

# English [Set D]

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## Section A

**Question 1:** [15]

**Question 1.A:** [11]

**Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:**

Another relative has no plans of joining this league though. She is rather unabashed about waking up past noon on a daily basis. To be fair, her husband is a media personality who typically arrives home from work past midnight. That does indeed give them sufficient justification to stay longer in slumber-land each morning. This practice does lead to certain oddities though. He goes for his 'morning' walk at 1 pm, heatwaves and appalled onlookers notwithstanding. They once returned from a night out only to meet the neighbour's son who was off on an early morning jog! Early risers clearly have the edge in life. By the time most of us wake up, they've been through their morning rituals, enjoyed their walk, had their tea and read the daily news. They're also likely to have made long-distance calls before dawn to those similarly inclined. Thus, by the time the sun warms up they're likely to have discussed all varieties of 'men, matters, and affairs' with a dozen people. The upshot of these varying tendencies is that such extreme contrasts often exist in the same household. Weeks pass before the younger lot (typically late risers) and the older lot (normally early birds) come face to face. It's almost as if they live in different time zones and different countries.

### Questions:

(1) What information does the extract give about the typical routine of a media person?

(2) According to the writer, who are the early risers and the late risers?

(3) Why does the writer say that early risers clearly have the edge in life?

(4) Do you rise early or late? Why?

### (5) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:

- i. They live in different time zones and different countries.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'not only- but also'.)
- ii. That gives them sufficient justification.  
(Rewrite the sentence using the Present Perfect tense.)
- iii. She is rather unabashed about waking up past noon on a daily basis.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'infinitive' form of the underlined word.)

(6) Find out from the extract the words which mean:

(i) frightened

(ii) sleep

**Question 1.B | Grammar**

[4]

**Do as directed:**

Rewrite the following sentence by inserting the appropriate articles wherever necessary :

I read interesting story from Mahabharata.

**Solution:** I read an interesting story from the Mahabharata.

**Question 1.B | Grammar:**

**Do as directed:**

Rewrite the following sentence using the appropriate prepositions :

One of the things that distinguishes man..... other animals is the power..... speech.

**Solution:** One of the things that distinguish man from other animals is the power of speech.

**Question 1.B | Grammar:**

**Do as directed:**

Change the following into indirect speech:

Mother said, "Sunita, what did you buy from the market?" She said, "I bought a dictionary."

**Solution:** Mother asked Sunita what she had bought from the market. Sunita replied that she had bought a dictionary.

**Question 2:**

[15]

**Question 2.A:**

[11]

**Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:**

Researchers recently announced the earth could actually withstand up to 200,000 times the current population. They arrived at this figure by calculating the amount of heat a human body emits, and only at 1·3 million billion would the earth be too hot to be habitable. And though it would feel like being in a can of sardines if that figure were ever reached, the earth is capable of comfortably sustaining a population several times the current 6·5 billion.

In fact, fertility is actually on the decline worldwide. Though the population has grown, the rate of growth has fallen sharply. Twenty years ago, the UN projected that the population would reach 11·16 billion in 2050, today they say it will reach only 9·3 billion.

Moreover, the human population will stabilize at about 11·5 billion. While this figure is almost twice the current one, it is hardly claustrophobic.

True, the demands on resources are heavy even now, but this is more due to the manner in which these resources are being used. In fact, figures show that a bigger population does not amount to greater consumption. Over 20% of the world's people in the highest-income countries account for 86% of total private consumption expenditure - the poorest 20% a tiny 1·3%. With just 5% of the world's population, the US consumes about 40% of the world's resources. Would you say the US is overpopulated?

Concerns on the scarcity of food are equally baseless. In fact, global food production has actually kept up with population growth. If people starve in many countries it is not because food is becoming scarce; it is because those people cannot afford it.

**Questions:**

- (1) What conclusions did the researchers arrive at?
- (2) How does the writer explain that fertility is on the decline?
- (3) What does the extract predict about the fear of scarcity of food?
- (4) How will the population become a gift in the global market scene?
- (5) **Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:**
  - (i) The earth could withstand up to 200,000 times the current population.  
(Rewrite the sentence using the modal auxiliary showing 'certainty'.)
  - (ii) The earth would be too hot to be habitable.  
(Remove 'too' and rewrite the sentence.)
  - (iii) These resources are being used.  
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with, 'We ..... .')

**(6) Write the antonyms of:**

- (i) habitable
- (ii) stabilize

**Solution:** (1) Researchers concluded that the earth could actually withstand up to 2,00,000 times the current population. It means the earth is capable of comfortably sustaining a population several times the current 6.5 billion.

