

SECTION -I: PROSE

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary and Mind Mapping)

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

A considerable portion of this crowd dallied before the astrologer too. The astrologer transacted his business by the light of flare which crackled and smoked up above the groundnut heap nearby. Half the enchantment of the place was due to the fact that it did not have the benefit of municipal lighting. The place was lit up by shop lights. One or two had hissing gaslights, some had naked flares stuck on poles, some were lit up by old cycle lamps and one or two, like the astrologer's, managed without lights of their own. It was a bewildering criss-cross of light rays and moving shadows. This suited the astrologer very well, for the simple reason that he had not in the least intended to be an astrologer when he began life; and he knew no more of what was going to happen to others than he knew what was going to happen to himself next minute. He was as much a stranger to the stars as were his innocent customers. Yet he said things which pleased and astonished everyone: that was more a matter of study, practice and shrewd guesswork. All the same, it was as much an honest man's labor as any other, and he deserved the wages he carried home at the end of a day.

A1. True or False (2)

Rewrite the statements and state whether they are true or false.

- 1) The market place was lighted as it got the benefit of the municipal lighting.
- 2) The astrologer conducted his business by the light of flare made by the groundnut seller.
- 3) If essential, the sellers had to make their own arrangement for lightening the shop area.
- 4) The astrologer pleased and astonished everyone by practice and sharp guessing.

A2. Give information (2)

Give information about the arrangement of lighting the shop area.

A3. Find the reason. (2)

The criss-cross of light rays and moving shadows suited the astrologer very well. Give its reason.

A4. Personal Response (2)

Describe the market area of your city or village in 50 words.

A5. Language Study (Do as directed) (2)

1) The place was lit up by shop lights. (Choose the alternative showing the correct active voice)

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| i) Shop lights lits up the place. | ii) Shop lights lighted up the place. |
| iii) Shop lights lited up the place. | iii) Shop lights lit up the place. |

2) He was as much a stranger to the stars as were his innocent customers.

(Choose the correct alternative to change the sentence into comparative degree)

- i) His innocent customers are not more a stranger to the stars than he.
- ii) His innocent customers were not more a stranger to the stars than he.
- iii) His innocent customers had not more a stranger to the stars than he.
- iv) His innocent customers did not more a stranger to the stars than he.

A6. Vocabulary (2)

Find and write any four compound words from the extract.

(B) Language Study (Non-Textual Grammar) (4)

Do as directed / Transformation of Sentence

i) We have been in Sector 9, Jalgaon -----1990.

(Rewrite the sentence choosing the correct preposition from the following alternatives)

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| 1) from | 2) about | 3) since | 4) for |
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ii) The information ----- be true. I do not know.

(Rewrite the sentence choosing the correct modal auxiliary from the following alternatives)

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| 1) should | 2) must | 3) ought to | 4) may |
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iii) If you are not strong, you will fail.

(Rewrite the sentence removing 'not')

iv) Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence.

The sun will rise in the East.

Q. 2 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below. (5)

Once upon a time, there were three brothers who lived with their father who was an old king. One day he said, "I will not live long now. Today you must start out into the world. In a year, bring back the best thing you have found. The one who can pick the best thing shall be the new king." The first brother decided to look in every city or town and buy the best thing for his father." The next brother decided to go on fast ships over the sea to find something better. The last brother said, "I am going to ask the people here in our own land to tell me the best thing." The other two brothers began to laugh and said, "Then you will never be king!"

The last brother started off. He found a small brown bird. It had been hurt, so he put it in his coat where it could keep warm. As he went on, he saw a little girl crying. He ran to meet her. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "I want to get some water from the well," she said. The brother said, "Hold this bird and I will help you." "What a pretty bird!" she said. "I wish you would give it to me. If you will let me keep it, I will take care of it myself." "Yes, you may have it," said the brother. So he gave her the bird and went on.

He always stopped to help people who needed it. Soon he made many friends. All the people began to like him. They would say, "See there goes the king's son. He would be just the right kind of king for us." He still had no beautiful thing to take to his father. Just before the year was done, he went home again.

The time came when the king called his sons together. "What did you bring?" He asked them all. The other brothers had many beautiful things. "And what did you bring?" said the king to the last brother. "This is too funny!" said the other brothers. "He has nothing!" The king asked again "What did you bring me?" "I bring only the friendship of your people," said the last brother. "That is the best thing!" cried his father. "You shall be the new king."

