

**Preliminary Examination  
HSC BOARD ENGLISH ACTIVITY SHEET**

80 Marks

Three Hours

<b>SECTION – I : PROSE</b>			
<b>Q.1A)</b>		<b>Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below:</b>	<b>(12)</b>
		<p>The eight-and-a-half-hour-long day inside the hide was as fruitful as the Jambha tree standing tall on the edge of Umbarzara. Before wrapping up my day at this natural waterhole, I took entries of the avifauna in my field notes. Since I was alone, I rushed to Pitezari village where I was stationed. I camouflaged the hide, took my essentials, came out of the hide and stretched out to my heart’s content. I lifted my camera bag and took the familiar trail to Pitezari. Negotiating the webbed leaves of Teakwood and Moha trees, trying to make minimal sound, I was treading cautiously among the woods. Walking alone in a jungle needs more alertness than walking with a companion. I was alone here like a fox. Following the trail silently, watching with wide-open eyes, my ears were grasping a variety of sounds just when a familiar sound stunned me...</p> <p>‘Khyak! Khyak! KhyakoSS Khyak!’</p> <p>It was a Langur alarm call. The leader of the gang of Langurs was sitting on the tall tree making alarm calls out of fear for life. Rest of the Langur brigade continued raising the alarm calls. The network of alarm calls was expanding its range as the petrified Langurs speeded to the trees near and far and secured their places on treetops. All this upheaval was created by only one animal’s presence - A Leopard. Many animals make alarm calls when they see a predator- Tiger or Leopard nearby. The Langur is most reliable when it comes to finding clues about the presence of the apex predators in the jungle. The mighty elusive Leopard of Umbarzara was out of its lair. He was on the prowl. The stealthily moving figure in spotted gold-black cloak was spied by these Langurs. Even the small ones from the legion of Langurs were giving alarm calls.</p>	
	<b>A1</b>	<p><b>Rewrite the statements and state if they are True or False:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kiran Purandare was stationed at Pitezari village.</li> <li>ii. Langurs are not much reliable in finding the presence of predators in Jungle.</li> <li>iii. The strong and powerful leopard of Umbarzara had come out of its Den in search of its prey.</li> <li>iv. Kiran Purandare was inside the hide for eight and a half days long time.</li> </ol>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A2</b>	<p><b>Find out the reason and complete the statements given below:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Writer Kiran Purandare stretched out to his heart’s content because _____</li> <li>ii. The leader from Langur gang was making alarm calls because _____</li> </ol>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A3</b>	<p><b>Explain:</b> Explain the statement in about 50 words with reference to the extract “I was alone here like a fox”</p>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A4</b>	<p><b>Personal Response:</b> Write your experience of any visit to forest or wildlife sanctuary.</p>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A5</b>	<p><b>Language study:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All this upheaval was created by only one animal’s presence. (Change the Voice and rewrite)</li> <li>ii. It was a Langur alarm call. (Add suitable Question Tag and rewrite)</li> </ol>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A6</b>	<p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Give one word for the given phrases from the passage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To move fast-</li> <li>ii. To be careful-</li> <li>iii. Listening to-</li> <li>iv. A group of-</li> </ol>	<b>02</b>

Q.1B)		<b>Non-Textual Grammar:</b> <b>Do as directed:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. He is _____ M.L.A of our place. <b>(Rewrite the sentence using appropriate Article)</b></li> <li>ii. Heat can be used _____ change water into steam. <b>(Rewrite the sentence using appropriate Preposition)</b></li> <li>iii. She was the most talkative woman in our village. <b>(Rewrite the sentence beginning with “No sooner.....”)</b></li> <li>iv. He has did the homework on morning. <b>(Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence)</b></li> </ol>	(04)										
Q.2A)		<b>Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below:</b> <p>In the coming years, requirements for rapid changes in the skills of a large number of people in periods of say three to five years may become a continuous feature when newer technologies are introduced in to the economy. Such rapid changes will occur in all sectors, underlining how the agriculture, manufacturing and service sectors are intertwined. In the agriculture sector there will be better optimization of input resources like seeds, soil conditioning, fertilizer micronutrient mixes, and pesticides and so on, as well as changes in the overall agriculture management. The agriculture sector may also use information technology much more intensively than it does now, be it in the use of remote sensing through satellites for regular monitoring of crops and soil conditions or water resources, or for better weather forecasts through satellites and ground borne systems. Or in the use of modern communications to be in closer touch with old or new markets.</p> <p>Water quality may be monitored more carefully in the future whether for human or animal consumption. Rapid improvements in advanced sensors would make it possible to have such sensing system at affordable prices in many of our sectors. In the industry and manufacturing sector, of course, the use of sensors, and modern electronics and information technology will be continual feature requiring rapid reorientation of the skills of not only the workforce but also the entire management including the board level operations. Installation of IT system for all these sectors, training persons at all levels and maintaining and improving their skills would be a major service industry.</p> <p>Despite voluminous growth in the banking and insurance sector, processing and transactions have been carried out by largely manual means. A national network of banking and insurance business has to emerge. This lack adversely affected efficiency and is a major cause of the high rates charged for financial services. The introduction of IT for various operations at the earliest has become a necessity. This means use of computers for near total electronics data management and the use of telecommunications and multimedia data, adopting a total system approach.</p>	(12)										
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	A2	<b>Find out:</b> Find out and write two changes that can be brought in agriculture sector with the help of the modern communication technology.	02										
	A3	<b>Guessing activity:</b> The introduction of IT for various operations at the earliest has become necessity because _____	02										
	A4	<b>Personal Response:</b> Digital Literacy is extremely important in today’s modern day to day life. Explain	02										

