

English [Set C]

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SECTION – A

Question 1: | (Reading Skill; Grammar, Vocabulary, Note-making and Summary) [15]

Question 1.A:

[12]

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

In 1945 in Bay Roberts, Canada, a 12-year-old boy saw something in a shop window that set his heart racing. But the price -five dollars-was far beyond Reuben Earle's means. Five dollars would buy almost a week's groceries for his family.

Reuben couldn't ask his father for the money. Everything Mark Earle made by fishing, Reuben's mother, Dora, stretched like elastic to feed and clothe their five children. Nevertheless, he opened the shop's weathered door and went inside. Standing proud and straight in his flour-sack shirt and washed out trousers, he told the shopkeeper what he wanted, adding, "but I don't have the money now. Can you please hold it for me?" ·

"I will try," the shopkeeper smiled. "Folks around here don't usually have that kind of money to spend on things. It should keep for a while...

Reuben respectfully touched his worn cap and walked out into the May sunlight. The bay rippled in a freshening wind that ruffled his short hair. There was purpose in his loping stride. He would raise the five dollars and not tell anybody.

Hearing the sound of hammering from a side street, Reuben had an idea.

He ran towards the sound and stopped at a construction site. People built their own homes in Bay Roberts, using nails purchased in burlap sack from a local factory. Sometimes the sacks were discarded in the flurry of buildings, and Reuben knew he could sell them back to the factory for five cents a piece.

(1) What did Reuben decide to do to raise the required amount?

(2) How much money did Reuben need? Why?

(3) Why couldn't Reuben ask his father for the money?

(4) What is special about the gifts which are given on special occasions?

(5) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

(i) Reuben couldn't ask his father for the money.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'be able to'.)

(ii) Hearing the sound of hammering from a side street, Reuben had an idea.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'and'.)

(iii) He could sell them back to the factory.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with: 'They ')

(6) Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B':

column 'A'	column 'B'
folk	natural harbour
bay	sticks
	people

Solution: (1) Reuben decided to collect the empty burlap sacks and then sell them back to the factory. In this way, he would be able to raise the 5 dollars.

(2) Reuben needed five dollars, to buy something that he saw in a shop window that set his heart racing.

(3) Reuben's father was not a rich man. Whatever he made out of fishing went to feed and clothe his five children. So Reuben couldn't ask his father for the money.

(4) I think the main purpose is to show the recipient that you remembered about him/her. It is more than just showing up for the party or saying your wishes on the phone because these happen on the exact date while a gift often needs to be bought in advance. So you have to think of the recipient when buying and when giving the gift. It is also the most traditional way to show someone that you care.

(5) (i) Reuben was not able to ask his father for the money.

(ii) Reuben heard the sound of hammering from a side street and had an idea.

(iii) They could be sold back to the factory by him.

(6) (i) people

(ii) natural harbour

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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	(g) offer a variety through the use of hyperlinks.	
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Question 3:

[15]

(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 of the financial loss, recent floods have been far more destructive. The total loss of crops, houses and public utilities in 2009 was Rs. 32,541 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 not economically viable.

Question 4 | SECTION-B (Poetry)

[8]

Question 4.A:

[4]

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,
"While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,
But the children you love, you seem to abuse.
Look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.
Those are the flowers she brought for you.
She picked them herself, pink, yellow and blue.
She stood quietly not to spoil the surprise,
And you never saw the tears in her eyes."

(1) What did the mother think as she lay sleepless in the bed?

(2) According to you, why shouldn't we hurt the feelings of others?

(3) Pick out any two pairs of rhyming words from this extract.

(4) What kind of poem is this? What is its purpose?

Solution: 1 As mother lay sleepless in the bed she thought that while dealing with a stranger in the earlier of the day she showed some courtesy. But later that day when she dealt with her daughter she abused her own child whom she loved more.

2 We should always respect the feelings of others. We should also take care not to hurt them with our behavior. We should show some common courtesy to others.

3 bed - said; use - abuse.

4 This is a narrative and reflective poem. It's purpose is to bring back some common courtesy to our dear and lovable ones. This poem advises us to show respect to our own family members also.

Question 4.B:

[4]

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

How do you know
Peace is a woman?
I know, for
I met her yesterday
on my winding way
to the world's fare.
She had such a wonderful face
just like a golden flower faded
before her prime.

- (1) How does the poet describe the face of peace?
 (2) Do you think there is a way out of the war-ridden world? What is it?
 (3) Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line:
 "I met her yesterday
 on my winding way."
 (4) The poet asks the question and herself answers it. What effect does it create in the extract?

Solution: 1 The poet describes the face of peace as a wonderful face just like a golden flower which is faded before its time.

