

Section -I : PROSE

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping) [16 marks]

Q1 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

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I was quite happy getting into IIT, but my joy was shortlived. 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. Choose the two correct issues which make the writer depressed and diffident. 02

- He had his entire education in Marathi.
- He wanted to run away from IIT.
- His senior student in IIT humiliated him showing his errors in English speaking.
- He was rank holder in the school, college and IIT.

A2. Complete the following:

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The writer faced numerous problems while communicating in English because-

- His vocabulary was -----
- His spoken English was-----
- His pronunciation was -----
- His construction of sentences was-----

A3. The writer got confidence to fight back. Mention the things that boost his self-confidence. 02

A4. Share your ways to develop English speaking ability.

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A5. Language study.**02**

- 1) I had developed an inferiority complex and wanted to run away from IIT and even Mumbai.
(Make it complex Sentence)
- 2) Why should I give up? (Make it assertive sentence)

A6. Match the words in column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B'**02**

Column A	Column B
i) Short-lived	a) Close to something
ii) Arrogant	b) Lack of confidence
iii) Diffident	c) Overly proud of oneself
iv) Adjacent	d) Lasts for a short time

B) Language study (Non- textual Grammar)**04****B1. Do as directed / Transformation of sentences**

- 1) It was thoroughly enjoyable. **01**
(Rewrite as an exclamatory sentence)
- 2) The Padma Shri is one of the most prestigious civilian awards in India. **01**
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'Very few....')
- 3) Fertilizers and insecticides have increased agricultural output. **01**
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with Agricultural output.....)

B2. Spot the error.**01**

He is doing his homework since 8o'clock.

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

Some people can just never wake up early. They munch their breakfast on the way to work. They have excuses ready when reach office late. They miss trains on a regular basis. They have never seen a sunrise or met the milkman.

Until a loved one turned over a new leaf recently, she was one such late riser. Try as she might, she couldn't help pressing the snooze button a hundred times before she finally got up. She felt terrible about this tendency but there was nothing she could do about it. Come morning, she would just not be able to shrug off the desire to sleep a while more. Only when divine intervention answered her prayers recently was she able to join the early birds' club. Another relative has no plans of joining this league though. She is rather unabashed waking up past noon on a daily basis. To be fair, her husband is a media personality who typically arrives home from work past midnight. That does indeed give them sufficient justification to stay longer in slumberland each morning. This practice does lead to certain oddities though. He goes for his morning walk at 1p.m., heatwaves and appalled onlookers notwithstanding. They once returned from a night out only to meet the neighbour's son who was off on an early morning jog! Early risers clearly have the edge in life. By the time most of us wake up, they have been through their morning rituals, enjoyed their walk, had their tea and read the daily news. They're also likely to have made long distance calls before dawn to those similarly inclined. Thus by the time sun warms up they're likely to have discussed all varieties of 'men, matters and affairs' with a dozen people.

A1) Complete the following sentence choosing the correct alternatives.

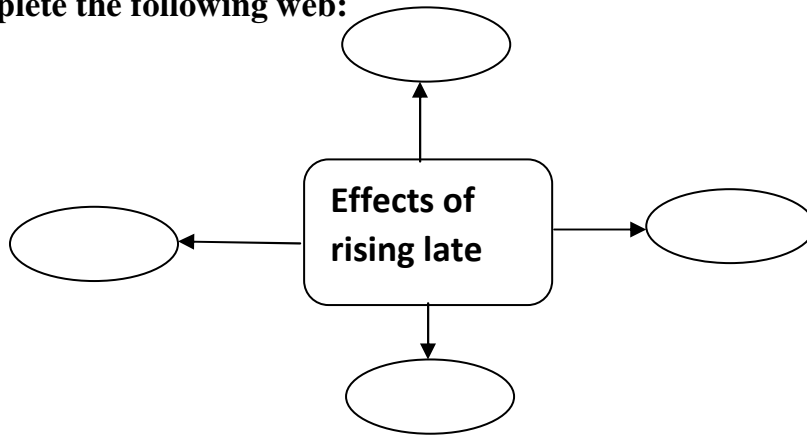
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He goes for a morning walk at 1p.m, because-----

- a) He arrives from work past midnight.
- b) He has to stay in bed for a longer time till late morning.
- c) He has a special plan for early morning.
- d) He does not to like to join early birds' club.

