

SHRIRAM EDUCATION SOCIETY PHALTAN

Junior Colleges'

Preliminary Exam 2022-2023(Activity Sheet)

XII

Sub: English (01)

Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks:80

Important instructions:

- (1) Each activity has to be answered in a full sentence/s. one word answer will not be given complete credit. Just the correct activity number in case of options will not be given credit.
- (2) We diagrams, flow charts, tables etc. are to be presented as they are with answers.
- (3) In point 2 above, just words without the presentation of the activity format/design, will not be given credit. Use of colour pencils/pens etc. is not allowed. (Blue/Black pens are allowed).
- (4) Multiple answers to the same activity will be treated as wrong and will be given no credit.
- (5) Maintain the sequence of the section/ Ques Nos/ Activities throughout the activity sheet.

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) [16]

I was quite happy getting into IIT, but my joy was short-lived. At Solapur I had not seen any building which was more than three storeyed. Mumbai however was full of skyscrapers. At IIT, most of the students and professors used to converse in English whereas my English was very poor. I had my entire education in Marathi. My spoken English was quite pathetic. Not only did I have a very weak vocabulary, but, my pronunciation also was terrible and my construction of English sentences very awkward to say the least. Due to all this, I was feeling quite lonely and terrified in Mumbai in general and IIT in particular. I had developed an inferiority complex and wanted to run away from IIT and even Mumbai.

One day, I was sitting at my mess table in the hostel sipping tea when a senior guy came and sat on the chair adjacent to me. He was a convent educated guy with fairly sophisticated English- at least spoken or colloquial English. He was a bit arrogant and wanted to pull my leg. He tried to engage in some conversation with me and started pointing out errors in just about every sentence or everything that I said. After about 5 minutes he walked away after insulting me.

I felt extremely humiliated and upset. As it is, I was feeling quite depressed and diffident and this incident was the last straw. I was almost broken. I felt out of place there and literally wanted to run away to Solapur that very moment. However, it was only my self-esteem which stopped me. Suddenly, a feeling of determination and strength came over me and gripped me. Despite hailing from Solapur, if I could be a rank holder in the school, college and IIT with many awards in Mathematics, there must be something right with me. Why should I give up? And that too for a silly and small thing like English? I was not to give up anymore, and I was determined to fight back.

A1. Complete the following statements.

- i. The writer was completely stumped because
- ii. His vocabulary was
- iii. His pronunciation was
- iv. His construction of English sentences was

A2. The incident of the insult by a senior guy was a blessing in disguise for the writer. Explain 2

A3. Give reasons: 2

I was quite happy getting into IIT, but my joy was short-lived.

A4. We need a punch to push ourselves forward. Share your experience. 2

A5. Do as directed. 2

i. I felt extremely humiliated and upset.

[Choose correct alternative to rewrite the sentence in a Simple Present Tense]

a) I am feeling extremely humiliated and upset.

b) I feel extremely humiliated and upset.

c) I will feel extremely humiliated and upset.

ii. It was only my self-esteem which stopped me.

[Choose correct alternative to rewrite the sentence as a simple sentence]

a) It was only my self – esteem stopped me.

b) Only my self – esteem stopped me.

c) It was only my self – esteem stopping me.

A6. Find words from the extract which mean the following: 2

i) Rude

ii) Modern

iii) Lacking confidence

iv) Bias

(B) Non Textual Grammar – Do as directed: (4)

(1) Use the correct articles and rewrite the following sentence. (1)

There was farmer who grew superior quality rice every year, his rice won prize in state competition.

(2) The quiz master said, “When did Quit India Movement take place?”

[Choose the correct alternative to get Reported Speech of the given sentence] (1)

a) The quiz master said that when Quit India Movement had taken place.

b) The quiz master asked that when Quit India Movement had taken place.

c) The quiz master asked when Quit India Movement had taken place.

d) The quiz master said when was Quit India Movement taken place.

(3) The story traces the downfall A man who is overcome greed.

[Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and rewrite the sentence] (1)

(4) Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite. (1)

There is not any substitute for had work.