2 Peace is the only way out of the war-ridden world. We should work hard and together to achieve peace in this wonderful world.

3 Alliteration: The consonant sound of 'w' is repeated for poetic effect.

OR

Personification: Peace is personified as the poet describes her meeting with peace.

4 The poem makes the reader concentrate more on this poem which touches the reality. It also brings a more clear view of what the poet says.

SECTION – C

Question 5 | (Rapid Reading and Composition) [8]

Question 5.A: [4]

Read the following extract and rewrite it as if the dentist is narrating it:

[You may begin as: I told George that I thought I had seen him somewhere before
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Dentist:	I thought I'd seen you somewhere before. Why I know your father well!
George:	Do you, sir?
Dentist:	Yes, rather. He was only speaking about you the other night. You've been having some trouble with two back teeth, haven't you?
George:	(becoming suddenly nervous) N - no - that is not much.
Dentist:	Ah! Well, your father thinks you'd better have them out. It's strange you should have come in tonight because I shall be seeing you in the morning. Your dad's made an appointment for you.
George:	(obviously alarmed) N - no, not really? You - You don't mean this seriously, do you?

Dentist:	Why, yes. But perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned it. Your dad told me you particularly hate having teeth out. Still, never mind, it's quite painless, you know.
George:	(gulping nervously) If there's one thing that gets me in a blue funk it's - (He realizes that Tom and Ginger are regarding him with eyes of triumph)
Tom:	George, old chap, we're joining your club tomorrow.
George:	Who says so?
Ginger:	ou said so yourself, George. You promised. you'd let us join that club if you showed a sign of fear before leaving this house. Well, you showed it right enough the moment you heard you'd got to have some teeth out; and you can't go back on your bargain now - can he, boys?
Tom and Alfie:	(in emphatic chorus) No fear!

Solution: Solution is not available

Question 5.B | Attempt any one following

[4]

Question 5.B.1:

[4]

Read the following extract and convert it into a dialogue between Daisy and the captive lark in about 8 to 10 sentences:

[you may begin with : Lark : Oh! how painful it is to be in the cage !]

And so the daisy stayed, and was brought into the lark cage. The poor. Bird was lamenting its lost liberty, and beating its wings against the wires; and the little daisy could not speak or utter a consoling word, much as it would have liked to do so. So the forenoon passed.

"I have no water," said the captive lark, "they have all gone out, and forgotten to give me anything to drink. My throat is dry and burning. I feel as if I had fire and ice within me and the air is so oppressive. Alas! I must die, and part with the warm sunshine, the fresh green meadows, and all the beauty that God has created." And it thrust its beak into the piece of grass, to refresh itself a little. Then it noticed the little daisy, and nodded to it, and kissed it with its beak and said, "You must also fade in here, poor little flower. You and the piece of grass are all they have given me in exchange for the whole world, which I enjoyed outside. Each little blade of grass shall be a green tree for me, each of your white petals a fragrant flower. Alas! You only remind me of what I have lost."

('I wish I could console the poor lark," thought the daisy. It could not move one of its leaves, but the fragrance of its delicate petals streamed forth, and was much stronger than such flowers usually have

Solution: Solution is not available

OR

Question 5.B.2:**[4]**

Read the following extract and extend it by adding an imaginary paragraph of your own in about 120 words :

Someone was standing in the doorway. An elderly woman, very fluffy, very pink. Her cheeks were pink, her dress was pink, her hair was bunched up and white. She was straight out of Agatha Christie.

"Miss Marple!" I exclaimed.

"May I come in?" asked the pink lady.

"Please come in " said my mother. "Do sit down. Do you require a room?" "

"Not today, thank you. I'm staying with Padre Dutt. He insisted on putting me up. But I may want a room for a day or two - just for old times' sake."

"You've stayed here before."

"A long time ago. I'm Mrs Green, you know. The missing Mrs Green. The one for whom you put up that hand Some tombstone in the cemetery. I was very touched by it. And I'm glad you didn't add ' Beloved "wife of Henry Green ', because I didn't love him any more than he loved me."

Solution: Solution is not available

SECTION – D**Question 6 | {Written Composition)****[12]**

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

Question 6.A.1:**[4]**

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

SITUATION VACANT	
<p>Wanted</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.B: Write on any ONE of the following items as directed: [4]

Question 6.B.1: [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 Elphinstone, 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:

[4]

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 | Write any one of the following items. [4]

Question 6.C.1: [4]

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
Engineering:		
Degree	1, 55, 102	42, 497
Diploma	1, 65, 413	55, 107
Post - graduation	13, 651	1, 810

Pharmacy:		
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:

[4]

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

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.