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

Time : 3 Hours

(Pages 11)

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. State whether the following statements are True or False:

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- (i) Reddy has published a book 'Sacred Plants' through the forestry department in Dehradun.
- (ii) Identifying plants was easy for Yellappa Reddy.

But when he wanted to grow the plants, he found that the greatest difficulty was in identifying the plants. Their Sanskrit names had about ten synonyms each. He had to consult many scholars. As far as locating them physically, he found almost all, barring two or three. In his words, "Interestingly, some of them were very common to everyday plants we are very familiar with. For instance, Sage Valmiki mentions about 48 varieties of plants in describing the Ashoka forest, including the Shimshuka tree on which Maruti sat. It turns out, this is actually well-known rosewood!"

Reddy succeeded in creating a Pavitra Vana at Ramanagaram, 50 kms from Bengaluru to Mysore. Today, more than 120 trees and plants mentioned in our Puranas are grown in this garden. It took him a year to research on ancient texts and correlate the plants' ancient Sanskrit names with modern botanical names. Finding the plants and trees took another year and a half. By 1989, with the help of Vedic scholars, he had published a book, Sacred Plants, through the Forestry Department in Dehradun. All this resulted in setting up the gardens.

A.2. Write two points showing the difficulty encountered by Reddy to grow the plants?

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- (i) _____.
- (ii) _____.

A.3. (i) Give the synonyms of : (a) jungle (b) obstacles (ii) Give the antonyms of : (a) common (b) ancient	2
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A.4. Identify Non-Finite Verb and state its type : (i) Reddy succeeded in creating a Pavitra Vana. (ii) He had to consult many scholars.	2
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A.5. Do you think one person alone can bring about a positive change?	2
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Q.I. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (10 marks)

B.1. Match the words from column A with an appropriate word in column B to form a collocation :	2
A	B
(i) Kamakshi Temple	(a) bastion of rajas
(ii) Chitkul	(b) three temples
(iii) Kamru Fort	(c) Golden delicious apples
(iv) Goddess Mathis	(d) coronation ceremony of rajas
	(e) highest village

Sangla, Himachal Pradesh

The picturesque little hamlet of Sangla is situated on a slope with houses rising one above the other and the Kinner-Kailash Peak looming large over the horizon.

Orchards are abundant here. In fact, the best 'Golden Delicious' apples in Himachal come from this area. Sangla offers an uninhibited rendezvous with nature. Walks and treks are the order of the day, and those bare pleasures - reading on a hammock under the warm sun, lively bonfires by the river and so on. Sangla is also famous for the impressive Kamru Fort, once the bastion of the rajas of the erstwhile Rampur Bushehr State. High above the village on a hillock is the Kamakshi Temple, where the coronation ceremony of these rajas would take place. Don't miss the ornate carvings on the great wooden door of the temple. The one hour drive north from Sangla to the tiny outpost of Chitkul (26km), the highest village in the valley, is spectacular, a drive which reveals the splendour and breathtaking magnanimity of the valley, its enormity and beauty laid bare. Chitkul falls on what used to be an ancient trade route between India and Tibet. It also has three temples of Goddess Mathis, said to have been constructed over 500 years ago, and an archaic tower.

B.2. Complete the Fact File :

Place : Sangla
 State :
 Flora :
 Tourist Attraction :

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B.3. Complete the table :

Noun	Adjective	Verb
_____	_____	situate
_____	large	_____

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B.4. Do as directed :

- (i) Sangla offers an uninhibited rendezvous with nature.
(Change the Voice)
- (ii) The picturesque little hamlet of Sangla is situated on a slope .
(Rewrite using a Co-ordinator)

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B.5. What adds to the beauty of places in India?

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

- (i) The children in the jungle would die because of _____ or _____.
- (ii) Sher Singh decided to get sticks for fire, _____ and _____.

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SHER SINGH'S little brother lay in the hut with a pain in his stomach that was getting worse.

