

Board Activity Sheet Solution: March 2020

English Kumarbharati

Note: Answer to every question must be written on a new page.

**Q.1
(A)**

Section I: Language Study

- (A1) i. blackboard, daylight, notebook [1 Mark]
(Note: Any two compound words will be accepted)
- ii. Gerund – taking [1 Mark]
- iii. After all, he doesn't pay me. [1 Mark]
- iv. running, swimming, robbing [1 Mark]
(Note: Any two Present Participles where the last letter is doubled will be accepted)
- v. Word chain of verbs
 examine, eat, teach, hit, train [1 Mark]
(Note: Any four verbs starting with the last letter of the previous word will be accepted)
- (A2) i. Robert asked Joan how old she was. She replied that she was 13 years old. [1 Mark]
- ii. His feet were cold as he had no shoes on.
 Scaling the mountain seemed like an impossible feat to little Aariv. [1 Mark]
(Note: Any two sentences conveying the different meanings of the homophones will be accepted)
- iii. Present Perfect Tense
 I have worked for Anil for almost a month. [2 Marks]

**Q.1
(B)**

- i. No sooner did the thief escape, than the family informed the police. [2 Marks]
- ii. **Positive degree:** Very few other decisions that I have ever made are as good as this one. [1 Mark]
Comparative degree: It is better than most other decisions I have ever made. [1 Mark]

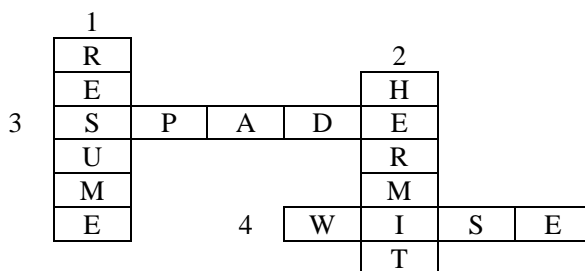
**Q.2
(A)**

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

- (A1) **King** **Hermit**
- i. learning things i. digging
- ii. asking questions ii. breathe heavily [½ Mark each]
- (A2) i. disagree
- ii. agree
- iii. agree
- iv. disagree [½ Mark each]



(A3)



[½ Mark each]

(A4)

- i. The hermit was digging the ground – main clause
When the king arrived – Subordinate Adverb Clause of Time

[1 Mark]

- ii. Though the hermit listened to the king, he said nothing.

[1 Mark]

(A5)

I consider my mom as my guide in my difficulties, because my mom always guides me to the right path. She is my motivator and I can share all my sorrows and happiness with my mom. I also confess my mistakes and she guides me towards doing the right thing. A mother is always trustworthy and being in her embrace and harbouring good thoughts is always a pleasure. Thus my mom is my guide, my inspiration and my motivator.

[2 Marks]

Q.2
(B)

(B1)

- i. b. Manipur
ii. a. Dingko Singh
iii. c. Tenant farmers
iv. b. At 18

[½ Mark each]

(B2)

Mary Kom came from a poor family. Her parents were tenant farmers and she grew up in humble surroundings. She helped her parents with farm related chores, attended school and learned athletics and later boxing.

[2 Marks]

(B3)

- i. shifting cultivation – jhum
ii. strengthened – reinforced
iii. first public appearance – debut
iv. one who makes history – legend

[½ Mark each]

(B4)

- i. She started to compete at international level.
ii. What a keen wrestler her father was!

[1 Mark each]

(B5)

The Olympic motto, 'Citius, Altius, Fortius', best describes the spirit of sports. It means 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'. Sports instil a competitive spirit and a sense of camaraderie in people. Sports keep our mind lively and fresh. They help us gain energy. They improve our overall efficiency. Thus, sports are important in our life.

[2 Marks]

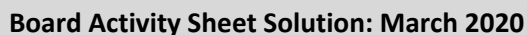
Q.3
(A)

Section III: Poetry

(A1)

	Cloud 'A'		Cloud 'B'
i.	broad	d.	grin
ii.	humorous	c.	way
iii.	chuckling	a.	noise
iv.	trifling	b.	jest

[½ Mark each]

3

Q.4
(B)**Time – The Most Valuable Resource**

Time is the most valuable resource. Hence, it is calculated and used accordingly. Tracking and distributing time guides us in carrying out the day's activities. Time management involves efficient utilization of time. Instead of allowing it to flow, a good time manager grabs and invests time into productive work. Since every individual has twenty four hours, one must be aware of the time needed to complete their daily routine.

