

**Maharashtra State Board
Class X English
Board Paper – 2016**

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 80

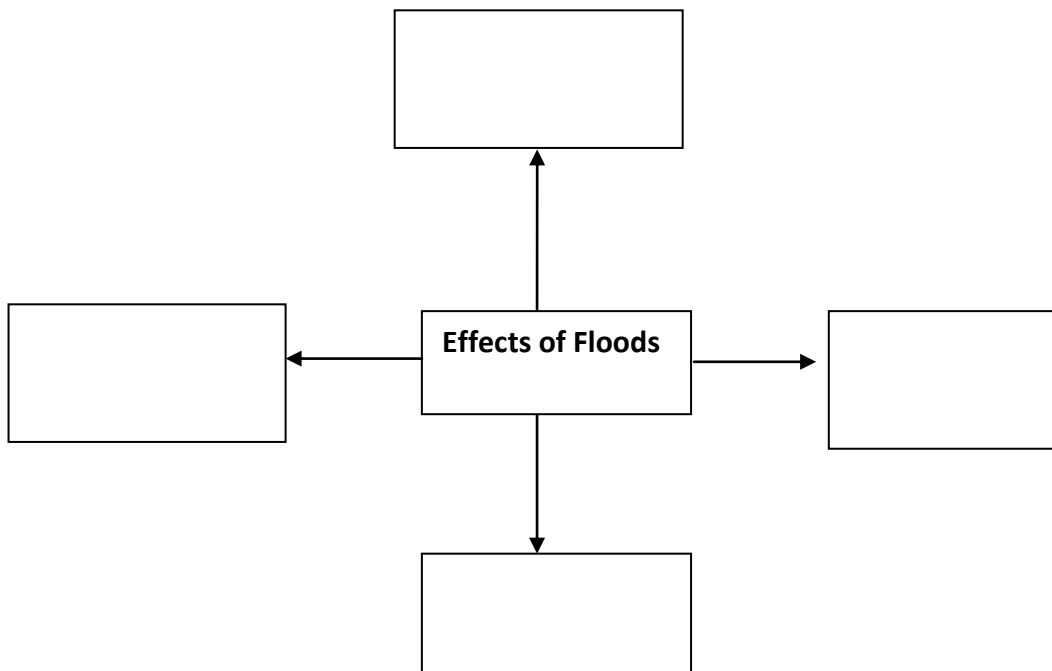
(ACTIVITY SHEET)
(Section I: Reading Skill, vocabulary and grammar)

Q.1 (A) Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities given below:

A1. Complete

Complete the web with words given in the passage :

(2)



During the devastating July 2005 floods that hit Mumbai, Rajen Dutia received an urgent call from a relative, Lopa Vyas late in the evening. "A friend's mother is stranded near your home, Rajen. Can you please take her home? Her name is Rashmi," Vyas told him.

Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere. Despite power failure and raging rain, Dutia stepped out and made his way to the spot, where he found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people. They were stranded in the dark, shivering in the rain. They all lived far away and had no place to go for the night.

Rajen took all of them to his one-bedroom flat, where he served them dinner and invited them to spend the night.

"By doing so," says Rajen, "I was simply fulfilling my karma, paying the universe back for the good it had done for me."

"God is kind. My daughter had just started her new job that day, and had gone for her training. She was stranded too. While she was trying to get to our relatives, she almost drowned, but a young stranger saved her. He and his friends even dropped her to my relative's place and phoned me to say she was safe. One good turn deserves another."

A2. Order

Look at the following sentences from the passage and put them in the correct sequence: (2)

- (a) He took them to his one-bedroom flat.
- (b) Rajen found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people shivering in the rain.
- (c) Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere.
- (d) Rajen Dutia received an urgent call.

A3(i). Fill in the blanks :

Select the words given in the passage

(1)

- (i) Thousands Of pilgrims were due to the cloud burst in Uttarakhand.
- (ii) The tiger was by the hunter.

(ii). Antonyms:

Select the correct antonyms for the given words from the alternatives :

- (1) Please :
 - (a) unplease (b) displease (c) misplease
- (2) Safe: '
 - (a) insafe (b) safeless (c) unsafe

A4(i) Tags :

Select the correct tag for the alternatives given below :

One good turn deserves another.

- (a) Doesn't it? (b) don't it (c) does it?

(ii). Guess:

Choose the correct answer :

(1)

Rajen can you please take her home? 'Can' indicates :

(a) Obligation

(b) ability

(c) permission

A5. Personal Response :

'one good turn

Deserves another.'

