

# MT 16

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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - PRELIM I - PAPER - II (FIRST LANGUAGE) (E)

Time : 3 Hours

(Pages 10)

Max. Marks : 80

## SECTION I

### Reading Skills, Grammar and Vocabulary (Prose)

**Q.I. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)**

**A.1. Match the following:**

**'A'**

- (i) nature
- (ii) hibiscus
- (iii) ocean
- (iv) bits of grass peeping through a pavement

**'B'**

- (a) always an opening for impossible things
- (b) whispers and commands
- (c) lives life to the fullest
- (d) gentle yet commanding

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We instinctively turn to outdoor activities and nature as a way of relaxing and enhancing our well-being. Nature soothes and nurtures. Nature fulfills and motivates. Nature whispers and commands.

Are you listening? When I do, it leaves me in complete awe. We have a hibiscus plant in our garden. Every fortnight a flower blooms on it - big, bright and tender. Through the day it smiles with the sun and dances with the wind, but as evening approaches, it starts wilting. The morning after, it withers completely and by evening it falls and becomes one with the earth again. The flower comes to life only for a day, yet it does so in full splendour. What if we too lived our life, however short, to its fullest?

We went to a rocky beach and saw the spread of the majestic ocean and the rocks alongside, carved, sculpted and shaped by the water. Water is so soft, rock so hard, yet, as the water flows over it every day, for years, the rock gives in. It takes the shape that the water commands. Our problems are so colossal and we are so small, yet if we persist...

We saw small bits of grass peeping through the small cracks in a concrete pavement. It left us thinking: however impossible things may look, there is always an opening...

**A.2. Choose the most appropriate alternatives from those given below:** 2

**(i) The text gives us the information about**

- (a) How the ordinary metals change into gold after coming in contact with nature.
- (b) Impact of nature on us and all the beings and how it transforms us positively.
- (c) Chemistry of nature and its destructive influence.

**(ii) As the water flows over the rock every day, for years, the rock**

- (a) starts shining
- (b) gives in
- (c) starts shaking.

**A.3. Write two pairs of antonyms from the given passage.** 2

**A.4. Do as directed :** 2

- (i) It leaves me in complete awe. *(Rewrite beginning with 'I am ...')*
- (ii) The flower comes to life only for a day yet it does so in full splendour. *(Rewrite using 'Though')*

**A.5. What is required to tackle trials and tribulations in life? Explain.** 2

**Q.I. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :** *(10 marks)*

**B.1. Write a sentence from the passage in support of each of the following.** 2

- (i) Hanmant was an ambitious student.
- (ii) Hanmant took responsibility of his own education.

Hanmant Gaikwad was born in Koregaon in Satara district. "My native place is Rahimatpur, around 10 kms from Koregaon. My father was a clerk in the court and we lived in a small, rented house." Hanmant was a brilliant student specially good in mathematics. When he was in class six, the family shifted to Pune. They lived in Phugewadi near Dapodi in a tiny one room house. 10 by 10 feet. At this point Hanmant realized the difference between himself and those who had money. Hanmant was then studying at Modern High School. He needed one rupee to buy a bus ticket to and from every day. Even that was hard to come by. Despite the hardships, Hanmant secured 88% in class 10. Hanmant completed his diploma and joined Philips as a trainee. But he wasn't happy with the work he got there. The natural choice for a diploma engineer is to go for a B.Tech. But engineering colleges charge hefty fees. At the time, the family's only source of income was a teacher's salary of 2300 a month... And then I decided to also do some earning. "Khud ka kamana chalu kiya".

Hanmant took up painting jobs and quickly discovered it was an excellent business. The young engineering student paid his own fees from third year onwards. But his lifestyle remained frugal. Life was getting better, but Hanmant had his sights set higher. In the final year of engineering, he was attracted towards the writings of Swami Vivekananda.  
 "I felt ki kuch alag karna hai. What should I do, I did not know but in 1993 I formed an organization - Bharat Vikas Pratishthan."  
 On 22nd May 1997, Bharat Vikas bagged its first housekeeping contract for 8 people.

**B.2. Answer in one word:**

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- (i) Where did the family live in Pune?  
 (ii) Where did Hanmant take his school education?

