

# English (First Language)

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 80

## Question Paper – 4

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

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

10 Marks

A1. Name the following

With reference to the passage.

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- (i) Two people who influenced Mashelkar.....
- (ii) The trust which granted scholarship to Mashelkar.....
- (iii) The Director of the Board of Tata Motors.....
- (iv) Principal Bhave demonstrated.....

In fact, I remember, my passing the SSC Examination - i.e. 11th standard. Those days it used to be not 10th standard or 12th standard but 11th standard. I stood 11th among 1,35,000 but I was about to leave higher education and find a job. What helped me was the scholarship by Sir Dorab Tata Trust. It was just 60 rupees per month and would you believe that 60 rupees per month from Tatas added so much value to my life that I have been able to stand here today before you to speak to you.

I am on the Board of Tatas now and it is very interesting that the same Bombay House where I used to go to collect that 60 rupees per month no one goes and sits there as a Director on the Board of Tata Motors. The turn that these 40 years has taken is very interesting. It has all been possible because of the chance I got to do higher studies at the insistence of my mother. She gave me values of my life. She was one of the noblest parents I have met in my life.

So, my greatest guru was my mother. My second great guru was Principal Bhave, about whom I made a mention earlier. He taught us Physics. Because it was a poor school I remember, it had to innovate to convey to the young students the message of Science.

I still remember one of the interesting experiences when, on a Friday afternoon, Principal Bhave took us out into the sun to demonstrate to us as to how to find the focal length of a convex lens. He had a piece of paper here, a convex lens here and he moved it up and down and there was a point when there was a sharp focus and a bright spot on the paper. He showed the distance between paper and the lens and said that this distance was the focal length. But then the paper started burning. For some reasons, he then turned to me, and said,

"Mashelkar, if you focus your energies like this, you can burn anything in the world."

**A2. Supply**

**2**

**The information from the passage.**

- (i) Mashelkar could continue his studies because .....
- (ii) The teaching of Principal Bhave's experiment was.....
- (iii) Mashelkar considers his mother as the greatest Guru because.....
- (iv) The paper started burning because .....

**A3. Word Register**

**2**

**(from the passage)**

**Prepare a word register for the word**

**Education → .....**

**A4. Modal Auxiliary**

**2**

- (i) **I used to go to collect 60 rupees per month.**  
**(Rewrite the sentence using Modal Auxiliary 'would')**
- (ii) **Reported Speech :**  
**Principal Bhave said, " Mashelkar, if you focus your energies like this, you can burn anything in the world,"**  
**(How will Mashelkar report this to his friend?)**

**A5. Personal Response**

**2**

**What is the role played by our parents in shaping our career?**

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

**10 Marks**

**B1. Correct Alternatives**

**Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.**

- (1) **We have inherited ..... concerning every possible subject.**  
(a) a vast body of beliefs                      (b) wealth                      (c) knowledge
- (2) **With a ..... of mind all beliefs should be examined critically.**  
(a) sense of curiosity                      (b) scientific attitude      (c) rational attitude
- (3) **Any system which weakens the mind, make one .....**  
(a) superstitious                      (b) sick                      (c) dangerous
- (4) **Superstitions introduce vague ..... in the mind**  
(a) sense of restlessness                      (b) fears                      (c) apprehension

We have inherited, a vast body of beliefs concerning every possible subject. We are apt to accept them without questioning them even though they are baseless, irrational and harmful. With a scientific attitude of mind all beliefs should be examined critically for their rationale and their effect on society. To accept a belief simply because it has been handed down from our forefathers is blind faith and narrow dogmatism.

Superstitions of various kinds are prevalent among masses. They are, in fact, unwarranted generalizations based on rare and unusual incidents which are mere coincidences. If a large number of cases are examined, the hollowness of such beliefs becomes apparent. Superstitions introduce vague fears in the mind and weaken it by the power of suggestions. The practice of substituting blind beliefs for reasoned judgement percolate into other walks of life, leading to indecisiveness and procrastination. "Any system", said Swami Vivekananda, "which weakens the mind, makes one superstitious, makes one mope, makes one desire all sorts of wild impossibilities, mysteries and superstitions, I do not like because its effect is dangerous. Such systems never bring any good; such systems create morbidity in the mind, make it weak, so weak that in course of time it will be almost impossible to receive truth or live up to."

**B2. Complete** **2**

**Complete the following list of words related to thoughts, mentioned in the passage.**

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

**B3. Vocabulary** **1**

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

- (i) spread through : .....
- (ii) not clear : .....

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

- (i) irrational beliefs based on ignorance or fear : .....
- (ii) the ability to come to a wise decision : .....

