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Section 1 : LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1 (A1) Do as directed. (Any 4) (4)

- Pick out the compound words from the following :

knowledgeable, ovation, gentleman, well-built, digging, colourful

- Find out 2 hidden words of minimum 5 letters from –

Tracheotomy

- Punctuate the following sentence.

I made some money yesterday he explained

- Identify the type of sentence.

Why don't you follow my example and just eat one thing ?

- Give the homophone of the given word.

flour

(A2) Do as directed. (Any 2) (4)

- Complete the following word – chain of adjectives.

technical, _____, _____, _____, _____

- Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

They had come _____ high hopes _____ the miracles _____ modern science.

They told themselves that Anant would be cured _____ the hospital and he would again walk and run.

- Change to future perfect tense.

Singh had the distinction of having the largest tenure as AOC of an operational base.

**(B) Do as directed. (Any 1)****(2)**

1. Identify the modal auxiliary and state what it denotes.

According to Hawking, God could not have created the Universe.

2. Rewrite the sentence using the word 'it'.

Dr. Kalam was a great scientist- this is indisputable.

SECTION II- TEXTUAL PASSAGES**(Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar)****Q.2 (A) Read the following passage and do the activities.****(10)****(A1) A1. What things in nature teach us the following:****2**

- 1) Spread joy and happiness around us - _____
- 2) We should transform and try to be better versions of ourselves - _____

We saw small bits of grass peeping through the small cracks in a concrete pavement. It left us thinking : however impossible things may look, there is always an opening.....

We saw a tree bare of all leaves in the cold winter months. We thought its chapter was over. But three months passed, spring set in and the tree was back to its green majesty once again, full of leaves, flowers, birds and life. What if we too had the conviction that, however difficult things are right now, it will not remain so for ever. Remember, this too shall pass.

We saw an army of ants lugging a fly which was at least ten times the ant's size. The ants organized themselves around the fly, lifted it on frail feelers and carried it to quite a distance. Their teamwork and perseverance was impressive. What if we too are consistent, organized, focused..... Spider webs are delicate, yet very strong. A rainbow colours the entire sky. Oysters take in a grain of sand they open up with a pearl. Innumerable stars shine across the infinite sky. Clouds take new shapes with every passing moment. The wind makes trees dance with unhindered passion. Water, without hint of ego, changes its form according to the dictates of the sun and the wind. When we see a caterpillar turn into a butterfly, a flower turn into a fruit, we experience the alchemy of nature..... we touch it and become gold ourselves.



A2. Which two aspects of nature teach us to accept change and adjust according to the situation? 2

A3. Give the adjective form of: 2
a) passion b) change

A4. Do as directed: 2

a) We saw a tree bare of all leaves in the cold winter months.

(*Change the voice*)

b) Their teamwork and perseverance was impressive.

(*Add a suitable question tag*)

A5. Personal Response: 2

Share a lesson you have learnt from the nature.

Q.2(B) Read the following passage and do the activities. (10)

(B1) Complete the following. 2

1. A notion firmly upheld by the lady _____

2. The lady would harbour a deep regret if _____

She ate the caviar and she ate the salmon. She talked gaily of art and literature and music. But I wondered what the bill would come to. When my mutton chop arrived, she took me quite seriously to task.

“I see that you’re in the habit of eating a heavy luncheon. I’m sure it’s a mistake. Why don’t you follow my example and just eat one thing? I couldn’t possibly eat anything more unless they had some of those giant asparagus. I should be sorry to leave Paris without having some of them.”

My heart sank. I had seen them in the shops and I knew that they were horribly expensive. My mouth had often watered at the sight of them.

“I’m not in the least hungry,” my guest sighed, “but if you insist, I don’t mind having some asparagus.” I ordered them.



“Aren’t you going to have any?”

“No, I never eat asparagus.”