Explain with an

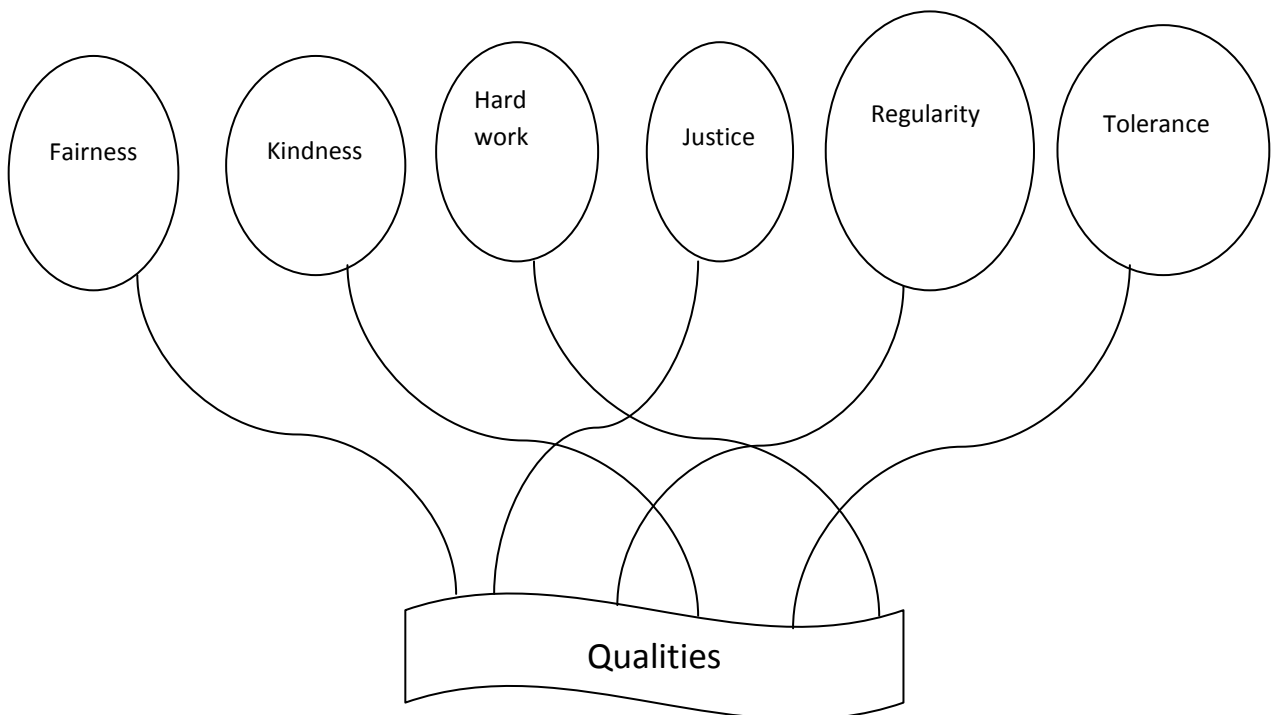
example of your own.

(B) Read the following passage Carefully and complete the activities given below : (10)

B1. Select

Look at the balloons. Which are the qualities inculcated in the author by her teacher? Write them.

(2)



Sister Monica, however, wasn't quite as lenient as that, and spent most of the time telling me about the importance of regularity and hard work. She made me realise that success is, like genius, 99 per cent perspiration and 1 per cent inspiration. It's a lesson that has stood me in good stead.

The teachers I'm most grateful to, though, are not those who have taught me the most, but those who have simply been friends to me, believed me and believed in me. Prominent among them is Sudha Ramasubramaniam-Rambo, as we used to call her. I didn't know her too well. She taught me in college, and apart from being incredible in class unless one missed class, she also believed that I actually had a Problem when I developed an injury (which several doctors found difficult to diagnose). Despite my missing an exam-the HSC, of all exams- she was the only person who told me to concentrate on my health and assured me that I could take the exam off the top of my head any time I wanted to.

I'm not even certain she remembers it, but at the time, it felt like one of the only rays of hope in an extremely dark tunnel. Perhaps few teachers realize how far their influence extends or how much of a difference their actions and words can make. A number of my teachers have unfortunately taught me kindness and tolerance and patience by being precisely the opposite, and quite obviously, they aren't the people I like to think about. But many of my teachers have been extraordinary people, who have not only taught me in class but also helped mould me and my character in every other way. I only hope that I live up to what their endeavors were undoubtedly mean to create.

B2. Answer

- (1) What kind of teachers are disliked by the author? (1)
- (2) What was Sudha Ramasubramaniam's advice to the author when she was going to miss her HSC exam. ? (1)

B3. Match :

Match the words with their appropriate meanings :

(2)

'A'	'B'
(i) Prominent	(a) Treatment
(ii) Incredible	(b) Natural
(iii) Diagnose	(c) Unbelievable
(iv) Endeavours	(d) Noticeable
	(e) Efforts
	(f) Identify a disease

B.4(i) 'Wh question'

She made me realize that success is, like genius.

(1)

(Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined part as an answer)

(ii) She taught me in college.

(Begin the sentence with 'I' and rewrite).

(1)

B5. Personal Response

Do you agree that a teacher should also be your good friend?
Justify your answer.

