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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. Give reasons :

- (i) Saina has started depending mainly on her low serves because it _____.
- (ii) Indians are always comfortable playing against the wind because _____.

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As a player Saina has improved consistently over a period of time. She has started depending mainly on her low serves which straightway gives her an advantage to go on the offensive. Also at times she gets a quick point when the opponents make an error on the service return itself. This strategy looks easy but is difficult to implement since one can easily get caught if the player is not fast enough to respond to a good return of serve. She is extremely confident at the net while dribbling which gives her a lot of weak mid-court returns. Again this is easier said than done. It needs hours and hours of tireless practice to master the dribble. She has a good hit as well which is so important to finish a rally and score a point. She is prepared to wait for the right opportunities to finish the rally. Sometimes it could present itself in the second or third stroke itself and on many occasions one might have to wait longer. This requires patience and a lot of self confidence in stroke-making. Obviously Saina has both these qualities which are helping her win matches.

Even though she is a complete player, there is scope for her to work on her forehand side, especially from the back court. At times she is slow to reach the net when the opponents play a really sharp drop on her backhand. She can work on her defence as well. Generally there is drift in most stadia across the world and Indians are always comfortable playing against the wind as it is easy to

control your shots. I am sure it is the same with Saina as well. However she would do well to practise a little more "playing with the wind" as well. This way you need not necessarily always concede a game while "playing with the wind".

A.2. Complete the table:

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A	B
Saina's Strengths	Saina's Weaknesses
(i) _____	(i) _____
(ii) _____	(ii) _____

A.3. (i) Pick out any two compound words from the passage :

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(ii) Write words from the passage meaning :

(a) a plan (b) regularly

A.4. Do as directed :

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(i) This strategy looks easy but is difficult to implement.

(Rewrite beginning with 'Though' ...)

(ii) One can easily get caught if the player is not fast enough.

*(Rewrite using 'unless')***A.5. Do you think it is easy to become a top badminton star?**

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Q.I. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (10 marks)**B.1. State whether the following statements are true or false. If false, correct it :**

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(i) For Gautam, communication with his 'camera' holds the key to bringing out the character of the subject on film.

(ii) Making his subjects comfortable is half the battle for him.

The one name, generations of actors and actresses have turned, to for the best shot of their lives is Gautam Rajadhyaksha. An artist who has devoted his life to the field of photography is also the pioneer of the 'soft focus' photos that have long created an aura around the celebrities he has captured. It is no wonder then that even in today's slam-bang world of digital shoots, Gautam's photos and unique style are still much sought after. Gautam Rajadhyaksha is a people's person and for him, communication with his 'subjects' holds the key to bringing out their character on film. His knowledge includes varied subjects from music (he loves Opera) to theatre to art and even sports and business. Making his subjects comfortable is half the

battle for him. He believes that it is the most unnatural thing to ask someone to just 'act natural' and has therefore always made sure that he first has an informal chat with the person he plans to shoot.

B.2. Write any 2 qualities of Gautam as a photographer :

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- (i) _____.
(ii) _____.

B.3.

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- (i) Make a word register for the word 'photography'.
(ii) Write words from the passage meaning:
(a) musical drama (b) dedicated

B.4. Do as directed :

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- (i) He believes that it is the most unnatural thing to ask someone to just 'act natural'. (*Identify the Subordinate Clause and state its type*)
(ii) He first has an informal chat with the person he plans to shoot. (*Rewrite using a 'Subordinator'*)

B.5. What do you think are the challenges for a photographer?

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

A.1. Name the following :

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- (i) The Spanish meaning of Rio Grande - _____
(ii) In Mexico Rio Grande is known as - _____

Although not the longest river in America, the Rio Grande is one of the most important. But, unlike other significant rivers, it is not used for shipping. In fact, ocean going ships cannot navigate the waters. No, what makes the Rio Grande so important is its location. Since 1846, it has been the official border of Texas and Mexico. The Rio Grande is either the fourth or fifth longest river system in North America. It all depends on how it is measured. Because the river twists so much, it occasionally changes course. And these course-shifts can cause it to be longer or shorter. At its last official measure, the Rio Grande clocked in at 1,896 miles. The river starts in Colorado and extends downward to the Gulf of Mexico. Downward is the best way of describing it too. Not only does the river extend south, but it also starts in the mountains and gets lower and lower in elevation as it extends to the Gulf. Its name is Spanish for the "Big River," but the Rio Grande is actually known as Rio Bravo in Mexico. "Bravo" translates as "furious," so the name makes sense. The Rio Grande today is mostly used as a source of drinking water. Sadly, much of

the water has been drained from the river. Parts of the river are almost dry! This is because people use more water from the river than the river can get back from rain and other sources. Experts are working to correct this, though, with hopes of restoring the river to its past strength.

