



# BOARD QUESTION PAPER: NOVEMBER 2020

## English Kumarbharati

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**(ACTIVITY SHEET)****Section I: Language Study****Q.1 (A)****(A1) Do as Directed (any four):****[04]**

- 1. Make a meaningful sentence of your own using the following phrase:**  
'drop out' **(1)**
- 2. Pick out the present participle from the following sentence:**  
His eyes were shining. **(1)**
- 3. Fill in the blank with the proper form of the verb given in the bracket:**  
Either of the two ..... guilty. (is/are) **(1)**
- 4. Form past participle in which the last letter is doubled.** **(1)**
- 5. Complete the word chain of adjectives:** **(1)**  
Small, I \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**(A2) Do as Directed (any two):****[04]**

- 1. Begin the following sentence with: Our inaction .....** **(2)**  
Children are questioning our inaction.
- 2. Make two sentences of your own to show the difference of Homograph:** **(2)**  
'fine'
- 3. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:** **(2)**  
"Are you still hungry?" I asked her. She said, "Yes, I am."

**(B) Do as Directed (any one):****[02]**

- 1. Pick out the modal auxiliary and state its function:** **(2)**  
Lack of rain could cause drought.
- 2. Make two sentences by using the given word as a noun and as a verb without changing its form:** **(2)**  
Water

**Section II: Textual Passages**  
**(Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)**
**Q.2 (A) Read the following passage and do the given activities:****[10]****(A1) Four things found in nature.****(2)**

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We went to a rocky beach and saw the spread of the majestic ocean and the rocks alongside, carved, sculpted and shaped by the water. Water is so gentle, rock so hard, yet, as the water flows over it every day, for years, the rock gives in. It takes the shape that the water commands. Our problems are so colossal and we are so small, yet if we persist...





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.

**(A2) Mention what you learn from the following:**

(2)

- i. Bits of grass peeping through the small cracks .....
- ii. Tree bare in winter blooms in spring .....

**(A3) Match the words with their meanings:**

(2)

	'A'		'B'
i.	Majestic	a.	Huge/massive
ii.	Persist	b.	Grand
iii.	Colossal	c.	Firm belief
iv.	Conviction	d.	Continue

**(A4) Do as Directed:**

**i. It takes the shape of water.**

(1)

(Add a question tag)

**ii. We saw small bits of grass.**

(1)

(Pick up the verb and state whether it is transitive or intransitive verb)

**(A5) How do you face difficulties in life?**

(2)

**(B) Read the following passage and do the given activities:**

[10]

**(B1) Complete the following sentences using word/words from the passage:**

(2)

- i. Hemingway's novel is based on .....
- ii. The novel was published in .....
- iii. During the First World War Hemingway worked for .....
- iv. Hemingway had experience of fishing in .....

Hemingway's novel is based on real events and it also draws heavily on his own life. He had experience of fishing in the Cuban waters and like the old man he was also a fan of baseball. He worked for the Red Cross during the First World War and was injured by shrapnel when he was in Italy. Hemingway always talks about the need to struggle against defeat or death and how determination and endurance can help one to win in this struggle. The old man is at the end of the novel very near death, but we know that the story of his suffering and loss will live on in the memories of the people of his village. Ultimately his story becomes one of triumph because the tales of his life will live on even after his death. The novel was published in 1952, when people were trying to recover from the mass destruction wrought by the two world wars, and this tale of endurance and ultimate triumph immediately struck a chord with the readers.

**(B2) Two things which Hemingway always talks about:**

(2)

- i.
- ii.