Q. 2. (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (12) [18]

Henry Ford and Rudolf Diesel these two persons made revolution in motor car industry. They expected that their motor car should be run on fuel obtained from plants, but in those days crude oil was the cheapest and won the competition. Petrol became popular and dream of Henry Ford and Rudolf Diesel shattered. After a century the will of Henry Ford and Rudolf Diesel is about to fulfil. Presently the hike in the petroleum opens the channel for bio-fuel. Slowly the use of bio-fuel in cars, trucks and aero planes is becoming popular.

Brazil took lead in the bio-fuel. At present there are more than four hundred ethanol production centres in that country, that ethanol produced only from sugarcane. They do not use the pure gasoline but mixed 25% ethanol in it. In future, only ethanol consuming vehicles will be manufactured in that country. More and more land is used for the plantation of sugarcane and

ethanol producing plants. “Gasoline cars are slowly disappearing.” Technicians of that country claim.

Ethanol is obtained from maize in America. Germany is the largest producer of biodiesel in Europe. Along with India other 30 countries are trying to produce ethanol from various plants. Ethanol can be produced from the plants like coconut, soyabean, groundnut, palm, grapes and beetroot.

The most important thing is that conventional car engines can be run on bio-fuel. Apart from this, the proper mixture of ethanol in gasoline or diesel can be used as fuel. The conventional diesel engine can run better in 20% bio-fuel. It means there is no need to change the vehicle engines for bio-fuel. Its specialty is that Bio-fuel does not emit carbon-dioxide.

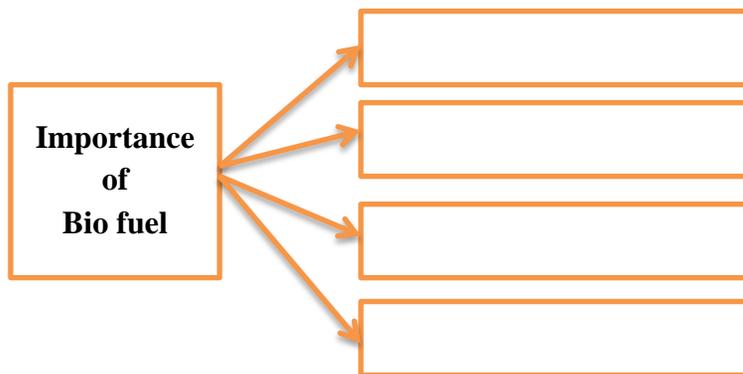
Nature takes crores of years to produce crude-oil, instead the bio-fuel is obtained from the plants and vegetation. Bio-fuel not only emits the low carbon-dioxide but also does not emit the toxic gases like nitrogen oxide. The production of bio-fuel will be depending on the growth capacity of the plants and availability of land for the plantation. Apart from this the production of bio-fuel will be possible from the various types of waste.

A1. Rewrite the following sentences and state whether they are True or False. 2

- i. Conventional car engines can be run on Bio-fuel.
- ii. Ethanol is obtained from sugarcane in America
- iii. Pollution minimizes due to Bio fuels.
- iv. Henry Ford and Rudolf Diesel expected to run their cars on crude oil.

A2. Web: 2

Complete the given web diagram to show the ‘Importance of Bio fuel’, from the given extract:



A3. Give reasons: 2

The dream of Henry Ford and Rudolf Diesel is about to fulfill.....

A4. Personal Response: 2

Bio fuel is the need of time. Express your opinion.

A5. Do as directed. 2

- i) Germany is the largest producer of biodiesel in Europe.

[Choose correct alternative to rewrite the sentence in Positive degree]

- a) Germany is larger producer of biodiesel in Europe.
- b) Very few producers of biodiesel in Europe are as large as Germany.
- c) No other producer of biodiesel in Europe is as large as Germany.
- d) Germany is one of the largest producers of biodiesel in Europe.

- ii) Nature takes crores of years to produce crude-oil.
 [Choose correct alternative to get the gerund form of underlined word]
- a) Nature takes crores of years for producing crude-oil.
 b) Nature takes crores of years to producing crude-oil.
 c) To produce crude-oil, nature takes crores of years.

A6. Match the column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B'.