Sher Singh himself was only about twelve years old, brown and cheerful, a child of the jungle, and his brother was several years younger. There had been other children of course, but they were dead, carried off by cholera and influenza and such, and by jungle accidents. Now there was only this Sher Singh, and the little brother Kunwar.

'I will wring out rags in boiling water and lay them on his stomach,' said their mother. She did not smile. She did not weep. She had lived through everything over and over again. 'What shall I do?' asked Sher Singh, who was feeling ill inside him because of his brother. 'I will get the sticks for the fire. And the dung. I will get the water. Let me tear up the rag.' He ran for these things. They used fuel recklessly to get the water hot soon. They laid steaming cloths

on the child's little belly. But after a bit Sher Singh's mother said, 'He must be carried into hospital at Kalaghat.'

Then Sher Singh knew that his brother was dying. When she said the word 'hospital' he knew it, for all jungle people are well aware that hospital is but the resort of the doomed. Something took him by the throat.

'I will run for my father,' he cried.

'It may be days before you find him.'

Sher Singh's father was known far and wide as Sher Singh Bahadur -the brave, a famous shikari, with the title Bahadur added to his name like a medal because of all he had done. He lived his life here in Laldwani Village, grazing his animals, cultivating his bit of land. But whenever there was an expedition into the jungle in search of big game, either to shoot or photograph them, they sent for this man, Bahadur the Brave.

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

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- (i) Sher Singh's father was a forest officer.
- (ii) Sher Singh loved his brother very much.

A.3. Identify the word class of the underlined words :

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- (i) They used fuel recklessly to get the water hot soon.
- (ii) He lived his life here in Laldwani Village.

A.4. Do as directed :

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- (i) Sher Singh was about twelve years old. *(Rewrite as a negative sentence)*
- (ii) She did not weep. *(Rewrite as an affirmative sentence)*

A.5. What are your views about 'Life in a jungle'?

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

(10 Marks)

B.1. Match the following :

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- | A | B |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) Old Tom | (a) struck by the snake |
| (ii) Dad | (b) city-born |
| (iii) Writer | (c) snake |
| (iv) Cousins | (d) surprised by the attack |

When the cousins appeared we excitedly told them about Old Tom. Dad rolled some mince balls and off we set to the stump. The cousins were from Mum's side of the family and were all city-born and bred. They would almost faint at the sight of cows grazing, let alone a live snake. To them, snakes belonged in jars in a museum. When we

got to the stump, we all peered in and the city cousins were suitably horrified at the sight of Old Tom. The snake certainly looked huge. Dad rolled his sleeve right back off his shoulder with great gusto and wriggled close to the stump to get a good position. We all leaned for a good view.

Then as Dad reached into the stump with the mince ball in his hand, the snake suddenly coiled up, raised its neck and viciously struck Dad's arm three or four times in rapid succession. Dad recoiled in shock and rolled several metres away from the stump. He was as white as a ghost and completely dumbfounded as he looked at the blood-stained puncture holes in his arm.

I peered into the stump and saw two snake heads entwined in a tight embrace. In a frenzied delight, I yelled out: "Dad! Dad! Old Tom's got a girl friend." Pondering the situation for a moment, I added: "Girl snakes musn't like being stroked.. Eh, Dad".

B.2. State whether true or false. If false, correct the statement :

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- (i) The city cousins were very happy at the sight of Old Tom.
- (ii) The writer saw two snake heads entwined in a tight embrace.

B.3. Give the adjective of :

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- (a) family (b) delight

B.4. Rewrite the sentences using 'Not only ... but also' :

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- (i) The snake suddenly coiled up and viciously struck Dad's arm.
- (ii) Dad recoiled in shock and rolled several metres away from the stump.

B.5. Why does the narrator say that his city cousins were suitably horrified?

