



Std : X
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Preliminary Exam: 1

**Sub: ENGLISH
Marks: 80**

SECTION A : PROSE

Q.1.A) Read the following passage and do the activities : (10 Marks)

A1. Complete the sentences with the help of following passage:

1. SGNP has not less than Leopards.

2. Krishna Tiwari is a

3. SGNP forest is in the

4. Leopards feed on strays such as

Cases of leopards straying into human settlements have increased in the past few years, said Krishna Tiwari, a wildlife expert who works closely with the forest department on the city forest initiative. "Incidents used to happen earlier but their frequency has increased in the past five to six years. This is because the leopard's habitat has shrunk and its prey base has depleted. Also, since the leopards are surrounded by human settlements, they prey on dogs and other livestock as they are easier to catch than deer or wild boar," he said. SGNP has not less than 20 leopards which are found mostly on its periphery, where human settlements exist.

Tiwari said human-animal conflicts were inevitable as the forest is in the heart of the city but some short and long-term initiatives can be undertaken. "Awareness among people on how to avoid leopard attacks is needed such as keeping their areas clean as garbage attracts livestock on which leopards feed. Also, more quick response teams with sophisticated equipment are needed to handle such situations. A boundary wall can also be constructed so that at least humans can be kept away from the leopard habitat," he said.

A2. Complete the following web:

Reasons why leopards
Stay into human settlements

Reason 2)
.....

Reason 1)
.....

A3. (a) Choose the correct meaning of the following in the context of the passage :

1. initiative :
a) a new step b) good judgment
c) an opportunity to gain an advantage
2. conflict :
a) disagreement b) differing beliefs
c) attacks or fights between two groups

A4. Complete the following sentences by making reasonable changes :

1. Voice : Leopards are surrounded by human settlements.

Rewrite the sentence beginning with – Human settlements

2. Degree : Dogs are easier to catch than deer or wild boar.

Rewrite the sentence beginning with – Deer or wild boar are not

A5. Suggest some of your own solutions for keeping leopards away from human areas.

Q.1.B.) Read the following passage and do the activities :

(10 Marks)

B1.

B1. Choose the correct alternatives from the following to complete the following sentences:

1. The writer's laptop have
a) audio and video b) MS Word or notepad c) games and graphics
2. Writing and typing have become synonymous because of
a) choreography b) calligraphy c) technology
3. Typing on the laptop
a) saves time and money b) saves energy and strength
c) saves paper and edits innumerable times
4. The writer predicts for Parker and fountain pens.
a) a bright future b) a good future c) a bleak future



There was a time when I had a pocket diary and a pen wherever I went but now I have a laptop and iPhone accompanying me instead. I still use a pen but its purpose has been signature seems to have become electronic.

MS Word or a notepad on my laptop (even on an iPhone or an iPad) is doing the job a notebook did some years ago. The only difference is that instead of my holding a pen for support, my fingers are at work all by themselves typing on the keyboard of the laptop or the touch screen of iPhone. Now, I feel that beautiful thoughts ooze out of my heart to slip down, not through the ink of my pen but through the typing fingers only to be edited later on to the flat LCD screens of my laptop. The only advantage is saving paper as I can edit innumerable times that don't cost a thing to get my final version. While writing and typing have almost become synonymous because of technology, it has made writing no more writing in its truest sense.

The advent of technology has brought in so many changes that we can hardly fathom the effects on the further generations. There might come a time when our future generations laugh at the very idea that their ex-generations were using a pen to write. They may also come to know about pens-like Dinosaurs—that existed once upon a time in the history until they were extinct useless.

Certainly a bleak future awaits those legendary Parker and fountain pens.

- B2** Different changes that have taken place in the writer's use of pen recently are –
 1. 2.
 3. 4.

B3 Match the words in Column 'A' with the opposite meaning words in Column 'B' :

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
Difference	Bright
Innumerable	Similarity
Extinct	Few
Bleak	Extant

- B4** (1) I still use a pen but its purpose has been restricted.
 (Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'Although')
 (2) The only advantage is saving paper.
 (Rewrite as a negative sentence)

- B5.** Mention some electronic media without which we cannot imagine a single day.
 Why are they so important to you ?