**B.3. Select the appropriate meaning for the underlined word:**

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- (i) His life-style remained frugal.  
 (a) simple (b) meagre (c) extravagant  
 (ii) Bharat Vikas bagged its first housekeeping contract.  
 (a) caught (b) put in a bag (c) claimed  
 (iii) My native place is Rahimatpur.  
 (a) own place (b) original place (c) foreign place  
 (iv) Engineering colleges charge very hefty fees.  
 (a) very moderate (b) very exuberant (c) very little

**B.4. Do as directed :**

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- (i) Hanmant was a brilliant student. *(Rewrite as an 'exclamatory sentence')*  
 (ii) In 1999, I got married and then I decided to leave the job.  
*(Rewrite using a 'subordinator')*

**B.5. What qualities helped Hanmant progress in his career?**

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**Q.II. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (10 Marks)****A.1. Complete the following statements by selecting the correct word from the alternatives given in the brackets :**

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- (i) According to the writer, we need more \_\_\_\_\_ education.  
*(character, value, academic, moral)*  
 (ii) Education builds fundamental traits of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(wisdom, knowledge, character, ethics)*

Intellectual education influences the head and value based education influences the heart. In fact, education that does not train the heart can be dangerous. If we want to build a character in our offices, home and society, we must achieve a minimum level of moral and ethical literacy. Education that builds fundamental traits of character

- such as honesty, compassion, courage, persistence and responsibility  
 - is absolutely essential. We don't need more academic education, we need more value - education. I would stress that a person who is morally educated will be a lot better equipped to move up in life or succeed than a morally bankrupt person with excellent academic qualification. Character building and teaching values and ethics come in the formative years because a child is not born with this knowledge. True education is training both the head and the heart. An uneducated thief may steal from the freight car but an educated one may steal the entire railroad. We need to compete; for knowledge is filing up facts while wisdom is simplifying it. One could obtain good grades and a degree without learning much. The most important thing one can learn is to "learn to learn" People confuse education with the ability to memorize facts. Education of the mind without morals creates a menace to society.

**A.2. The fundamental traits of character are:**

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(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ (iv) \_\_\_\_\_

**A.3.**

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- (i) Pick out a word from the passage which means "the distinctive qualities of someone."  
 (ii) Which of the following words are both nouns and verbs ?  
 stress, courage, compete, head, society

**A.4. Do as directed :**

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- (i) A person who is morally educated will be a lot better equipped to move up in life. *(Identify and analyse the clauses)*  
 (ii) The most important thing one can learn is to "learn to learn" *(Change into Comparative Degree)*

**A.5. In what way is education a valuable asset to you?**

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**Q.II. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :****(10 Marks)****B.1. Complete the following:**

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- (i) The writer cannot chide his daughter to keep quiet because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (ii) The writer couldn't enlighten his daughter on the differences between languages because \_\_\_\_\_.

My five-year old daughter Mini is a chatty girl and likes to talk all day long. It took her about a year after being born to acquire the talent for language, and since then she has not wasted a single

wakeful moment of her life remaining silent. Often her mother chides her to keep quiet, but I can never do that. Seeing the girl mute even for an instant seems so odd and unusual to me that I find it unbearable. That's why my conversation with Mini is often feisty.

One morning as ; I had just started writing the seventeenth chapter of my novel, Mini walked into the room and began, 'Dad, our sentry Ramdayal doesn't even know how to pronounce the word "crow." He is so backward.'

Before I could begin to enlighten her on the differences between languages, she launched into another topic. 'See, Dad, Bhola was saying that when elephants lift water with their trunks and spray it from the sky, it rains. Dear, oh dear! Bhola can speak such nonsense. He can rant day and night, without making any sense!' Without waiting for my opinion on it, she asked me out of the blue, 'Dad, who is Mum to you?'

Sister-in-law, I thought to myself, but to Mini I replied, avoiding the complicated question, "you go and play with Bhola. I have some work now." At this, she flopped beside the writing table, close to my feet, and began to play a game of knick-knack with her hands and knees, rapidly chanting a nursery rhyme. In the seventeenth chapter of my novel, Pratap Singh was jumping off the high balcony of the jailhouse at this time, with Kanchanmala, into the river below in the dark of night.

**B.2. Write two character traits of Mini:**

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- (i) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**B.3. Complete the following table:**

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Noun	Adjective	Verb
_____	complicated	_____
_____	dark	_____

**B.4. Do as directed:**

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- (i) Often her mother chides her to keep quiet, but I can never do that.  
(Rewrite using a 'Subordinator')
- (ii) My five-year old daughter Mini is a chatty girl and likes to talk all day long.  
(Rewrite the sentence using an 'ing' verb)

**B.5. According to you, should children be scolded for talking too much?**

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## SECTION II : POETRY

**Q.III. (A) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:**  
(5 Marks)

**A.1. Complete the following:**

- (i) Although the rivers are abundant they are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) According to the poet it is not right that \_\_\_\_\_.

