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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI 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. Complete the following by choosing the correct alternatives :

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- (i) The henna plant grows in _____.
- (a) hot and dry climes
(b) cold and dry climes
(c) moist and damp climes
- (ii) Henna comes from the _____ of the plant *Lawsonia Inermias*.
- (a) roots (b) leaves (c) stems

Regal Heritage

Generally, it is held that henna was introduced in India by the Moghuals in the 12 century AD. The plant is renowned for its medicinal as well as its natural dyeing properties. Henna is a popular cosmetic used to beautify hands, feet, and the other parts of the body especially during weddings and festivals. Hindus consider the plant sacred since it is believed to be dear to Goddess Laxmi. Muslims hold the application of henna to be a meritorious act.

Henna comes from the leaves of the plant *Lawsonia Inermias*. The plant grows in hot and dry climes, and is native to North Africa, the Indian sub-continent and Middle East. The leaves of the plant are dried and crushed to powder. Various additives such as coffee decoction, tea, lime juice, mehendi and eucalyptus oil are mixed with the henna powder to increase the potency of the dye; this also helps to bind the powder to a paste like consistency. The mixture is applied through cones in intricate patterns depending on the region of use.

Album of Patterns

Four major styles can be found in the vast dictionary of mehendi designs. Earlier the application was restricted to hands and feet, but the adoption of mehendi by different cultures throughout the

world has seen experimentation on different body parts including the neck, navel and back. North African patterns rely on geometrical images to trace the shape of hands and feet; Arabic designs borrow heavily from local textiles, paintings and architecture. These are more spaced out, to allow the design to stand out boldly from the skin parts left untouched by henna. The Indian style comprises of delicate loops and curves, paisleys, teardrops and flowers that give a dainty filigreed glow-like effect. Though intricate patterning is the name of the game today, this trend took off in India only during the 20th century. The patterns preferred by the South Asian countries are a mix of Indo-Pakistani and Arabic design schemes. Chinese and Celtic symbols now find a place in the vast repertoire of mehendi designs as well.

A.2. List the four major styles found in mehendi designs.

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A.3. Complete the table:

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Adjective	Noun	Adverb
_____	_____	heavily
_____	vastness	_____

A.4. Do as directed:

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- (i) It is held that henna was introduced in India by the Moghuals in the 12th century AD. (*Identify and analyse the clauses*)
- (ii) Though intricate patterning is the name of the game today, this trend took off in India only during the 20th century.
(*Rewrite using 'but'*)

A.5. What is the modern version of mehendi design ? Why do you think people use it ?

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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:

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- (i) Politicians attract Gautam's attention.
- (ii) People keep Gautam going.

What inspires you?

People inspire me. I find them very interesting. They must have something to say and that is what stimulates me. Politicians don't really catch my attention. There has to be some correlation somewhere, I don't like to make people pose for me; I have never

asked anyone to, either. I am very talkative and I love to talk to those who come to me. Since I have knowledge of quite a few things, I have never found it difficult to talk to anyone and break the ice. Once they ease out, only then can they converse and communicate to the camera. And these different faces keep inspiring me. What does photography mean to you? Some may call it an abstract way of self-expression and all of that but for me, photography is my conversation with someone. If the subject is caught well, the photograph will communicate in the same way to the viewers as well. Photography for me means that the camera freezes the fragment of the time I have spent with that particular person. This may sound strange but I actually remember all my shoots. Like I remember this one time when Lata and Asha had come for a shoot and Lata cracked a joke on me and I captured the moment when both of them burst out laughing. It is a wonderful photograph. The camera has been instrumental in my life in making friends with people from different walks of life. I have different relations with different people as per their interests and what makes them comfortable.

What keeps you going?

People. It is my answer for anything and everything related to me and photography together. I get to make so many new friends. I get to meet new talent. It is lovely shooting fresh faces. They are an altogether different experience to shoot. So many people who have reached eminence have come back to me and thanked me for my work but you know what? I really feel lucky that these people came to me. After all, they are the ones who inspire me and keep me going. I like to help and guide them. I think it is really wonderful that these people walk into my life. It is necessary that we know each other before we start the shoot. The reason it is so important to me is because when people are comfortable and talking, their eyes become alert...they are more involved in the process and the pictures are more candid. I love this part of my job. I love to talk!

B.2. Complete the following:

- (i) Photography for me means that _____.
- (ii) Gautam believes when people are comfortable and talking _____.

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B.3. (i) Pick out the word from the passage which means:

- (a) a small part (b) watchful

(ii) Give adjective forms of:

- (a) communicate (b) joke

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B.4. Do as directed:

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- (i) If the subject is caught well, the photograph will communicate in the same way to the viewers as well.

