24 years?**

His ability not to get ahead of himself. He has remained humble, focused and has a love for the game like no one else I have come across. Because of this, he has not taken anything the game has given him for granted.

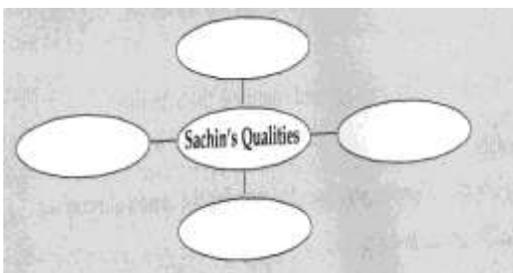
**What have you learnt from Sachin?**

That you can be an exceptionally decent human being and still be the best in the world. This in my opinion has been his greatest legacy.

**A2. Information Transfer**

**2**

Fill in the information in the following web.



**Sachin Qualities**

**A3. Find the meaning****2****Choose the appropriate meaning of the following words :****(1) massive**

- (a) extensive                      (b) large quantity                      (c) excessive

**(2) strategy**

- (a) levels of the game                      (b) planning and conduct of the game                      (c) rules of the game

**(3) regardless**

- (a) in spite of everything                      (b) without respect                      (c) with reference to.

**(4) technique**

- (a) skill                      (b) application of science                      (c) method

**A4. Do as directed.****2****(1) He understood his technique better than any other player. (Change the degree)****(2) He was respectful of whatever decisions the leader would take. (Make it Simple)****A5. Personal Response****2**

“Lives of great men remind us,  
We can make our life sublime,  
Leaving footprints on the sands of time”.

How has the life and work of Sachin Tendulkar inspired you ?

**Q.2. (B) Read the passage and complete the activities given below :****10 Marks****B1. Pick out the correct answers from the statements given below :****2****(i) All parts of the human body receive blood from the :**

- (a) Lungs                      (b) heart                      (c) stomach                      (d) liver

**(ii) The portion of heart which doesn't receiver proper blood supply becomes :**

- (a) strong                      (b) dead                      (c) weak                      (d) diseased

**(iii) Angina results from the weakening of the :**

- (a) Heart                      (b) liver                      (c) stomach                      (d) lungs

**(iv) The heart receives its own blood supply through the :**

- (a) veins                      (b) lumen                      (c) fat                      (d) coronary arteries

Coronary bypass surgery is undoubtedly a very significant achievement of modern medical science. But one ponders over certain pertinent questions such as the cost involved and the ultimate benefit.

The human heart is nothing but a four-chambered muscular pump which supplies blood to all parts of the body. Being an active pump, the heart itself requires a lot of energy and receives its own blood supply via certain vessels called coronary arteries. By a process called "atherosclerosis," fat particles are deposited on the inner

wall of the lumen of the coronary arteries which eventually reduce the size of the lumen and produce obstruction to the free flow of blood. The portion of the heart which suffers from lack of blood supply becomes weaker as a pump and gives rise to a typical chest pain called "angina". When such blockage is total, the corresponding heart muscle dies and then one suffers a "heart attack". In all these circumstances, heart surgeons perform a special type of operation known as "coronary bypass surgery".

In this surgery a blood vessel is taken (usually from the leg of the patient) and then grafted on the heart in such a way that when blood flows through, it bypasses the narrow segment of the diseased coronary artery. The concept is to divert the flow from the narrow artery, inside which there is already a 'traffic congestion and in this respect it is synonymous to road bypass.

**B2. Fill in the gaps** **2**

**With the information given in the passage :**

- (i) The number of chambers of the human heart are .....
- (ii) Name the process by which fat particles are deposited within coronary arteries.....
- (iii) When a heart muscle dies, due to total blockage one suffers from a .....
- (iv) To prevent heart attack Surgeons perform.....

