

# MT 16

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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI PRELIM II - PAPER - A (SECOND LANGUAGE) (M)  
Unit- 1 to 5, R.R-1, 2

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 statements are true or false.**

**2**

- (a) There was no connection between the writer's soul, the pen and the paper.
- (b) At present, the writer's handwriting has become wobbly.

When I was in school, my English teachers considered my handwriting very graceful and fluent. With a lot of passion, I learnt both calligraphy and cursive writing and practiced the exercise for hours together. I used to take pride in my handwriting when it was appreciated. Writing with a Parker or fountain pen gave me a feeling of high, when the tip of its nib smoothly traversed the intricately arranged thin fibres of the paper.

As I wrote poetic odes calligraphically, I sensed that the loquacious movement of my pen was akin to ripple on the surface of water. It felt like beautiful thoughts oozing out of my heart and slipping down through the ink of my pen only to be etched elegantly on the wafer-thin pages of my book but before I got the final version of my poem on the book, I used to write and rewrite on piles and piles of paper to get its sense and essence right. To this day I preserve those papers. For, they remind me of my passion for writing. There was an unknown psychic connection between my soul, the pen and the paper.

But now after all these years I do not remember what my handwriting looks like on a paper any more. Anybody who wants to study my personality through my handwriting might have a tough time. For, I do not write with the same authority and frequency as before. My hand-

writing has become wobbly, flowing uncertainly underneath my unsteady fingers. This is not as result of any injury of accident. It's just that I do not have the same need to use a pen anymore.

**A.2. Write two changes that have taken place in the writer recently.** 2

(i) \_\_\_\_\_.

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.3. Arrange the following words in Alphabetical order.** 2

unknown, authority, uncertainly, underneath.

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

(a) I do not remember what my handwriting looks like on a paper.  
(Make affirmative)

(b) They remind me of my passion for writing. (Change the voice)

**A.5. What, do you think, are the advantages of good handwriting ?** 2

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

**B.1. Say whether the following statements are true or false :** 2

(a) The king's appearance did not change after a month.

(b) The king promised never to be a victim of bad habits.

The king was so terrified of the prediction that he hardly ate any thing and lost a lot of weight over the month. When one month passed and nothing happened to his life, the king summoned the astrologer and roared, "Tell me, why I shouldn't behead you?" The astrologer replied patiently, "My Lord, look in the mirror, and see yourself cured!" King Raya was astonished to find himself slim and healthy. Then the 'astrologer' told King Raya that he was in fact a physician and had done this on the advice of Tenali Raman. By frightening the king to death, he had made him eat less and that had cured him. The king was delighted by Tenali's wit. He promised never to be a victim of bad habits.

**B.2. Complete the following :** 2

(a) Then the 'astrologer' told King Raya \_\_\_\_\_

(b) The king was delighted by \_\_\_\_\_

**B.3. Choose the correct option to replace the underlined words in the given sentences :** **2**

- (a) The king was terrified of the prediction.  
 (i) happy  
 (ii) sad  
 (iii) frightened
- (b) The king summoned the astrologer  
 (i) ordered (him) to be present at a particular place  
 (ii) calculated  
 (iii) wanted

**B.4. Grammar in Context :** **2**

- (a) King Raya was astonished. *(Rewrite as an exclamatory sentence)*  
 (b) The king was delighted by Tenali's wit. *(Change the voice)*

**B.5. What do you mean by an 'eye opener' ?** **2**

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

**A.1. Answer in one word.** **2**

- (a) How many zodiac signs are there?  
 (b) How much do the parents have to shell out to plant a sapling on a child's birthday?

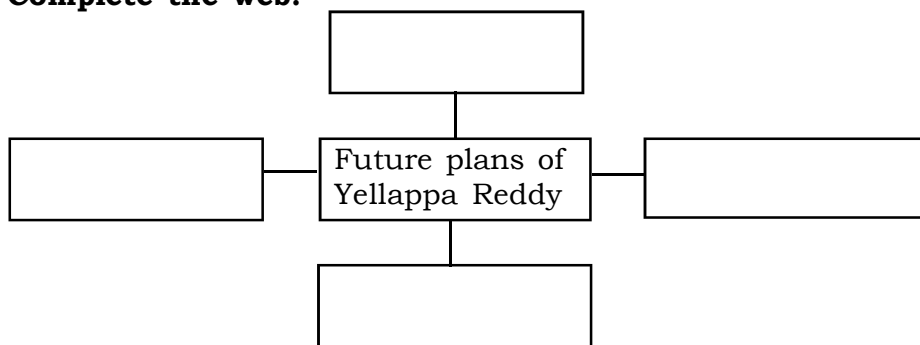
Today, at the entrance to the Pavitra Vana a board in Kannada says, "Pay obeisance first with folded hands and then enter - this is a sacred plants resort. Another guide board explains the layout of the garden. Plants sacred to various Gods and Goddesses are cultivated in different locations. Each spot is designed in a way to represent, enhance or reflect nature, religious background and sacred aspect of each plant. For example, the Raasi Vana, pertaining to the 12 zodiac signs, is arranged so that the shadow of the Sun falls on a particular plant or flower during the movement of the Sun in one zodiac sign. Today, Reddy is one of the most well-known environment specialists in India. With his influence, he has been able to increase the areas of the Pavitra Vana and has plans to bring about awareness of Puranic trees and flowers for the knowledge of Indian citizens.