A2) Complete the following web:

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A3) Early risers have the edge in life. Explain.

02

A4. State two things that you can do to join early bird's club.

02

A5. Language study.

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1) She felt terrible about this tendency but there was nothing she could do about it.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'Although')

2) They have never seen a sunrise or met the milk man.

(Rewrite using 'neither.....nor')

A6. Find out similar meaning words from the extract for the following words:

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- 1) Clarification-
- 2) Strange things-
- 3) Sleep-
- 4) Dismiss-

B) Summary Writing:

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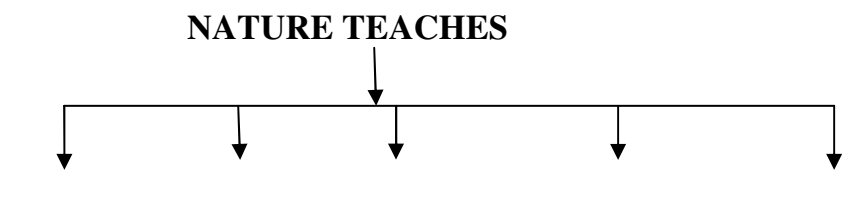
Write the summary of the above extract with a suitable title with the help of following points:

[Late risers- problems- early risers- at an advantage]

C) Mind Mapping

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Nature is a great teacher and a guide. Complete the mind map as instructed as per the titled concept:



Section II – POETRY
(POETRY AND APPRECIATION)

Q 3. Read the given extract and complete the activities given below:

[10]

Small towns always remind me of death.
My hometown lies calmly amidst the trees,
it is always the same,
in 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

- A1. Write down the list of natural elements mentioned in the extract. 02**
- A2. Describe the hometown in the first stanza of the given extract. 02**
- A3. Suggest at least two measures you would take to convince the people regarding the need to conserve the nature. 02**
- A4. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line:
"Or the wind howling down the gorge." 02**
- A5. Compose a stanza of four lines on a stream or a river. 02**

B) APPRECIATION

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Write an appreciation of the poem given below considering the following points

- About the poem / poet/ title
- Theme
- Poetic devices, language, style
- Special features
- Values, message
- Your opinion about the poem

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!

Section- III **(WRITING SKILLS)**

Q4. Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

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A) Attempt any one of the following

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1) Drafting a Virtual message:

Read the following telephonic conversation between Atharva and Sarika and draft a virtual message based on it.

Atharva : Hello, may I speak to Vasundhara?

Sarika : Extremely sorry, Vasundhara has still not reached home. May I know who is speaking?

Atharva : I am Atharva, her badminton coach from Pulela Badminton Academy. Will you take a message for her?

Sarika : Why not sir. Please say what the message is.

Atharva : Please inform her that the academy will remain closed for the period of 8days as two Corona positive cases are found here in the academy. The Academy will reopen from 8th Nov.2020.

Sarika : No problem sir. I will inform her about it.

As Sarika had to leave for her swimming class, she wrote down a message to her and left it on the table,. Draft that message without adding any new information.

OR

2) Statement of purpose:

After having completed your M.A. in Economics, you wish to do your M.B.A. in marketing at IISM ,Delhi. You are fluent in French and you have completed an online certificate course in Marketing. You also have a year's experience in an IT firm after your graduation, where you are still working. Prepare an SOP for admission to IISM.

OR

3) Group Discussion

You and your three friends (John, Irfan and Ravina) are selected as a team for group discussion for a reputed T.V. channel. The topic of discussion is ' **How to prevent the spread of diseases**'. Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her opinion the topic.You may use the following points

- * maintaining hygiene
- * preventive medicines
- * keeping fit and healthy
- * reducing pollution

A) Attempt any one of the following

1) Email:

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Draft an Email in a proper format to be sent to a famous and distinguished player in order to invite him/her for the "Annual Sports Day" programme organized by the college authorities and to be held at your junior college campus. Give complete programme schedule and details about the event.

