

English [Set B]

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Question 1:

[15]

Question 1.A: Read the first activity, read the extract and then do all the activities: [12]

A1. Choose two sentences that appropriately mention the theme of the passage :

- (1) The extract deals with the writer's concern over Chaitanya's handicap.
- (2) The extract depicts the writer's proud feelings towards her son's achievement.
- (3) The extract deals with how Chaitanya made the writer see positively towards life.
- (4) The extract deals with how the writer helps Chaitanya to buy the bus ticket.

Early in 1997-98, when he returned from state-level inter-school sports, he had two prizes to his credit and a silver medal. He had won his laurels in athletic events and the silver medal in a running race.

When I saw the prizes and read the citation Chaitanya had received, I was stupefied, in total disbelief, then—hugged him, kissed him and cried unabashedly to my heart's content. That day, I cried for the first time out of joy and a sense of being vindicated. Without practice, he had competed with approximately 1,800 children drawn from various schools all over the state. He was subsequently selected for the marathon race, but he could not participate due to a health problem. "Maybe next year, he would", I assured myself. And I, as his proud mother, would proudly chronicle his future achievements and success to inspire other - mothers of the world.

Looking back at my own life, I feel that it is the spirit with which we can accept our life gracefully is what matters ultimately; and it is love that nourishes us. All other things are unimportant. Chaitanya has made me look inwards. His handicap doesn't disturb me any longer. He and I shall live with it and still be happy. The mental strength which he has given to me is inexhaustible.

One day, as both of us got onto a public transport bus, Chaitanya offered to buy the tickets for us.

"One full, one half", he said to the conductor beaming with joy.

Looking at him, I wondered whether he was really only a half? An incomplete person? Was I really full?

Complete in all respects? Why do then normal people feel that they are 'full' and others like Chaitanya are 'half' or incomplete? Chaitanya's world is complete in itself, pure and innocent while our lives are full of deceit, jealousies, ill-feelings.

A2. Point out -

Point out two instances where you find Chaitanya's victory over his disability.

A3. Give reasons -

Chaitanya's silver medal in a running race was very special for the writer, because :

- (i) _____
 (ii) _____

A4. Vocabulary -

Match the pairs of the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B':

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
(1)	stupefied	(a)	official statement about the special act of courage
(2)	chronicle	(b)	record events in the order they happened
(3)	vindicated	(c)	surprised or shocked
(4)	citation	(d)	justified

A5. Personal response -

Explain, your views about the ill-treatment the special children receive in society.

A6. Grammar -

Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :

- (i) He had won his laurels in athletic events and the silver medal in a running race.
 (Rewrite the sentence using 'not only...but also'.)
 (ii) When I saw the prizes, I was stupefied.
 (Rewrite the sentence using 'No sooner.... than'.)

Solution: A1.

- (1) The extract depicts the writer's proud feelings towards her son's achievement.
 (2) The extract deals with how Chaitanya made the writer see positively towards life.

A2.

The two instances where we can find Chaitanya's victory over his disability are"

- (i) Chaitanya won his laurels in athletic events and the silver medal in a running race.
 (ii) Chaitanya participated and got selected for a marathon race without practice where he had completed with approximately 1800 children.

A3.

Chaitanya's silver medal in a running race was very special for the writer because:

- (i) He was a special child (disable) & despite that disability, he won many laurels medals & achievements.
 (ii) These achievements of Chaitanya made his mother feel really proud of her child & she would proudly chronicle his future achievements & success to inspire other mothers of the world.

A4.

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
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(1)	stupefied	(c)	surprised or shocked
(2)	chronicle	(b)	record events in the order they happened
(3)	vindicated	(d)	justified
(4)	citation	(a)	official statement about the special act of courage

A5.

Special children if compared were always isolated in the past because of their disability whether physical or mental. But with time, perception towards children with disabilities has changed significantly. There is no more bias attitude towards them & they are not isolated anymore. In fact everyone is considered equal & given equal rights. We have seen people now not showing any kind of sympathy towards but care for them. Normal people make them feel comfortable & motivate them to do several things even if it is a challenge for them as they are also like other people in society. Even kids in school do not make fun or comment on such special kids but become friends with them & help them further. Hence, with time the perception & attitude towards such special children is changing in a positive way as expected.

