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SECTION – I (PROSE)

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

[12]

Soapy left his bench and strolled out of the square and across the level sea of asphalt, where Broadway and Fifth Avenue flow together. Up Broadway he turned, and stopped at a luxurious café

Soapy had confidence in himself from the lowest button of his vest upward. He was shaven, and his coat was trim and his neat, black bow had been presented to him by a lady missionary on Thanksgiving Day. If only he could reach a table in the restaurant unsuspected, success would be his. The portion of him that would show above the table would raise no doubt in the waiter's mind. A roasted mallard duck, thought Soapy, would be about the thing with a bottle of wine and then some cheese. a cup of coffee and a cigar. One dollar for the cigar would be enough. The Total would not be so high as to call forth any extreme of revenge from the cafe management, and yet the meat would leave him filled and happy for the journey to his winter island.

But as Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door, the head-waiter's eye fell upon his tattered trousers and decadent shoes. Strong and ready hands turned him about and conveyed him in silence and haste to the sidewalk and averted the ignoble fate of the menaced mallard. Soapy tuned off Broadway. It seemed that his route to the coveted island was not to be an easy one. Some other way of entering the limbo must be devised. At a corner of Sixth Avenue electric lights and cunningly displayed wares behind plane glass made a shop window attractive. Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass.

A1. Global Understanding.

Choose two correct options showing / describing the theme of extract.

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- i) The extract refers daily routine of Soapy.
- ii) The extract throws light on the attempt of Soapy to go to winter island.
- iii) The extract depicts the likeness of soapy about food items in restaurant
- iv) The extract describes Soapy's plan to find in the trap of police

A2. Complex Factual

Web diagram

2

Write the reasons that gave Soapy confidence to enter the luxurious cafe.



A.3 Interpretation/Inference/Analysis

2

Pick out two lines from the text which show that Soapy wants to enter the café for two reasons

A4) Personal Response

2

Give a list of your favorite dishes that you like to eat in the hotel

A5) Language Study

2

Choose the correct option for the following sentences.

1) Strong and ready hands turned him about and conveyed him in silence.

(Rewrite using as well as')

- a) Strong and ready hands turned him about as well as conveyed him in silence
- b) Strong as well as ready hands turned him about and conveyed him in silence
- c) As well as strong and ready hands turned him about, conveyed him in silence

2) As Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door, the head waiter's eye fell upon his tattered and decadent shoes **(Rewrite using 'No sooner.....than')**

- a) No sooner Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door than the head waiter's eye fell upon his tattered and decadent shoes.
- b) No sooner was Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door than the head waiter's eye fell upon his tattered and decadent shoes.
- c) No sooner did Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door than the head waiter's eye fell upon his tattered and decadent shoes.

A6) Vocabulary

2

Match the words given under 'A' to their meaning under 'B'

- | A | B |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1. strolled | a) old and warm out |
| 2. decadent | b) greatly desired |
| 3. ignoble | c) walked in a leisurely way |
| 4. coveted | d) dishonorable |

B) Language Study

4 Marks

B1) Do as directed

3

1. Choose the correct active voice sentence from the following and write it down

The five-day 'Mahayagya' may have been curtailed.

- a) They have curtailed the five-day Mahayagya
- b) They curtailed the five-day Mahayagya.
- c) They may have curtailed the five-day Mahayagya.

2. The duck was better than his instructor. (Change the degree)

- a) His Instructor was not as good as the duck.
- b) His instructor was as good as the duck.
- c) His Instructor was not as better as the duck
- d) His Instructor was as better as the duck

3. Villages need to follow strict rules

(Rewrite it using another modal auxiliary showing 'obligation')

- a) Villages must follow strict rules.
- b) Villages should follow strict rules.
- c) Villages could follow strict rules

B2) Spot the error

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1. Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite the sentence

Science will discovered the core secrets of the universe.

Q.2) Read the given extract and complete the activities given below :

[12]

Man developed various ways for communication through the exchange of information, ideas and knowledge. IT has changed the face of India due to the rapid progress in the field of Printing, Electronics, Telecommunication, Education, Entertainment, Medicine etc.

India has acquired a foremost position in the map of the IT world. India's progress in this sector is quick and influential, providing the economy a boost. Indian service sector, mainly due to IT has emerged as the most growing base of economy. The use of information technology in governance, company, management, banking, advertising, entertainment, insurance, education, medical, engineering and industrial fields, is increasing day by day. Indian softer services have great demands in the world. Exports of software's have earned Indian foreign currency in a big amount. Investors are attracted to invest in the IT sector. There is a flow of FDI in this sector giving India required capital to develop its economy.