(2)

Q.2 (A) Read the following passage carefully and the complete the activities given below(10)**A1. Guess**

Select the correct alternatives from the boxes :

(2)

(1) The Olympic Games were originally held in honour of:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| (a) The Priests | (b) The Greeks |
| (c) The Spartans | (d) Zeus |

(2) The Olympics were held after every

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (a) Year | (b) Four years |
| (c) Three years | (d) Two years |

(3) All came to know of Olympia from the:

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| (a) Olympics | (b) Spartans |
| (c) Syracusans | (d) Athenians |

(4) Altis was the name of a :

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (a) God | (b) Race |
| (c) Festival | (d) Enclosure |

Olympia, the original site of Olympic Games in ancient Greece is situated in a quiet, beautiful valley. The old ruins are shaded by evergreen oaks, pines and poplars, as well as olive trees. Olympia was never a city but a sacred ground occupied by temples and dwellings for the priests. At the centre was the enclosure known as Altis, dedicated to Zeus, the god of gods. It was in honour of Zeus that the quadrennial festival and the games were held.

The fame of Olympia rests largely upon Olympic Games. They were a great national festival of the entire Greek race. During the week of the festival the Athenians, the Spartans, the Syracusans and other groups, all forgot their narrow identities. They regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. The simple reward of a twig of wild olive immortalized the victor and his family.

The Olympic Games were held regularly in peace and in war at an interval of four years for over a thousand years from 776 B.C. till 393 A.D.

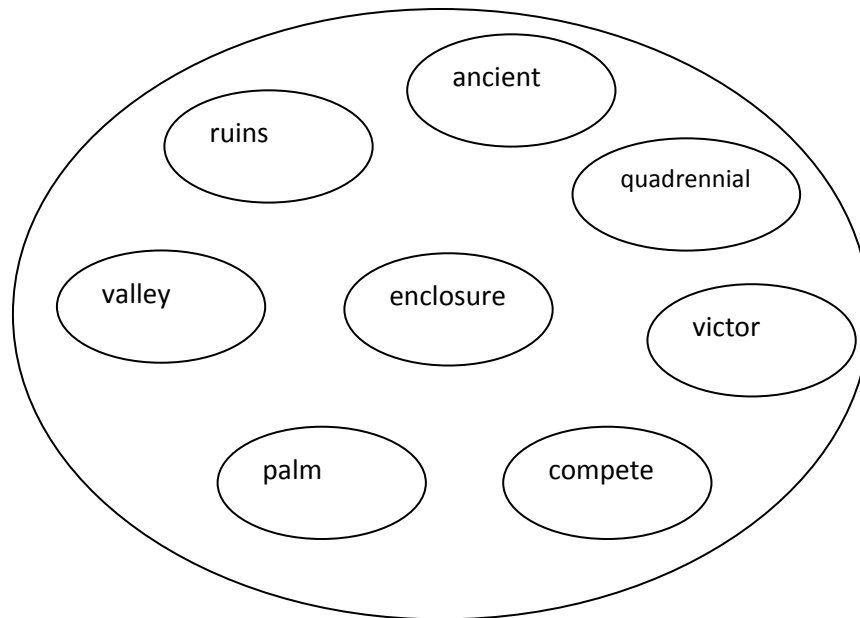
Originally, men who spoke Greek as their mother tongue were allowed to compete in the Olympic Games. No married women were allowed to be present. The athletic programme was varied by the presence of historians, orators and writers. After each event a herald announced the victor's name and handed him a palm. On the last day the successful competitors were each given a garland of wild olive.

A2. Select

Select the word each from the circle which mean the following:

(2)

- (1) Occurring at the interval of four years
- (2) Wreckage
- (3) Take part in a game
- (4) One who wins.



A3. Complete :**Complete the table and frame your sentence with anyone word : (2)**

Noun	Adjective	Verb
	beautiful	

A4. (i) The old ruins are, shaded by evergreen oaks, pines and .poplars as well as olive trees.

(Insert not only but also and rewrite). (1)

(ii) No married women were allowed to be present. (Remove 'No' and rewrite the sentence without changing its meaning) (1)

A5. Personal response

How are the winners in Olympics rewarded today? (2)

(B) Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities given below :**(10 marks)****B1. Choose****Choose the correct alternatives and complete the sentences (2)**

(1) The narrator is :

- (a) an astronaut
- (b) an engineer studying in BITS Pilani
- (c) in the team of astronauts.

(2) Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind which means:

- (a) one step on the moon means, many steps on the earth.
- (b) he felt like a giant on the moon.
- (c) one moon mission had opened up many avenues in science and technology for mankind.

It was late evening of July 20. 1969, when we turned up the hostel radio. I was an engineering student at BITS, Pilani. I still remember the feverish excitement that gripped us from July 16 when Apollo 11. the US space rocket, took off from Cape Kennedy, Florida. Neil Armstrong and his team of astronauts, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, were to land on moon, for the first time in human history. We listened 'with rapt attention when Armstrong declared: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

His death on Saturday, August 25, is a moment to salute the romance of space science that Apollo 11 unleashed. It has changed forever the way we look at our planet Earth and its satellite, the moon.