(2) The writer points out that though the population has grown, the rate of growth has fallen sharply. Twenty years ago, the UN projected that the population would reach 11.16 billion in 2050, today they say it will reach only 9.37 billion.

(3) The extract predicts about the fear of scarcity of food is, it is baseless as global food production will be sufficient to keep up with population growth. Even then people starve in many countries it is not because food is becoming scarce; it is because those people cannot afford it.

(4) When there is a growth in the population, there will be more efficiency in the global market. More and more people work hard to bring economic stability. Thus, the population becomes a gift in the global market scene.

(5) (i) The earth will withstand up to 2,00,00 times the current population.

(ii) The earth would be so hot that it wouldn't be habitable.

(iii) We are using these resources.

(6) (i) inhabitable

(ii) destabilize

**Question 2.B:**

**[4]**

**Read the following extract and complete the table given below :**

Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) materials come in two main formats: CD/DVD ROMs and Web-based. Some are tailored to the content to be used in the classrooms whereas others can be used independently. CALL materials allow you to work at your own pace.

Multimedia materials offer you the opportunity to take part in other computer-assisted activities, such as text-based gap-filling, multiple-choice and text reconstruction activities. Language teachers often develop such text-based CALL activities to accompany a particular course. CALL materials can be regularly updated.

Because CALL learning activity types are usually designed from a template, they can sometimes be repetitive.

A major advantage of CALL materials is that they offer instant feedback on your spoken or written performance. However, such feedback can be limited. If you are more interested in creating your own responses or elaborating on your ideas, you may find this type of Facebook frustrating. Web-based CALL materials can offer more variety through the use of hyperlinks, but feedback is still limited.

Just as representations of the cultures of the target language offered by courses using books; audio and videotapes can perpetuate stereotypes.

Computer Assisted Language Learning Material		
Formats	Advantages	Disadvantages
-----and Web-based	(a) content tailored for classroom use	(i) -----
	(b) -----	(ii) limited feedback
	(c) -----	(iii) -----
	(d) offer opportunity to take part in other computer-assisted activities	(iv)-----

	(e) -----	
	(f) -----	
	(g) offer variety	

**Solution:** Computer Assisted Language Learning Materials

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**Question 3:** [15]

**Question 3.A:** [12]

**(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:**

Chronic floods during the monsoon, on average, affect more than 30 million Indians annually. Ironically, 60% of India's farmland, 66% of its livestock and its entire forest area depend on rains for survival.

According to a recently released Central Water Commission (CWC) report, on an average, 7.21 million hectares (roughly 72,000 sq. km.) go under floodwater. This water typically ravages 3.78 million hectares of agricultural land, damaging crops worth Rs. 1,118 crores annually.

Heavy rains and floods account for nearly 1,700 lives lost annually. Apart from this, 1.25 lakh houses are annually damaged by torrential rains that also wipe out nearly 96,000 livestock.

Floods are the most recurrent natural calamity, hitting India almost every year. According to the CWC's report on financial aspects of flood control, anti-sea erosion and drainage projects, it is not possible to provide absolute protection instantly to all

flood-prone areas. It says that such an attempt will neither be practical nor economically viable.

The CWC's analysis of floods in India from 1953 to 2011 shows a marginal decline in flood-affected areas over the years, the data shows 1977 1978 and 1979 were the worst-hit. The 1977 floods killed over 11,000 people, six-time the average for the 59 years, between 1953 and 2011. In terms of area and population affected, the floods of 1978 were the most destructive.

In terms off the financial loss, recent floods have been far more destructive. The total loss of crops, houses and public utilities in 2009 was Rs. 32541 crores, the highest for any year.

### **Question**

- (1) What is the above extract about?
- (2) How do floods adversely affect India?
- (3) Why is it not possible to provide absolute protection to all flood-prone areas?
- (4) How would you help the flood-affected people?

### **(5) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :**

- (i) The floods of 1978 were the most destructive.  
(Change the sentence into the 'positive degree'.)
- (ii) Floods are the most recurrent natural calamity hitting India almost every year.  
(Make it a complex sentence.)
- (iii) Floods have been far more destructive.  
(Rewrite the sentence using the Simple Present tense.)

### **(6) Give the meanings of:**

- (i) entire
- (ii) calamity

### **(B) Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title.**

Floods - natural, recurrent calamity in India - destroy life and property - no absolute protection - neither practical nor economically viable- floods in 1977 and 1978.