Indian institutes of Information Technology have prepared expert technicians for whom a demand exists in the World market. Software engineers in India have provided services to the whole world. This progress of Information Technology sector in India has helped Indian economic growth. Due to this importance of IT sector. Indian government is making policies to help it grow by providing infrastructure to it. Favorable and liberal policies have been prepared to attract to foreign companies to establish their base in India.

Indian government has established "Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)" in this direction. IIT's play a role for this progress. From 15th Aug, 2000, the Information Technology Act has been implemented. E-commerce and other services have been given legal back-force by this act.

Yet projects of establishing info-cities are under implementation in Hyderabad, other such projects are under consideration.

Government can make policies to provide economical benefits to investors in this field. Necessary infrastructure can be provided. Administrative and legal procedural complexities, should be reduced and limitations and regulations should be liberalized.

A1. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct information from the extract.

2

- 1) The use of information technology is increasing day by day in the field of.....
- ii) A Flow of FDI in information technology has given India
- iii) Software engineers in India have provided
- iv) Government can make policies to provide

A2. State if the following statements are true or false.

2

- i) A flow of FDI in the field of information technology has increased the capital of India.
- ii) The progress of India has not been influenced by the IT sector
- iii) In the map of the IT world India has no scope
- iv) IIT's technicians have no demand in the world market

A3. Give reasons

2

Indian government need to provide economical benefits to investors in IT field because

- i).....
- ii).....

A4. Gives your views about using information technology in Education 2

A5. Do as directed 2

1) Investors are attracted to invest in the IT sector. (Rewrite as a Rhetorical question)

- a) Aren't investors attracted to invest in the IT sector?
- b) Did investors are attracted to invest in the IT sector?

2) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential, providing the economy a boost. (Rewrite using infinitive form of the underlined verb)

- a) To provide
- b) To providing

A6. Give one word for the following from the passage 2

- i) Come into view
- ii) A person skilled in the technique
- iii) Commercial transactions electronically conducted on the internet
- iv) Medium of exchange

Q.2. B) Summary 3

Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title

India's progress II Sector..... Use of IT..... economic growth.....government policies.....-.....

Q.2 C) Mind mapping 3

Develop a mind mapping frame/design on different modes of Transport

SECTION II POETRY

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

When I had money, money, O!
I knew no joy till I went poor,
For many a false man as a friend
Come knocking all day at my door.

The felt I like a child that holds
A trumpet that he must not blow
Because a man is dead, I dared
Not speak to let this false world know

Much have I thought of life, and seen
How poor men's hearts are ever light,
And how their wives do hum like bees
About their work from mom till night

So, when I hear these poor ones laugh,
And see the rich ones coldly frown

Poor men, think I, need not go up
So much as rich men should come down

When I had money, money, O!
My many friends proved all untrue;
But now I have no money, O!
My friends are real, though very few.

A1. Find out the expression which indicates that the poet could not enjoy freedom in spite of being rich. **2**

A2. Complete the following table showing poet's life with money and without money **2**

	When poet had money	When poet has not money
Friends
Happiness

A3. Write down the importance of money. **2**

A4. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following lines **2**

1. Poor men, think I, need not go up
2. And how their wives do hum like bees.

A5. Compose a short poem of four lines on "Friendship" **2**

Q.3) B) Appreciation [04]

Read the poem and write an appreciation of it. You may use the following points

1. About the poem
2. Central idea
3. Special features
4. Poetic devices
5. Your opinion

My father travels on the late evening train
Standing among silent commuters in the yellow light
Suburbs slide past his unseeing eyes
His shirt and pants are soggy and his black raincoat
Stained with mud and his bag stuffed with books
Is falling apart. His eyes dimmed by age
Fade homeward through the humid monsoon night
Now I can see him getting of the train
Like a word dropped from a long sentence
He hurries across the length of the grey platform
Crosses the railway line, enters the lane,
His chappals are sticky with mud, but he hurries onward

Q.4) Complete any one activity of the following.

[04]

A) 1. Drafting Virtual message

Given below is a transcript of the conversation between Mr. Singh and Aashna. Since Mr. Singh had to go for his morning walk, he left a message for his son Ranajit. Draft the message in not more than 50 words:

Conversation

Aashna: Hello, may I speak to Ranajit, please?

Mr. Singh: Ranajit is getting ready for school. May I know who is speaking?

Aashna: My name is Aashna. I am Ranajit's classmate.