Standing on powdery moondust, Armstrong put up his thumb, shut one eye and found his thumb blotting out the Earth. "It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth" he said later. "I felt very, very small." But behind that humbling realisation stood a giant truth:

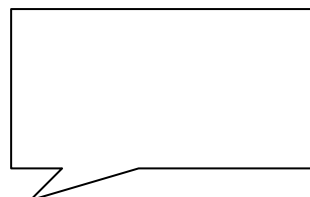
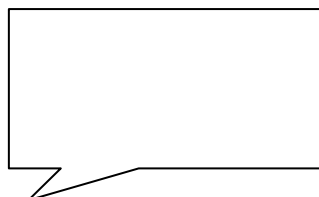
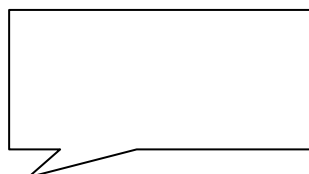
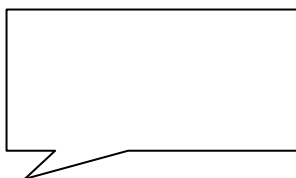
(Section II : Poetry)

Q. 3 (A) Read the following extract carefully activities given below :

A1. Saving Motherland

I can save my motherland by putting an end to

(2)



Republic Day! We grow aware
That nothing can be wrought by prayer
-Prop of the credulous-until
It is supported everywhere
By an all-powerful people's will !
We have been witness in the past to sights impossible to bear:

Famine and drought and dread and doom
Continue still to spread the gloom
Of humans turned to skeletons, to shrivelled bags of naked bones
Who have not even strength to vent their suffering through sobs and groans.....
MAY EVERY Indian's heart become
An unafraid announcing drum
Echoing and re-echoing a new hope and a new desire
To burn up rubbish-heaps of hate,
Once and for all. Time cannot wait!
Burn up all selfish aims and ends in a great nation's cleansing fire!
Let India's millions chant in chorus:
A mighty future stands before us-
Down with all ruthless tyranny, down with all exploitation which
Renders the poor the poorer-and renders the bloated rich, more rich !

A 2. How does the poet express the condition of people during famines and droughts? (2)

Match:

Match the line with the figure of speech:

(1)

'A'

- (i) Drought and dread and doom
- (ii) Time cannot wait

'B'

- (a) Personification
- (b) Alliteration
- (c) Metaphor

(B) Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below :

(5 marks)

B1. What does the poet want us to do in the following situation?

(2)

- (a) While struggling
- (b) While making money
- (c) While dreaming
- (d) While losing

It's doing your job the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man;
It's making money-but holding friends,
And being true to your aims and ends.

It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high;
And dreaming a little and doing much,
It's keeping always in closest touch.

With what is finest in word and deed,
It's being through, yet making speed;

It's daring blithely the field of chance,
While making labour a brave romance.

It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin.

B2. Achieving Success

Hints given by the poet to become successful are :

(2)

- (a) Doing your job the best
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

B3. Poetic Device

Select the appropriate rhyme scheme for the 3rd stanza.

(1)

- (1) abab
- (2) aabb
- (3) aaba

(Section III: Rapid Reading)

Q.4 Read the passage carefully and complete the activities given below: (5 marks)

A1. True or False

State whether the following statements are true or false:

(1)

- (1) The author's new house was situated at Bangalore.
- (2) The writer was delighted because their new house, was the biggest they ever lived.

One of the advantages of growing up in an Army household was the frequency with which we moved. 'Postings' came with predictable regularity every three years. What was unpredictable and therefore exciting was the suspense. Where would we go this time? Ambala, Pune, Dehradun, Allahabad, Tejpur, Bangalore, Yo! In my short span of thirteen years we had moved lock, stock and barrel eleven times!

Every move meant change. New journeys, new places, new schools, my new books, new uniforms, new friends and new houses. We lived in tents, bashas, Nissen huts, flats and bungalows. No matter what the shape and size of the dwelling, mother soon put her own special stamp on it and transformed it into a familiar place - our home - complete with bright yellow-curtains, coffee-brown carpet, assorted pictures, hanging ferns and potted palms - providing a comforting sense of continuity in our essentially nomadic life.

I was thirteen, the year we moved to the Cantonment at Allahabad. In stark contrast to the razzle-dazzle of the city's commercial areas like Khatra and Chowk, the

Cantonment was a quiet, orderly place with broad tree-lined roads that still carried the names of long-dead Britishers. Our bungalow was on a sleepy by-lane called MacPherson Road. When we first saw it, my brothers and I were delighted. It was by far the biggest house we had ever lived in. The task of furnishing those huge, echoing rooms daunted Mother.