Q.2 A) Read the following passage and do the activities :

(10 Marks)

A1. Choose the correct option and complete the sentences:

- i) What do leaves of trees give out ?
 a) oxygen b) carbon-di-oxide c) nitrogen

- ii) What do forests prevent ?
 a) rain b) soil erosion c) fresh air

One of the problems that our earth faces is that of pollution. This problem worsens when we pull down our forests. It is rightly said that forests are the 'lungs' of the earth. Trees and plants purify the air. The leaves of trees take in carbon-di-oxide from the air and give out precious oxygen. Forests keep the weather on the earth equable and healthy. They bring rain. They prevent soil erosion. Forests are the homes of many animals and plants. We get herbs and wood from the forest. There is no doubt that forests are our 'life lines'.

A2. Write 2-3 uses of forests.

A3. Write from the passage the verb forms of : a) pure b) worse

A4. Do the following activities :

1. Forests bring rain. (Change the voice)
 2. Leaves take in carbon-di-oxide.
 (Frame a Wh-type question to get the underlined part as an answer)

A5. Mention two other problems that our earth faces.



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

(10 Marks)

i) 1. is the most beautiful bird in the world of birds.

- a) crow b) cuckoo c) peacock

ii) A peacock has wonderful feathers that shine.

- a) green and blue b) red and blue c) yellow and blue

In the world of birds, peacock is one of the most beautiful. It has wonderful green and blue feathers that give its body a beautiful shape. When it dances, it spreads its plumage like a fan. The peacock is pleased to see black clouds in the sky. As soon as the clouds roar, it dances. The dance of the peacock is a unique sight. While it dances in rhythmical steps, the bird gives out a long drawn cry. Those who witness the peacock's dance are indeed lucky. The peacock is indeed the finest bird in our land. We honour it as our national bird.

B2. Describe the dance of the peacock.

B4. Do the following activities :

1. As soon as the clouds roar, it dances.
(Rewrite using 'no sooner - than')

2. The bird gives out a long drawn cry.
(Add a question tag)

B3. Write from the passage adjectives used for the following nouns -

- a) sight b) clouds

B 5. Write four lines about your favourite bird.

Q.3.A) Read the following extract and do the activities :

(05 Marks)

Food is for senses

Food is for mind, body and soul

If not had on time

On our health, it takes a toll

There's nothing to be ashamed of
When you eat
Sweating it out later is what you do
When you overeat

The more you eat, the more it shows
Vertically you may not but horizontally you grow.

A 1. Complete the following sentences.

1. Food is helpful for
2. If you eat more, you will grow
3. Sweat it out when you
4. If you don't eat on time, it takes a on your health

A2. What happens if we do not take our food on time and what happens when you overeat.

A3. Read the following line from the poem and write one such sentence of your own :

The more you eat, the more it shows.

Q.3. B) Read the following extract and do the following activities :

(05 Marks)

Often your tasks will be many,
And more often you think you can do.
Often the road will be rugged
And the hills insurmountable, too.

But always remember,
The hills ahead
Are never as steep as they seem,
And with Faith in your heart.

Start upward
And climb 'til you reach your dream.
For nothing in life that is worthy
Is ever to hard to achieve
If you have courage to try it,

And you have the faith to believe.
For faith is a force that is greater
Than knowledge or power or skill,
And many defeats turn to triumph
If you trust in God's wisdom and will.

B1. Find the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences :

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1. The message of the poem is to
 a) keep climbing the hill
 b) climb for fitness
 c) work hard to achieve success
2. The poet advises us to
 a) believe in God
 b) believe in our faith
 c) believe in ourselves

3. We should continue our work
 a) without stopping
 b) until we realize our expectations
 c) until we get tired
4. Faith is a force greater than
 a) anything
 b) knowledge or power or skill
 c) love or affection

B2. What helps us to keep trying in moments of difficulties ?

B3. Match the words that refer to real-life situations in Column 'A' with the meanings suggested by the poet in Column 'B'

- | Column A | Words that refer to real-life situations |
|----------|--|
| 1. | road |
| 2. | insurmountable hills |
| 3. | rugged road |
| 4. | steep hills |

- | Column A | Meanings suggested by the poet |
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- a) difficulties faced on the journey of life
- b) goals that appear to pose many risks and dangers persimmons!
- c) the journey of life
- d) goals that seem difficult to

SECTION C : RAPID READING

Q.4.) Read the passage and attempt the following activities:

That night Arun brought up the topic of the excursion at dinner time. "Our class is going on an excursion..." he began.

"Oh, that is fine," said his mother smiling. "I am sure you will enjoy it. Where are you going?"

"I am not going," said Arun, his words coming out in a rush. "I won't go! I just can't..."

It is for two days and..." he hesitated before finishing in a low voice, "two nights!"