A6.

(i) He had won his laurels not only in athletic events but also received a silver medal in running race.

(ii) No sooner did I see the prizes than I was stupefied.

Question 1.B: Grammar-

[3]

Question 1.B.1: Do as directed :

[1]

When earthquake strikes, world trembles.

(Insert appropriate articles wherever necessary and rewrite it.)

Solution: When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles.

Question 1.B.2: Do as directed :

[1]

I spent my holiday _____ some friends _____ a wooden house.

(Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.)

Solution: I spent my holiday with some friends in a wooden house.

Question 1.B.3: Do as directed :

[1]

Radha said to the teacher, "I feel very happy to help my mother at home."

(Change it into indirect speech.)

Solution: Radha told the teacher that she felt very happy to help her mother at home.

Question 2:**[15]**

Question 2.A: On this historic moment, I stand here to thank Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. India's present epoch maker has come over here to bless the state of Maharashtra which is definitely going to last forever. On behalf of thousands of common people, I express my deep sense of gratitude to him for blessing us. We Maharashtrians love him, worship him. And once again, I wish to declare that this state of Maharashtra, recently formed, will work for the betterment of the common people of Maharashtra, but if it comes to sacrifice, whatever best and grand we have, it will be done primarily for India. This is so, because, we believe from the beginning, that Maharashtra depends on India; its greatness depends on the greatness of India. All Maharashtrians believe that both India and Maharashtra can progress only when there is oneness of interest. And, therefore, I have made this clear by bringing to your notice the significance of certain symbols, for example, the Himalayas stand for India and the Sahyadri, for Maharashtra. The snowy Himalayas with the highest mountain ranges symbolise India and the Sahyadri with the blackest rock structure and with 200-300 inches rainfall symbolise Maharashtra. I promise you that if the Himalayas are in jeopardy, the Sahyadri of Maharashtra will use its black rock structure like a shield to protect the Himalayas.

'Hard labour' is the watch word of our times. And, Panditji, you have given us the message of building Maharashtra and our nation by hard labour. We are going to inscribe this valuable message on our minds and try our best to look at your blessings and your guidance, as the blessings and guidance of an epoch maker. **[12]**

A1. Read the following statements. Find out the correct statements and write them down : (2)

- (i) Both India and Maharashtra can progress if they have different interests.
- (ii) Hard work is the only way to build the future of India and Maharashtra.
- (iii) The sacrifice of the best and grand in Maharashtra will be made for the state of Maharashtra.
- (iv) In times of great calamity the Sahyadri will protect the Himalayas, like a shield.

A2. Complete the following statements : (2)

- (i) The interest of Maharashtra and that of India should be one for the progress of Maharashtra state, because
- (ii) Maharashtra depends on India, because

A3. Complete the table : (2)

The name of the mountain	Stands for	The reason
The Himalayas The Sahyadri		

A4. Vocabulary - (2)

Give antonyms of the following words by adding prefixes :

- (i) gratitude
- (ii) clear
- (iii) believe
- (iv) significance

A5. Personal response - (2)

Give your suggestions that will help the people to make Maharashtra prosperous.

A6. Grammar - (2)

Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :

- (i) India and Maharashtra can progress only when there is oneness of interest.
(Rewrite it using 'unless')
- (ii) This state of Maharashtra will work for the betterment of the common people of Maharashtra.
(Rewrite it using modal auxiliary showing 'obligation')

Solution: A1.

- (ii) Hard work is the only way to build the future of India and Maharashtra.
- (iv) In times of great calamity the Sahyadri will protect the Himalayas, like a shield.

A2.

- (i) The interest of Maharashtra and that of India should be one for the progress of Maharashtra, state because India and Maharashtra can only progress when there is oneness of interest.
- (ii) Maharashtra depends on India, because its greatness depends on the greatness of India.

A3.

The name of the mountain	Stands for	The reason
The Himalayas	India	The snowy Himalayas with the highest mountain ranges symbolise India.
The Sahyadri	Maharashtra	The blackest rock structure with 200-300 inches rainfall symbolises Maharashtra.

A4.

- (i) Gratitude – ingratitude
- (ii) Clear – Unclear

(iii) Believe – disbelieve

(iv) Significance – insignificance

A5.