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Column 'A'	Column 'B'
i) Bio fuel	a) Type of alcohol, also used as fuel
ii) Crude oil	b) Flammable liquid hydrocarbons
iii) Ethanol	c) Fuel obtained from plants
iv) gasoline	d) unrefined petroleum

B) Summary Writing

3 Marks

Write a summary of the above extract highlighting the 'Benefits of Bio fuel'.
 Suggest a suitable title. Take help of the given point/hints.

Bio fuel – obtained from – saves money--- becoming popular – Ethanol—no need to change engines – low toxics -- possible from wastes also

C) Mind Mapping

3 Marks

Develop a mind map using your ideas to develop a topic 'Responsibilities of Citizens'.

SECTION – II
(Poetry and Appreciation)

Que. 3. A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

(10 Marks)

Small towns always remind me of death.
 My hometown lies calmly amidst the trees.
 It is always the same,
 I summer or winter,
 With the dust flying,
 Or the wind howling down the gorge.

Just the other day someone died.
 In the dreadful silence we wept
 Looking at the sad wreath of tuberose.
 Life and death, life and death,
 Only the rituals are permanent.
 The river has a soul.
 In the summer it cuts through the land
 Like a torrent of grief. Sometimes,
 Sometimes, I think it holds its breath
 Seeking a land of fish and stars

The river has a soul.
 It knows, stretching past the town,

from the first drop of rain to dry earth
And mist on the mountain tops,
The river knows
The immortality of water.

- A1.** Complete the following 2
- i. The poetess sees the mist on
 - ii. The river knows
 - iii. According to the poetess only are permanent.
 - iv. Her hometown lies
- A2.** 'The river has soul' elaborate the concept in your own words as the poetess had explained in the extract. 2
- A3.** Write down the measures you would like to convince people regarding the need to conserve nature.
- A4.** Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line. 2
'Life and death, life and death.'
- A5.** Compose 4 to 6 lines on your village/town/city. 2

(B) Appreciation: (4)
Write the poetic appreciation of the extract given below:

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]

Que.4. Complete the activities as per the instructions given below: 16 Marks
A] Attempt any **ONE** of the following activities. 4

(1) Draft a Virtual Message:

Using information from the dialogue given below, write the message which Surabhi left for her sister, Shweta.

Atharva	:	Is this 28171129?
Surabhi	:	Yes, May I know who is speaking ?
Atharva	:	I am Atharva. I want to speak to Shweta. I am her friend from IIM, Indore.
Surabhi	:	I am her sister. Shweta is not at home at the moment. Can you call her after some time?

Atharva	: I shall be little busy. Actually, I have got a placement at the Hotel Taj, Goa, and will have to join with immediate effect. So right now, I am trying to get all the formalities completed. This is the news I wanted to give Shweta. Will you do that for me? Also tell her that I will let her know my new cell phone number as soon as I get one.
Surabhi	: I'll do that. Bye and all the best.

Surabhi has to leave for her office. So, she wrote a note for Shweta. Draft her message in not more than 50 words.

OR

(2) Statement of Purpose

You wish to your career as a classical dancer. Right from the age of 8 you have been taking a training to become a classical dancer from Pandit Birju Maharaj. You have also performed in Pune International Dance Festival and have won the best dancer award at the hands of Hema Malini- a bollywood actress. Dancing has helped you to win many trophies.

Draft a statement of purpose that will help you to get admission in one of the leading institutes in the field of dance, Prithviraj Kapoor Dance School.

OR

(3) Group Discussion:

Sarah, Navjyot, Ashma and Pranav are participating in a group discussion. The evaluator has given them a topic 'The Role of ICT in Education'. Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her opinion on the topic.

B) Attempt any **ONE** from the given activities: 4

(1) E-mail Writing

A company has been marketing spurious (bogus) medicines behind claims that its product could be effective in preventing Covid 19 Corona or other forms of influenza. Write an email to the Drug Controller General of the Directorate of Health Service, Mumbai examining the claim of the company and explaining the harm these kinds of claims could cause.

OR

(2) Report Writing:

Your Junior college recently organized an awareness programme on "Social Media". Write a report in about 100-150 words, adding all information and the overall happenings of this event.