[5 Marks]

Q.5

Section V: Writing Skills

(A1)

Rima Deshmukh,
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Kolhapur – 416002

9th March, 2020

The Education Officer,
Kolhapur Education Department,
Kolhapur – 416002

Subject: Request to inculcate importance of sports by providing basic sports facilities to schools.

Respected Sir,

I am writing this letter to request you to inculcate the importance of sports by providing basic sports facilities to schools.

Sir, as you may be aware, Hima Das, the Indian sprinter recently won 5 Gold medals in one month. Her unbelievable feat has already ignited a passion for sports in the minds of thousands of children. However many of them, despite being talented, do not have the opportunity to make a career in sports. This is mainly due to the fact that most schools do not have even the most basic sports facilities such as proper sports equipment and playgrounds. Considering that sportspersons usually begin their careers before the age of 15, the role played by schools in their careers cannot be disregarded.

I therefore humbly request you to provide these facilities to students and help them achieve their dreams.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
Rima Deshmukh

OR

(A2)

Rohan Deshmukh,
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9th March, 2020

How are you? It has been a while since I last wrote to you.

I was excited to read about Hima Das, the Indian sprinter who won 5 Gold medals in a month. Her article "A healthy mind resides in a healthy body" was really inspiring and hence I felt like writing to you about it.

The article offers a deep insight into sports participation and the benefits associated with it. According to the article, playing a sport inculcates in us important life skills such as problem solving, decision making and critical thinking. It also helps us become empathetic and compassionate human beings. Lastly, the article listed a healthy lifestyle and good nutrition as other outcomes of playing a sport that positively impact our well-being.



Having read the article, I now firmly believe that along with studies, sports should be given equal importance in a child's development. As they say, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'.

In an effort to implement what I have learned, I have started playing badminton since last week. And the experience I have had in a week's time resonates with every word written in the article. Thus, I earnestly recommend you to also pick up a sport and reap these benefits.

Do write soon because I am waiting to hear your views and opinions on this subject.

Your loving friend
Rohan Deshmukh

[5 Marks]

Q.6
(A)

(A1)

Fact File: Chandrayaan-2

	Table	Information
i.	Name of the Mission	Chandrayaan-2
ii.	Date of Launch	22 nd July
iii.	Centre of Launch	Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota
iv.	Name of the Rover	Pragyan meaning 'wisdom'
v.	Founder of Indian Space Programme	Vikram Sarabhai

OR

(A2)

Type of Diseases

Diseases are broadly classified into two types, viz. communicable diseases and non-communicable or lifestyle diseases. Communicable diseases spread through various mediums of infection. This includes air (e.g. influenza), food (e.g. dysentery) and water (e.g. typhoid). On the other hand, the major causes of non-communicable or lifestyle diseases are either faulty eating habits or faulty living habits. Faulty eating habits generally result in diseases like obesity and diabetes, while faulty living habits are associated with stress and hypertension. Public awareness regarding different types of infections and their causes is essential to prevent and control the spread of diseases in society.

[5 Marks]

Q.6
(B)

(B1)

Importance of Reading

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends.

Good morning! On the occasion of 'Reading Inspiration Day' 15th October, I am here to present my thoughts on the topic 'Importance of Reading'. 'A book is a dream that you hold in your hand'.

Today's generation is more fond of the internet and mobile phones than reading, isn't it? Today kindly allow me to make a case in favour of reading. Reading good books increases our knowledge. We learn more about the world. We keep up with happenings around the world. Our vocabulary evolves into a polished and skilful one which in turn boosts our confidence and makes us eloquent speakers. We can then stand firmly and clearly express our point of view during any discussion. Also, reading eradicates the feeling of loneliness. Instead of sitting idle and wasting precious time, we can keep ourselves occupied by reading a good book.

The world's famous billionaires attribute their success to their reading habits. Great personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Alva Edison and many more used to read books to gain inspiration, to gain power and to push themselves. Books mould our thoughts, our ideas, and our perspectives. We get the inspiration to set targets, achieve goals and reach the pinnacle of success.