**Solution: (1)** The above extract is about the occurring of floods in India. Floods are the most occurring natural calamity in India which brings about the destruction of life and property.

**(2)** In India, Heavy rains and floods account for nearly 1, 700 lives lost annually and also wipe out nearly 96,000 livestock. On average, 7.21 million hectares (roughly 72,000 sq. km.) go under floodwater. This water typically ravages 3.78 million hectares of agricultural land, damaging crops worth Rs. 1, 118 crores annually.

**(3)** It is not possible to provide absolute protection instantly to all flood-prone areas because such an attempt will neither be practical not economically viable.

(4) We can help the flood-affected people by organizing a fund collection drive. We can also collect food items and clothing to be sent to the flood-affected areas.

(5) (i) No other floods were as destructive as the floods of 1978.

(ii) Floods are the most recurrent natural calamity which hit India almost every year.

OR

Floods that hit India almost every year, are the most recurrent natural calamity.

(iii) Floods are far more destructive.

(6) (i) entire = whole / complete

(ii) calamity = disaster / danger.

(B)

### **Floods: A deadly natural calamity.**

The above extract is about the occurring of floods in India. Floods are the most occurring natural calamity in India which brings about the destruction of life and property. In India, Heavy rains and floods account for nearly 1, 700 lives lost annually and also wipe out nearly 96,000 livestock. On average, 7.21 million hectares (roughly 72,000 sq. km.) go under floodwater. This water typically ravages 3.78 million hectares of agricultural land, damaging crops worth Rs. 1, 118 crores annually. It is not possible to provide absolute protection instantly to all flood-prone areas because such an attempt will neither be practical nor economically viable.

### **SECTION-B (Poetry)**

**Question 4:** [8]

**Question 4.A:** [4]

**Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:**

And we with our small vanities,  
our controlled hunger for climbing  
and getting as far as everybody else has gotten  
because it seems that is the way of the world:  
an endless track of champions  
and in a corner we, forgotten  
maybe because of everybody else,  
since they seemed too much like us  
until they were robbed of their laurels,  
their medals, their titles, their names.

(1) What is the way of the world?

(2) Do you think the middle-class people are satisfied with their lives? Explain.

(3) Name and explain the figure of speech in the following lines: "Since they seemed so much like us."

(4) Pick out the expressions from the extract showing the failure of man.

**Solution:** (1) Getting as far as everybody else has gotten is the way of the world.

(2) Not everyone but some of the middle-class people are not satisfied with their lives. They look at those who are wealthier than they are and try to compete with them. They are always trying to earn more and live better lives.

(3) Alliteration- The sound of the consonant's' is repeated pleasingly.

(4) The expressions from the extract showing the failure of man are Robbed of their laurels, their medals, their titles, their names.

**Question 4.B:**

[4]

**Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:**

Now there is only one type of bobcat we see

The one that is for free, clearing the pavements of all debris

We used to walk through a footpath in a forest of pine

The smell intoxicating our lungs and mind

Now the only smell to be found comes from plastic trees

Swaying on my rear-view mirror, labelled pine breeze

We used to watch the valley play hide and seek

**Questions:**

(1) What signs of urbanisation are mentioned in the first six lines of the extract?

(2) Do you think skyscrapers are necessary? Why do you think so?

(3) Pick out the example of personification from the extract.

(4) Pick out the lines from the extract expressing the fond memory of the poet about the pines.

**Solution:** (1) The bobcat has given way to a 'fur-free one' the sweeper and the sweet smell of pines have evaporated leaving only the stink of plastic trees.

(2) Yes, I think skyscrapers are necessary because if the city keeps expanding, we need the necessary infrastructure to be grown along with it.

(3) 'The valley play hide and seek'

(4) 'We used to walk through a footpath in a forest of pine

The smell intoxicating our lungs and mind'

### **Section-C (Rapid Reading and Composition)**

**Question 5:**

[8]

**Question 5.A:**

[4]

**Read the following extract and rewrite it from the point of view of Tom.**

[You may begin with: I crossed from the right to the centre and said that it was a queer



place ..... ]