We waited for the asparagus to be cooked. Panic seized me. It was not a question now of how much money I should have left over for the rest of the month, but whether I had enough to pay the bill. It would be mortifying to find myself ten francs short and be obliged to borrow from my guest. I knew exactly how much I had and if the bill came to more, I made up my mind that I would put my hand in my pocket and with a dramatic cry, start up and say it had been picked. Of course, it would be awkward if she had not money enough either to pay the bill. Then, the only thing would be to leave my watch and say I would come back and pay later.

The asparagus appeared. I watched her thrust them down her throat in large mouthfuls. At last, she finished.

“Coffee ?” I said.

“Yes, just an ice cream and coffee,” she answered. I was past caring now, so I ordered coffee for myself and an ice cream and coffee for her.

“You know, there’s one thing I thoroughly believe in,” she said, as she ate the ice cream. “One should always get up from a meal feeling one could eat a little more.”

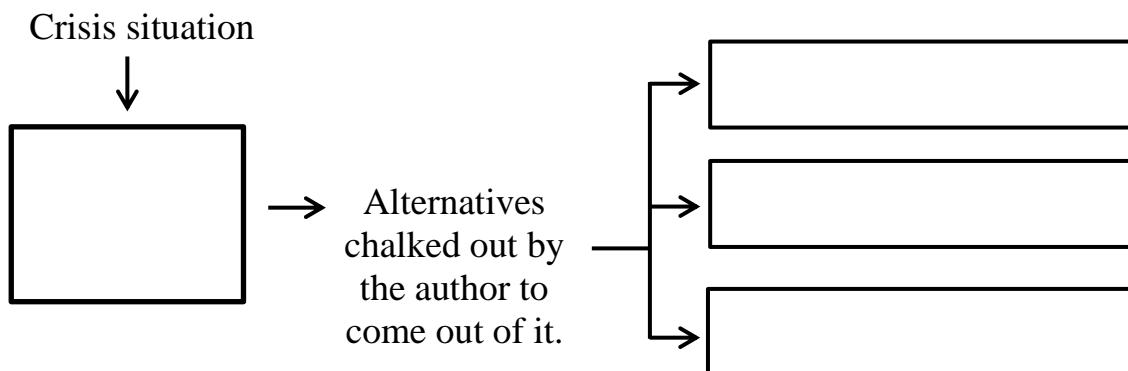
“Are you still hungry?” I asked faintly.

“Oh, no, I’m not hungry. You see, I don’t eat luncheon. I have a cup of coffee in the morning and then dinner, but I never eat more than one thing for luncheon. I was speaking for you.”

“Oh, I see.” Then a terrible thing happened. While we were waiting for the coffee, the head waiter came up to us bearing a large basket full of huge peaches. But surely peaches were not in season then? Lord knew what they cost! I knew a little later, for my guest going on with her conversation, absentmindedly took one.

**(B2) Complete the web diagram.**

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**(B3) Find out the words from the passage which are synonymous to:**

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- a) gleefully b) lavish

(B4) Do as directed.

2

- i) I knew that they were horribly expensive. (*Make it interrogative*)
ii) It would be awkward if she had not money enough either to pay the bill. (*Identify the part of speech of the underlined words*)

(B5) Personal Response

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Can such a luncheon take place in today's time? Justify your answer.

SECTION- III: POETRY**Q.3 (A) Read the extract of the poem and do the activities.**

(5)

(A1) Complete the following statements based on the given extract .

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- 1) Dead habits in the poem are described as _____
2) The poet appeals to Thee to_____

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards
perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way Into
the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by Thee Into ever-
widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country
awake.

- Rabindranath Tagore



- (A2) Elaborate on the effect created by the repetition of the word 'where' at the beginning of each line. 2
- (A3) Name the Figure of Speech. 1

Into the heaven of freedom ,My Father,let my country awake.

B. Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format. (5)

ANIMALS

I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contain'd I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things.
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.
So they show their relations to me and I accept them,
They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possession
I wonder where they get those tokens,
Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?