Friends, I would suggest that each one of us should read, and read good books, since 'A book has the power to change someone's life'.

Thank you for listening to me patiently.



OR

(B2)

Counterviews on 'Internet will soon replace books'

Internet may be the future, but books are equally strong roots that support and encourage educational endeavours! Though the internet provides us with easy access to a plethora of data, yet its widespread application in rural areas is still very limited due to infrastructure related challenges. In our fast-paced lives, we constantly seek resources that save our time, but excessive use of the internet has shown to be a cause of various physical and mental ailments. The internet may be an economical and time saving alternative to books but how authentic and reliable is this 'free' information? The internet has lately transformed from a 'storehouse' of useful information to a 'virtual dump' storing repetitive and unreliable information. Constant use of the internet has limited our reasoning capabilities and our creativity. On the contrary, books remain a well-founded source of inspiration. So, as the world continues to debate whether the internet would replace books, I for one am certain that books will always have the magical ability of bringing the past to life through the words of those who lived in the years gone by, an emotion the internet could never replace.

[5 Marks]

Q.7
(A)**Section VI: Creative Writing**

(A1)

Be the change you want to see

We must first change ourselves in order to change the thoughts of a society. We all preach various slogans, 'Save the girl child', 'Green India', 'Ban Plastic', 'Save the Environment' and so on; but only a few of us contribute towards these causes. It is true that changing the thoughts of society is a herculean task. However, if one person is successful in doing so, then he can bring about a revolution. Mahatma Gandhi himself moulded the views of society towards justice and non-violence. But to do so, he first changed himself, proving that a good leader can change the entire nation. Similarly, we need to change ourselves and mend our ways. Let us throw our wrappers in dustbins, turn off our taps while brushing and so on. Let's work for the 'Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan' and other social movements, spread awareness and be the change that we want to see.

OR

(A2)

Sweeper's Daughter scores 96% in Class XII

- Kanika Manek, Student Staff Reporter

Mumbai, 20th June 2020

In the city of dreams, yet another dream came true this morning - The dream of Naresh, a sweeper of 'The Lakeside High School and Jr. College' and his daughter Meenakshi. The same stage and halls Naresh once cleaned were decorated to felicitate his daughter who has secured 96% in her class XII exams.

As Meenakshi stepped onto the stage the entire school applauded her for her astounding feat. Her teachers were all in praise of her commitment, dedication and hard work.

As he was asked to address the crowd, a teary-eyed Naresh could not stop thanking the school's trust for financially supporting the dreams of his daughter. Meenakshi vowed to return back to the school one day as a teacher and help others like her realise and fulfil their dreams.

[5 Marks]

Q.7
(B)

(B1)

Mother's Love is Priceless

He boarded the train happily and he searched his pocket for the tickets and found an envelope from his mother. Rajesh was worried as he could not find his tickets in his trouser pockets. All he had was an envelope with his name on it. Rajesh opened the envelope to find a handwritten note. He grew angry with his mother for misplacing his tickets. Helpless, he began reading the note. His mother wrote about how she would miss him as he was travelling miles away from home. Rajesh's mind suddenly wavered back to the T.C. who was



approaching him. Worried, he read the last lines of the letter, 'I have booked you a first-class ticket for your journey so that you don't have to worry while travelling alone at night. Love, Maa'. As Rajesh hastily looked back into the envelope, he found a ticket for the A.C. coach which he happily showed the T.C. In the blink of an eye, Rajesh realised that there is nothing more precious than a mother's love.

OR

(B2)

My Most Embarrassing Experience

It was my preliminary examination and I had studied nothing. I scribbled something on my answer sheet but, everything was meaningless. Half of my answer sheet was blank. Soon, we were shown our paper in the classroom. I had secured the lowest marks. I was a class topper a few years ago. I was ashamed and decided to lie to my parents about my marks. As soon as I reached home I sat on the table to study. I didn't even go out to play. My dad was very happy to see me studying sincerely. My parents asked me about my marks. I lied and told them I scored full marks. My dad was very proud. He walked with pride on the open day. But his pride was short-lived. After seeing my report card, he gave me a stern look and didn't speak to me until we got home. I felt ashamed and embarrassed. When we got home, I apologised to my parents. I assured them that I would never lie to them again and I promised myself to work hard in order to achieve success.

[5 Marks]