Tom:	(crossing R.C.). This is a queer place. I wonder if there's anybody in the house.
George:	You've picked three empty houses already, and you let us sing the whole of While Shepherds Watched outside the last one before you found out your mistake.
Tom:	Well, that's better than what you did -you picked the house where they had that bulldog.
George:	(contemptuously) I wasn't afraid. of the bulldog.
Tom:	No, maybe you weren't; but I'm not sure that the savage beast hasn't tom off a bit of young Alfie's suit, and if he has there won't half be a row! (Alfie fidgets nervously at the mention of his damaged suit.)
Tom:	(down R.C.) How much money have we collected?
Ginger:	(crossing C. to George) Let's have a look under the light. (After counting coppers with the aid of George's torch.) Eightpence halfpenny.
Tom:	(in a tone of disgust) Only eightpence halfpenny - between four of us - after yelling our heads off all evening! Crikey! Money's a bit tight round these parts, isn't it?
George:	I told you it was too early for carol-singing. It's too soon after Guy Fawkes' day. (Faint distant scream off R.)
Tom:	(startled) What was that?
George:	What was what?
Tom:	That noise - it sounded like a scream.
George:	Nonsense.
Alfie:	(L.) Let's go home.

**Solution:** I crossed from the right to the centre and said that it was a queer place.

George said that I have picked three empty houses already, and I had let then sing the whole of "While Shepherds Watched" outside the last house before I found out my mistake.

I sarcastically said I picked the house were they had a bulldog. George contemptuously

said he wasn't afraid of the bulldog. I replied that maybe George wasn't but he was not sure the bulldog which he called a savage beast hadn't torn off a bit of Alfie's suit. At this point Alfie fidgeted nervously. After this I asked the others how much money we had collected.

Ginger suggested we have a look under the light and after counting copper with the aid of George's torch he said we had Eight pence halfpenny.

I was disgusted with the answer and said that the money was not worth the effort we had put in yelling our heads off all evening.

George mentioned that it was too early for carol-singing as it was too soon after Guy Fawkes' day. At this point, we heard a faint distant scream which startled me as I asked what that was. George too asked what that noise was. I said it sounded like a scream to which George replied that it was nonsense. Alfie then suggested that we go home.

**Question 5.B.1:**

[4]

**Read the following extract and convert it into a dialogue between Rosalind and Orlando:**

[You may begin with: Rosalind: Dear Orlando, it's better not to fight with Charles.]

Next day, the wrestling match was arranged to take place in front of the Duke's palace. Celia and Rosalind happened to be there when the Duke and his lords arrived, so they decided to stay and watch the fight. Frederick spoke to Orlando and tried to persuade him not to fight the Wrestler, but Orlando was determined.

At last, Frederick turned to Rosalind and Celia and said: 'Speak to him, ladies; see if you can persuade him.'

Charles had just fought three other young men and had nearly killed them. It seemed certain that Orlando would be treated in the same way. And so the two girls spoke to the tall, good-looking young man, begging him not to fight. 'You have seen cruel proof of this man's strength', said Celia. 'We pray you for your own sake to give up this fight. Do not run such a risk!'

'Please do what we ask, young sir,' said Rosalind. 'No one will call you a coward: We will ask the Duke to stop the wrestling.' But Orlando answered: 'Please do not be angry if I refuse to do what you ask. It is not easy to say no to ladies who are so beautiful and gentle. But let your fair eyes and gentle wishes go with me to my trial. No one will be sorry if I am killed, because I have no friends to love me. I fill up a place in the world which may be better filled by another man if I leave it empty.'

**Solution:**

Rosalind:	Dear Orlando, it's better not to fight with Charles.
Celia:	You have seen cruel proof of this man's strength. We pray you for your own sake to give up this fight. Do not run such a risk!

Rosalind:	Please do what we ask, young sir, No one will call you a coward: We will ask the Duke to stop the wrestling.
Orlando:	But
Orlando:	Please do not be angry if I refuse to do what you ask. It is not easy to say no to ladies who are so beautiful and gentle. But let your fair eyes and gentle wishes go with me to my trial. No one will be sorry if I am killed, because I have no friends to love me. I fill up a place in the world which may be better filled by another man if I leave it empty.

**OR**

**5.B.2**

### Section-D (Written composition)

**Question 6:**

[12]

**Question 6.A.1: Letter Writing: Write any ONE of the following letters: [4]**

**Write an application in response to the following advertisement using information given in the CV provided:**

SITUATION VACANT	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wanted</b></p> <p>Smart, English speaking salesman for an electronic showroom. Good salary offered. An experienced candidate will be preferred.</p> <p>Write giving details to: The Proprietor, Ganesh Electronics, M.G. Road, Solapur.</p>	
C. V. (Resume)	
(1) Name:	Suhas Randive
(2) Age:	29 years
(3) Address:	105, Roshan Apartment, L.T. Road, Pune - 11
(4) Educational:	B. A. (First class), Pune University qualification
(5) Experience:	3 years' experience of working as a salesman in a textile shop.
(6) Interests:	Travelling, photography, reading.