A.2. State whether the following statements are true or false : **2**

- (i) The river starts in Colorado and extends upward to the Gulf of Mexico.
- (ii) The Rio Grande today is mostly used as a source of drinking water.

A.3. **2**

(i) Give the antonyms for the word :

(a) furious (b) official

(ii) Give the adverb form of :

(a) sense (b) significant

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

- (i) Although not the longest river in America, the Rio Grande is one of the most important. (*Start your answer with 'In spite of...'*)
- (ii) Oceangoing ships cannot navigate the waters.
(*Rewrite using a subordinator*)

A.5. At the beginning of the passage, we learn that the Rio Grande is "one of the most important" rivers in America. Write about one such important river in India. **2**

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

B.1. Mention four sounds that could be heard by the old man. **2**

In the grey sky of early dawn stars still glowed, as happy memories light up a life that is nearing its close. An old man was walking through the town, now and again drawing his tattered clothes tighter to shield his body from the cold and biting wind. From some houses came the sound of grinding mills, and the sweet voices of women singing at their work, and the sounds helped him along his lonely way. Except for the occasional bark of a dog, the distant steps of a workman going early to work, or the screech of a bird disturbed before its time, the whole town was wrapped in deathly silence. Most of its inhabitants were still in the arms of sleep, the sleep which grew more and more profound on account of the intense winter cold; for the cold used sleep to extend its sway over all things even as a false friend lulls his chosen victim with caressing smiles. The old man, shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he

came out of the town-gate on to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself on his old staff.

On one side of the road was a row of trees, on the other side the town's public garden. The sky was darker now and the cold more intense, for the wind was blowing straight along the road, on which they fell like frozen snow, only the faint light of the morning star. At the end of the garden stood a handsome building of the newest style, and the light gleamed through the crevices of its closed doors and windows.

B.2. Fill in the blank using the correct alternative :

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- (i) An old man was walking through the _____. (town / garden)
 (ii) At the end of the road stood _____ building. (an old / a new)

B.3. Identify four pairs of collocations from the above passage.

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B.4. Do as directed:

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- (i) Most of its inhabitants were still in the arms of sleep, which grew more and more profound. (*Identify and analyse the clauses*)
 (ii) The whole town was wrapped in deathly silence.
 (*Rewrite using a subordinator*)

B.5. Why do you think the old man was walking on a lonely street hour at such an early hour of the day?

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SECTION II : POETRY

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

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

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- (i) The sun was shining brightly before the rainfall.
 (ii) All things that love the sun are out of doors.
 (iii) The sky is unhappy in the morning's birth.
 (iv) The hare is running races in happiness.

There was a roaring in the wind all night;
 The rain came heavily and fell in floods;
 But now the sun is rising calm and bright,
 The birds are singing in the distant woods;
 Over his own sweet voice the Stock-dove broods;
 The Jay makes answer as the Magpie chatters;
 And all the air is filled with pleasant noise of waters.
 All things that love the sun are out of doors;
 The sky rejoices in the morning's birth;

The grass is bright with raindrops - on the moors
 The hare is running races in her mirth;
 And with her feet she from the plashy earth
 Raises a mist; that, glittering in the sun,
 Runs with her all the way, wherever she doth run.

A.2. Name any two birds from the extract and mention their activities. **2**

A.3. Complete the table : **1**

Word	Rhyme from the poem	One rhyme of your own
birth		

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

B.1. State whether the following sentences are true or false : **2**

- (i) The poet does not wish to bear the lamp of peace.
- (ii) The poet desires to destroy the cruel dictatorship.

Let us salute Republic Day - let us salute its rising sun,
 And let us greet our Motherland and bow before her feet and say
 Mother! your millions meet and swear on this, our proud Republic
 Day,
 That we shall sink all differences and see all bickering is done -
 We shall arise to dream like one, to toil like one, to build like one.
 O Mother! teach our hands to bear
 The lamp of peace your hands have borne
 Through centuries of stress and strife.
 May your chaste image make us dare
 To bare the mark which Time has worn,
 Black mask of death to frighten life!
 The grinning mask of death and doom worn by crass enemies of
 truth.
 Who have raised gardens for themselves over the grave of martyred
 youth,
 Over the graveyards of the world have planted, with loud boast and
 brag.
 With insolent, relentless hands, their base, unblushing bloodstained
 flag.
 Republic Day of India! Your dawning shall begin to mark
 New harbour lights for troubled ships about to flounder in the dark,

The dark which tyranny has wrought across all earth and sea and sky, Who claps his callous hands in glee and laughs to see the millions die...

B.2. Fill in the blanks:

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- (i) The country has a _____ image.
 (ii) The poet wishes to sink all _____.