**B4. Complete the following table and frame at least two sentences of your own by choosing words from the table.** **2**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
(1) .....	power	powerful
(2) accept	.....	acceptable

**B5. 'Say No to Superstitions!'** **2**

**How is it illustrated through the above passage ?**

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

**10 Marks**

**A1. Complete**

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

**2**

**(1) Cleaning up a ..... in Lokhandwala Back Road was not a daunting task for Mumbai's Young Bridge.**

- (a) fresh water                      (b) beach                      (c) pond

**(2) The main challenge was in dealing with .....**

- (a) the crowd                      (b) immersion                      (c) getting written permission

**(3) The team is confident of succeeding in their task with the support of .....**

- (a) school children                      (b) citizens                      (c) enthusiastic volunteers

**(4) The team was not clear about .....**

- (a) The task area                      (b) the missing challenges                      (c) the challenges ahead

Cleaning up a fresh water lake in the Lokhandwala Back Road was not a daunting task for Mumbai's Young Brigade, but it did put them on an emotional roller-coaster initially.

On September 20, the night before they undertook a clean-up campaigner the lake, a call from a fellow member call to the local corporator, Jyotsana Dighe, saw things fall into place for the Youth Brigade comprising Azmeen Peerbhai, Deepika Kumar, Hussain Kherodawala, Jamsheed Master and Tilak Shah.

Master said the main challenge was in dealing with immersion of idols in the lake. "We were told that the lake was kept out of bound for immersions. But we learnt that some idols had been immersed by an artiste from Panvel who worked in Lokhandwala. We didn't know how to deal with the issue as there are sentiments involved. The BMC then asked us to put that waste in the nirmalya Kalash said Master.

Kumar said the very first challenge before embarking on a mission to clean the lake was to find the correct location.

"We were not clear about the task area. The second challenge was to get BMC officials and forest officials on board. There was no clarity on the environmental clearances and requisite permissions that were needed. We were not clear whether we should desilt the lake or clean it. After consulting with experts, we realized that dredging was not possible," said Kumar.

Peerbhai said, "There will be bigger steps to undertake when we put up a fence. We will have to approach the Police Commissioner to remove some anti-social elements too. We will need all requisite permissions to beautify the lake and convert it into a recreational spot."

The team is confident of succeeding in their task with the support of enthusiastic volunteers.

**A2. Information Transfer****2**

Fill in the information in the following table.

Task	Key Volunteers	Place	First challenge faced.

**A3. Find the meaning :****2**

Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlined words :

**(1) There are sentiments involved.**

- (a) condition of being sensitive                      (b) tendency to be swayed by feeling rather than reason  
(c) angry reactions

**(2) There was no clarity on environmental clearances.**

- (a) Clearness              (b) brightness              (c) transparency

**(3) We were not clear whether we should desilt the lake.**

- (a) a small body of standing water              (b) a flat sandy shore of the sea  
(b) a large inland body of water.

**(4) We realized that dredging was not possible.**

- (c) Cleaning              (b) draining              (c) scooping up material from bottom of the sea.

**A4. Identify****2****(1) Pick out compound words from the passage.****(2) We didn't know how to deal with the issue. (Identify and name the subordinate clause.)****A5. Personal Response****2**

In what ways can we create awareness of environmental issues? List two activities which we can undertake in school to create awareness about pollution.

**Q.2. (B) Read the following passage and do the activities.****10 Marks****B1. True or False****2**

State whether the following statements are True or False.

- (1) Sankalp has helped total 24 SHGs.  
(2) The members of SHGs have learnt to collectively anticipate challenges.  
(3) Kantabai Wali bought cows with her part of the loan.  
(4) Bhagwat Kadam decided on vermiculture.

Sankalp has helped a total of 22 SHGs in Aurangabad, Jalna and Parbhani to procure loans amounting to close to ₹ 19 lakhs in one year. The increased income of anything between ₹ 2000 and ₹ 3000 a month for each member has given the women a new sense of confidence. Besides, they have learned how to collectively anticipate challenges and work them out at a community level.

Says Kantabai Wali, who bought buffaloes with her part of the loan, "We realised that if we all bought cattle we would have grazing problems as there is very little land in our village. So Bhagwat Kadam decided she would buy a welding machine as her husband knows welding. They plan to set up a small shop in Shelu Jayshree Kamble decided on vermiculture because she has extensive knowledge on the subject. We help **each** other particularly if someone is facing a financial crunch because we know the importance of repaying the **loan** in time. Like an army of ants, we can march ahead, even if one falls sometimes."

**B2. Give information** **2**

**How do we know that the members of the SHG are co-operative and are helpful towards one another?**

**B3. Matching** **2**

**Match the following words with their meaning**

- |                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| (1) procure    | (a) to expect                |
| (2) anticipate | (b) to obtain by effort      |
| (3) grazing    | (c) to advance steadily      |
| (4) march      | (d) to feed on growing grass |

**B4. Questions / Suffix**

**(1) Insert appropriate 'Wh' word to make meaningful questions.**

- (i) ..... learned how to collectively anticipate challenges ? **1**
- (ii) ..... do they plan to set up a small shop ?

**(2) Find out odd word to which a suffix cannot be added to form a new word :**

procure, anticipate, march **1**

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

**Give your views on "Unity is strength".**

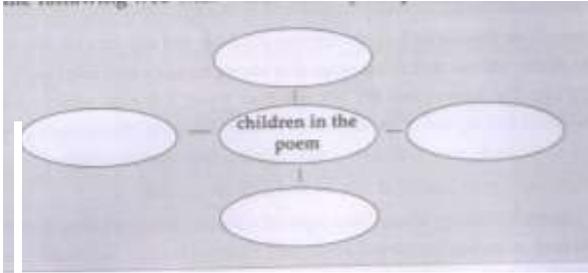
[ Section II : Poetry ]

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

5 Marks

A1. Complete the following Web with words used by the poet to describe the children in the poem.

