

English (First Language)

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 80

Question Paper – 3

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

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

10 Marks

A1. True or False

State whether the following statements are True or False.

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- (1) The narrator promised to pay the driver double the fare.
- (2) The narrator bought nine ties.
- (3) The salesman was unbearably slow.
- (4) The taxi had vanished when he came out of the shop.

When I finally thought I had located the right shop, I decided to go in and check. The driver refused to wait. Parking was prohibited, he said. I promised to double the fare, jumped out and ran into the shop. Was I going to miss the plane just for a damned tie ?

The salesman was unbearably slow. When I realized that the smallest change I had was a ten dollar note, I grabbed ten ties of ten different colours so I wouldn't have to wait for change. I rushed out with the ties in a paper bag.

On the street I looked around. The taxi had vanished taking my suitcase. What is more, I was going to miss the plane.

I ran to the corner and hope flared up again, the taxi was waiting in the next street. Quick to the airport! As I settled down inside the taxi, I sighed with relief. Gilson was going to have enough initialized ties to last him a lifetime.

When I reached the airport I paid the taxi driver double fare and grabbed my suitcase. Panting, I boarded the plane under the reproachful gaze of other passengers, all primly seated with their seat belts fastened.

A2. Complete

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Complete the following sentences.

- (1) I grabbed
- (2) As I settled down inside the taxi, with relief.
- (3) Gilson was going to have..... ties
- (4) All the other passengers were primly seated

A3. Matching .

2

Match the following words to their meanings.

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| (1) locate | (a) to grasp suddenly |
| (2) grab | (b) to find the position of some thing |
| (3) vanish | (c) sudden burst of emotion |
| (4) flare | (d) to disappear |

A4. Match tags

Match the following sentences to their question tags.

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- | A | B |
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| (1) On the street I looked around | (a) Wasn't I ? |
| (2) I was going to miss the train | (b) hadn't I ? |
| (3) I had located the right shop. | (c) didn't It ? |
| (4) Hope flared up, | (d) didn't I ? |

A5. Personal Response

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'Haste leads to waste'. Give your views on this proverb.

Q.1. (B) Read the passage and complete the activities given below :

10 Marks

B1. Complete the table

A few facts about the Mehendi rituals during marriage ceremonies are given below

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Write them into appropriate columns :

- (i) Simple family affair.
- (ii) Songs and dance performance accompanied with lavish food and entertainment.
- (iii) Creative family members, apply mehendi to the bride.
- (iv) Beauticians are appointed to apply mehendi to the bride.

Fill in the table as :

Yesteryears	Present times
(i)	(i)
(ii)	(ii)

Mehendi enjoys special attention during wedding. In India, the day before the wedding is devoted exclusively for the elaborate ritual of applying mehendi on the hands and feet of the bride. This practice is followed in Arab countries as well, except that it is held few days prior to the wedding day. Songs woven around the healing properties and lucky omens associated with mehendi, are sung by the bride's family and friends. An age-old belief handed down to generations lays great emphasis on the colour of the bride's

(4) An inhabitant of a forest

A4. Do as directed.

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(1) “We have seen an increase in the number of cubs in each passing years.” said Gujarat Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Report in indirect speech)

Gujarat Principal Chief Conservator of Forest informed that

(2) This helps reduce mortality. (Use the noun form of the underlined word and rewrite the sentence)

A5. Personal Response

2

List four ways in which we can save animals from extinction.

Q.2. (B) Read the following passage and do the activities.

10 Marks

B1. True or False

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State whether the following statements are True or False.

- (1) It is important to restore lungs to fuller use.
- (2) Drawing shoulder blades together closes up chest cavity.
- (3) We feel better if we get the habit of breathing well.
- (4) Knowle’s exercise involves how far you can throw out your chest.

Knowles listed the good results that come from restoring the lungs to fuller use. We feel better, have more energy, suffer less from fatigue, sleep better, wake up faster and, we get the habit of breathing well.

A preface to all Knowles's exercise involves seeing how close you can draw your shoulder blades together not how far you can throw out your chest. As a rule, too much of the weight of the lungs is pressed down on the diaphragm and hence it is discouraged from rising and falling in rhythm. Drawing the shoulder blades together immediately opens up the chest cavity.