He wants to create near the Pavitra Vana, a Brihat Panchvati so that parents can show their children the forest where Shakuntala

lived or Sita spent her final days. There will also be a hillock where people can meditate. Plans are also afoot to create a Saptawara forest, pertaining to different ragas in music. Scientists have found that certain plants react in a particular way to different ragas. So in such a forest, when a musician performs certain ragas, the plants will reach in such a manner that it will benefit the audience, the musician and the whole environment. The other idea is an ecopark for children. On celebrations, like birthdays, parents can invest Rs 200 and plant a sapling of a tree representing the child's birth star. The plant will also carry the child's name.

**A.2. Complete the web.**

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**A.3. Find the words from the passage which mean :**

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- (a) to pay respect (b) map

**A.4. Change the voice.**

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- (a) Another guide board explains the layout of the garden.  
 (b) Plants sacred to various Gods and Goddesses are cultivated in different locations.

**A.5. Do you think, plants are sacred ? Why ?**

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

*(10 Marks)*

**B.1. State whether true or false :**

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- (i) The stores had the tie that the writer wanted.  
 (ii) The driver had stolen the writer's suitcase.

The driver stopped at each shop we passed so I could look from the taxi window. The stores had all sorts of ties, but not the kind I was looking for.

When I finally thought I had located the right shop, I decided to go in and check. The driver refused to wait. Parking was prohibited, he said. I promised to double the fare, jumped out and ran into the shop. Was I going to miss the plane just for a damned tie?

The salesman was unbearably slow. When I realized that the smallest change I had was a ten dollar note, I grabbed ten ties of different colours so I wouldn't have to wait for change, I rushed out with the ties in a paper bag.

On the street I looked around. The taxi had vanished, taking my suitcase. What is more, I was going to miss the plane.

I ran to the corner, and hope to flared up again: the taxi was waiting in the next street. Quick, to the airport! As I settled down inside the taxi. I sighed with relief. Gilson was going to have enough initialized ties to last him lifetime.

When I reached the airport, I paid the taxi driver the double fare and grabbed my suitcase. Panting, I boarded the plane under the reproachful gaze of the other passengers, all primly seated with their seat belts fastened. Ready to take off. Departure had been delayed because of me.

"At least I hope you found your tie," said one who knew the story.

"I did," I answered triumphantly.

After making myself comfortable, I reached for the paper bag to show the ties.

I had left it behind. In the taxi.

**B.2. Complete the following**

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- (i) The writer decided to pick up all the ten ties because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The other passengers in the flight were gazing at the writer because \_\_\_\_\_.

**B.3. Find one word from the passage which means :**

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- (a) take off
- (b) let out a breath of relief

**B.4. Do as directed**

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- (a) The salesman was unbearably slow. *(Make it Negative)*
- (b) I reached the airport, I paid the taxi driver the double fare. *(Rewrite using 'No sooner...than')*

**B.5. Why do you think the writer paid double the fare to the taxi driver ?**

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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:**

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- (a) The kingfisher lives on \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) The kingfisher is neither proud nor \_\_\_\_\_

It was the rainbow gave thee birth,  
And left thee all her lovely hues;  
And, as her mother's name was Tears,  
So runs it in my blood to choose  
For haunts the lonely pools, and keep  
In company with the trees that weep.  
Go you and, with such glorious hues,  
Live with proud Peacocks in green parks;  
On lawns as smooth as shining glass,  
Let every feather show its marks;  
Get thee on boughs and clap thy wings  
Before the windows of proud kings .  
Nay, lovely Bird, thou art not vain;  
Thou hast no proud, ambitious mind;  
I also love a quiet place  
That's green, away from all mankind:  
A lonely pool, and let a tree  
Sigh with her bosom over me.

**A.2.** What kind of life does the poet want to live ?

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**A.3.** Pick out the 2 rhyming pairs of words from the poem.

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

**B.1. Answer in one word.**

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- (a) How is the road mentioned in the passage ?  
(b) According to the poet, how will the hills be ?

Often your tasks will be many,  
And more than you think you can do.  
Often the road will be rugged  
And the hills insurmountable, too.  
But always remember,  
The hills ahead  
Are never as steep as they seem,  
And with faith in your heart  
Start upward  
And climb 'til you reach your dream.  
For nothing in life that is Worthy  
Is ever too hard to achieve  
If you have the courage to try it,  
And you have the faith to believe.  
For faith is a force that is greater  
Than knowledge or power or skill,  
And many defeats turn to triumph  
If you trust in God's wisdom and will.  
For faith is a mover of mountains,  
There's nothing that God cannot do,  
So, start out today with faith in your heart,  
And climb 'til your dream comes true!

**B.2.** What is the message given by the poet ?

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**B.3.** Write the opposites of : (i) steep (ii) ahead

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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 :

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“I am sure you will enjoy it”. This is the remark from \_\_\_\_\_ .