	<b>A5</b>	<b>Language study:</b> i. Such rapid changes will occur in all sectors. <b>(Make a Rhetorical question and rewrite)</b> ii. Water quality _____ be monitored carefully. <b>(Rewrite the sentence by adding appropriate modal auxiliary of Obligation)</b>	<b>02</b>
	<b>A6</b>	<b>Vocabulary:</b> <b>Give Antonyms of the following words from the passage only:</b> i. Slow x ii. Older x iii. Output x iv. Irregular x	<b>02</b>
<b>Q.2B)</b>		<b>Summary Writing:</b>	<b>(03)</b>
		<b>Write a summary of the above extract and suggest a suitable title. You can take the help of following clues:</b> Need of Information Technology – need of digital skills – development of economy – various sectors – services rendering to people.	
<b>Q.2C)</b>		<b>Mind-Mapping:</b>	<b>(03)</b>
		<b>Develop a Mind Map using your own ideas to illustrate on the topic “Sports and its varieties”</b>	
		<b><u>SECTION – II : POETRY</u></b>	
<b>Q.3A)</b>		<b>Read the following poem carefully and complete the activities given below:</b>	<b>(10)</b>
		<p>She walks in beauty, like the night Of cloudless climes and starry skies; And all that’s best of dark and bright Meet in her aspect and her eyes; Thus mellowed to that tender light Which heaven to gaudy day denies. One shade the more, one ray the less, Had half impaired the nameless grace Which waves in every raven tress, Or softly lightens o’er her face; Where thoughts serenely sweet express, How pure, how dear their dwelling-place. And on that cheek, and o’er that brow, So soft, so calm, yet eloquent, The smiles that win, the tints that glow, But tell of days in goodness spent, A mind at peace with all below, A heart whose love is innocent!</p>	
	<b>A1</b>	<b>Write four Verses describing the lady from the poem:</b> i. _____ ii. _____ iii. _____ iv. _____	<b>02</b>
	<b>A2</b>	<b>Give reason:</b> The lady in the poem has a winning smile and a glowing skin. According to the poet she is blessed with these things because _____	<b>02</b>
	<b>A3</b>	<b>Personal Response:</b> “Beauty lies in the eyes of beholder” we all know this saying. Explain your views about it.	<b>02</b>
	<b>A4</b>	<b>Poetic Devices:</b> Write down the rhyme scheme and four pairs of rhyming words from the poem.	<b>02</b>

	A5	<b>Creativity:</b> Compose four lines on "Beauty of Nature"	02
Q.3B)		<b>Read the following poem and write the appreciation of it.</b>	(04)
		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>SECTION – III : WRITING SKILLS</b>			
Q.4)		<b>Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:</b>	
	A)	<b>Attempt Any One from the following activities:</b>	(04)
	1.	<p><b><u>Drafting Virtual Message:</u></b> Following is the conversation between Rajas and Ms. Vidya on a telephone call. Ms. Vidya was supposed to leave for her office where she works so she wrote a message for her husband. Draft a virtual message in not more than 50 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rajas:</b> Hello, May I speak to Dr. Tushar?</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Vidya:</b> He has gone to hospital to attend OPD. May I know is speaking?</li> <li>• <b>Rajas:</b> Yes, I am Rajas Yadav. My wife is having severe stomach ache since yesterday night and even fever. I would be thankful to you if the doctor would come to our place and examine her.</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Vidya:</b> Of course he will come. Please let me note down your address</li> <li>• <b>Rajas:</b> It is B-101, Vidyut Apartment, Vile Parle</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Vidya:</b> I will give him your message as soon as he returns.</li> <li>• <b>Rajas:</b> Thank you</li> </ul>	
		<b>OR</b>	
	2.	<p><b><u>Statement Of Purpose:</u></b> You are an avid animal lover. You have a pet dog and some love birds at home. You are extremely fond of them. You have been a member of bird watcher's club. You have loved going on a safari. You have taken care of orphan animals, or animals who are hurt. In school you loved Biology. You wish to make a career in this field. The University of Cambridge offers an excellent course/programme which would boost your career. Make a Statement of Purpose which will help you to get admission to this University.</p>	
		<b>OR</b>	
	3.	<p><b><u>Group Discussion:</u></b> There is an inter-school cricket match and your school is losing. As you are the captain, have a group discussion with your teammates in the teabreak about the strategy to be followed to save your school from losing the match. Give at least four/five suggestions.</p>	