B.3. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

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- (i) Write two pairs of rhyming words from the extract.

SECTION III : RAPID READING

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

1. Complete the following :

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Name the two brothers of the author.

- (i) _____
 (ii) _____

The feeling was particularly strong late one summer evening when we were playing cricket. It was my turn to field. Our dog, Rex, loved fielding because it gave him the chance to nose around in the undergrowth. Neel, the eldest, was batting. Akhil, the youngest, bowled a cunning googly.

Thapak! Ball and bat made rude contact. The ball soared. Rex barked and raced after it. We heard him crashing through the bushes. My brothers went in for a drinks break. And I went after the missing ball and the absconding fielder. I found the ball all right. It lay clearly visible at the foot of a gnarled neem. How had Rex missed it? Slightly puzzled, I picked the ball and called out his name. No sign of him. I whistled.

This time a faint whine pierced the stillness. This part of the garden was particularly wild. Thick climbers covered the trees, hanging like green curtains from their branches. Stepping gingerly onto the wild hummocky grass, I went after Rex. Suddenly I saw him. Or rather, I saw his wagging tail. The rest of him was hidden by a Zizyphus bush. There was someone else behind that bush. Someone to whom Rex offered a friendly paw. He whimpered again but it was a pleasurable sound as if that someone was scratching his ears for him.

"Rex!" I shouted, annoyed. "Come here!"

There was a movement in the bushes. I had not exactly a glimpse but an impression of a boy, disappearing in a quick gliding movement

into the shrubbery. Rex was staring after him with a puzzled look and a faintly wagging tail.

"Rex!" I called. This time he came. We returned and narrated the incident to the others.

"How old was he?" Neel enquired. "What did he look like?"

"About your age."

Neel was fifteen.

"Slim, pale, with curly golden hair."

"Golden hair?"

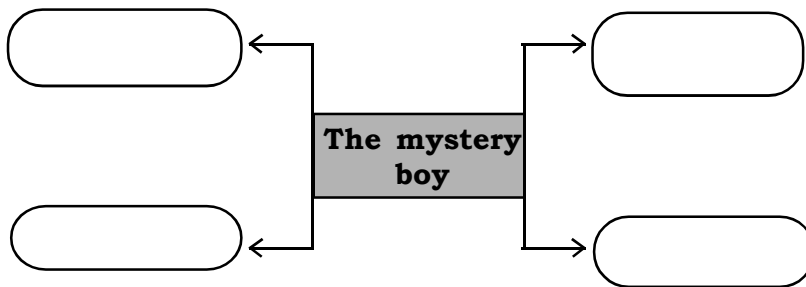
I nodded uncertainly.

"You are making it up," Neel scoffed. "There is no golden-haired boy around here."

Maybe he was right. It must have been a trick of light fired by my imagination, I decided. Yet, for several days after that, whenever we played in the garden I would keep a lookout for the mystery boy. He never appeared.

2. Complete the web diagram describing the mystery boy.

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3. Why, do you think, Rex wagged its tail?

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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. Write a letter to your younger sister/brother informing him/her how exercise has helped you tremendously.

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 :

- o Dwindling human values in society
- o Write a dialogue between the two based on the topic.

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

A.1. The following table gives us information about the longest rivers of the world. Convert the following table into a paragraph based on the information given in it.

River	Length (km)	Discharges into
Amazon	6400	Atlantic Ocean
Hudson	507	New York Bay
Kennet	72	Thames
Mississippi	3734	Gulf of Mexico
Nile	6853	Mediterranean
Seine	776	English Channel
Thames	346	North Sea
Tiber	405	Tyrrhenian Sea
Yangtze	6300	East China Sea
Yellow river	5464	Bohai Sea

A.2. The following paragraph gives us information about the process of making chocolate. Prepare of a flow chart based on it :

HOW TO MAKE CHOCOLATE

Place the water in a pot and heat it. Keep it below boiling. Combine the cocoa powder and softened butter in a bowl. Mix together until you have a smooth paste. Use a fork, food processor, or even an immersion blender to eliminate lumps. Add the cocoa powder mix to the hot water and stir. Allow the temperature to rise back up. Again, it should be hot but not boiling. Pour the hot mixture into a bowl. Sift the powdered sugar in a separate bowl. Eliminate as many clumps as you can. Stir the sugar mixture into the hot cocoa mix. Add milk. Blend until smooth. Pour the mixture in thin layers across the bottoms of various containers. Since the chocolate will take the shape of the container, a rectangular casserole dish will work well. Harden overnight in the refrigerator or freezer.

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. Scientific attitude - A must for the progress of our country
2. Knowledge is power
3. **Write a story ending with ...**
..... I shook hands with the man standing at the corner and said a big thank you with a big smile.

Best of Luck 🍀