(i) Arun's teacher

(ii) Arun's father

(iii) none of these

That night Arun brought up the topic of the excursion at dinner time. "Our class is going on an excursion..." he began.

"Oh, that is fine," said his mother smiling. "I am sure you will enjoy it. Where are you going?"

"I am not going," said Arun, his words coming out in a rush. "I won't go! I just can't... it is for two days and..." he hesitated before finishing in a low voice, "two nights!"

"So? I don't see anything wrong with that!" said father heartily. "In fact, it is a good idea! It will probably be good for you. You have my permission to go..." "But I don't want to go," said Arun miserably. "Teacher said if we bring a medical certificate, then we need not..."

"No!" Father broke in firmly before Arun finished speaking.

"Definitely not! Don't even think of it! You will go on the excursion like everyone else, and that is final!"

Poor Arun! Never had anyone been as unenthusiastic as he about going on a class excursion. His class-mates could talk of nothing else, and their excitement bubbled over as they made their plans. Arun's mother tried hard to cheer him up and get him into the spirit of things, but Arun did not feel any pleasure on seeing his fine, new picnic kit or all the delicious food his mother had packed for him. All he could think of was how he was going to manage during the excursion, when night crept upon them! He prayed for an earthquake, or floods so that the excursion would be cancelled. But alas! None of these happened. Nor did he get measles or chicken-pox or fever!

**A.2.** How did Arun try to avoid the excursion? What was his father's response? **2**

**A.3.** Are you afraid of anything? Share your ideas with reasons. **2**

#### SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL

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

**A.1. Informal Letter : Look at the advertisement and write a letter to your father asking permission to join the trip. Make use of the following points.**

**OR**



**A.2. Formal Letter: Look at the advertisement. Write a letter to the office incharge, Tourism Development Corporation of Mahabaleshwar asking for concession in entry fees, accomdation, food and other details.**

**Visit Unexplored Beauty : Mahabaleshwar**

Enjoy the famous hill point and natural beauty.

A living paradise on the - visit the Sunset point, Wilson point, Eco point, Bombay point, etc. experience boating and water sports, comfortable stay and enjoyable natural beauty.

**Contact: The Incharge, Tourism Department,  
Mahabaleshwar, Dist-Satara.**

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

**B.1. Imagine you celebrated the birthday of your grandmother. Narrate the event in two paragraphs using the following points :**

**Points :** took blessing from her-as usual-food, gifts for her, decorations, speeches, songs-but grandmother wanted to do it differently-went to an orphanage-distributed sweets, clothes, toys-promised to visit every month-wonderful day-my best birthday celebration.

**OR**

**B.2. You have recently visited a hospital. Describe the hospital in about 100 words. Use the points given below :**

**Points :** Friend Chintu-meets with accident-visit hospital-casualty ward-injury not serious- after chatting, went around the building-many patients-some in pain-doctors, nurses, ward-boys-taking temperature, giving medicines, nursing-nurses in white, like angles-modern instruments-operation theatre-clean, tidy wards, beds etc.

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

**A.1. Your school has arranged for 'Keep Class Clean Compitition'. Being the monitor of your class prepare a speech in about 100 words motivating students to maintain cleanliness. Use the point from leaflet and add your own points.**

**OR**

**A.2. Your school had arrange for 'Keep Class Clean Compitition'. Using the points given in the leftlet, prepare a report for school magazine. Add your own point.**

**Keep Class Clean Competition**

Participate and win prizes for your class

- \* Separate dry and wet waste
- \* Dry garbage: paper, glass, plastic etc.
- \* Wet garbage: kitchen waste, leftover etc.
- \* Think of recycling the garbage.
- \* Keep your surroundings clean and hygienic.
- \* Unclean surroundings create health problems.

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

**B.1. Read the following points about rules of discipline and prepare a chart of Do's and Don'ts for the students of your school, based on the following points :**

Keeping the place clean, not spitting on the walls or scratching on them, not plucking flowers or drawing over the walls blackboards, moving about in an orderly manner in the corridors, making way for the teachers, avoiding bad language, speaking English in the school premises, parking the vehicles in the parking place and maintaining punctuality.

**OR**

**B.2. Read the following paragraph and complete the table by putting the information.**

One medium baked potato of a little more than 6 gms. in weight without salt, is rich in protein. It contains about 49% i.e. about 3000 mg. of proteins. It also contains about 39% of fiber that helps in digestion. Besides these nourishing substances, it consists of 10% potassium(K), 1% of its content include other minerals such as Mg, Ca, Na, Fe, Se, Zn, and few others. Only 1% of the potato contains vitamins and substances called folate. Thus the potato is high on proteins and very low on vitamins.

Clauses	Information /Percentage
(1) Proteins	_____
(2) Fiber	_____
(3) Potassium	_____
(4) Vitamin	_____
(5) Other minerals	_____

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

Only two days after the summer vacations, Shomu's teacher phoned his mother to complain of his misbehaviour.

'Wait a minute,' said Shomu's mother. 'During the vacation, Shomu was with me for two months and I never phoned you once when he misbehaved.'

*Best of Luck* 🍀