A2. Complete

(2)

- a. The broad tree-lined roads were named after.....
- b. Katra and Chowk are
- c. Mother was daunted with the task of.....
- d. The suspense was exciting because the posting was.....

A3. Personal response

What do you think are the problems faced by those who change households frequently.

(2)

(Section IV: Writing Skill)

Q.5 (A) Do anyone of the following activities:

A1. Letter writing

(5 marks)

Look at the notice issued by the supervisor of your school.

(5)

Picnic To Lonavale

Contribution Rs 500.

Spots to be visited: Wax Museum, Narayanidham, Dams, Duke's Nose

Enjoy scenic beauty, pleasant weather.

Need to carry: Water bottle, proper clothing, caps, essential medicines, snacks for your taste.

Start : 7.30 a.m. from school

Return: 9.30 p.m. to school.

You stay in a Hostel. Write a letter to your daddy asking permission to go for the picnic. Also, request him to give you the necessary amount.

(5)

OR

A2. 30% Water cut

Mumbai: Due to major repairs of pipeline in Dadar and nearby areas, 30% water cut will be implemented for G(N) and (S). Citizens are requested to use water carefully and store water for a day. Water supply will resume on Sunday night. Do not panic.

Write a letter to the Secretary of your Housing Society informing him about the news and drawing his attention to the problem. Request him to take the necessary steps. (5)

(B) Do any of the following activities :**B1. Report writing**

(5 marks)

Human Rights department had arranged a programme save the rights of a child in your locality. Write a report for the newspaper using the hints.

HINTS

Free
Education

Facilities for
The parents

Free text – books,
note – books etc

Insurance

Equal rights

Free medical
Treatment

OR**B2. Dialogue writing**

Look at the following News Headline and develop a dialogue between you and your Friend. Use the points given in the call-outs. MASTER-blaster's last innings.

Bharat
Ratna

Versatile
Player

Teenage
icon

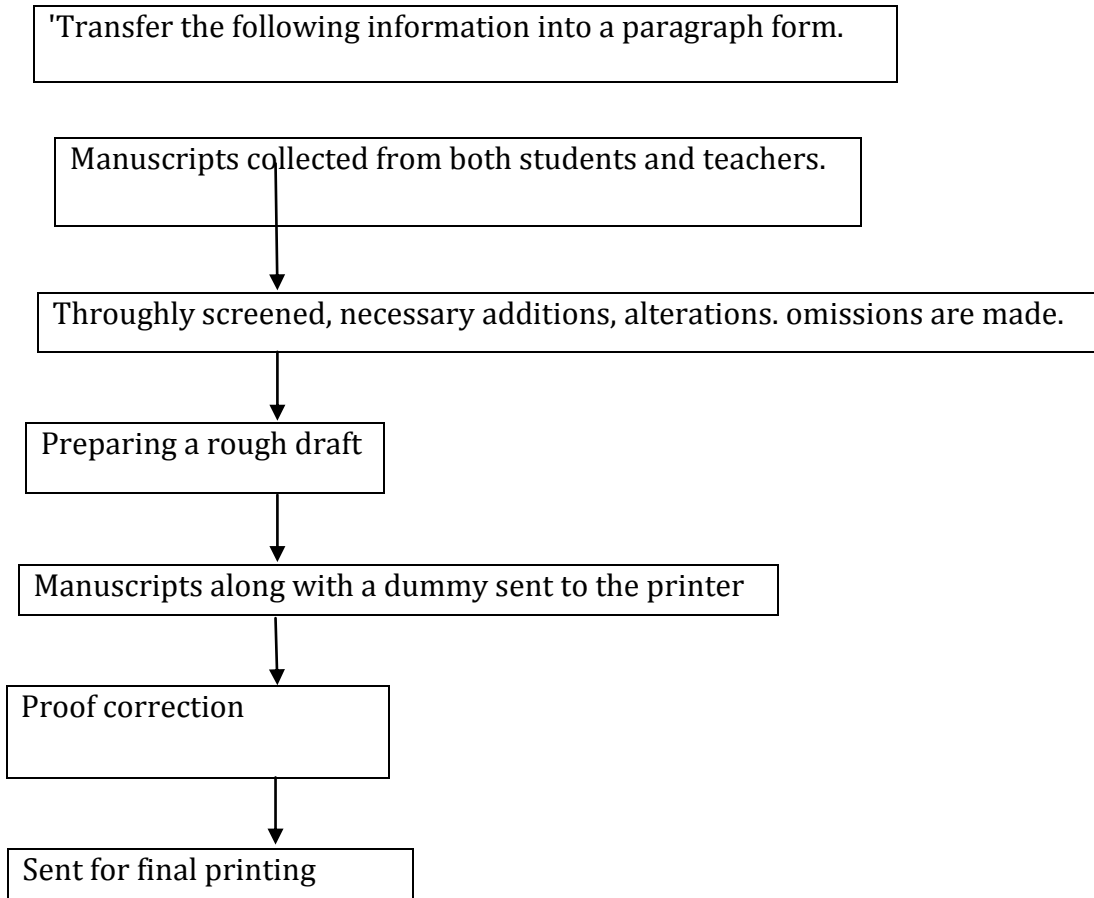
Records
broken
Awards

Mixed feelings
Citizen's pride

Q.6 (A) Do anyone of the following activities:

A1. Information Transfer (Non-verbal to verbal)

(5 marks)



OR

A2. Here are some tips about keeping healthy as given in a Science magazine. Read and write in the form of Do's and Don'ts (table): (5)

You must include vegetables and fruits in your diet and drink a lot of water. You should avoid junk food and aerated water. You shouldn't sit for long period of time. Rather you should exercise regularly. You shouldn't ignore the importance of good breathing habits. Try breathing deeply whenever you think of it. See to it that you sleep for at least 7 hour a day. In fact, you should avoid irregular timings.

(B) Do any one of the following activities :

(5 marks)

B1. Speech

Prepare a speech to be delivered by you on 'Environment Day' Celebration in your school, laying stress on conserving the environment.

(5)

Neglecting the
threat of nature

Excessive use of
nature

Imbalance
environment

Deforestation

Tsunami the best
example

OR

B2. View and Counterview.

View: Progress of mankind depends on deforestation.

Counterview :

- (a) Rising population
- (b) Wild-life affected
- (c) Global warming
- (d) Flora and fauna endangered.

Q.7 A1. Expansion of ideas (any one)

(5 marks)

(1) Dishonesty never pays in the long run.

(2) Time and tide wait for none.

OR

A2. Develop a story having one of the above ideas as a moral. Give a suitable title to your story

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(SECTION I: Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

1 (A)

A1. Complete:

Effects of Floods:

1. Life comes to a halt.
2. There are power failures.
3. People get trapped and property is damaged.
4. There is a shortage of basic supplies like food and clothing.

A2. Order:

1. (d) Rajen Dutia received an urgent call.
2. (c) Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere.
3. (b) Rajen found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people shivering in the rain.
4. (a) He took them to his one-bedroom flat.

A3. i. Fill in the blanks:

- i. Thousands of pilgrims were stranded due to the cloud burst in Uttarakhand.
- ii. The tiger was trapped by the hunter.

A3. ii. Antonyms:

- (1) (b) displease
- (2) (c) unsafe

A4. i. Tags:

One good turn deserves another, (a) doesn't it?

A4. ii. Guess:

Rajen can you please take her home? 'Can' indicates: (b) ability.

A5. Personal Response:

The expression 'one good turn deserves another' means if someone does a good deed to me it is my duty to return the favour if possible or at least do some good deed to help anyone in need. For example, if my classmate shares his lunch or stationery with me in school, I should be ready to do the same for him or for any one else in need.

1 (B)

B1. Select

The qualities inculcated in the author by her teachers were kindness, hard work, regularity and tolerance.

B2. Answer:

- (1) The author disliked those teachers who were unkind and intolerant to the children.
- (2) Sudha Ramasubramaniam advised the author to concentrate on her health and assured her that she could take the exam off the top of her health.

B3. Match:

'A'	'B'
(i) Prominent	(d) Noticeable
(ii) Incredible	(c) Unbelievable
(iii) Diagnose	(f) Identify a disease
(iv) Endeavours	(e) Efforts

B4. i. 'Wh question'

What did she make me realise?

B4. ii. I was taught by her in college.

B5. Personal Response:

A teacher should be able to come down to the level of a friend. Looking at a child's perspective through an adult's mindset creates a wide gap between the teacher and the student. Therefore, a teacher should become a friend of the students in order to understand the student better and be a positive influence. Children are able to express themselves freely only when they know that they are not being judged or suppressed.

2 (A)

A1. Guess:

- (1) The Olympic Games were originally held in honour of (d) Zeus.
- (2) The Olympics were held after every (b) Four years.
- (3) All came to know of Olympia from the (a) Olympics
- (4) Altis was the name of a (d) Enclosure

A2. Select

- (1) Occurring at the interval of four years – quadrennial
- (2) Wreckage – ruins
- (3) Take part in a game – compete
- (4) One who wins – victor

A3. Complete:

Noun	Adjective	Verb
beauty	beautiful	beautify

A4.

- (i) The old ruins are shaded not only by evergreen oaks, pines and poplars but also by olive trees.
- (ii) Only unmarried women were allowed to be present.

A5. Personal Response:

Today the winners of the Olympic Games are awarded a gold, silver or bronze medal depending on the position they hold in addition to a cash prize agreed upon by the organisers.

(B)

B1. Choose:

- (1) The narrator is (b) an engineer studying in BITS Pilani.
- (2) Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind which means (c) one moon mission had opened up many avenues in science and technology for mankind.