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	1.	<b><u>E-mail Writing:</u></b> Write an Email to your school best friend who is studying abroad currently and there was no contact with him/her for a long time now.																											
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	2.	<b><u>Report Writing:</u></b> You are a secretary of the NSS Unit of your college. Write a brief report of the Blood Donation camp organised by your unit in about 100-120 words on the happenings and observations adding all the required information and details witnessed and experienced.																											
		<b>OR</b>																											
	3.	<b><u>Interview Questions:</u></b> Imagine that you are going to interview a very well-known political leader and social activist of the district. Prepare a set of 8 to 10 questions focussing on his/her social behaviour and the activities he/she carries out.																											
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	1.	<b><u>Speech Writing:</u></b> Write a Speech on the Topic "Advantages of Education in Life"																											
		<b>OR</b>																											
	2.	<b><u>Compering:</u></b> Imagine that you are a compere of the Independence Day to be celebrated in your complex. Prepare a script for compering the programme with the help of the following points in about 100-120 words.																											
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	3.	<b><u>Expansion of Idea:</u></b> Expand the following idea in about 100-120 words for the proverb "Fortune favours Brave"																											
Q.4)	D)	<b>Attempt Any One from the following activities:</b>	(04)																										
	1.	<b><u>Film Review:</u></b> Write a review of a film that you have recently seen with the help of points given below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names of characters (Main and supporting)</li> <li>• About the story and theme</li> <li>• Liked or disliked</li> <li>• Special features and ideas</li> <li>• Music, songs, dance, Ratings to the film etc.</li> </ul>																											

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	<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Blog Writing:</u></b> Prepare a Blog in about 100-120 words on the topic “Communication Skills”. Make use of the following clues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is communication skill?</li> <li>• Types of communication skills.</li> <li>• Communication in past and present</li> <li>• Advantages and disadvantages</li> <li>• Conclusion</li> </ul>											
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	<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Appeal Writing:</u></b> Prepare an Appeal making people aware about the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene. Use attractive Slogan and illustrations.											
		<b><u>SECTION – IV : LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL</u></b>											
<b>Q.5A)</b>		<b>Do as directed:</b>	<b>(04)</b>										
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	<b>A2</b>	<b>State True or False:</b> i. A novel as literary genre has a history of about two thousand years. ii. After 1840, novel originated as the literary form in England. iii. Rajmohan’s wife is the novel written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya. iv. There are five elements essential for Novel.	<b>02</b>										
<b>Q.5B)</b>		<b>Answer the following in about 50 words:</b>	<b>(04)</b>										
	<b>A1</b>	Give a brief character sketch of Denham from the novel “To sir with Love”	<b>02</b>										
	<b>A2</b>	Describe in brief the purpose of organizing the half yearly report programme of students Council.	<b>02</b>										
<b>Q.5C)</b>		<b>Answer the following in about 50 words:</b>	<b>(04)</b>										
	<b>A1</b>	Give a short description of Phileas Fogg’s release at Custom house and his journey from Liverpool to England.	<b>02</b>										
	<b>A2</b>	In what way was Mr. Fogg’s final winning the wager connected with Aouda?	<b>02</b>										
<b>Q.5D)</b>		<b>Answer the following in about 50 words:</b>	<b>(04)</b>										
	<b>A1</b>	Describe how Sherlock Holmes discovered the connection between Miss. Morstan receiving precious pearls with Major Sholto.	<b>02</b>										
	<b>A2</b>	How does the mystery of Bartholomew’s murder lead Holmes to track down Jonathan Small?	<b>02</b>										
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