According to me, Maharashtra can be prosperous if the people or citizens are really willing to work towards it. Few initiative or steps that we can ensure is to see that our cities have basic facilities like food, clothing, shelter, education and health services easily available. For this alongwith the government we citizens have to make a realistic plan and execute the services so that every citizen living gets the benefits which id also his rights. Proper infrastructure also adds to this. Citizen can ensure that their locality is clean & there is greenary so that the city looks beautiful and environment is also taken care. Citizens should support the Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan. Proper education given to every child and most importantly create the awareness among people about their rights and duties both. By following the above points, I am sure we all can contribute towards prosperous Maharashtra.

A6.

(i) Unless there is oneness of interest India and Maharashtra cannot progress.

(ii) This state of Maharashtra must work for the betterment of the common people of Maharashtra.

Question 2.B: Note making

[3]

Read the following extract and complete the note given below :

The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around 1268 A.D by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka - one of the most prolific temple builders. Belur and Helebid are among their better-known works. While these suffered during the invasion of the 14th century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition. The small temple captivates with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars and even ceilings. It has three Shikhars and stands on a star-shaped raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings: the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone: There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of God and Goddesses, with many incarnations being depicted. There were nymphs too some carrying an ear of maize, a symbol of plenty and prosperity. The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasala sculptures was a remarkable feature. On closer look and it is worth it-the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, stylized flowers and warriors.

Somnathpur Temple

- (1) Location : _____
- (2) Year : 1268 A.D.
- (3) Built by : _____
- (4) Captivates with : _____
- (5) Structural features :
 - (i) Three Shikhars
 - (ii) Star-shaped platform with 24 edges
 - (iii) Outer wall carvings, _____ charging horsemen, _____ and warriors.
 - (iv) Nymphs-symbol of _____

Solution: Somnathpur Temple

- (1) Location : Somnathpur (Somnathpura)
- (2) Year : 1268 A.D.
- (3) Build By : Hoysalas of karnataka
- (4) Captivates with : The beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars and even ceilings.
- (5) Structural features :
 - (i) Three shikhars
 - (ii) Star-shaped platform with 24 edges.
 - (iii) Outer wall carvings, the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone charging horsemen, stylized flowers and warriors.
 - (iv) Nymphs – Symbol of plenty and prosperity.

Question 3: Read the first activity, read the extract and then do all the activities : [15]

Have you are wondered why soldiers are always clad in green? This is to enable them to camouflage themselves during wartime. Hiding in the jungles, their green attire blends into the surrounding trees and shrubs, making it difficult for the enemies to spot them.

Long before man-made use of camouflaging, insects have already adopted the tactic of disguise to escape from the clutches of their predators. By having body colour close to those of the rocks and dried leaves, they can escape from being pursued by the predators.

Butterflies and moths have developed a variety of camouflage strategies since they are quite defenseless and their predators are abundant. Possessing wings which resemble dried leaves help certain butterflies and moths to hide among heaps of dried leaves when predators are around.

Fortunately, not all insects choose the art of disguise to escape from their predators; otherwise, the world would be so dull and colourless. There are insects which assimilate the bright body colours of bees and wasps to escape from being pursued by their predator. Long ago, birds have already learnt to avoid brilliantly coloured wasps and

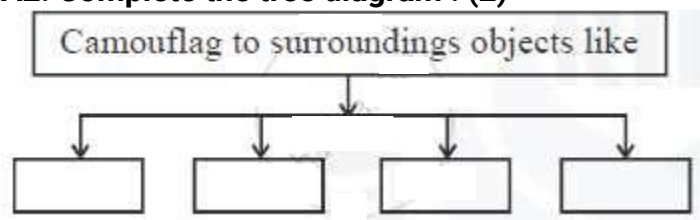
bees in fear of their painful stings. Hence, over millions of years, many harmless insects have assimilated the bees and wasps by imitating their bright body colours and shapes. In this way, they appear dangerous and hence ward them off.

The beefy, not only appears like the bumblebee in terms of body colour, even its hums sound similar too. The only difference is that the beefy does not have a stinging and is hence harmless. The hoverfly is another insect which imitates the body colours of the wasps. Their bodies are striped yellow and black. The only deviations are that hoverflies do not have stings, and they have only one pair of wings each while wasps have two pairs each. These variations are hardly noticed by the predators and hence help them to escape.