B2. Complete:

- (1) Armstrong describes the earth as a tiny pea, pretty and blue.
- (2) The effort to explore the universe has united mankind in technology and knowledge.
- (3) Apollo 11 unleashed the romance of space science and changed forever the way we look at our planet Earth and its satellite, the moon.
- (4) The author came to know about Apollo 11 mission when he heard about it on the radio on July 20, 1969.

B3. Solve:

U	N	I	V	E	R	1S	E					2A		
						P						P		
						3A	S	T	R	O	N	A	U	T
						C				L				
						E				L				
										4M	O	O	N	

B4.

- (i) For the first time, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins were to land on the moon.
- (ii) Armstrong found that his thumb was blotting out the Earth.

B5.

Yes, I would love to be an astronaut. Astronauts get the opportunity to travel to space. They collect data and specimens needed for research work which is conducted for the benefit of the whole world.

(SECTION II: – Poetry)

Q3 (A)

A1.

I can save my motherland by putting an end to hatred, selfish aims and ends, exploitation, and tyranny.

A2.

The poet says that people who live in regions hit by famines and droughts turn into skeletons and shrivelled bags of naked bones. They do not even have the strength to vent their suffering through sobs and groans.

A3.

- (i) Drought and dread and doom: Alliteration
- (ii) Time cannot wait: Personification

(B)

B1.

- (a) While struggling, the poet wants us to have a will to win.
- (b) While making money, the poet wants us to hold on to friends.
- (c) While dreaming, the poet wants us to dream little and do much.
- (d) While losing, the poet wants us to go on ward despite defeat.

B2.

- (a) Doing your job the best
- (b) Being just to your fellow men
- (c) Figuring how and learning why
- (d) Looking forward and thinking high
- (e) Dreaming a little and doing much

B3.

(2) aabb

SECTION III – Poetry

Q4. (A)

A1.

- (1) False. The author's new house was situated in Allahabad.
- (2) True

A2.

- (1) long-dead Britishers
- (2) the city's commercial areas.
- (3) furnishing those huge, echoing rooms.
- (4) unpredictable

A3.

People who change houses frequently do not experience a sense of stability. It is difficult for them to have a sense of belongingness to a location as they move frequently. They are unable to make permanent friends. Finally, their education experiences various ups and downs as they are transferred from one institution to the other from time to time.

SECTION IV: Writing Skills

5. (A)

A1. Letter

304, Vipul Mansion
Raikar Wadi
Malad
Mumbai- 400097
7nd March 2016

Dear Daddy,

Our class is going on a one-day picnic to Lonavala on 19 March, and I was wondering if you could allow me to go as well. We will be visiting the wax museum, Narayanidham, Dukes Nose, and some dams. The supervisor has allowed us to carry snack items of our choice too. We have been asked to carry warm clothing and essential medicines for the trip.

The contribution for the picnic is Rs 500 per student. If you don't mind me going on the trip, could you please send across the money as soon as possible? Also, if Mother could prepare some of my favourite snack items, I will be able to enjoy them with my friends at the picnic.

I have included a copy of the notice for the other details of the picnic. I will be waiting for your reply!

Give my regards to everyone in the family. I miss you all!

Your loving son,
Jatin

A2. Letter
Shubha Karve

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Ekta Society
Mithagar Road
Mulund East
Mumbai- 400081
2nd March 2015

The Secretary
Monica CHS
Parel,Mumbai – 400013

Subject: Restricted water supply due to repair work

Dear Sir,

The G (N) and (S) wards in the city will experience 30% water cut from Tuesday until Sunday night this week, as major repair work will be carried out of pipelines in Dadar and nearby areas. As our society is a part of the (S) wards, I request you to take necessary measures to share this news with the other residents so that everyone can make arrangements to store water for the period. It is very important that we insist on cautious use of water and minimum wastage, so that none of the residents face major inconvenience during the mentioned week.

Yours truly,
Shubha Karve

5 (B)

B1.

Street child gets a new lease of life: Thanks to Human Rights Activists

Suhasini Mallik, Staff Reporter

Monday, March 07, 2016

Mumbai: Seven year old Tanay's joy knew no bounds when the city's Human Rights activists gave him his new school uniform, school bag, and books. Tanay was brought to the city from Satara by his aunt and uncle (Smita and Sanjay Pathak) under the pretext of getting him admitted to a good school. However, the family, living in Caroline Apartments, Mahim, soon turned him into a domestic help and deprived him even of basic care.

A month ago a concerned neighbour (identity withheld on request) - contacted the Human Rights Commission office in the city after he heard screams and cries from the apartment where the Pathaks live. "Initially the cries were occasional; however, recently, I had been hearing cries everyday from the house as if someone was being beaten up and pleading for mercy. I was so worried that I had to take some step," said the neighbour.