**(B3) 1. Add suffix to make adjectives:**

(1)

- i. injury
- ii. memory

**2. Write the synonyms from the passage for the following words:**

(1)

- i. victory
- ii. tolerance



**(B4) Do as Directed:**

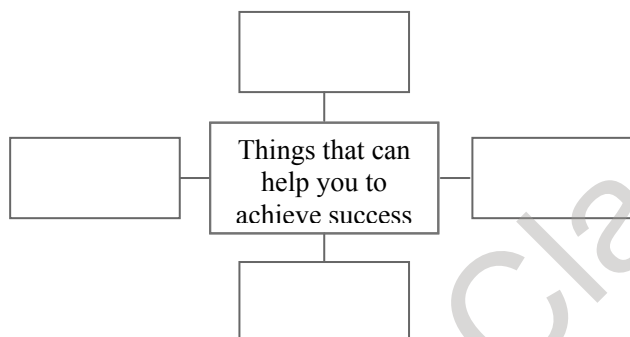
- i. Ultimately his story becomes one of triumph. (1)  
(Rewrite the sentence in present perfect tense)
- ii. He was injured during the First World War. (1)  
(Frame a Wh-question to get the underlined part as an answer)

**(B5) Would you prefer reading a book or watching an animated film? Justify your answer. (2)**

**Section III: Poetry**

**Q.3 (A) Read the following extract and do the given activities: [05]**

**(A1) Complete the web chart with the information from the extract: (2)**



If you simply go after that thing that you want with all of your capacity, strength and sagacity, faith, hope and confidence and stern for tenacity

If neither cold poverty, famish or gout  
or sickness or pain  
of body and brain  
can keep you away from the thing that you want,

If dogged and grim you be size and beget it,  
with the help of GOD you'll get it!

**(A2) How can poverty keep you away from achieving your goals? (2)**

**(A3) With the help of GOD you'll get it! (1)**  
(Name and explain the figure of speech)

**(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format: [05]**

**Animals**

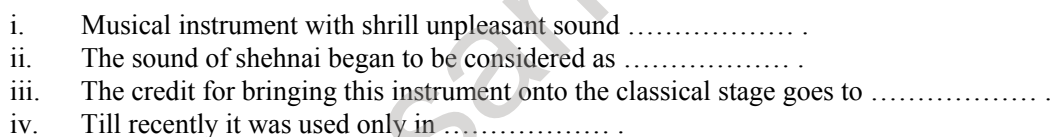
I think I could turn and live with animals, they are  
so placid and self-contain'd  
I stand and look at them long and long.  
They do not sweat and whine about their condition,  
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,  
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,  
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with  
the mania of owning things.  
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that  
lived thousand of years ago,  
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.



– *Walt Whitman*

- (Section IV: Non-Textual Passage)**  
**(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)**

**(A1) Choose the correct option from the following balloons:** (2)



The sound of the shehnai began to be considered auspicious. And for this reason it is still played in temples and is an indispensable component of any North Indian wedding. In the past, the shehnai was part of the *naubat* or traditional ensemble of nine instruments found at royal courts. Till recently it was used only in temples and weddings. The credit for bringing this instrument onto the classical stage goes to Ustad Bismillah Khan.

The instrument was named as shehnai .....

- i. high-pitched
- ii. regal
- iii. admired
- iv. essential.



**(A4) Do as Directed:**

- i. Shehnai was part of the naubat. (1)  
(Pick out the subject and predicate)
- ii. It was first played in the Shah's chambers and was played by a nai. (1)  
(State whether the statement is simple/compound/complex)

**(A5) Which is your favourite musical instrument and why? (2)****(B) Summary Writing [05]**

Write a short summary of the passage given in Q. No. 4(A) and suggest a suitable title.

**Section V: Writing Skills****Q.5 Letter writing: [05]**

**(A) Imagine you are Ria/Rahul, residing at 103, Pragat Colony, M.G. Road, Nagpur - 15.**

**Attempt any one of the letter based on the given situation.**

**"Dengue-Death : A cause for concern."**

**A1. Formal Letter**

Write a letter to the Health Officer, Nagpur, Municipal Corporation, Nagpur-10 requesting him to take necessary preventive measures to control the spread of dengue.