A1. Complete the table with the information from the passage : (2)

Insects	Similarity	Difference
Bumblebee - Beefy		
Wasp - Hoverfly		

A2. Complete the tree diagram : (2)



A3. Find out : (2)

'Nature has given a self-protection mechanism to insects'.

Find out at least two examples from the passage to prove this statement.

A4. Vocabulary - (2)

Find the words from the passage for :

- (i) animal or bird that hunts other for food
- (ii) to get free from danger
- (iii) to prevent something from harming
- (iv) to make a copy

A5. Personal response - (2)

'Soldiers disguise themselves to prevent enemies to spot them'.

Give two more examples when the disguising technique is used by humans.

A6. Grammar - (2)

Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :

- (i) They have only one pair of wings.
(Make it negative without changing the meaning)
- (ii) Insects have already adopted the tactic of disguise to escape from the clutches of

their predators.

(Replace infinitive with gerund and rewrite)

(B) Summary : (3)

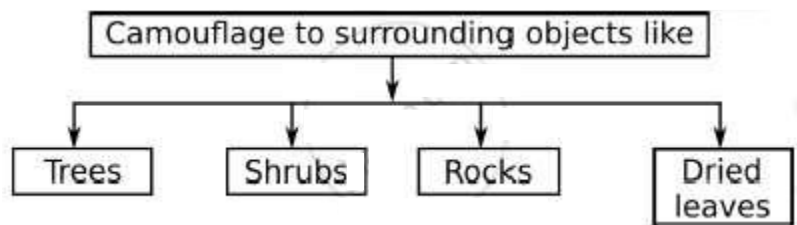
Summaries the above extract with the help of the points given and suggest a suitable title.

Camouflage of soldiers and insects - reason and ways for disguising - assimilation of insects - need of imitation.

Solution: A1.

Insects	Similarly	Difference
Bumblebee-Beefy	Body colour and hums sound	Beefy does not have a sting & hence it harmless.
Wasp – Hoverfly	Body colour (yellow & black stripes)	Hoverflies do not have stings and they have the only a pair of wings each while wasps have two pairs each.

A2.



A3.

The examples from the passage to prove the statement- 'Nature has given self-protection mechanism to insects' are :

- (i) By having body colour close to those of the rocks and dried leaves, they can escape from being pursued by the predators.
- (ii) Possessing wings which resemble dried leaves help certain butterflies and moths to hide among heaps of dried leaves when predators are around.

A4.

- (i) predators
- (ii) escape
- (iii) tactics
- (iv) imitates

A5.

The examples of the disguising technique used by humans are:

- (i) Native American Hunters wore wolf skins to stalk buffalo.
- (i) The cloaks of invisibility used for magic shows or duplicate the person.

A6.

- (i) They do not have more than one pair of wings.
- (ii) Insects have already adopted the tactic of disguise for escaping from the clutches of their predators.

(B) The Deceptive marking

Camouflage is used by soldiers in order to protect them from the enemies and also to be safe from the insects who are camouflaging in the jungle in between the rocks, trees, shrubs and dried leaves. Soldiers use this technique so that they can hide in the jungle area and their enemies could not spot them easily and attack. Nature has given insects the art of disguise naturally like having body colour or possessing wings which resemble dried leaves or rocks. So that they can escape from being pursued by the predators. The assimilation of insects is done as their bright body colour and shapes so that they appear dangerous and hence ward them off. There are several similarities and differences between beefy, bumblebee, hoverfly, wasp and other insects. The need for imitation in insects is required because their variations are hardly noticed by the predators and it helps them to escape

SECTION - II (Poetry)

Question 4: Read the given extract and then do all activities that follow: [8]

If you do not get lowered in your own eyes
While you raise yourself in those of others
If you do not give into gossips and lies
Rather heed them not,- saying, 'Who bothers?'
You may be the person I am looking for.
If you crave not for praise when you win
And look not for sympathy while you lose
If cheers let not your head toss or spin
And after a set-back you offer no excuse.
You may be the person I am looking for.
If you accept counsel without getting sore
And reassess yourself in the light thereof
If you pledge not to be obstinate any more
And meet others without any frown or scoff.
You may be the person I am looking for.