**B3. Find meanings** **2**

**Which words in the passage have the following meanings ?**

- (i) think over (ii) relevant
- (ii) turn in another direction (iv) a tube carrying fluid

**B4. Do as Directed** **2**

- (i) **Coronary bypass surgery is undoubtedly a very significant achievement of modern science.**  
(Use 'Which' and rewrite the sentence)
- (ii) **The heart surgeons perform a special type of operation .....**  
(Begin your sentence with 'A special type of operation.....')

**B5. Personal Response** **2**

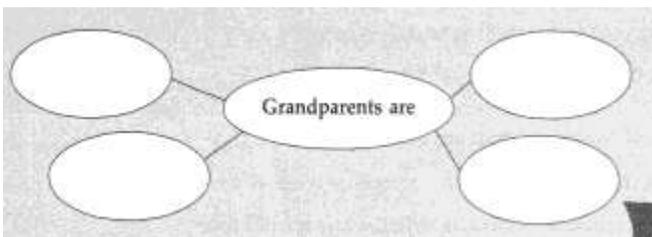
**What do you do to keep your heart healthy?**

**[ Section II : Poetry ]**

**Q.3. (A) Read the following extract of a poem and complete the activities :** **5 Marks**

**A1. Role of Grandparents** **2**

**Complete the following Web :**



Grandparent are

"Oh the value of the elderly! How could anyone not know?  
They hold so many keys, so many things they can show.  
We all will read the other side this I firmly believe  
And the elderly are closest oh what clues we could retrieve.  
For their characters are closest to how we'll be on high.  
They are the ones most developed, you can see it if you try.  
They've let go of the frivolous and kept things that are dear.  
The memories so sweet, of loved ones that were near.  
As a nation we are missing our greatest true resource,  
To get to know our elders and let them guide our course."

**A2. Message :**

**2**

What is the message conveyed through the extract ?

**A3. Matching**

**1**

**Match the following :**

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Oh the value of the elderly! | (a) Interrogation |
| (2) How could any one not know ? | (b) Exclamation   |
|                                  | (c) Metaphor      |

**Q.3. (B) Read the following extract and complete the activities given below :**

**5 Marks**

**B1. True or False**

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

**2**

- (1) The old people are valuable.
- (2) We must let old people guide our course.
- (3) The old people have held on to the frivolous.
- (4) The old people are the greatest resource of the nation.

"Oh the value of the elderly! How could anyone not know?  
They hold so many keys, so many things they can show.  
We all will read the other side this I firmly believe  
And the elderly are closest oh what clues we could retrieve.  
For their characters are closest to how we'll be on high.  
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**B2. In the past****2**

How has the family system changed from how it was in the past ?

**B3. Describing Words.**

**(1) Find and write down from the extract the words that describe the following.**

**1**

(i) consider precious

(ii) an asset

**[ Section III : Rapid Reading ]**

**Q.4. (A) Read the following extract and complete the activities given below :**

**5 Marks**

**A1. State whether True or False :**

**1**

**(1) Gerrard is a tall person.**

**(2) Gerrard seems to be very witty.**

(The Scene is a small cottage interior. There is an entrance back right (which may be curtains). Another door to the left must be a particular door. The furniture is simple, consisting of a small table towards the left, a chair or two, and a divan rather upstage on the right. On the table is a telephone.

When the curtain rises Gerrard is standing by the table phoning. He is of medium height, and wears horn-rimmed glasses... He is dressed in a lounge suit and a great coat. His voice is cultured.) Gerrard... Well, tell him to phone up directly. I must know. Yes I expect I'll still be here, but you mustn't count on that... In about ten minutes time. Right-ho. Good bye.

[He puts down the phone and goes to the divan on the left, where there is a travelling bag, and starts packing. Whilst he is thus engaged, another man, similar in build to Gerrard enters from the right silently. revolver in hand. He is flashily dressed in an overcoat and a soft hat. He bumps accidentally against the table and at the sound Gerrard turns quickly.]

Gerrard : (Pleasantly). Why, this is a surprise, Mr. -er-

Intruder : I'm glad you're pleased for long. Put those paws up!

Gerrard : This is all very melodramatic; not very original, perhaps, but –

Intruder : Thanks a lot. You'll soon stop being smart. I'll make you crawl. I want to know a few things,

Gerrard : Anything you like. I know all the answers. But before we begin I should like to change my position you may be comfortable, but I am not.

