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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI PRELIM I - PAPER - A (SECOND LANGUAGE) (M)

UNIT - 5 TO 8, R.R - 3

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. Complete the following :

- (a) Air pollution has been a major concern for the state due to _____.
- (b) However, citizen drives and NGOs undertake _____.

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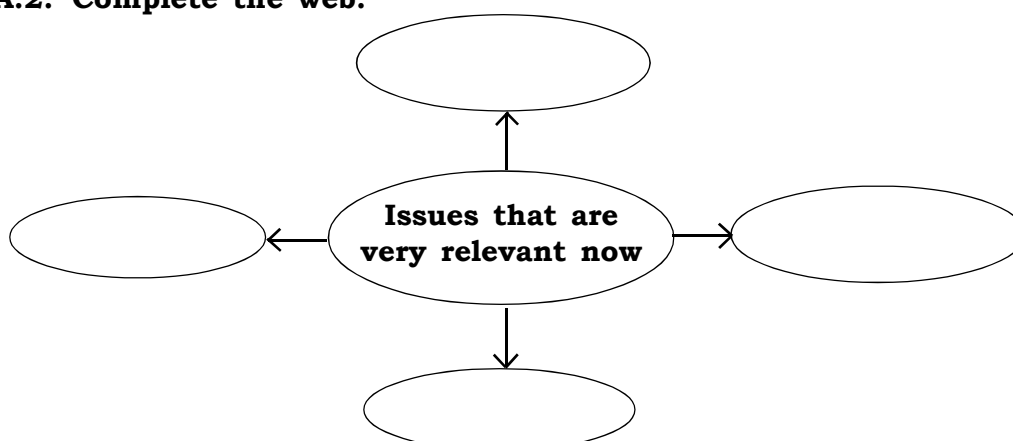
As another anniversary of World Earth Day is upon us, the issues raised at the first observation of this event still plague the globe and especially a developing country such as India. Issues such as environment deterioration, industrial pollution, loss of wilderness and toxic waste are more relevant now than ever before. Perhaps more so in India's leading industrial state, Maharashtra.

Pollution :

Air : Air pollution has been a major concern for the state due to increased commercialization and industrial development. In 2009, a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report ranked five industrial towns of Maharashtra, namely Chandrapur, Dombivali, Aurangabad, Navi Mumbai and Tarapur among the 43 critically polluted industrial clusters out of 88 in the country with Chandrapur among the top 10. Their expansion was put on hold. The levels of Respirable Suspended Particulate matter (RSPM), one of the four main toxic pollutants, in the state capital and commercial hub, Mumbai, are always above 200 micrograms per cubic meter even though the permissible limit is 100 micrograms per cubic meter. Pune has an exceedance factor of 1.5 from its permissible limit which puts it in the 'high pollution' category as per standards. Civic bodies such as the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) organize annual tree plantation drives but tree survival rate is not adequate. However, citizen drives and NGOs undertake regular planting of saplings in cities such as Mumbai and Pune, citizen groups and resident associations actively take up green causes with civic officials.

A.2. Complete the web:

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A.3. Match the words with their meaning :

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A	B
(i) major	(a) group
(ii) clusters	(b) sufficient
(iii) expansion	(c) great
(iv) adequate	(d) growth

A.4. (i) Air pollution has been a major concern for the state.

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(Rewrite as a negative statement)

(ii) Their expansion was put on hold.

(Change the voice)

A.5. Give some suggestions of your own for the people who live in big cities for their health safety?

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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) Sindhutai's father was an illiterate cowherd.
- (ii) Sindhutai's mother was keen on educating her.

She is none other than Sindhutai Sapkal and also known as Mother of Orphans who is an Indian social worker and social activist known particularly for her work for raising orphan children. She loves being called 'Mai'.

Her nickname was 'Chindi' meaning 'torn cloth' in Marathi. She was named thus as an unwanted child. Her father, Abhiman Sathe was an illiterate cowherd in Pimpri who was keen on educating her, much against his wife's wishes. So every day on the pretext of

sending her out to graze the cattle, he would pack her off to the village school. She could only attend school until 4th grade. She was brought up in abject poverty."There was no money to buy a slate," recalls Sindhu. "I practised the alphabet on thick, palm-sized leaves of the bharadi tree, using its thorns to write.