A1. Enlist (2)

Enlist any four things that inspire you to live inspire of failures:

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____
- (iv) _____

A2. Poetic Device? (2)

Figure of speech :

Pick out an example of Refrain from the extract and write down its criteria to identify it.

A3. Personal Response (2)

Express your views in about 50 words, the need to look for an ideal person.

A4. Poetic creativity? (2)

If you do not get lowered in your own eyes.

While you raise yourself in those of others.

If you do not give in to gossips and lies

You may be the person I am looking for.

Compose a line of your own to rhyme with the second line in the given stanza.

Solution: A1.

(i) We can only fail if we give up or stop trying.

(ii) We need to accept our faults and take it as a learning because no one is perfect.

(iii) Failures are the experiences that we get to ensure that they are not repeated ahead.

(iv) Only when you participate and give a try you come to know the positives and negatives about it.

(v) It's not about how many times you have failed but after that how many times you stood up is what really matters.

A2. The example of Refrain (Repetition) from the extract is-

You may be the person I am looking for.

Refrain is identified easily as these lines are repeated in the poem & usually towards the end.

A3. Ideal persons are the ones who are always demanded by people. Majority of people have their role model in life whom they follow or want to become like them. Though we know that no one is perfect in this world but ideal person has a best quality in them that is positive approach towards life.

A4. And consider everyone like their brothers.

SECTION – III (Rapid Reading and Composition)

Question 5: [8]

Question 5.A: Read the extract and do the activities that follow : [4]

'Your father was my enemy,' said Frederick. 'I would have been better pleased by your brave deed if you had told me of another father?'

'I am proud to be Sir Rowland's son,' answered Orlando angrily,' and I would not change my place to be the heir of this dukedom.'

The Duke and his lords went away, leaving Orlando alone with Rosalind and Celia. Celia was angry with her father for speaking so unkindly to Orlando. 'Would I have done this in

my father's place?' she said to Rosalind.

'My father loved Sir Rowland as much as his own soul,' Rosalind said to Celia, 'and all the world agreed with him. If I had known that his young man was Sir Rowland's son I should have begged him with tears not to take so great a risk.'

'Let us go and speak to Orlando,' said gentle Celia. 'I am ashamed of my father's rude and angry words.'

The two girls went up to Orilando and praised him for his bravery. Rosalind took a gold chain from her neck and gave it to him. 'I would like to give you more', she said, 'but I am not rich.' Then she and Celia went away.

Orlando, however, could not forget them. He had already fallen in love with the fair Rosalind, but he could not stay at the Duke's palace. His friends warned him that Frederick was angry and jealous of him. They told Orlando to leave the dukedom, because the Duke meant to do him harm.

A1. Match -

Match the characters and their attributes:

	A		B
i.	Celia	a.	fair
ii.	Orlando	b.	rude and unkind
iii.	Frederick	c.	gentle
iv.	Rosalind	d.	brave

A2. Write an imaginary paragraph:

Write an imaginary paragraph in about 50 words in continuation with the given extract.

Solution: A1.

- (i) Celia - gentle
- (ii) Orlando - brave
- (iii) Frederick – rude and unkind
- (iv) Rosalind – fair

A2.

Orlando who was a very brave and handsome young man was also a very soft hearted person and was good with people who were good and vice-versa. He had the courage of doing all difficult things and so his brother. Duke Frederick loved him for having these qualities and also being his brother. They both respected each other and took suggestion of each other before doing anything right from the planning, administration and management.

Question 5.B: Read the extract and do the activities that follow: (4)

[4]