Intruder : Sit down, there, and no funny business. (Motions to chair and seats himself on the divan by the bag.) Now then, we'll have a nice little talk about yourself.

Gerrard : I think good sense is shown more in the ability to avoid pain than in the mere desire to do so. What do you think, Mr. -er-

Intruder : Never mind my name. I like yours better, Mr. Gerrard. What are your Christian names?

Gerrard : Vincent Charles.

**A2. Complete**

**2**

**Complete the following list of differences which exist between two characters**

- (1) One is in a creative profession while the other is a criminal.**
- (2) .....**
- (3) .....**
- (4) .....**

**A3. Personal Response.**

**2**

**How would you react if you were in Gerrard's place ?**

**[ Section IV : Writing Skills ]**

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

**5 Marks**

**A1. Letter**

**Look at the following extract of a news item and write a letter to your cousin describing how you celebrated Friendship Day in your school.**

**On Friendship Day.**

A flood of love for Friend

ST correspondent

Reporters @ TOI.com

Mumbai : Today is 'Friendship Day',

and celebration were witnessed across the city.

**A2. Letter**

**Letter of Request**

**Look at the following extract of a notice and write a letter to your school Principal requesting him to organize a tour to Jaisalmer.**

**Picnic to Jaisalmer.**

- Organised by High Flight Tours & Travels
- Students of Std. X are allowed to join
- Tentative dates 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013-12<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- Tour Cost Rs. 6800/-
- For further details contact. [hfft@licos.com](mailto:hfft@licos.com)

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

**5 Marks**

**(B1) Report Writing**

Read the following leaflet and prepare a report for a news.

**Blood Donation Camp**

- Arranged on the independence Day
- Dr. R.C. Patil will inaugurate
- Free medical check up before blood donation
- Nutritious refreshments served for donors
- Attend one and all
- Organized by EST Hospital, Raviwar Peth, Pune.

**(B2) Interview Writing**

**Read the extract and frame 10 interview questions you would want to ask the author.**

Canadian author Alice Munro, 82, has been awarded the Literature Nobel prize for her short stories depicting the challenges of small-town life in Canada...

**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 provided.**

**On the basis of the following chart write a paragraph on the findings of a survey on the nutritional value of banana.**

**The Nutritional Value of Banana (Per 100 gm Edible Portion)**

Calories	116 Kcal
Carbohydrates	27 g
Protein	1.2 g
Fat	0.3 g
Sodium	36.6 mg
Potassium	88.0 mg
Dietary Fibre	1.8 g

**A2. Tourist Leaflet :**

**Prepare a tourist leaflet on any one sanctuary in India. You may use the following points :**

- (1) Name of the sanctuary
- (2) Location
- (3) Distance from important places
- (4) Uniqueness
- (5) Its importance
- (6) Other details.

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

**5 Marks**

**(B1) Counterview**

**Increased Industrial activities in rural areas.**

Mumbai : The public sector is promoting investment in rural and backward regions. The landscape of the rural areas is changing. Availability of power, water supply, transport, electricity and communications has improved the lifestyle of the people. Effects of industrialization is witnessed.

You don't agree with the views expressed. Prepare a paragraph expressing your views against.

Give examples.

(Points : Talk about sustainable development – ill effects of industrialization – tapping agriculture sector, etc.)

**(Note : Points given for guidance will not be provided during exams.)**

**B2. View and Counter-view**

**A paragraph on the counterview of 'Benefits of using Helmets'**

**Counterview :**

- (1) Expensive
- (2) Inconvenient to carry
- (3) Feeling of suffocation
- (4) Risky on busy roads.

**Q.7 Expansion of Ideas**

**5 Marks**

**(1) Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any one of the following ending :**

- i. 'SILENCE IS GOLDEN'.
- ii. "A quitter never wins and a winner never quits."

**(2) Develop a story with the following ending.**

..... thus we realized that 'Where there' a will, there's a way'.