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SECTION II : POETRY

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

(5 Marks)

A.1. Choose the correct alternative :

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- (i) How should one be with fellow men?
(a) mean (b) just (c) friendly
- (ii) The poet says to make money, but also to
(a) hold friends (b) aim high (c) look forward

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.

A.2. How we should treat other people ? 2
 We should ...
 (i) be
 (ii) hold on
 (iii) always
 (iv) should be finest

A.3. What is the rhyme scheme of extract? 1

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

B.1. Read the given extract and find out lines to support the following statements : 2
 (i) The mother is a working woman.
 (ii) The mother did a lot of household chores.

My hands were busy through the day;
 I didn't have much time to play
 The little games you asked me to.
 I didn't have much time for you.
 I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook,
 But when you'd bring your picture book
 And ask me please to share your fun
 I'd say: "A little later, son."
 I'd tuck you in all safe at night
 and hear your prayers, turn out the lights,
 Then tip toe softly to the door...
 I wish I'd stayed a minute more.

B.2. What is the mother trying to convey through this poem? 2

B.3. Name and Explain the figure of speech : 1
 My hands were busy through the day.

SECTION III : RAPID READING

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

<p>1. Answer in one word :</p> <p>(i) Gopal and Dr. Raman's friendship was -.....</p> <p>(ii) Dr. Raman was associated with something -.....</p>	1
<p>People came to him when the patient was on his last legs. Dr. Raman often burst out, " Why couldn't you have come a day earlier?" The reason was obvious-visiting fee twenty-five rupees, and more than that, people liked to shirk the fact that the time had come to call in Dr. Raman; for them there was something ominous in the very association. As a result, when the big man came on the scene it was always a quick decision one way or another. There was no scope or time for any kind of wavering or whitewashing. Long years of practice of this kind had bred in the doctor a certain curt truthfulness; for that very reason his opinion was valued; he was not a mere doctor expressing an opinion but a judge pronouncing a verdict. The patient's life hung on his words. This never unduly worried Dr. Raman. He never believed that agreeable words ever saved lives. He did not think it was any of his business to provide comforting lies when as a matter of course nature would tell them the truth in a few hours. However, when he glimpsed the faintest sign of hope, he rolled up his sleeve and stepped into the arena: it might be hours or days, but he never withdrew till he wrested the prize from Yama's hands.</p> <p>Today, standing over a bed, the doctor felt that he himself needed someone to tell him soothing lies. He mopped his brow with his kerchief and sat down in the chair beside the bed. On the bed lay his dearest friend in the world: Gopal. They had known each other for forty years now, starting with their kindergarten days. They could not, of course, meet as much as they wanted, each being wrapped in his own family and profession. Occasionally, on a Sunday, Gopal would walk into the consulting room and wait patiently in a corner till the doctor was free. And then they would dine together, see a picture and talk of each other's life and activities. It was a classic friendship, which endured untouched by changing times, circumstances and activities.</p>	
<p>2. State whether the following statements are true or false:</p> <p>(i) People went to Dr. Raman when the patient was on his last legs.</p> <p>(ii) Gopal was one of Dr. Raman's colleagues.</p>	2
<p>3. What are your ideas about doctors? Do you think they are life savers?</p>	2

SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL

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

A.1. There has been a spate of mobile thefts at railway stations. You have been a victim of the same. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner to complain about the same.

You may use the following points :

- Your route of travel that day
- The time and the station where you alighted
- How did you realise that your phone is missing
- You recollect the events in the train and guess who must have stolen.

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. Imagine that you are a reporter working for a famous daily newspaper. You receive the following e-mail from a source at Dhaka, Bangladesh stating.

Dear XYZ,

A cyclone has hit Dhaka killing at least 1100 people and devastating remote towns and villages. The rescue team is rushing the casualties to the nearby medical camps. However many people are still missing.

Prepare a report by doing further research on the given e-mail.

B.2. Write a dialogue between two friends Neha and Supriya about the retirement of their favourite teacher.