- Walt Whitman

You can use the following points while appreciating the given poem.

- Title
- Poet
- Theme/Central Idea
- Rhyme Scheme
- Figure of speech

**SECTION – IV NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES****(Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar)****Q.4 (A) Read the following passage and do the activities.****(10)****(A1) Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers.****2**

1. The incidents mentioned in the passage occur in _____ and _____ regions.
2. _____ mahouts have been named in the passage.

Mahouts in Jharkhand have hit upon an ingenious way to feed their elephants and also run their families. They use the animals to extort money from vehicles on the national highways.

Extortion by elephants has become a menace on the highways connecting the Ranchi-Jamshedpur and Ranchi-Patna sectors. Let loose by their mahouts, around six elephants hold sway over the area.

“I was stopped by elephants near Bundu, around 70 km from Ranchi. I could get away only by paying ₹50,” said Nitin Bapat, a regular commuter on the highways.

The gentle giants have been quick to learn the tricks of the trade. Whenever they see an approaching vehicles, the jumbos quickly lumber on to the middle of the road. Most drivers cough up the money out of fear.

“Feeding and maintaining elephants is not an easy task. Vehicle owners willingly donate money and we never force anyone to pay,” Nandi Mahto, a mahout, said.

Devdhar, another mahout, said, “Please do not call it extortion. In lieu of the money, the jumbos ensure the vehicles owner safety on the roads.” But he couldn’t explain how.

The mahouts put vermillion on the heads and trunks of the elephants to give the practice a religious appearance.

“Up to date, no elephant has hurt anyone on the road. An elephant does not harm a vehicle owner who does not give money,” say Moni Thakur, a mahout. “On the other hand if we do not get that money, it is indeed difficult to arrange food for elephants.”



(A2) What modus operandi is adopted to carry out the illicit practice highlighted in the given extract?	2
(A3) Write from the passage , words that have been used to refer to ‘elephants’.	2
(A4) Do as directed.	2
i) It is indeed difficult to arrange food for elephants. <i>(Make it exclamatory)</i>	
ii) <u>I</u> was stopped by elephants near Bundu. <i>(Frame a suitable Wh-qtn to get the underlined word as the answer)</i>	
(A5) What, do you think, is the root cause of the corruption mentioned in the extract?	2
Q.4 (B) Read the passage given in Q.4 (A) and summarize it. Give a suitable title to your summary.	(5)

SECTION V- WRITING SKILLS

Q.5 (A) Letter Writing : Attempt any one of the following activities.

Read the following news item and write a letter based on it. (5)

Mumbai : Sita, a working woman, was attacked on her way back home at 8.00 p.m. yesterday. Several instances of chain snatching and picking of pockets targeting especially women have been reported from different areas of Mumbai.

A1 Formal Letter :

You are Mira /Manav staying at 2/31 Imperial Heights, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Parel. You happened to read the following news item in the New Mumbai Express. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of Mumbai expressing your unhappiness at the lack of safety for women in the city. Mention the measures that can be adopted to solve the problem.

(OR)

A2 Informal Letter :