"Marriage at the age of 10 put an end to her education. The groom, Shrihari Sapkal alias Harbaji, was 30. "I was told there are only two processions in a woman's life. Once, when she gets married and the other when she dies. Imagine my state of mind when they took me in procession to my husband's home in Navargaon forest in Wardha," says Sindhu tai. In course of time, she bore three sons.

B.2. Answer in one word.

- (a) Sindhutai's nickname _____.
- (b) Sindhutai married at the age of _____.
- (c) Sindhutai's husband's name _____.
- (d) Sindhutai's father's name _____.

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B.3. (i) Write the verb form of :

- (a) worker (b) education

(ii) Write words from the passage meaning :

- (a) excuse (b) parade

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B.4. Do as directed :

- (a) She could only attend school until the grade. *(Add a question tag)*
- (b) "There was no money to buy a state," recalls Sindhu.
(Rewrite as Indirect Speech)

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B.5. How is the title 'Mai' suitable?

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

- (a) The grandparents' home was located near the _____.
- (b) The writer got up in the bed at _____.

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My parents were out for the weekend. My sister and I had been dumped, rather unceremoniously, at my grandparents' place in Hazra. Located near the noisy, bustling, and dusty SP Mukherjee Road, it was far cry from our quaint house in New Alipore.

After dinner and a few games of chess against Grandpa, we tucked into bed. Grandpa and I in one room, my sister and Grandma in the other.

As was customary, Grandpa said his prayers before bed, and made me join in. I had an uneasy night what with all the weird traffic sounds

and lights from the main road. My light sleep was suddenly disturbed by a jolt along the bed. I opened my eyes a crack. It was still dark outside. Grandpa was sitting up. I assumed he was going to the toilet, I shut my eyes again.

A weird rustling sound continued, I opened my eyes again, wanting to tell him to go to sleep. He had slipped into a faded t-shirt, wearing it the wrong way around. Then, he looked under the bed and located his slippers. Grabbing a large bag, he got up. What was he doing, sleep-shopping? Lifting his feet up high with each step, he crept forward steadily.

My curiosity aroused, I got up in bed. My watch showed the awkward time of 3.30 am. His back was to me, so he didn't notice. The sight of a 70-odd year old man sleepwalking like this seemed so strange, I couldn't control a giggle.

A.2. Rearrange the sentences as per their occurrence in the Passage: 2

- (i) My cousin aroused, I got up in bed.
- (ii) I couldn't control a giggle.
- (iii) Grandpa said his prayers beforebed.
- (iv) My parents were out for the weekend.

A.3. Give opposite of : 2

- (a) continued (b) near

A.4. (a) Located near the noisy, bustling and dusty SP Mukherjee Road. 1

(Pick out adjectives from this sentence)

- (b) I opened my eyes again. *(Change the voice)* 1

A.5. How will you make good use of unused pages of your note book? 2

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

B.1. Complete the following statements : 2

- (i) In India hing from _____ is supposed to be the best.
- (ii) _____ is the worlds largest producer of compounded asafoetida.

Hing or Asafoetida is a wonder spice - a resinous substance taken from the Ferula asafoetida, a plant generally found in Afghanistan and east Iran. In fact, the one that comes from Kandhar is considered to be the best hing. In India, the hing from Kashmir is supposed to be the best. Some people, of course, can't stand its strong flavor.

Hing figures prominently in quite a few dal dishes, and is used in recipes for meat, vegetables and even fish. South Indian chutneys can't

do without hing. The famous milagai podi also known colloquially as gun power is a south Indian dry chutney for idlis and dosas with hing.

Asafoetida originates from a plant. It is the tall *Ferula Asafoetida* that has fine edible leaves and stalks. The roots of the asafoetida plant are thick and pulpy and also yield a similar resin as that by the stems. In fact, all parts of the plant smell. When the plants are about four or five years old, they develop very thick and fleshy, carrot shaped roots. The resin is collected from the roots. This procedure lasts for about three months from the first incision, by which time the plant has yielded up to nearly a kilo of resin and the root has dried up. Today, the most commonly available form is compounded asafoetida and that's what we use - a fine powder containing 30 per cent asafoetida resin, along with rice flour and gum Arabic. India is the world's largest producer of compounded asafoetida.