**Solution 1:**

Suhas Randive,  
105, Roshan Apartment,  
L. T. Road,  
Pune - 11.  
27th February 2017.

The Proprietor,  
Ganesh Electronics,  
M.G. Road,  
Solapur

**Subject:** Application for the post of Salesman.

**Reference:** Advertisement in Mumbai Times.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your advertisement in Mumbai Times dated 26th February 2017 for the post of an English Speaking Salesman for an electronic showroom, in the Solapur I wish to apply for the same.

I am a young and energetic man, 25 years old, well qualified and looking for a job with better prospects. I am eager to join your showroom. I would like to add my knowledge to experience. I am a first-class Arts graduate from Pune University and subsequently did a diploma in electronics. I have good communication skills. My English is so fluent that sometimes I myself wondered about me. With my knowledge of electronics, I feel confident that I will be able to sell your products successfully. I have three years of experience as a salesman, having worked at a textile shop, which is an added qualification. Apart from sales, I have other interests. I enjoy traveling around the country, photography is my passion and I also enjoy reading.

I am eagerly awaiting for your interview call. If given the opportunity to work with you, I assure you that I will do my best to increase the Sales as well as overall activities and thus give you utmost satisfaction. I look forward to a favorable interview call. I have enclosed the xerox copy of all my education certificates for your reference.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Suhas Randive.

Encl: Xerox copy of Educational Certificates.

**Solution 2:**

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Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Suhas Randive.

Encl: Xerox copy of Educational Certificates.

**Question 6.A.2:**

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper high lighting in it the importance of cleanliness and the need of public participation in the cleanliness drive in your district.

**Solution:** 7G, Rainbow colony,

M.G. Road,

Dharavi,

Mumbai - 400017.

7th March, 2017.

The Editor,

The Times of India,

Mumbai - 400001.

**Subject :** Importance of Cleanliness. Public participation in 'Cleanliness Drive'.

Respected Sir,

Our area 'Dharavi' is mostly filled with dirty and untidy state of things. The roads were damp, the streets unswept. Garbage bins are often overflowing and many people seem to lack any civic sense. They continue to litter the place, despite being reminded of their civic responsibilities through banners and posters.

It is the duty of us, to take up the issue of cleanliness in a practical way. So a 'Cleanliness Drive' is being organised by the 'Earth Society' on 10th March, 2017 from 9.00 am onwards all participants will meet at 'Indian Bank', 90 Feet Road, Dharavi. Cleanliness is the need of the society, so we will make this appeal to the public. All are welcome to participate in this drive to make it a huge success.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
XYZ.

**Question 6.B.1: Write on any ONE of the following items as directed: [4]**

**Write a short tourist leaflet on a place of historical importance with the help of the following points:**

- (i) How to reach there?
- (ii) Where to Stay?
- (iii) Historical importance of the place.
- (iv) Shopping Attraction.
- (v) Add your own points.

**Solution:** A pleasant hill station in the state of Maharashtra, Mahabaleshwar grabs the attention of many tourists.

Located in the western ghats at the elevation of approximately 1,353 meters, this hill station boasts of extended jungles and calm ambiance. The word 'Mahabaleshwar' is Sanskrit word that means 'God of Great Power'. There is the famous Veena lake that deserves a visit during your Mahabaleshwar tour.

**How to Reach:**

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.

**Where to Stay?**

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.

**Historical importance of the place:**

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 Mahabaleshwar 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.

**Shopping Attraction:**

Mahabaleshwar has 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.

**Other Attractions:**

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.

**Question 6.B.2:**

**Read the following headlines of news items. Choose any ONE of them and write the dateline, intro and a short continuing paragraph:**

- (i) 4 killed, 20 injured in a road mishap.
- (ii) Auto - rickshaw drivers on strike.

**Solution: Ans:**

**4 killed, 20 injured in a road mishap.**

By a Staff Reporter  
Mumbai, March 7

Four members of a family, including two women, were killed on the spot and 20 other people were injured, when their tractor trolley was hit by an unidentified truck at Mumbai - Pune highway, police said.

The victims were returning to Mumbai after attending a family function at Pune when the incident occurred last night. The deceased were identified. 20 others were injured in the accident. All were rushed to a nearby hospital where the 4 were declared dead on arrival and the injured are being treated. 5 of them are in intensive case and very critical. The others had minor injuries.