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Children in the poem

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 :

2

Which attitude of the children is highlighted in this extract ?

A3. Imagery

1

- (1) Make a list of all the food items that you get in the extract.
- (2) Name the colours as you read the poem.

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

5 Marks

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

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- (i) The elderly are nearest to our own exalted personality.
- (ii) The elderly are those persons whose growth is stunted.



In his busy round of work, Dr. Raman had not noticed that Gopal had not called in for over three months now. He only remembered it when he saw Gopal's son sitting on a bench in the consulting hall one crowded morning. Dr. Raman could not talk to him for over an hour. When he got up and was about to pass on to the operating room, he called up the young man and asked, "What brings you here, sir?" The youth was nervous and shy. "Mother sent me here."

"What can I do for you?"

"Father is ill....."

**A2. Complete the following list.**

**2**

**The things Dr. Raman and Gopal did together**

- (1) Meet on Sunday
- (2) .....
- (3) .....
- (4) .....

**A3. Personal Response.**

**2**

**How do you spend time with your friends ?**

**[ Section IV : Writing Skills ]**

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

**5 Marks**

**A1. Letter**

**Thank friends**

**Look at the following extract of a news and write a letter to thank your friend.**

**On Friendship Day**

Expression of love for Friends

ST correspondent

Reporters @ TNN.com

Mumbai : Today is 'Friendship Day',

a day to celebrate friendship and all that

friends stand for .....

love, care, concern, affection and unconditional love .....

## A2. Formal Letter

Look at the handout below. Write a letter to the organizers asking for details as you want to participate in it.

### Save the Planet

- A mammoth rally to be organized to save the Environment.
- School children to participate.
- Free T shirts and gifts for participants
- Social duty of every citizen
- Contact for details :  
Save the Planet Mission Orange City Appts  
Nagpur

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.

#### Tree Plantation Drive

Mumbai: A tree plantation drive on the occasion of Vanamahostav was organized in TPM High School. This festival was observed to pay tribute to mother nature.

### (B2) Dialogue Writing

#### Visiting a grocery

Prepare a dialogue between you and a grocer. Imagine the dialogues of the grocer. greetings, stating purpose of visit, discussion held, expression of gratitude.

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

5 Marks

#### Non-verbal to Verbal

A1. Write a paragraph of 100 words on Dengue based on the information provided.

Symptoms	When Hospitalization is required
1. High fever, runny nose, cough, mild skin rash	1. Bleeding in any form, rapid and weak pulse.
2. Older children may also have pain behind the eyes and in the joints, backache and headache.	2. Signs of thickening of blood (haemoconcentration)
3. Symptoms may be followed by loss of appetite, nausea,	3. Restlessness or lethargy, reluctance to drink fluids.

vomiting and itchiness on the soles of the feet.	<p>4. Platelet count of less than a lakh.</p> <p>5. Acute abdominal pain, puffiness, fall in urine output.</p>
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## A2. Verbal to Non-verbal

**Read the paragraph and prepare a flow chart.**

Sericulture is the activity of breeding and culturing of silkworms. It firstly involves the cultivation of mulberry and other plants on which the silkworms feed. It is either cultivated as bushes or grown as trees raised from seedlings or cuttings. This activity takes up about 70% of the total cost of sericulture. The next stage involves the production and supply of "seeds" of good varieties of silkworms. These quality "seeds" are supplied by the government farms. The next stage is the rearing of worms until they start spinning cocoons. The tiny young silkworms are put on clean trays. The young worms eat day and night and fresh mulberry leaves have to be supplied every 2 hours. Last comes the extraction of silk. The pupae are killed by soaking cocoons in hot water. Threads from several cocoons are unwound at the same time and raw silk is obtained.

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

**5 Marks**

### (B1) Counterview

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

**Note :** Suggest concrete steps for mutual co-existence and animal conservation.

Mumbai : The increased man-animal conflict is primarily due to human expansion into the forest and an increase in the prey base for the predator, say wildlife experts.

If the average prey radius is about 20 sq. km per leopard, Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) should have only six leopards. However due to abundance of prey in the area, the official estimated number of leopards in the park is 21. But the experts said that the number is likely to be even higher.

Debi Goenka of Conservation Action Trust said people pay a premium to live in places that are close to nature. " But when nature closes in on them, there is a scare. Encroachments should be removed and the forest be protected so that conflict is minimized. "

### B2. Speech

**Prepare a speech to be delivered on : 'World Elderly Day'. Include issues raised in the given news. Give examples.**

**Q.7 Expansion of Ideas**

**5 Marks**

**(1) Developing a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any one of the following expressions.**

- (i) Women empowerment – The need of the hour.
- (ii) Stop pollution – Contain diseases!

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

..... They understood the real meaning of the proverb : 'As you sow, so shall you reap'