To test how you are doing when it comes to breathing out, Knowles suggested that you take a good breath, then read a paragraph aloud from any article. On the first day see how far you can read in one breath. Try it again the next day and gradually increase the number of lines you can read without inhaling. And to test your out-capacity, take a deep breath and open the mouth wide (no pursed lips this time) and see if you can blow out a paper match held three inches from the lips. If you can't, you need help.

B2. Merits

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What are the merits of restoring lungs to fuller use ?

B3. Matching

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Match the words with their meanings.

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| (1) preface | (a) a hollow place |
| (2) cavity | (b) the air taken into lungs |
| (3) breath | (c) a muscular structure dividing chest from abdomen |
| (4) diaphragm | (d) an introduction |

B4. Express

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- (1) Knowles suggested that you take a good breath. (Express the underlined word in Noun form and reframe the sentence.)
- (2) To test your lung capacity, take a deep breath and open the mouth wide. (Rewrite the sentence with a modal auxiliary expressing advice.)

B5. Personal Response

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'Exercise – Key to healthy mind and body' – Give your views.

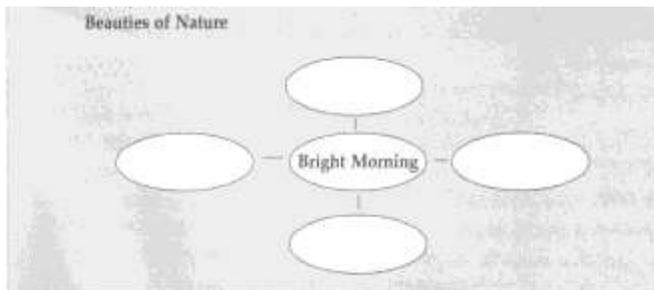
[Section II : Poetry]

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

5 Marks

A1. Complete the following Web describing the beauty of a bright morning

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Bright Morning

There was a roaring in the wind all night;
The rain came heavily and fell in floods;
But now the sun is rising calm and bright,
The birds are singing in the distant woods;
Over his own sweet voice the Stock-dove Broods;
The Jay makes answer as the Magpie chatters;
And all the air is filled with pleasant noise of waters.
All things that love the sun are out of doors;
The sky rejoices in the morning's birth;
The grass is bright with raindrops-on the Moors

The hare is running races in her mirth;
And with her feet she from the plashy earth.
Raises a mist; that, glittering in the sun,
Runs with her all the way, wherever she doth run.

A2. Message :

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'The sun is rising calm and bright' What lesson do you learn from the Sun and other elements of nature?

A3. Figures of speech / Archaic word

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- (1) There was roaring in wind all night. (Name and explain the figure of speech)
- (2) Pick out an example of archaic word used in the extract.

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

5 Marks

B1. True or False

State whether the following statements are True or False.

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- (1) Famine is spreading gloom.
- (2) Time can wait.
- (3) Humans have strength to vent their suffering.
- (4) We should burn selfless aims.

Famine and drought and dread and doom
Continue still to spread the gloom
Of humans turned to skeletons, to shrivelled bags of naked bones
Who have not even strength to vent their suffering through sobs and groans...
MAY EVERY Indian's heart become
An unafraid announcing drum
Echoing and re-echoing a new hope and a new desire
To burn up rubbish-heaps of hate,
Once and for all. Time cannot wait!
Burn up all selfish aims find ends in a great nation's cleansing fire!

B2. In the past

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Write about how Indians have shown courage and determination to usher changes in the past.
Give example.

B3. Describing Words.

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

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- (i) Acute scarcity of food.
- (ii) A long period of dry weather.

(2) Write the rhyme scheme used in the first four lines of the poem.

[Section III : Rapid Reading]

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

5 Marks

A1. Complete

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Make a list of plants which were seen on the land which surrounded the bungalow.