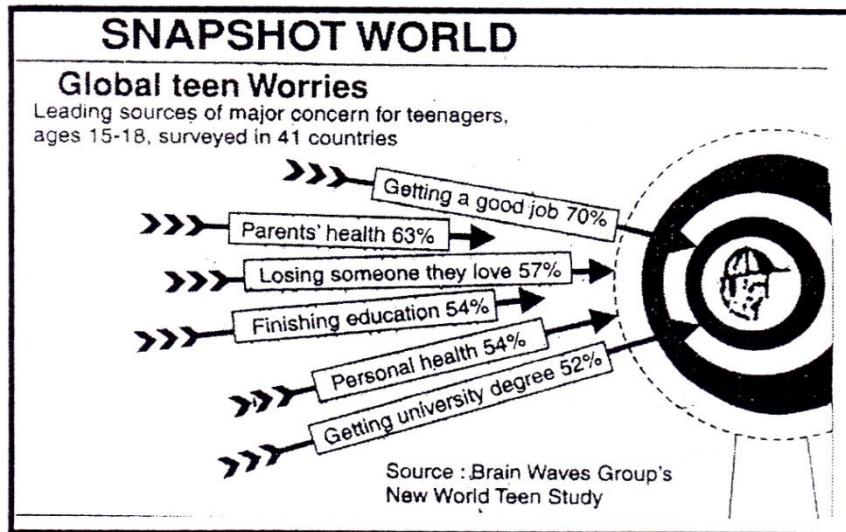
You are Manu/ Manisha staying at C-14, Jawahar Nagar, Palghar. You happened to read the following news item in the New Mumbai Express. Your cousin, who stays in Mumbai, does a shift job. Write a letter of caution, alerting her about the current unsafe situation in the city.

**Q.6 (A) Attempt any one of the following activities.**

(5)

(A1) Non verbal to verbal:

Look at the data given below carefully. Using the information in this data, write out an interpretation.

**(OR)****(A2) Verbal to Non-verbal:**

Read the following passage and complete the fact file.

Mint...just the word evokes an image of cool and refreshing. A frosty glass of lemonade garnished with curly sprigs of spearmint; the clean, chilling taste of a peppermint candy; even chewing gum, mouthwash with sweet and cool minty taste...Aha...

There is nothing more refreshing than chewing on a fresh mint leaf or drinking hot mint tea. Peppermint's cooling effect makes it a popular flavour for candies and breath freshness, and it also eases indigestion and clears the congestion due to winter colds. No wonder that most toothpaste companies use images of crisp, clean snowy slopes, or cool, green curls of mint to let us know how refreshing their mint flavoured products are.

Most of us are more familiar with peppermint (*mentha piperita*) and spearmint (*mentha spicata*), yet there are about 25 species, with



some sources saying as many as 600 varieties. Mint species are indigenous to Europe as well as Asia, and some are used since millennia, mints interbreed so easily it is often hard for even the experts to distinguish and separate all the varieties. Exasperated, a monk as far back as 9th century lamented “would rather count the sparks in Vulcan’s furnace than to count the varieties of mint.” In tropical Asia mint stock is derived from field mint and therefore are botanically removed from European peppermint. On the other hand mints from Western and Central Asia are comparable to horsemint and applemint.

Mint

Image :

Taste :

Colour :

Used in :

Medicinal use :

No. of species :

Native to :

B. Attempt any one of the following activites. (5)

B1. View / Counter-view:

Modern man lives a very fast life. This kind of life has some merits and demerits. The following points show its ‘merits’. Write a paragraph as ‘counter-view’ showing its ‘demerits’.

View – Section

Fast life is the Destiny of Modern Man

- Need of modern times
- Fulfils people’s desire to earn more money
- Helps to fulfil ambitions
- Gives more luxuries and more comforts
- Leads to success

(OR)

B2. Drafting a speech:

Prepare an interesting speech on ‘Importance of team work’.

T – Together

E – Everyone

A – Achieves

M – More



SECTION- VI: CREATIVE WRITING

Q.7 (A) Attempt any one of the activities.

(5)

A1. Expand the following idea:

VOTE – it's your right

(OR)

A2. Prepare a newspaper report based on the following headline.

DELHI POLICE NABS THE MONKEY MAN

B) Attempt any one of the following activities.

(5)

B1. Writing a story :

Develop an interesting story with the help of the following ending. Provide it a suitable title.

..... *Thus, life sometimes, gives you a second chance.*

(OR)

B2. Narrate an experience:

Narrate an experience with the help of the following beginning.

Give it a suitable title.

My car broke down on a lonely road at the dead of night, I alighted and.....