Tom	:	(down L.). I believe the place is haunted
George	:	Nonsense. No one believes in haunted houses nowadays. There's something queer about the place, I'll admit, but can't be haunted. (Scream off R.)
Ginger	:	Listen! What was that ? (Scream repeated. This time much louder.)
Alfie	:	I want to go home !
Tom	:	It sounds as though someone's being murdered. (Grappling with the door). I'm going to force this door.
Ginger	:	(Crossing L.) It's going to be a tough job, Tom
Alfie	:	(more lustily). I want to go home
George	:	(up C.) Shut up Alfie, you'll rouse the house. Listen! There's someone coming ____ and it's someone in white
Ginger	:	It's a ghost
Alfie	:	(rushing to the door L.) I'm going home!
George	:	(coming down L.) Let me give you a hand with this door.
Tom	:	Buck up!
Ginger	:	Put your shoulder against it. (Enter the Ghost R. In the dim light his figure has a distinctly uncanny appearance).
Ghost	:	What on earth's the meaning of this commotion? (He switches on the light and is seen to be a dentist, wearing a white surgical coat. The "grinning mouths" are seen to be models made of plaster of Paris. The boys stare about them in amazement)
Dentist	:	(sternly). Who are you, and what are you doing in my house?
Tom	:	I say – I'm awfully sorry – but we thought you were a ghost.
Dentist	:	(bewildered). A ghost! Why on earth should you think I was a ghost?
George	:	(crossing C.) I'm awfully sorry, sir. You see, we were out carol-singing, and ____
Dentist	:	Oh, so it was you who were making that horrible din outside?
George	:	Yes – that was Ginger's idea ____

B1. Complete ____

Complete the following sentences:

- (i) The boys considered the dentist as a ghost , because _____
- (ii) Listening to the repeated scream, Tom thought that _____
- (iii) The grinning mouths were models made of _____
- (iv) The idea of carol-singing was given by _____

B2. Convert dialogue into a story:

Convert the above dialogue into a story in about 50 words.

Solution: B1

- (i) because they saw someone coming in a white dress towards them from the dark
- (ii) as if someone's being murdered
- (iii) plaster of paris
- (iv) ginger

B2

When the four boys took shelter near a house they heard strange noises because of which Alfie and Tom were quite afraid but later on when the lights were switched on and a person with a white surgical coat came out and asked those boys about what they were doing. They replied that they were out for carol singing and this was Ginger's idea.

SECTION – IV (Written Communication)

Question 6.A: Attempt any one of the following [12]

Question 6.A.1: Write a letter to The Chief Officer, Road Transport Authorities, drawing his attention to the problem of frequent traffic jams in your locality suggesting some solutions for the problem. [4]

Solution: ABC
206, Rose villa,
Bandra (W),
18th February, 2019

The Chief Officer,
Road Transport Authorities,
Fort – 400018.

Subject: Complaining about the problem of frequent traffic jams.

Sir,

This letter intends to bring to your kind attention to the unimaginable harassment commuters face on XYZ road due to the growing instances of traffic jams. We know that the number of vehicles on the roads is on the rise and that there is no proportional increase in the number of roads. So, traffic jams are bound to happen.

It stretches one's tolerance to the ultimate limit when buses and autos on this busy road show an appalling disregard for any kind of traffic law.

We have faith in the Police Department and fully understand the dedication of officers and request you deploy few such officers on this road, to bring this situation under check.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,
ABC.

OR

Question 6.A.2: Your College is 20 km away from your village. You go to the college by S.T. bus, but the bus timings are not convenient for you and other students. Write a letter of complaint to the Depot Manager of your town/city. Suggest some solutions for the problem. [4]

Solution: ABC
206, Rose villa,
Bandra (W),
18th February, 2019

The Depot Manager,
State Transport Services,
Fort – 400026.

Subject : Complaining about inconvenient bus timings for students.

Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the despairing lack of public transport in the locality. My college is 20 km away from my village and we have to travel by S.T. bus but bus timings are not at all convenient for me and other students as well. Buses do not ply on the long stretches and cabs are out of the question due to the high prices they charges.

We need more public transport at the convenient timings when students travel to schools/ colleges along with more traffic police who will be able to help us. We are willing to petition the council office but we are hoping you could kindly help us in this matter.

Hence, it is my earnest request that you will be so kind as to the needful.
Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Truly,
ABC.

Question 6.B: Attempt any one of the following

[4]

Question 6.B.1: Leaflet -

[4]

Prepare a short Tourist Leaflet on any hill station you like, with the help of the following points :

- How to go there
- Where to stay
- Places worth visiting
- Shopping attractions
- Add your own points

Solution: MAHABALESHWAR

A pleasant hill station in the state of Maharashtra, Mahabaleshwar grabs the attention of many tourists. This hill station boasts of extended jungles and calm ambiance. The word 'Mahabaleshwar' is Sanskrit word that means 'God of Great Power'.