B.2. Complete the factfile of asafoetida :

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Indian Name	_____
Found in	_____
Used in	_____
Extracted from	_____

B.3. Match the words with their meanings :

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A	B
(i) pulpy	(a) noticeably
(ii) incision	(b) fleshy
	(c) a sharp cut

B.4. Rewrite the following into comparative and positive degree :

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India is the world's largest producer of compounded asafoetida.

B.5. Why, according to you, do spices play a vital role in any food preparation ?

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SECTION II : POETRY

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

(5 Marks)

A.1. Read the extract and complete the following :

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- (a) The emotions mentioned in the poem are _____.
- (b) If we do not eat food in moderation, _____ and _____ will enjoy our wealth.
- (c) Food reveals _____.
- (d) The poet suggests that we should eat food in _____.

Some of us don't stop
 We eat what we like
 The reasoning is simple
 We live to eat and not eat to live
 Food is for emotions
 However sad, angry one feels
 There comes out food
 And so many joys it reveals
 Have in moderation and
 It will benefit your health
 If not, docs and gyms will
 Enjoy your wealth!

A.2. Why does the poet say that doctors and gyms will enjoy your wealth ? **2**

A.3. Write from the poem a line that has two opposite statements : **1**

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

B.1. State whether the following statements are True or False : **2**

- (a) India is referred to as the Motherland of the poet.
- (b) The poet's ancestors came from some other country.
- (c) The poet's heart fills with sorrow for being born here.
- (d) He will not spare his for any alien for a sum.

My India, I'm proud to be thy son;
 "My heart with joy leaps for being here born;
 "My soul with anguish fills for havoc done;
 "If country needs my life, let me adorn."
 "This is my land beloved, my Motherland;
 "This is my home, my ancestors came from;
 "Even an inch of it, I cannot hand;
 "Nor spare it to an alien for a sum."
 "This is the air which I had breathed at first;
 "This is the soil that gave me food to eat;
 "This is the water which appeased my thirst;
 "This is the place that gave me my heartbeat."
 "My India, who can'st challenge thy state?"
 My blood is thine for any future date.

B.2. What are the things that the poet has received from his Motherland? **2**

B.3. Write two rhyming pairs from the stanza: **1**

SECTION III : RAPID READING

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

A.1. Select the proper alternative and complete the following sentences :

- (a) When the landslide begins, Sagar and Dixit look around in _____. **1**
 (i) anger (ii) panic (iii) sorrow
 (b) The children present a _____ to Dixit.
 (i) a letter (ii) petition (iii) paper

(Curtain rise. Backdrop of mountains, a stream and trees. Dixit is seated on a chair on one side of stage. Sagar is on the other side. Sound of lorries, drilling and hammering can be heard. A procession of children and adults enters from opposite side. The children in the front row display a banner; LISTEN TO THE MOUNTAIN. They present a petition to Dixit.)

Dixit : (reading it) What is this nonsense ? LISTEN TO THE MOUNTAIN! Here, we are, all set to build the biggest hotel in the state, one of the best in the country, and you people talk of mountains and rivers, rabbits and birds! Please, Please. If you cannot understand the need for big business, don't interfere. Let us get on with it, okay? Come on, men! On with the drilling. Let us get a move on.

Sagar : Keep working! Keep working!
 (Suddenly there is a terrific rumble and roar, like rocks falling. It lasts for thirty seconds. Tremendous noise of horns blaring, voices screaming and shrieking.)

Voice offstage : Landside! Landside!
 Dixit and Sagar look around in panic, they stagger about, then run offstage.

Narayan : (shouts) Let us get help! We must help the injured. Hurry! Hurry!

(The injured are carried away on makeshift stretchers by children. Some hobble and limp. Slowly, the commotion dies and noise fades.)

Grandmother : (in a sad, slow voice to audience) Finally the mountain spoke loud enough for every one to hear. (Pauses) For our village, it was a tragedy. Ten houses buried beneath the landslide. Eleven people killed, including two children (Wipes her eyes) I knew it all along. Nature always speaks if we care to listen.....

A.2. What did Narayan and the school children do to stop the construction of the hotel? **2**

A.3. What message do we get from the incident described in this extract ? **2**

SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL

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

A.1. Look at the below advertisement. Write a letter to the Director of the course enquiring about the details like fees, venue, time, holidays and certificate.

OR

A.2. Look at the following advertisement. Write a letter to your father telling him about the course and your desire to join it.



COMPU CLUB

Computer courses for school students.