(Identify and analyse the clause)

- (ii) This may sound strange but I actually remember all my shoots.
(Rewrite sentence using a 'Subordinator')

B.5. Do you like clicking photographs? Why?

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Q.II. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**(10 marks)****A.1. Fill in the blanks:**

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- (i) _____ provided a loan to BVS.
(ii) Hanmant was marketing the new idea of _____.
(iii) Hanmant bought _____ machines.
(iv) Companies wanted a _____ solution.

The first thing he did was change the name of the organization from Bharat Vikas Pratisthan to Bharat Vikas Services. Then, Bharat Vikas got its first ever mechanized cleaning contract, once again for the Indica plant.

"We bought ride-on sweeping machines, and other equipments worth Rs. 60 lakh. Tata arranged for the loan through Tata Finance." Hanmant went from plant to plant, marketing this new idea of mechanized cleaning. And he quickly realized one thing. "Companies wanted a complete solution. They did not want to buy a machine unless some contractor could supply people to use that machine. Ultimately they were only interested in one thing - cleanliness." Bharat Vikas got an enquiry from GE Power in Bangalore. Would they be willing to come down and take up the job? "Karenge, koi dikkatt nahi hai," replied Hanmant. By 2003, Bharat Vikas had achieved a turnover of Rs. 4 crores a year although profit margin was not very high 10 - 12% after tax. And then the company got a big break. The contract to maintain the library of Parliament in New Delhi.

"One Mr. Srinivasan was the chief engineer there. He wanted to give the job to a reputed agency and to do the job you needed to purchase equipment worth Rs. 40 lakhs." No agency was willing to take the risk because Srinivasan was willing to grant only a 6 month contract. "If you perform well, then I will continue, otherwise I will throw you out," he said. Bharat Vikas stepped forward and said, "Hum karenge." "I did it because I was confident that we will deliver." And they did. The contract was extended by another six months. In 2004, BVG bagged an even more prestigious job : the mechanized

cleaning of Parliament House i.e. the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha buildings. Not surprisingly, BVS soon got a housekeeping contract for residence of the PM. This was followed by the crowning glory: Rashtrapati Bhavan.

A.2. List different contracts that BVS got.

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- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____
- (iv) _____

A.3. (i) Rewrite words from the passage meaning:

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- (a) finally (b) famous

(ii) Pick two examples of code mixing from the passage.

A.4. Do as directed:

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- (i) "If you perform well, then I will continue, otherwise I will throw you out." he said. *(Change into indirect speech)*
- (ii) Companies wanted a complete solution. *(Rewrite using an adjective clause)*

A.5. How does accepting challenges help one to grow?

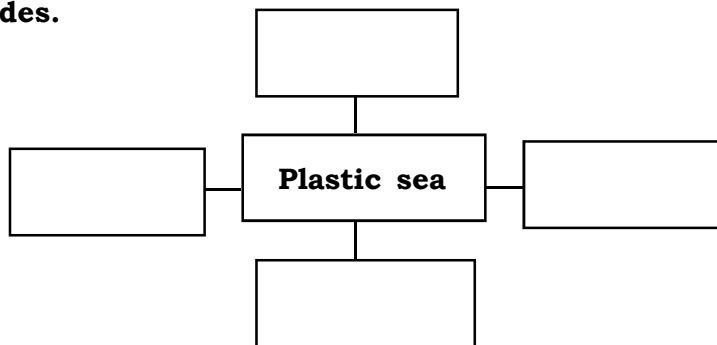
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Q.II. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: *(10 marks)*

B.1. Complete the web:

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Make a list of the things that the plastic sea at the campus includes.



**The Early Learning Centre,
Thimpu, Bhutan**

Chogyal Mikyo put his pen and paper down, and stared around at the others. "So tell us," said Dechen Chuki impatiently. "What did you work out?"

“This,” said Chogyal importantly, “that if each of the 360 students at the Early Learning Centre stopped eating packaged food six days in a week, then we would reduce our trash by around 112,680 pieces in a year.”

There was a collective intake of breath. “Oh my god! By that much?” Kunzang Lhachi’s eyes were round in amazement. “That is huge!”

This had certainly been a week of revelations for the fifth and sixth classes. It had begun innocuously enough with Dechen and Kunzang walking around the ELC campus during their lunch break. And then Dechen’s shoe had got stuck to a plastic wrapper and by the time she had stamped it off and rubbed her shoe in the grass to get rid of the yellow, oily curry stain, she was livid.

“Look at that!” she fumed. “Can’t people use the bins for dumping their trash instead of leaving it all over the place?” Kunzang had been surveying the area. She turned to Dechen. “I don’t know whether I’m imagining things,” she said slowly, “but there wasn’t so much plastic trash before, was there? Just look - you can’t even see that mountain properly for those huge mounds of trash!”