(i) How to reach there : By Air: Pune Airport lies 120km from the place is the nearest airport.

By Rail: Wathar has the nearest railway station, about 62km.

By Road: Many State Transport buses run from Mumbai and Pune to Mahabaleshwar. Private Taxis are also available.

(ii) Where to stay or Accommodation: Mahabaleshwar has no dearth of accommodation options. There are many hotels ranging from deluxe to budget. Other options include tourist lodges, guest houses and luxury resorts. One can easily choose the one that suits them the best.

(iii) Best time or season to visit : Best time to visit this place is from March to June during summer season. Avoid travelling during monsoon.

(iv) Places to visit or What to see : There are many mind-blowing places to visit like, Wilson Point popularly known as the 'Sunrise Point, it is the highest point situated above 4710 ft above sea level, Wilson Point is the vast plateau. Connaught Peak. It is the second highest point, presenting spectacular views of a green carpet. Elphinstone Point, Discovered in 1830, it was named after Sir Elephinston, the Governor of Bombay. Arthur's Seat is said to be the queen of all points, offering ample opportunities to see the barren deep valleys on both sides. Baghdad Point is an impressive point, which goes past village Moleshware on the way. You can view the beautiful views of the backwaters of Koyna dam on your left side, whereas river Solshi is in front of you with small villages. Mahabaleshwar has other popular attractions, which include names like Marjorie Point, Castle Rock, Babington Point, Northcote Point,

Falkland Point, Carnac Point, Fitzgerald Point, Bombay Point and Gaolani Point. Several other popular names are Lodwick Point & Boars Head, The Lamington Plateau, Panchgani Point, Helen's Point, Rosamond Rock, Water Falls, Polo Ground and a Bee Keeping Centre.

(v) Special features: Mahabaleshwar is a very popular shopping place, Da Sabrane Road, which is also known as the Main street. Honey, strawberries, mulberries, jams and jellies are good items to buy from here.

OR

Question 6.B.2: Report writing -

[4]

Your college celebrated the 'World Environment Day'. You are the Class Representative. Write a report on the Celebration of the 'World Environment Day' with the help of the help of the following points:

- (i) Inauguration of the function
- (ii) Address by the Chief Guest
- (iii) Various activities carried out
- (iv) Exhibition arranged
- (v) Vote of thanks

Solution: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE

6th June 2018

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Rao Junior College of Science located at Andheri West celebrated its World Environment Day on 5th June 2018.

Mr. Salman Khan was the Chief Guest of this ceremony. He planted a rose plant and inaugurated ceremony. There were lot of crowd as many people gathered to watch Salman Khan and also to be a part of this programme. He addressed in his speech to all people "To save mother earth plant more trees". Students of our 11th Std Div.

A reformed Drama on 'Mother Earth', apart from this class -12th students performed a group song to save mother earth. At last college gave an activity to all the students "Cultivate Seeds and Nurture the Plant" under this activity our college arranged Exhibition to show how students have nurtured various plants. Tree plantation was also done in the college ground. After all the activities snacks was distributed to all the students and staff. Our Principal Sir Mr. Rao felicitated Mr. Salman Khan, and said special thanks for sharing his time with us. Overall the programme was a great success with everyone's effect.

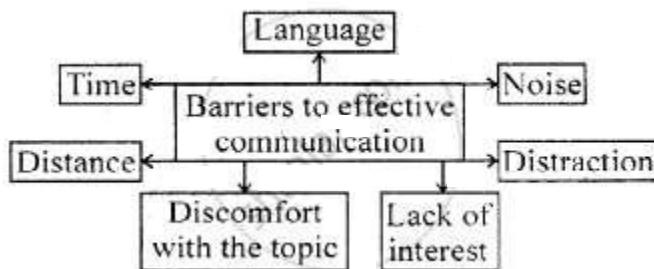
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OR

Question 6.B.C: Information Transfer -

[4]

Look at the following web chart and write a short paragraph based on it in about 120 words. Suggest a suitable title :



Solution: Information Transfer :

Communication – The Human connection

Language is a method of human communication, either spoken or written whereas communication is exchanging the information. Language & Communication both are inter-related. For better understanding or functioning communication should be clear & concise. Though effective communication is essential, there are several barriers to effective communication. The major issue is language as we know every country or community has a different language when it comes to speaking or understanding it is difficult for the other person.