"So? I don't see anything wrong with that!" said Father heartily. "In fact, it is a good idea! It will probably be good for you. You have my permission to go..."

"But I don't want to go," said Arun miserably. "Teacher said if we bring a medical Certificate, then we need not..."

1 "No!" Father broke in firmly before Arun

"Definitely not! Don't even think of it! You will go on the excursion like everyone else, and that is final!"

Poor Arun! Never had anyone been as unenthusiastic as he about going on a class excursion. His class-mates could talk of nothing else, and their excitement bubbled over as they made their plans. Arun's mother tried hard to cheer him up and get him into the spirit of things, but Arun did not feel any pleasure on seeing his fine, new picnic kit or all the delicious food his mother had packed for him. All he could think of was how he was going to manage during the excursion, when night crept upon them! He prayed for an earthquake, or floods so that the excursion would be cancelled. But alas! None of these happened. Nor did he get measles or chicken-pox or even fever!

(05)

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A1. Complete the following sentences using the correct words/phrases from the passage:

1. Arun was about going on a class excursion.
a) excited b) eager c) unenthusiastic d) happy
2. Arun's father did not see anything With the class excursion.
a) wrong b) good c) right d) helpful

A2. Describe how Arun tried to avoid the the excursion. What was his father's response ?

A3. How do you react when your teacher announces your class-excursion ?

SECTION D : WRITING SKILLS

Q.5.A.) Complete any one of the activities from A1 or A2.

(5 Marks)

A1.

Look at the adjacent circular for a fun-fair to be held in your school. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend the fun-fair. Give him some details.

OR

A2. Look at the given circular notice for a fun-fair to be held in your school.

Write a letter to your Principal for permission to organize interesting games in the fun-fair.

Grand Fun-Fair

Come One, Come All!

Grand Fun-Fair

On 24th, 25th December, 2013

On the premises of

K. A. Bantia High School, New Panvel.

Time : 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ENJOYABLE GAMES / PLENTY OF STALLS

MOUTH WATERING REFRESHMENTS

A lot of entertainment

Make the Fair the Grand Success!

- Cultural Committee

Q.5.B) Do any one from the following activities form B1 or B 2.

(5 Marks)

B 1

Your father recently bought a new smart phone. Write a paragraph about the same in about 100 words describing it. You can take help of the following points.

- Name of the brand and model.
- It's screen size.
- Main features / Camera / Connectivity.
- Design and display / Memory
- You can add your own points.

B 2

My fourteenth birthday was originally a disappointment that turned into my best birthday ever. For five or six months preceding the big day, I begged my parents for a certain new bicycle. But on that day I saw my parents returning home without bicycle. I was disappointed a lot. Instead of bicycle they gifted me a pen, some books and an envelope. When I opened the envelop I saw Complete the paragraph. Write about 100 words. You can take help of following points:

1. What you find in the envelop?
2. How it made you happy?
3. How you thanks your parents for the gift?



Q.6 A) Do any one from the following activities form A 1 or A2.

(5 Marks)

Your school had organized a farewell ceremony for a teacher who was going to be retired in next month. Write a report of the ceremony for your school magazine. **Points:** date – time – chief guest – one of the teacher talked about him – principle gave him a gift – he spoke about his 20 years long service – tears in the eyes of all -

Write about 100

words. You are allowed to add your own points.

Your reached school late. Now write dialogue **between** you and your class teacher.

You	:	May I come in, sir
Class teacher	:	Yes, come in. today?
You	:	I , sir, I have
Class teacher	:	Why?
You	:
Class teacher	:	Are you?
You	:	Yes, believe me, Sir..
Class teacher	:	Ok, take
You	: , sir.

Q.6 B) Do any one from the following activities form B1 or B2.

(5 Marks)

B1

Communication can be split into two main forms: verbal and nonverbal communication. Write a short paragraph using the information given in the following table.

Written communication	Oral Communication
Letter	Face to face
Copy on a website or internet	Team meeting or group discussion
A news paper or magazine advertisement	A TV or Radio advertisement

B2

Given below is a performance of the students. Prepare a pie chart depicting the information :

In a cricket match Team A scored 360 runs loosing 5 wickets. Deepak scores 100 runs and caught out at long on. Catch was taken by Sandeep. Vivek falls 10 runs short for his century. Mehul scored a maiden fifty. Nikhil scored 75 runs and run out and Shubham remains not out on 35runs.

- Q.7. You and your younger brother were going for a walk. Your brother saw a board at site of new building which was under construction. He wants to know what was written on it but he doesn't know English. Translate it for him in your mother tongue.