- Features
- Adjustable fees
- Adjustable timing
- Concession for groups
- Interactive learning
- Lot of practical's

Courses Offered

- * MS-CIT
- * MS – Office
- * Tally
- * Photoshop
- * Internet Search
- * Typing Tutor

Contact:

The Director, COMPU CLUB, 2nd Floor,
A1, Prince Market, Aurangabad

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

B.1. Write the story about the blind lady and the doctor who tried to cheat her. You may take the help of the following points :

Points : A rich lady—almost blind—lives with a maidservant—doctor promises to give her back her eyesight—lady promises to pay large fee if cured—doctor takes maidservant into confidence—starts taking away valuable pieces of furniture—one day says, "cure complete"—lady does not agree—says she can't see the furniture with her eyes—refuses to pay the doctor.

OR

B.2. Imagine that you have brought a robot from a departmental store. Describe your robot with the help of the following points :

Points : new robot—his appearance—name given—lives with us at home—obeys orders—works for all—never get angry—never seems to be tired—everybody happy with him—love and care of him—proud of him.

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

A.1. Write a report on the “Sports Festival” of your school.

OR

A.2. Dialogue Writing :

Father walks into the room and sees his son, Ramesh, watching TV. He has a talk with his son about it. They talk about the advantages and disadvantages of watching too much TV.

The point of view of both, Ramesh and his father, regarding watching TV are given below :

Father	Ramesh
(1) waste of time	(1) learns things
(2) takes away study time	(2) gains knowledge of the world
(3) prevents one from doing well in examinations	(3) studies as well (5 to 6 hours)
(4) wrong ideas from TV programmes	(4) watches selected programmes
(5) hopes Ramesh does well in studies.	(5) not glued to TV all the while.
	(6) doing well in studies.

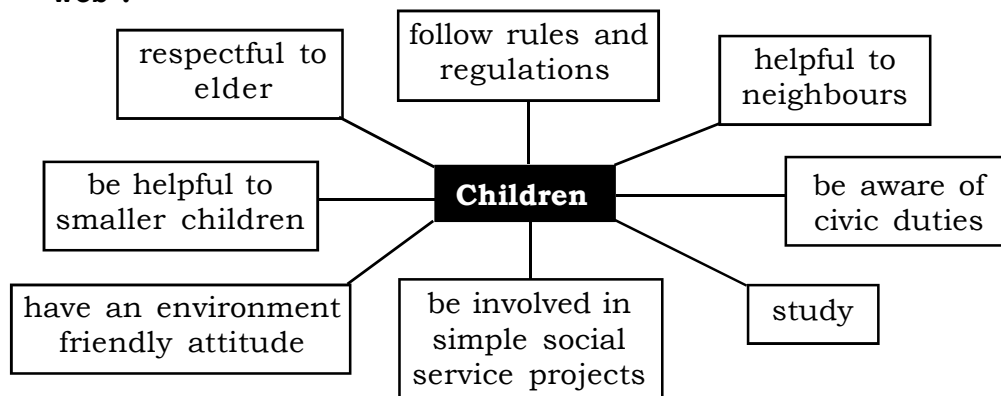
Write the points in dialogue form. You may begin like this :

Father : Well, so you're watching TV again. Don't you think it's waste of time ?

Ramesh : No father, I'm learning many things.....

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

B.1. The web below shows what children can do something for the sake of the Motherland. Write a paragraph with the help of the web :



OR

B.2. Read the paragraph on the 'Importance of sports' and draw a tree diagram to show the benefits we get from sports :

Importance of Sports

Sports are very important for life itself. There is no doubt that it keeps us physically and mentally fit. But more than this it also broadens the outlook of the person. It helps the person to develop leadership qualities. A sports person takes decision after consulting with others, keeping in mind the value of team spirit. Most importantly, sports teach one to lose gracefully. This is the spirit of sportsmanship. While losing the person learns to respect others for their skill and capabilities. Sports also inculcate many values such as self-discipline, obedience and a sense of responsibilities. Above all, sports make one cherish.

Q.VII. Translate the following joke into your mother tongue for your friend who doesn't know English : (5 Marks)

Weather Forecast

Rain and thundershowers are likely to occur at one or two places in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Snow is expected to fall in Arunachal Pradesh. There will be heavy showers in Lakshadweep. Mainly dry weather will prevail over the rest of the country.

Best of Luck 🍀