Mr. Singh: Hello, Aashna. I am Ranajit's father. Is there any message?

Aashna: Yes. Please ask him to bring his biology notebook to school today.

I was absent from school due to illness. I would like to see the notes which our biology teacher gave the class during my absence.

Mr. Singh: I will definitely do that.

OR

2. Statement of purpose

Read the information given below and prepare a suitable statement of purpose

You are a student who wants to study a course in Creative Writing. Your life's goal is to become a published author like Enid Blyton or Stephen King. One fine day you see a flier for a course titled -integrated Creative Writing Programme. Realizing that this is your chance to make true on your lifelong ambition of writing, you begin your application process for admission in this course. Write a statement

OR

3. Group Discussion

Neha, Atul, Simi & Rohan are participating in a group discussion. The evaluator has given them the topic "Clean India" Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her view on the topic. You may use the following points –

- Civic sense
- Swachh Bharat Mission
- Responsibility of each citizen

Q.4 B) Complete any one activity of the following.

[04]

1 .E-mail writing

You are the secretary of the student's council of your college. You want to order some books for your college library. Write an E-mail to a bookseller of your town.

You may take help of the following points

- Give details about names and quantity of books
- Ask him for the receipt
- Request him for discount
- Assure him to pay online payment

OR

2. Report writing

You are the secretary of Green Earth, the environment club of your college. The college celebrated Vana Mahotsav on 5th June as it is the World Environment Day Write a report of the programme for the college magazine. Use the following points-

- **Inauguration of the function**
- **Address by the chief guest**
- **Various activities carried out**
- **Exhibition arranged**

OR

3. Interview question

Imagine you are supposed to interview a famous doctor in your area. Frame a set of 8-10 questions to interview him/her. You may use following points

- **Introducing the guest**
- **Inspirations**
- **Problems/Struggle**
- **Family support**
- **Achievement**
- **Dreams/Message**

Q.4) C) Complete any one activity of the following.

[04]

1. Speech writing

Write a speech on 'Importance of health' in about 100-150 words. You may use following points

- **Importance of exercise**
- **Importance of Yoga**
- **Importance of diet**

OR

2. Compering

Imagine that you are compering on 'International Yoga Day' function of your college. Prepare a script for compering the programme with the help of the following points in about 100-150 words

- **Introduction**
- **Lightening of lamp**
- **Welcome of Yog Guru**
- **Introductory speech**
- **Presentation of Asana by Yog Guru**
- **Presentation of Pranayam**
- **Vote of thanks**

OR

3. Expansion of Ideas

Expand the idea inherent in the following points (100-150 words)

All that glitters is not gold

- **Appearances deceptive**
- **Look beneath surface**
- **Be perceptive**

Q.4) D) Complete any one activity of the following.

[04]

1. Review

Write a review of a film you have recently seen based on any four of the following points

- Name of the characters (main & supporting roles)
- About the story/theme of the film
- Special features/novelty/novel ideas
- Music/dance/songs/action/direction
- Why did you like/not like the film
- Should others watch this film/ would you recommend it to your friends? Why?

OR

2. Blog writing

Write a blog in about 100-150 words on '**communication skill.**'

OR

3. Appeal

A student in your college seeks immediate help medical help. His parents are unable to afford the huge amount needed for the operation. Prepare an appeal to be put on the college notice board requesting the students to donate generously. Take the help of the following points.

- **The name of the illness**
- **The cost of the operation**
- **How contributions can be made**

SECTION IV - Genre Novel

Q.5) A) Complete the activities given below as per the instruction

04

1. Match the columns properly

A

1. The novel of manners
2. Gothic novels
3. Psychological novel
4. Novel based on science

B

- a) Mary Shelley
- b) George Eliot
- c) Ann Radcliffe
- d) Frances Burney

2. Give one word of the following descriptions

- a) A philosophical statement or a truth put forward by the writer
- b) A story or the course of events that make up the theme
- c) The background in which the story takes place
- d) The struggle between the opposite forces in the story

Q.5) B) i) Give a brief character sketch of – Denham

02

ii. Write the theme of the novel 'To Sir With Love'

02

Q.5) C) Answer in about 50 words

1. Describe the character sketch of Aouda from Phileas Fogg's point of view.
2. Write 4 to 5 sentences on the 'Time' theme of extract.

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Q.5) D) 1) Describe the character sketch of Sherlock Holmes.

02

2. Plot – Discuss the importance of the following statement from the light of the extract.
'The trio- Holmes, Dr. Watson and Mary decide to visit Lyceum Theatre.'

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