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

"Is a slightly smaller house not available?" she asked Father. "We do not have enough curtains for this place. And the furniture seems a little inadequate. Why did they have to plan the kitchen at such a distance from the dining room? It is like doing a route march. And who is going to help me keep this place clean and dusted?" Her misgivings and objections were undoubtedly valid. But, seeing our crestfallen faces, she sighed and gave in. We made extravagant promises to help in the household chores. Keep our rooms tidy. Put away our toys and books. She smiled with amused disbelief, her mind already working out how many metres of curtain-cloth would be needed and so on.

Within a fortnight we had settled so well at 3 MacPherson Road that it felt as if we had been living there all our lives. The bungalow was surrounded by an acre and half of land. For my brothers, myself and our two-year-old Labrador, Rex, this kind of space was paradise, densely packed as it was with bamboo thickets, bougainvillea, jasmine, and wild rose bushes. There Were enough trees to climb - mango, jamun, tamarind, neem. Enough space to play hide and seek, cricket, seven stones and other noisy games. It was a friendly garden but I always felt that it had a mysterious air as if it was watching us; as if it knew something that we did not.

A2. Positive and Negative : List the positive aspects and negative aspects of the house.

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A3. Personal Response.

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What are disadvantages of living in a small house ?

[Section IV : Writing Skills]

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

5 Marks

A1. Informal letter

Look at the following news and write a letter to your sister encouraging her to develop a terrace garden.

House Garbage to cultivate garden

Pune : Mrs. Lele of Sahakar Nagar used the wet garbage from the kitchen, to develop a garden. She has planted flower plants as well as vegetables. She derived sheer joy and gets fresh veggies.

A2. Letter of application

Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement. Include resume.

(OLPQ) College of Arts, Science & Commerce

Applications are invited for the post of **Physical Education Instructor** :

(Bachelor in Physical Education with a minimum of 75%).

Application with full details should reach the Principal, OLPQ College, Sahara Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400 099. within 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

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

5 Marks

(B1) Report Writing

Look at the following news. Imagine that the programme was held in your school. Prepare a school report.

Nature Club Inaugurated

Mumbai, 15th Aug. 13 : Dr. R.K.Kumar inaugurated the Nature Club of XYZ High School. He emphasized on the importance of preservation, conservation and afforestation.

(B2) Dialogue Writing

Inaugurating the Literary Club

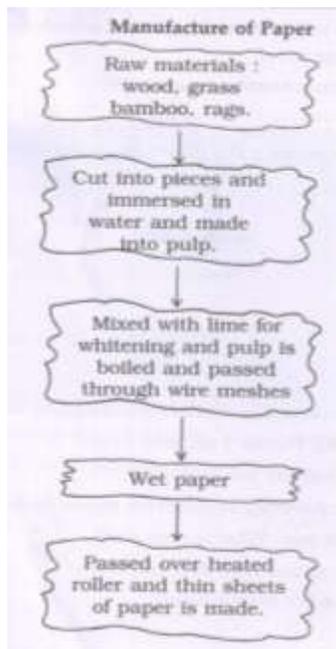
Develop a dialogue between you and the Head Boy of your school. Imaging the responses given by the Head Boy.

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

5 Marks

A1. (Non-verbal to Verbal)

Transfer the given information into a paragraph.



A2. Verbal to Non-verbal

Read the following table showing the summer camps to be organized at Kanha Bhedaghat and prepare a short paragraph on the information provided.

Date	Category	Fees	Highlights
2 nd to 6 th April	Students	11700	Tiger trails, Tiger show
16 th to 20 th April	Students	11700	Barasinga, trail
30 th April to 4 th May	Open age Group	13500	Wild dogs trail
18 th to 22 nd June	Engg Students	11700	Audio visual show

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

5 Marks

(B1) Counterview

Increasing number of senior citizens are being sent to old-age homes.

Mumbai : A recent study has shown that there is a growing indifference towards the senior citizens in the city. People leading busy schedules are turning towards the old age homes to pass on their responsibility of looking after the elders.

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

B2. Speech Writing.

Prepare a speech to be delivered on 11th October, the International Day of the Girl child.

Q.7 (1) Developing a story

5 Marks

i. Expand any one of the following ideas into two paragraphs.

(1) Nothing succeeds like success.

(2) Your safety is first your responsibility.

(2) Develop a story with the following ending.

..... thus we understood that 'Honesty is the best policy.'