The garbage cans set on the edge of their campus were spilling over with rubbish but what made it infinitely worse was the litter all over the playing field and even on the grass verge where they were standing now. Why hadn’t they noticed this earlier -these labels, cans, bottles, wrappers- all brightly-coloured and moving around in the breeze like a plastic sea?

B.2. Who said the following:

- (i) “What did you work out ?”
- (ii) “That is huge!”

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B.3. (i) Give the adverb forms of:

- (a) innocuous
- (b) livid

(ii) Pick out words that denote ‘anger’ from the passage.

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B.4. Rewrite into indirect speech:

She turned to Dechen. “I don’t know whether I’m imagining things,” she said slowly, “but there wasn’t so much plastic trash before, was there? Just look - you can’t even see that mountain properly for those huge mounds of trash!”

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B.5. What do you think is the passage about?

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SECTION II : POETRY

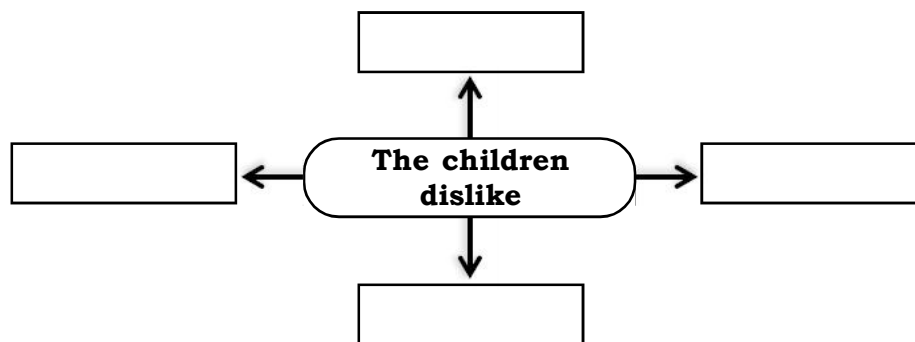
Q.III. (A) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:
(5 Marks)

A.1. Choose the Correct Alternative:

- (i) The children are referred to as
(a) naughty (b) brats (c) cats
- (ii) The word is used to describe children as cats is
(a) fussy (b) persnickety (c) choosy

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I always so enjoy to dine
With whining, little brats;
Who won't eat half you give them,
They're persnickety as cats.
The soup's too hot, the corn's too cold,
The pickles make them choke;
They won't eat meat nor apple sauce,
And naught they'll drink but coke.
They won't eat peas, don't like your bread -
For something in it crunches;
They gag on fat, the gravy's gross,
They won't eat grapes in bunches.

A.2. Complete the following web diagram:

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A.3. Pick out an example of Simile from the extract.

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

B.1. Fill in the blanks:

- (i) The speaker in the poem is _____.
- (ii) The addressee in the poem is _____.

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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. Match the following:**A**

- (i) mother's hands
- (ii) mother didn't have time for
- (iii) mother would tell her son 'a little later' her son
- (iv) mother wished

B

- (a) picture book
- (b) busy throughout the day
- (c) she could stay longer with
- (d) little games

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B.3. Write two pairs of rhyming words from the extract.

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SECTION III : RAPID READING**Q.IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:****5 Marks)****A.1. Choose the correct alternative:**

- (i) Usual visitors to Gerrard's house _____.

 - (a) baker
 - (b) green grocer
 - (c) both (a) and (b)

- (ii) Gerrard stays in _____.

 - (a) Essex
 - (b) Aylesbury
 - (c) wilds of Essex

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Gerrard : Are you American, or is that merely a clever imitation?

Intruder : Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

Gerrard : Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

Intruder : That's better. Do people often come out here?

Gerrard : Very rarely. Surprisingly few people take the trouble to

visit me. There's the baker and the green-grocer but then no one so interesting as yourself.

Intruder : I happen to know that you never see trades-people.

Gerrard : You seem to have taken a considerable amount of trouble. Since you know so much about me, won't you say something about yourself? You have been so modest.

Intruder : I could tell you plenty. You think you're smart, but I'm the top of the class round here. I've got brains and I use them. That's how I've got where I have.

Gerrard : And where precisely have you got? It didn't require a great brain to break into my little cottage.

Intruder : When you know why I've broken into your little cottage, you'll be surprised, and it won't be a pleasant surprise.

Gerrard : With you figuring so largely in it, that is understandable. By the way, what particular line of crime do you embrace, or aren't you a specialist?

Intruder : My speciality's jewel robbery. Your car will do me a treat. It's certainly a dandy bus.

Gerrard : I'm afraid, jewels are few and far between in the wilds of Essex.

Intruder : So are the cops. I can retire here nicely for a little while.

Gerrard : You mean to live with me? A trifle sudden, isn't it; you've not been invited.