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The forests are dying  
Wild life is crying  
Millions of fish are dying  
Mother earth is sighing  
Tell me is it right  
That we sleep well at night  
Replenishing ourselves  
For tomorrows greedy fight  
Overcrowded trains  
Overloaded brains  
Where is the light?  
What is our plight?  
While rivers break their banks  
And greedy industries play their polluted pranks.

**A.2. Write two reasons why Mother earth is sighing:**

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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**A.3. Give two pairs of rhyming words from the above extract.**

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**Q.III. (B) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:**  
(5 Marks)

**B.1. Choose the correct alternative.**

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ pleases the children.  
(a) Cottage cheese (b) Tomato (c) A rare dish
- (ii) They will ask for more of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Ice cream (b) cottage cheese (c) chocolate cake

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Tomatoes, onions, peppers, fish,  
Garlic nor cottage cheese;  
Oh, it's a dish uncommon rare  
That truly seems to please.  
No red sauce may the ice cream have,  
"It's bleeding," they will say;  
And gravely hand it to their mum

To take it clean away.  
 But let us speak of chocolate cake,  
 It must be frosted o'er;  
 Then they'll devour three full slabs,  
 And calmly ask for more.  
 Oh, I do so always love to eat  
 With picky little pests,  
 Whose parents joy to make them  
 The most undesirable guests!

**B.2.** Why are the children called undesirable guests?

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**B.3. Write the words from the passage which rhyme with the following:**

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| (i) cheese | (ii) say   |
| (iii) over | (iv) pests |

### SECTION III : RAPID READING

**Q.IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**  
*(5 Marks)*

**1. State whether the following statements are true or false.**

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- (i) At 12 o'clock the patient opened his lips.  
 (ii) The doctor's wife wanted to know the truth whatever it was.

He sent away the assistant and sat beside the patient. At about eleven the patient opened his eyes and smiled at his friend. He showed a slight improvement, he was able to take in a little food. A great feeling of relief and joy went through the household. They swarmed around the doctor and poured out their gratitude. He sat in his seat beside the bed, gazing sternly at the patient's face, hardly showing any signs of hearing what they were saying to him. The sick man's wife asked, "Is he now out of danger?" Without turning his head the doctor said, "Give glucose and brandy every forty minutes; just a couple of spoons will do." The lady went away to the kitchen. She felt restless. She felt she must know the truth whatever it was. Why was the great man so evasive? The suspense was unbearable. Perhaps he could not speak so near the patient's bed. She beckoned to him from the kitchen doorway. The doctor rose and went over. She asked, "What about him now? How is he?" The doctor bit his lips and replied, looking at the floor, "Don't get excited. Unless you must know about it, don't ask now." Her eyes opened wide in terror. She clasped her hands together and implored, "Tell me the truth." The doctor replied, "I would rather not talk to you now." He turned round and went back to his chair. A terrible wailing shot through the still

house; the patient stirred and looked about in bewilderment. The doctor got up again, went over to the kitchen door, drew it in securely and shut off the wail.

When the doctor resumed his seat the patient asked in the faintest whisper possible, "Is that someone crying?" The doctor advised, "Don't exert yourself. You mustn't talk." He felt the pulse. It was already agitated by the exertion. The patient asked, "Am I going? Don't hide it from me." The doctor made a deprecating noise and sat back in his chair. He had never faced a situation like this. It was not in his nature to whitewash. People attached great value to his word because of that. He stole a look at the other. The patient motioned a finger to draw him nearer and whispered, "I must know how long I am going to last. I must sign the will. It is all ready. Ask my wife for the dispatch box. You must sign as a witness."

**2.** How did the doctor respond to the reaction of Gopal's household members on his recovery? **2**

**3.** Do you think it is easy for a doctor to treat someone very close? **2**

#### SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL

**Q.V. (A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)**

**A.1. Write a letter to the Editor complaining about the bad conditions of roads and drains in your city.**

**A.2. You happen to read the following heading of an article in a magazine.**

#### **Bunk the Junk - Stay Fit**

You suddenly remember that your mother had written to you about the unhealthy eating habits of your younger brother. Write a letter to him to avoid eating junk food.