**Ans.**

**Auto - Rickshaw drivers on Strike.**

By a Staff Reporter

Mumbai, March 7

The auto - rickshaw drivers association has called for an All - Mumbai strike on 12th March, 2017 to protest against the recent hike in petrol, diesel and gas prices. They also protest against the take over by Multinational Companies in the transport sector.

The Union Leader, Mr. Amin claims that the hike in prices with no hike in auto - rickshaw fare is not right. Auto - rickshaw drivers will therefore take their vehicles off the road till the government takes note of their proposal.

**Question 6.C:**

**[4]**

**Question 6.C | Write any one of the following items.**

**Question 6.C.1:**

**Read the following tabular data and write a short paragraph regarding 'The vacant seats in the Engineering and Pharmacy college' :**

Courses	Intake capacity	Vacant seats
<b>Engineering:</b>		
Degree	1, 55, 102	42, 497
Diploma	1, 65, 413	55, 107
Post - graduation	13, 651	1, 810
<b>Pharmacy:</b>		
Degree	9, 712	924
Diploma	12, 959	1, 771
Post - graduation	5, 296	3, 506

**Solution: Ans:**

'The vacant seats in the Engineering and Pharmacy college'

Engineering colleges have degree, diploma and Post-graduation courses. The table shows that out of total 1, 55, 102 seats in the Degree course, 42, 497 remain vacant. In the Diploma course, 55, 107 seats out of 1, 65, 413 remain vacant and in the post-graduation course out of total 13, 651 seats only 1810 are vacant. Pharmacy colleges also have degree, diploma and post-graduation course. The number of vacant seats here are much less 924 out of 9, 712 in the degree course are vacant. 1771 seats out of a total of 12959 on the diploma course are vacant. Finally in the post-graduation course a large number of seats are vacant 3506 out of 5296.

**Question 6.C.2:**



**Write short paragraph in about 120 words to be used for the Counter - View section on the following topic:**

“Science and Technology development have helped us in all walks of life”.

You may take help of the following points from the View section.

View Section
Science and technology development useful for mankind. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has made life comfortable and happy.</li><li>• life being lengthened.</li><li>• increased agricultural production.</li><li>• World is brought closer through various safer and faster communication and transport systems.</li><li>• Modes of entertainment.</li></ul>

**Solution: Ans.**

Science and technology development are not at all useful for mankind. It has made life so discomfort that nobody has some time to think about themselves. Man was quite contented with life before the development of science and technology. Agricultural production increased with the decline in quality of goods. Life being lengthened along with various diseases. World is brought closer through various safer and faster communication and transport systems but nobody has some time to spend with their own family members. Modes of entertainment has increased tremendously but the physical activities have been decreased to a lot.

**Question 7: Answer the following questions as per instructions: [7]**

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

**Imagine you have to interview an old woman who lives in an ‘old - age home’. Write a set of 8 to 10 questions for the interview. You may take help of the following points:**

• Her family, reasons for being in an old-age home, her feelings and expectations, her advice, etc.

**Solution: Ans.**

Good morning, you look very happy in this home and am glad to see you in good health.

- (1) Where does your family live?
- (2) Do they visit you often?
- (3) How many children and grandchildren do you have?
- (4) Why did they put you in an old - age home?
- (5) What’s the environment like here?
- (6) What would an average day here look like?
- (7) Are you happy with the treatment here?
- (8) What’s the most challenging part to you?
- (9) What would you like us to do in order to make you your life more meaningful?

(10) What advice would you give to young people wanting to put their parents in an old age home?

**Question 7.B:**

**[3]**

Imagine you have to give a speech on the topic 'India's Changing Villages'. Write a speech on it about 100 words.

**Solution: Ans.**

**India's Changing Villages.**

India is a land of villages. It is said that real India lives in villages. About seventy per cent of its population lives in villages. India is undergoing revolutionary changes. Its villages are not untouched by those changes.

The changes are reflected in every walk of life. These changes have been brought by various agents. These include science, technology, and spread of education, advent of media in rural areas, industrialisation, urbanisation and migration. Hence the lifestyle, attitude and thinking have changed greatly in rural India. In fact these factors have combined to change the ritualistic rural society into a dynamic society.

Once upon a time Caste-based division has been prominently visible in rural India. But things are rapidly changing now. People do not care for any such distinction. There is an interdependence existence in society. There is a close interaction of people of different castes, creeds and religions, among them for various purposes. The outlook of the villagers has undergone sea change. They have begun to see things in broader context. This is a good sign.