**A2. Informal Letter**

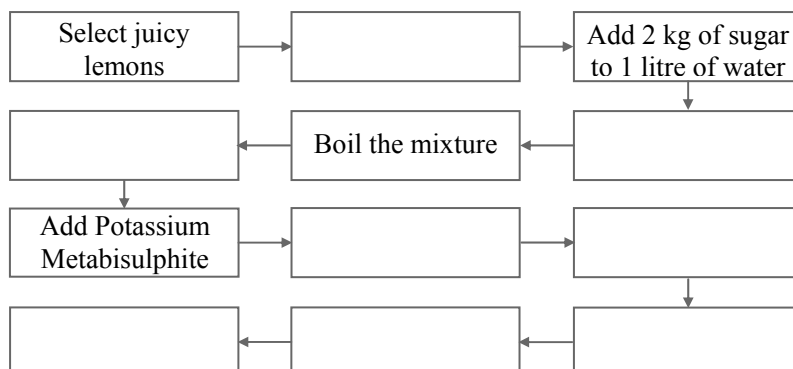
Write a letter to your friend Anil/Anita making him/her aware about the dangers of spread of dengue.

OR

**Q.6 (A) Information Transfer [05]**

**(A1) Read the following information and transfer it into a flow chart and suggest a suitable title:**

Select juicy lemons to prepare 1 litre of lemon squash extract the juice. Then take 1 litre of water, 2 kg of sugar and half tsp of citric acid and boil the mixture till the sugar is completely dissolved. Later add yellow food colour and 1 tsp essence and extracted juice of lemons. Dissolve the potassium metabisulphite in a little juice and mix it into the prepared squash. Pour the prepared squash into sterilized bottles and allow it to cool. Seal it or close the bottles tightly. Lastly store the bottles in a cool place away from sunlight.

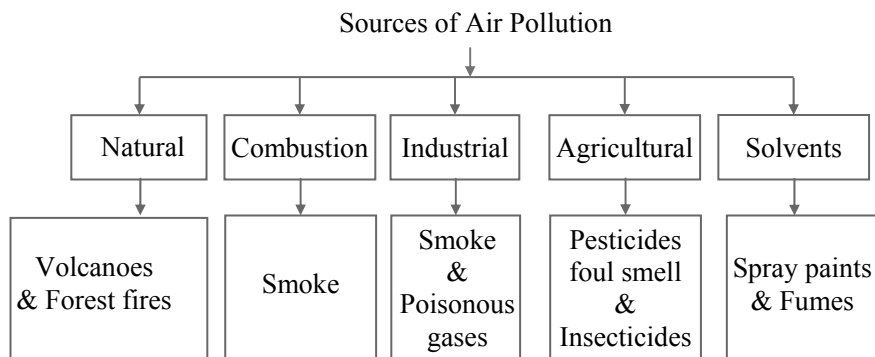




OR

**(A2) Transfer the information into a paragraph:**

Read the following diagram and transform it into a paragraph:

**(B) Attempt any one of the following:**

[05]

**(B1) Speech:**

**Prepare a speech to be delivered on 'Environment Day' in your school on the topic 'Ban on Single Use of Plastic'.**

Make use of the following points:

- choke pipes
- endangers marine life
- soil degrade
- disturbs the ecological balance
- encourage use of cloth/paper bag.

OR

**(B2) View-Counterinterview:**

Life of a bird is better than that of a human being

**Prepare a paragraph of counterinterviews on the given topic.**

View:

- tension free life
- no bondages
- no studies
- no parental control
- free to do anything.

**Section VI: Creative Writing**
**Q.7 (A) Do any one of the following:**

[05]

**(A1) Expand the theme:**

**Expand the following idea into a paragraph of 100 words:**

'Actions speak louder than words.'

OR

**(A2) News Report:**

**Prepare a news report based on the following headline:**

'Heavy rains disrupt the city.'

**(B) Do any one of the following:**

[05]

**(B1) Developing a story:**

Develop a story and suggest a suitable title. The conclusion/end is given.

..... thus they decided to speak the truth.

OR

**(B2) Narrating an experience:**

Narrate an experience of your own. Begin with:

The day being a holiday I .....

