

BOARD ACTIVITY SHEET SOLUTION: MARCH 2022

ENGLISH KUMARBHARATI

Q.1
(A)

Section I: Language Study

- (A1) i. "You have never heard of Bach?" he asked.
 ii. Portal, tropic, motor, polio
 iii. All the great religions teach us to care for our children.
 iv. indisputable, inquisitive, interactions, invention.
 v. Call, laugh, hate, entertain, nourish
- (A2) i. Song, melody, harmony, guitar
 ii. Multiple faiths nourished Dr. Kalam's own life.
 iii. No sooner did we go to a rocky beach than we saw the spread of the majestic ocean.
- OR**
- No sooner had we gone to a rocky beach than we saw the spread of the majestic ocean.

Q.1
(B)

- i. could - modal auxiliary showing permission
 ii. It all came back to me - main clause
 When we were designing the first Macintosh Computer - Adverb clause of time
- (Note: Students are expected to name and identify only the subordinate clause)*

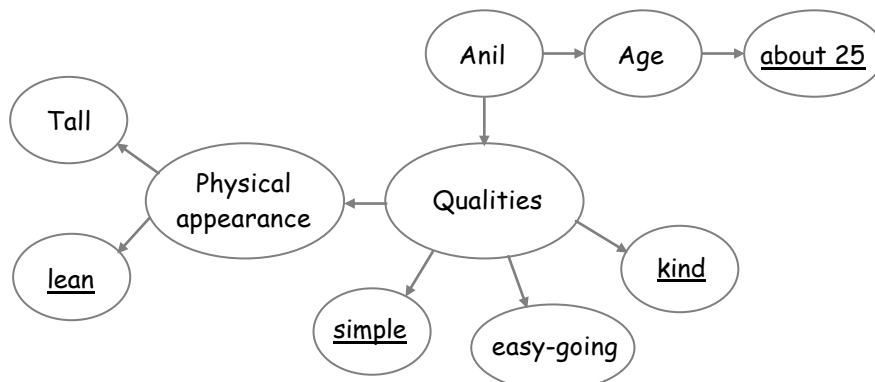
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Section II: Textual Passages (Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar)

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- | | Statement | Who | To whom |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| i. | You look a bit of a wrestler yourself. | <u>Narrator/ Hari Singh</u> | <u>Anil</u> |
| ii. | If you can cook, then maybe I can feed you. | <u>Anil</u> | <u>Narrator/ Hari Singh</u> |

(A2)





- (A3) i. a. insincere praise
ii. b. attractive c. charming
- (Note: Two options having the same meaning are given as the answer.)
- (A4) i. What did I take every month?
ii. I was an experienced hand
- (A5) Hari was a petty thief who would use flattery or fake a smile to gain the trust of his prospective victims. But lately he was unable to find much luck. When Hari Singh met Anil, he thought of him as an easy going person who he can cheat easily. In order to gain Anil's confidence and to convince him to give Hari Singh a job, he gave his most appealing smile.

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- (B1) i. The International Council on monuments and sites initiated a draft convention to create an international organisation responsible for protecting cultural heritage.
ii. The famous dam situated in Egypt on River Nile is Aswan High Dam.
iii. The idea of protecting cultural and natural heritage sites around the world began in the early twentieth century.
iv. The project cost an estimated US \$80 million, \$40 million of which came from 50 different countries.
- (B2)
- | | Tasks | Reasons |
|-----|--|---|
| i. | UNESCO launched an international campaign in 1959. | <u>To protect the Abu Simbel Temples and scores of ancient Egyptian artefacts.</u> |
| ii. | A White House Conference in the United States called for a 'World Heritage Trust'. | <u>To protect not only historic and cultural sites but also the world's significant natural and scenic sites.</u> |
- (B3) i. natural
ii. actual
iii. significant
iv. responsible
- (B4) i. Not only did UNESCO but also the International Council on Monuments initiated a draft convention to create an international organisation responsible for protecting cultural heritage.
ii. Compound sentence
- (B5) I will create public awareness against vandalism, damaging the beauty of historical monuments. I will organise cleanliness campaigns of historical sites and monuments. I will voice out any grievances with regards to maintenance of the sites and monuments to the concerned department or institute and urge them to take the necessary actions required.

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Section III: Poetry

- (A1) i. False. Animals show their relation to the poet.
ii. True.
iii. False. Animals do not sweat and whine about their condition.
iv. True.

(Note: The reasons for the false statements are given for the understanding of the students and are not expected in the answer.)

- (A2) i. Unlike humans, animals are self-sufficient and satisfied with the way they are. For these reasons, they do not have or display the craze of owning things like humans do.

(A3) Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?

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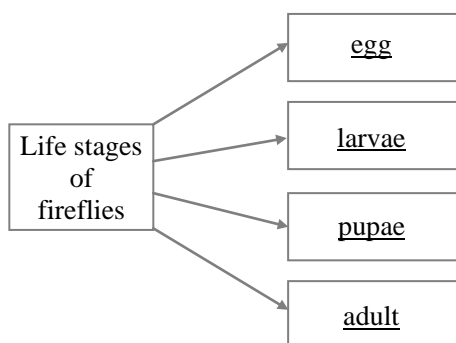
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The poem is enriched using various figures of speech such as Alliteration, Antithesis, Consonance, Hyperbole, Metaphor, Onomatopoeia, Oxymoron, Personification, Repetition, Simile, and Transferred Epithet. An example of Personification is "I watched the flame feeding on my mother" where the flame is given the human quality of 'feeding'.

The poem is a first-person account of how a son (the poet) watches helplessly as his mother suffers from the scorpion's sting. None of the villagers' blessings and curses, a holy man's chants, or the rational husband's experiments bring relief to the poet's mother. It shows the behaviour of the villagers is characterised by their illiteracy and the lack of medical facilities, which thereby results in blind beliefs and superstitions.

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(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

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- (A2) i. Fireflies form a key part of the food web by acting as predators for agricultural pests and prey for spiders and other insects.



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Section V: Writing Skills

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Please convey my regards to your parents and love to little Aayansh.

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Thank you to all of you for your time and patience.

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Section VI: Creative Writing

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