The activists learnt that Tanay was a distant nephew of the Pathaks and was being tortured by them when he refused to slog for them. After the Pathaks were arrested by the police, the boy was admitted to a school run by a local NGO and was reunited with his parents. The human rights group has also offered the parents of the boy jobs in the city so that they do not have to live away from their son anymore. A leading hospital has offered to provide free medical aid to Tanay and his family for a year as a part of their CSR initiative. The activists stressed on the fact that children should not be discriminated on any basis and that every child has an equal right to receive education and lead a good life.

B2.

Me: Did you read the newspaper? It says: Master blaster's last innings!

Friend: Yes, I did. Cricket is never going to be the same again. I just can't believe that Sachin Tendulkar has retired from all forms of cricket.

Me: I agree with you. Do you know he is also the recipient of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award?

Friend: Yes, Sachin is the youngest recipient to date and the first ever sportsperson to receive the award.

Me: Sachin made his Test debut against Pakistan in Karachi in November 1989 when he was just 16. Where do you think we would be in a year?

Friend: I really don't know! His versatility and perseverance not only enhanced his reputation as a fine batsman, but also made him a teenage icon. In fact, my older cousins still admire him and talk about his performances as a batsman, bowler, fielder and a captain.

Me: When the legend walked down the ground for his last innings at Wankhede Stadium, the crowd rumbled with the chants of "Sachin! Sachin".

Friend: There were mixed feelings pouring out from all corners of the stadium. Some people were happy to see their star cricketer come out to bat, while some were pondering over the fact that it was the last match in the illustrious career of Sachin Tendulkar.

Me: He has broken many records and won many awards and honours. It is sad indeed that fans have to see the game without him playing anymore.

Friend: Let us hope that India gets another player who is as committed and skilled as Sachin Tendulkar.

6 (A)

A1.

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A2.

Do	Don't
Include vegetables and fruits in the diet	Consume junk food
Drink a lot of water	Sit for long periods of time
Exercise regularly	Ignore importance of good breathing habits
Try deep breathing	sleep at irregular timings
Get at least 7 hours of sleep	Drink aerated water

6 (B)

B1.

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends,

Today, as we celebrate World Environment Day, I'd like to share my views with you. The other day, I read that some region in Maharashtra received unseasonal heavy rains which damaged the harvest. Some days after that, there were reports of animals in the polar regions being found dead due to an increase in the polar temperature. It is June here but instead of us enjoying the first monsoon showers, we are profusely sweating and gulping down ice cold water because of the sever heat and humidity.

It is time that we stop neglecting the threats of nature and take steps to conserve the environment. Cutting down forests is not a way of increasing accommodation or business capacities. A tree takes years to fully grow, but we ruthlessly cut it down to build infrastructures. This leads to increase in global temperatures and imbalance in the environment. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami is the best example of how exploitation of nature leads to irreparable damage. Even after 11 years, the event is still affecting the region and this has urged experts to continue studies both to support recovery efforts and to understand the science behind this devastating natural disaster. My point here is, if we had not violated nature's laws in the first place, would the disaster take place? I

strongly advocate cautious use of natural resources and respect towards natural beauty so that the world remains a beautiful place to live in.

B2.

Counterview

I strongly oppose the conviction 'progress of mankind depends on deforestation'. Forests are a home to diverse species of flora and fauna, and cutting them down to accommodate human greed is not justified. As the exploding population finds newer means to accommodate themselves and their businesses, deforestation renders animals homeless and endangers species. The imbalance in nature leads to global warming.

7 (A)

A1.

(i) Dishonesty never pays in the long run

Dishonesty seems to be a fundamental part of the world we live in. From political scams to the petty lies that we all tell to evade trouble, dishonesty is known to all. A school going child lies to his mother about his failed test scores, a worker lies to his boss about why he got late to work. Our minds are constantly overworking to cover up one lie with another. In the long run, our life becomes a heap of lies. We are deprived of a clear conscience, and we are penalizing our brains by asking it to remember all the lies that we have told so that we don't get caught. Dishonesty never pays in the long run. One can cheat and clear an exam, or an interview, but is that going to help you in becoming the person you aspire to be one day?

(ii) Time and tide wait for none

Very few people understand the importance of respecting time. Time is elusive, because we think that we will always have time but the reality is that time does not stand still even for a second. A moment lost is lost forever. We delay decisions and then one day realize that it is too late to do something. We must be aware that even the smallest degree of slackness can cost us dearly, because time and tide wait for none.

A2.

Chintamani was in desperate need of money to pay his son's school fees. Just when he was on the verge of losing all hope, he found a 500 rupee note outside his tea stall. Without a second thought, he picked up the note and rushed home. He gave the money to his son and asked him to pay his school fees. As his son was on his way to the school, he tripped over and fell, his books and the money scattering around on the ground. A police constable, who saw him walking hurriedly, went to him and started helping him gather his belongings. He then noticed the 500 rupee among his things. He took out a chit from his pocket and matched the series of the note to the one he found with the boy. It belonged to the same series of notes that were robbed from an ATM next to the tea stall that belonged to the boy's father. The poor boy paid the price of his father's dishonesty.