**Q.V. (B) B1 or B2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)**

**B.1. Your college held a science exhibition recently. Write a report of it for your college magazine.**

**B.2. Two senior citizens who meet every day for a morning walk discuss about the following news headline :**

'Dwindling Human Values in Society' -

Write a dialogue between the two, based on the above topic.

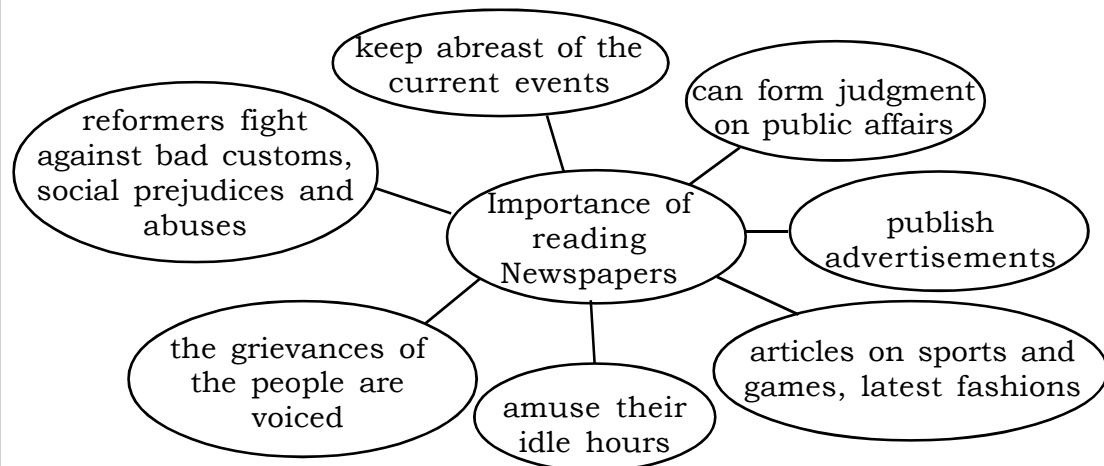


**Q.VI. (A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities: (5 Marks)**

**A.1. Write a fact file of the famous writer, O.Henry, based on the information given below:**

The American short story writer, O. Henry, (1862-1910) was born under the name William Sydney Porter in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1862. His short stories are well known throughout the world. noted for their witticism, clever wordplay, and unexpected “twist” endings. O. Henry moved to Texas in March 1882. He was always a lover of classic literature, and while pursuing these other ventures, O. Henry had begun writing as a hobby and had started writing for the The Post, earning \$25 per month. O.Henry’s prolific writing period began in 1902 in New York City, where he wrote 381 short stories. He wrote one story a week for The New York World Sunday Magazine for over a year. Some of his best and least known work is contained in, ‘Cabbages and Kings’, his first collection of published stories, set in a central American town, in which sub-plots and larger plots are interwoven in an engaging manner. His second collection of stories, The Four Million, was released in 1906. The stories are set in New York City and the title is based on the population of the city at that time. The collection contained several short story masterpieces, including The Gift of the Magi. The Cop and the Anthem, and many others. O. Henry’s trademark is his witty, plot - twisting endings. In 1952 Marilyn Monroe and Charles Laughton starred in O. Henry’s Full House, a film featuring five stories of O. Henry’s short stories. He died in 1910. He was a gifted short story writer, and left us a rich legacy of great stories to enjoy.

**A.2. Newspapers are an essential feature of modern life. The following web diagram gives us information about Importance of reading newspapers. Write a paragraph based on this information.**



**Q.VI. (B) B1 or B2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)**

**B.1. Prepare a speech bringing out the causes of, effect of and the solution for the problem of pollution.**

**B.2. Write your COUNTERVIEW AGAINST the topic:  
'The Elderly, the Real Torch Bearers'.  
You may take the help of the following points of VIEW:**

- They have a good experience of life.
- They teach us values.
- They guide us and help us.
- They solve our problems.

**Q.VII. Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any ONE of the following. (5 Marks)**

1. The fruits of labour are sweeter than the gifts of fortune.
2. Failures are the stepping stones to success.
3. **Write a story beginning with...**  
I was 12 years old then. I saw a boy of my age cleaning tables where dad and I were having our breakfast .....

*Best of Luck* 🍀