OR

(3) Interview Questions:

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of a distinguished personality in the field of entertainment. With the help of the given table and points, drafts questions on the given fields associated with the personality. (Do not change the sequence of the questions)

Name of the interviewee (famous personality)	
Area of success/ Reputation	
Date / Venue / Time	
Duration of Interview	

Questions:	
1. Inspiration	
2. Preparation	
3. Family support	
4. Daily routine	
5. Strength / drawbacks	
6. Skills required	
7. Performances	
8. Message	

C) Do any **ONE** of the activities:

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1) **Speech Writing:**

Write a short speech to be delivered in your junior college on “Save Trees – Save Lives” on the occasion of ‘The World Earth Day’ in about 100- 150 words.

OR 2) **Compering:**

Imagine, you are a compere for ‘Inauguration of Science Exhibition’ in your college. Write a script for the same. You may take help of the following points.

- Welcome, introduction, felicitation
- Main events- inaugural speech, students’ presentation
- Vote of thanks

OR 3) **Expansion of Ideas:**

‘Where there is a will, there is a way’

Expand the above idea in about 100-150 words. You may use the following points:

- ✓ Meaning of the proverb
- ✓ determination, patience, will power, hard work are always required
- ✓ Support your argument with examples

D) Do any **ONE** of the following:

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1) **Film Review:**

Write a review of a film which you liked most with the help of the following points:

- Story/ Theme
- Producer / Director
- Special features of direction
- Characters : conflict
- Music / Dance /Songs/ Photography etc.
- Your opinion

OR 2) **Blog writing:**

Write a blog in a proper format on ‘Benefits of Travelling’ in about 100-150 words with the help of the points given below:

- ⇒ Why we travel? (reasons)
- ⇒ Travel broadens our outlook says a proverb
- ⇒ Advantages
- ⇒ Add your own points

OR 3) **Appeal:**

Prepare an appeal in the form of an advertisement on ‘Water Conservation’ to be displayed on your college notice board. Use attractive slogans. You may take help of the following points.

- Persuasive appeal

- Information about the programme to be undertaken
- Ask for contribution
- Need to save the earth
- Add your own points

SECTION – IV
Literary Genre: Novel

Que.5. (A) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below: (4)

(1) Match the following column ‘A’ with the column ‘B’ :

Column ‘A’	Column ‘B’
i) Joseph Conrad	a) Moll Flanders
ii) Agatha Christie	b) The Canterbury Tale
iii) Daniel Defoe	c) The Heart of Darkness
iv) Geoffrey Chaucer	d) Miss Marple Mysteries

(2) Rewrite the given sentences by choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets:

- i) The novel is a fictional biography or autobiography which is concerned with the growth of the protagonist’s mind, spirit and character from childhood to adulthood. (Bildungsroman / Gothic / Picaresque)
- ii) The novel is a novel includes terror, mystery, horror, thriller, supernatural, doom, death, decay or haunted buildings. (Dystopian / Gothic)
- iii) The novel is a novel set in a period earlier than most of the writing. (Utopian / historical / Autobiographical)
- iv) The novel is that in which the writer presents the narrative through a series of correspondence. (Epistolary / psychological / Utopian)

(B) Answer the following questions in about 50 words each: (4)

- i) Describe the character of ‘Miss Phillips’ in the novel ‘To Sir With Love’.
- ii) Comment on the theme of the extract given in the novel, ‘To Sir With Love’.

(C) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below: (4)

- i) Describe the importance of ‘The Reform Club’ in the development of the plot and behaviour of characters in the novel ‘Around the World in 80 Days’.
- ii) Give the central idea of the novel ‘Around the World in 80 Days’, from the extract given in the text.

(D) Answer the questions given below in about 50 words: (4)

- i) Write significance of the title ‘The Sign of Four’.
- ii) Arrange the following incidents in correct sequence as per their occurrence in the extract from the novel ‘The Sign of Four’.
 - a) Miss Morstan showed Holmes the pearls and letter.
 - b) Miss Morstan discussed her problem with Holmes and Dr. Watson.
 - c) They went to meet the writer of the letter at Lyceum Theatre.
 - d) Miss Morstan met Holmes and Watson at their house.