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

A.1. The following article gives us information about Pushpagiri wildlife sanctuary. Write a Fact File based on the following paragraph with the help of the following points :

- Location
- Situated In
- Animal Species
- Birds Species
- Best time to visit

The sanctuary is one of the largest areas of tropical evergreen forests in Karnataka with nearly 70% of the sanctuary covered with forests. Pushpagiri has dense evergreen and semi- evergreen vegetation, with shola forests and grasslands in the areas of higher elevation.

Indian Wild Dog, Brown Palm Civet, Indian Giant Squirrel, Indian Hare, Spotted Deer, Sambar, Indian Muntjac, Gaur, Asian Elephant, Wild Pig, Giant Flying Squirrel, Travancore Flying Squirrel, Otter species, Stripe-necked Mongoose and Mouse Deer are some of the animal species found here.

Three species of primates found here are Common Langur, Bonnet Macaque and Lion-tailed Macaque. Recognized as an important bird area, the sanctuary has a rich diversity of birds like the Nilgiri Wood-Pigeon and near threatened species like Grey-breasted Laughing Thrush, Black and Orange Flycatcher and Nilgiri Flycatcher are found in this sanctuary.

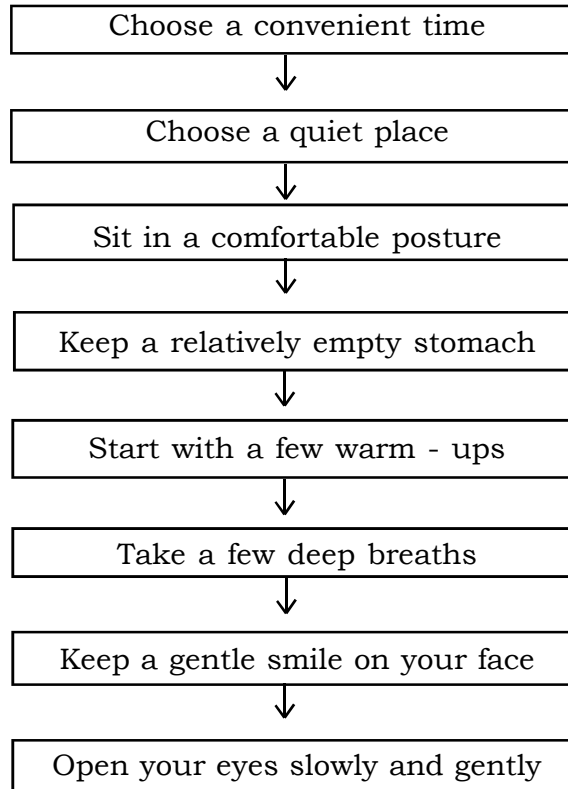
You can also spot birds like the Blue- Winged Parakeet, Greyheaded Bulbul, Malabar Grey Hornbill, White-bellied Blue Flycatcher and Small Sunbird.

Reptiles commonly seen in this sanctuary include, Common Cobra, Indian Rock Python, Rat Snake, Olive Keelback, King Cobra and Bamboo Pit Viper.

One can visit Pushpagiri between November to March.

A.2. The following flow chart gives us information about 'The steps to practice meditation.' Write a paragraph based on this information.

STEPS TO PRACTICE MEDITATION



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

B.1. On the occasion of world environment day your school has organised a speech competition. The topic for speech is GLOBAL WARMING. Write a speech on the above mentioned topic using the following points:

- disturbed the ecological balance
- glaciers and some other snowcapped mountains are gradually melting
- fast melting and resulting in the rising of the sea-level

B.2. Write a Counterview for the topic. 'Science and technological developments are leading the world towards destruction'. You may consider the following points for the View section of the topic and then write the Counterview :

- Arms Race
- Nuclear power used for destructive purposes.
- War, poverty, economic imperialism.
- Health care and increased population.

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 ...**
"You did it! Why did you do it?" my friend Shreya screamed.

Best of Luck 🍀