At times, even people speaking same language have difficulty in understanding each other. The second one is time, where in everyone is busy in today's life we hardly get time to talk to each other and on top of that if we are in different countries the time zone also matters. Noise is another barrier as while speaking to anyone if there is any disturbance over the phone, network or internet it interrupts our talks. The next barrier is distance as we all are living in different parts of the world the ways or methods of communication also differs Eg.

We call to talk over the phone, message to chat on different sites or may do a video call using skype or other app using internet. The distance impacts these factors & can interrupt our communication like when we talk while travelling. Distraction is another issue which becomes a barrier to effective communication as while talking to a person if we are distracted the communication can go on a different track or may move out of the topic rather than the actual topic. The other problem is discomfort with the topic like in a conversation if the other person is not comfortable to talk about specific topic it may leave the conversation without any conclusion or of no use. Lastly, lack of interest also hampers the communication like if a person is not interested in your talks he may ignore it or might not be attentive or may get half knowledge & all other possibilities. Hence, for an effective communication all these factors matter and should support an individual in a conversation.

Question 7:**[7]****Question 7.A: Interview Questions :****[4]**

Imagine that you are going to interview a Sarpanch of a village, who has been selected for 'Adarsh Gaon Award.' Frame a set of 8 to 10 questions to interview him/her.

Solution: Good morning Sir, I am glad that I have got this opportunity to talk to you today so that people can know more about you and 'Adarsh-Gaon' since you have been nominated for 'Adarsh Gaon Award'.

Q.1) How are the elections conducted in your village?

Q.2) Who motivated you to participate in the election for the post of 'Sarpanch'?

Q.3) Who are the other members of your Panchayat samiti?

Q.4) As per you, what is the role of a Panchayat Samiti in a village?

Q.5) What inspired you to bring such changes in your villages that everyone is appreciating today?

Q.6) How is the funding of Gram Panchayat done?

Q.7) How does Government helps a village in making it a 'Adarsh Gaon' ?

Q.8) What is the best thing that ever changed in your village ?

Q.9) What were the challenges that you have faced during these years as a Sarpanch?

Q.10) What is an Adarsh Gaon according to you?

Q.11) Where do you see your village in coming three years?

Q.12) Any message you would like to share with other villagers?

Question 7.B: Speech Drafting :**[3]**

Your college has organized an elocution competition. One of the topics therein is 'Importance of Health'. Prepare a speech on it in about 100 words with the help of the following points :

- Importance of exercise
- Importance of yoga
- Importance of diet

Solution: Speech writing :**HEALTH IS WEALTH**

A very welcome to one and all present here. I am ABC from grade XIIth. Today, on this World Health Day, I would like to share my views, about 'Importance of health' in every individual's life.

"Those who think they have no time for exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness".

A very famous saying by Mr. Edward Stanley – the three-time PM of the are the U.K. We are all aware & will agree with Mr. Edward. And the truth is a lot of us are even conscious about the fact that health is a matter of almost important.

We all know and have heard umpteen number of times to have a healthy start to begin our day. Let us face it, how many of us truthfully follow a health regime. I would say just about 20% roughly! It is not a fact but my estimation, it may be low or it may be high, depending on country to country, region to region. According to a survey in America a

few years back, obesity was becoming a bigger disease than cancer.

Only a healthy person can enjoy the fruits of his labor. What use is one's richness if a person who is wealthy lacks good health? He or she will be spending most of it either a medical bill or on employing help who will assist them to complete their daily chores.

"Health is like money, we never have a true idea of its value until we lose it." So before this happens to us, and we lose our health, it is time to think and change.

Lastly, I would want to point out, that great health can be achieved by eating healthy, following at least one physical activity every day, if possible, sleeping sufficient, drinking enough water to keep doing yoga.

Yes and most importantly stay away from junk food as far as possible. Regular exercise is the best.

I end my speech with this very famous saying by William Shakespeare "Our bodies are our gardens – our will our gardeners".

Thank You.