OR

2) Report writing:

Write a report of about 20 lines on a 'Tree Plantation Programme' organized by the Science Club of your college, to be published in the Science Bulletin. You may use the following points:

- * Details about programme
- * Chief Guest
- * Activities
- * Conclusion

OR

1) Interview questions:

Your college has decided to celebrate the World Environment Day. Mr Kiran Purandare has been invited as the 'Chief Guest' for the event. Imagine you are the Secretary of the 'Nature Club' of your college and you have to conduct an interview of Mr Kiran Purandare. Frame 8/10 questions for the same.

(Do not change the sequence of the questions)

Name of the interviewee	
Area of Success/Reputation	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	

Questions Based on –

1. Early Interest	
2. Difficulties	
3. Family support	
4. Experiences	
5. Inspiration	
6. Accomplishments	
7. Target /Goals	
8. Message for students	

a) Attempt any one of the following:

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1) **Speech Writing:**

You wish to take part in an elocution competition in your college. One of the topics therein is ' **Disadvantages of Television**'. Prepare a speech on it in about 100-150 words.

OR

2) **Compering:**

Imagine your Jr. College has organised a farewell function for the students appearing for H.S.C examination .As a compere draft a script for the whole function maintaining the sequence of the following points:

- 1) Brief introduction
- 2) welcoming the guests
- 3) Important speeches
- 4) Vote of thanks

OR

3) **Expansion of an idea:**

Expand the following idea in about 100-150 words with the help of the following points given below.

“Time and tide wait for none”

- * Meaning of the proverb
- * Importance of time
- * Proper Time Management
- * Add your own points.

D) Attempt any one of the following:

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1) **Review:**

You have recently read a book. Write a 'Review' in about 100/150 words of the book with the help of the following points:

- Title/ author of the book
- Subject/story/Information
- Language/ style/ Presentation
- Benefits/ Message

OR

2) **Blog Writing:**

Write a blog in a proper format on 'Covid-19 and India'. Make use of the following points.

- Effect of lockdown on economy
- Efforts of Government
- post-lockdown situation
- Vaccination etc.

OR

3) **Appeal:**

Prepare an appeal to join Live webinar on 'Eye Donation Awareness' with the help of the points given below.

- Prepare an attractive slogan
- Make persuasive appeal
- Give date, time and contact details
- Give meeting ID and password

SECTION- IV

(LITERARY GENRE- NOVEL)

[16]

Q5 (A) Complete the activities given below as per instructions:

1) Match the column 'A' with 'B':

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A	B
a) Theme	i) Philosophical statement, a central idea
b) Plot	ii) The struggle in between opposite forces
c) conflict	iii) techniques of the narration
d) Language, style	iv) Course of the events

2) Choose the correct alternatives and rewrite the sentences:

02

- a) The novel as a literary genre has a history of about ----- years.
[two thousand five hundred, two thousand, five hundred]
- b) The new literature written in the 18th century was characterised by-----
[mystery, fantasy, spirit of realism]
- c) In -----novel, the surface meaning is different from the symbolic meaning.
[Allegorical, Dystopian, Gothic]
- d) ----- has coined the phrase: ' Stream of Consciousness'
[Jane Austen, Virginia Woolf, William James]

B) Answer the following questions in 50 words:

- 1) Fernman brought a comic relief in the student's Council Programme. Explain. **02**
- 2) Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel, 'To Sir, with love ' **02**

B) Answer the following questions in 50 words :

- 1) Describe the character sketch of Aouda from Fogg's point of view. **02**
- 2) Passepartout stations himself outside Philias' door. Give reasons. **02**

C) Answer the following questions in 50 words

- 1) Narrate the case of Miss Morstan in your words. **02**
- 2) The extract begins when Mary Morstan meets Sherlock Holmes at his house. After that Holmes, Dr.Watson and Mary visit some places in London. Explain in detail the various places mentioned in the extract. **02**