A1. Theme (2)

Choose the correct two statements that show the central idea of the extract.

- 1) It is the story of becoming a king.
- 2) It gives the importance of making friendships with common persons.
- 3) It provides the good judgement of the old King.
- 4) It presents the reality of a kingdom.

A2. Complete (2)

Complete the table:-

Humanitarian work of the last brother	1) -----
	2) -----

A3. Vocabulary (1)

Rearrange the scrambled letters to make the meaningful word.

- a) ttyerp
- b) rehtrob

B) Summary (3)

Write a brief summary of the extract given in Q.2. A) with the help of the points given below. Suggest a suitable title.

Hints: Decision of the king, other brothers' search, kind work of last brother, ending.

SECTION II – POETRY (POETRY AND APPRECIATION)

Q.3 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below (10)

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.

Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am good-fortune,
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing,
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road.

The earth, that is sufficient,
I do not want the constellations any nearer,
I know they are very well where they are,
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.

(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,
I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me wherever I go,
I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,
I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)

A1. Complete

(2)

Complete the following table with the describing words used for them.

Words	Describing words
Speaker	
World	
Road	
Burden	

A2. Locate

(2)

Locate any two lines showing 'carefree mood' of the poet and write them down.

A3. Personal Response

(2)

Give any two problems which you may face during a journey. Give the ways to overcome these problems.

A4. Figures of Speech

(2)

i) Name and explain the figures of speech from the following line.

" Still here I carry my old delicious burdens."

ii) Give one example of inversion from the poem.

A5. Poetic creativity

(2)

Compose a short poem in about four lines on 'My Life'

B. APPRECIATION

(4)

Read the extract and write the appreciation of the poem.

WEAVERS, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay? . . .
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright? . . .
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill? . . .
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

SECTION III – WRITING SKILLS (08 Marks)

Q.4 A) Complete the activity as per the instructions given below. (Any one)

(4)

1) E-mail Writing

Write an e mail with proper format to the service department to raise the complaint about newly purchased mobile phone. Use the following points.

You have bought a mobile phone on Bumper Sale by Amazing India Online Service. Mobile has heating and software problem. Problem arises within guaranteed replacement period. Request to replace the phone.
Write a mail to: service@amazingindia.com

OR

2) Report Writing

Write a report of the celebration of Republic Day held in your college.

Hints: The day and date of the programme. The purpose of the function. The chief guest, Chief Guest's speech. Concluding speech of the Principal.

OR

3) Expansion of Idea

Expand the idea inherent in the following proverb.

A friend in NEED is a friend INDEED.

Hints: Explain the concept, give examples and illustrate the idea, give moral etc.

Q.4 B) Complete the activity as per the instructions given below.(Any one)

(4)

1) Write a speech on the topic 'My Hobby'.

Use the following points:-

- a) Begin with proper format b) Explain the term – hobby c) Give information of your hobby

OR

2) Appeal Writing

Imagine that you are a president of Young India Club, Pune. Prepare an appeal through your organization for Tree Plantation Program.

Use the following points:-

- a) Give program b) Venue and time c) Make a persuasive appeal d) Add your points

OR

3) Blog writing

Write a blog post using proper format on the topic- Communication Skills.

Use the following points:-

Explain the term, give its benefits, suggest ways to improve this skill.

SECTION IV – LITERARY GENRE (04 Marks)

Q.5. Complete the activities given below as per the instructions.

(4)

A1. Rewrite the sentences selecting correct alternative.

(2)

1) The novel 'Rajmohan's Wife' is written by –

- a) Mulkraj Anand b) R.K. Narayan c) Raja Rao d) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya

2) The essential elements of novel are theme, plot, character, setting, style and –

- a) surprise b) suspense c) conflict d) secrecy

3) 'Tale of Genji' has been described as the world's ----- novel.

- a) second b) first c) third d) biggest

4) A novel is –

- a) a relatively long narrative fiction b) a long verse c) a long dramatic work having acts

A2. Match the column 'A' with 'B'.

(2)

A	B
1) Theme	a) The struggle between the opposite forces in the story
2) Style	b) The background in which the story takes place
3) Setting	c) The central idea in the novel which can be expressed in a nutshell.
4) Conflict	d) The language and the techniques used for the narration of the course of events