Intruder : You won't be here long, so I didn't care to ask.

Gerrard : What do you mean?

Intruder : This is your big surprise. I'm going to kill you.

Gerrard : A little harsh, isn't it?

Intruder : (with heavy sarcasm) Yeah, I'll be sorry to do it. I've taken a fancy to you, but it's just got to be done.

Gerrard : Why add murder to your other crimes? It's a grave step you're taking.

Intruder : I'm not taking it for fun. I've been hunted long enough. I'm wanted for murder already, and they can't hang me twice.

A.2. Refer to two incidents that prove that the intruder is boastful.

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A.3. Do you think that criminals can be changed and can live a normal life ever?

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SECTION IV : WRITING SKILLS

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

<p>A.1. You recently visited a ‘Sacred Plant Resort’. Write a letter to your friend telling him/ her about your experiences there using the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is ‘The Sacred Plants Resort’ ? • Its description • Its importance • What did you learn there ? 	5
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<p>A.2. Write a letter inviting the President of Superstition Eradicating Committee to speak about the eradication of superstitions in your society.</p>	5
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Q.V. (B) B1 or B2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)

<p>B.1. The shortage of supply of electricity in our country is glaring problem. You as a responsible citizen write a report for a daily newspaper about solar energy as a potential alternative for this problem.</p>	5
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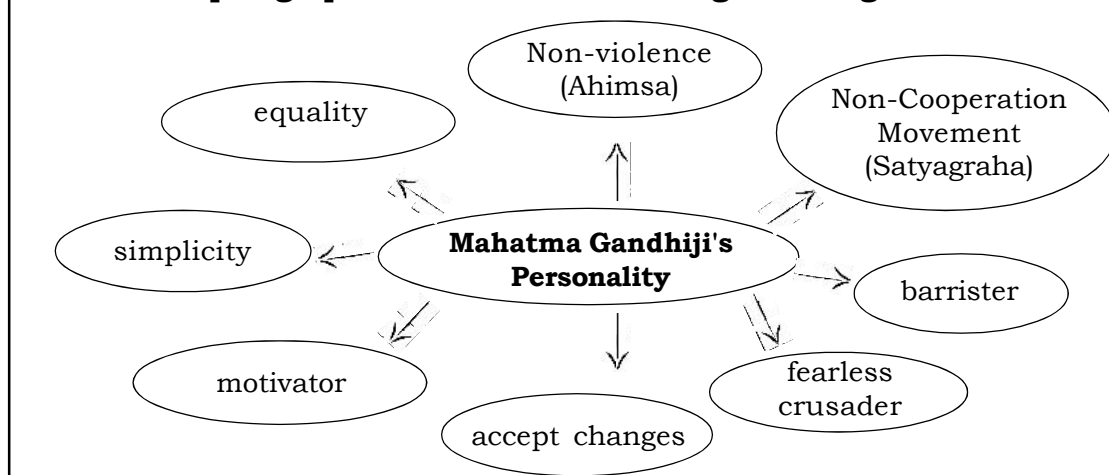
<p>B.2. Write a dialogue between a student and his coach who is motivating him to perform better.</p>	5
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Q.VI. (A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)

<p>A.1. Read the following passage and prepare a table to cover the main points:</p> <p>Uses of the various parts of the coconut</p> <p>The coir of the coconut shell and the leaves of the tree are used for matting, thatching and weaving. The hard shell of the coconut is used to make articles such as spoons, eating utensils, charcoal, etc. The inside of the shell is lined with a white edible layer called the meat. This is used for cooking or extraction of oil, making of soaps or osmetics. It can also be used to make chemical, industrial and medicinal products. The inside of the shell contains coconut water which is very nutritious. The husk and leaves can be used as material to make a variety of products for furnishing and decorating.</p>	5
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A.2. Write a paragraph based on the following web diagram.

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

B.1. Humans are still treating animals just for their selfish needs. Deliver a speech in the morning assembly of your school on 'Cruelty Towards Animals'. Use the points given below:

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- cruelty towards animals has reached alarming levels.
- treatment given to various domestic animals.
- certain species are endangered.
- products made by killing animals should be banned.

B.2. You hear a conversation between two of your friends and you are quite shocked by their views. Here is a part of the conversation:

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Friend A : I want to be rich when I grow up.

Friend B : Yes, I want to be successful too.

Friend A : I don't care what I do. I want all the comforts and luxuries of life.

Friend B : Yeah, who cares about anything else?

Friend A : Me too. Success, to me, means earning a lot of money.

Write a counterview to the views expressed by the two friends.

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

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1. Justice delayed is Justice denied

2. As you sow so shall you reap.

3. **Write a story beginning with.....**

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

Best of Luck 🍀