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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI PRELIM II - PAPER - II (FIRST LANGUAGE) (E)

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. Fill in the blanks:

- (i) The supply of _____ continues to be an acute problem.
(ii) India has committed itself to reducing its _____ by 20-25 percent by 2020.

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While the economic reforms since 1991 have led to the opening up of the economy in terms of liberalization, privatization and internationalization and impressive strides have been made in sectors such as telecom, civil aviation and financial markets, the all important energy sector has not been able to keep pace with the rate of economic development. The yawning gap of 12 per cent between demand and supply of electricity continues to be an acute problem.

India is faced with the challenge of sustaining its rapid economic growth of 8-9 per cent in order to lift out of poverty one-third of its people who are living below the official poverty line while at the same time dealing with the threat of climate change and global warming. India has committed itself to reducing its carbon emissions by 20-25 per cent by 2020 starting with 2005 as the base year. Power shortages could be the single biggest factor to derail the country from its high-growth trajectory. Around 53 per cent of our electricity is generated from burning coal. Around 25 per cent of our power supply comes from hydel resources, which are location specific and cannot be seen to provide dramatically more than what they do right now. This leaves us with nuclear power and renewable sources of energy-the sun, the wind and biomass.

A.2. Match the following:

A	B
(i) Gap between the demand and supply of electricity	(a) 25%
(ii) Economic growth	(b) 53%
(iii) Hydel power	(c) 12%
(iv) Thermal power	(d) 9%

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A.3.

- (i) Find words from the passage which mean:**
 (a) obstruct the path of growth.
 (b) transfer from public to private organisation.
- (ii) Give the adjective form of:**
 (a) people (b) country

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A.4. Do as directed :

- (i) India is faced with the challenge. *(Rewrite as an interrogative sentence)*
 (ii) This leaves us with nuclear power and renewable sources of energy. *(Rewrite using 'Not only ... but also')*

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A.5. Do you think renewable sources of energy are really going to solve the problem of energy crisis in India?

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

B.1. Choose the correct alternative from the following to complete the sentences :

- (i) Saina is confident about _____.
 (a) dribbling (b) playing (c) both a and b
- (ii) A good hit is required to _____.
 (a) finish a rally (b) score a point (c) both a and b

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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 straightaway give 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”.

B.2. Saina needs to work in the following areas:

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(i) _____ (ii) _____

B.3. (i) Find out two pairs of collocation from the passage.

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(ii) Give the noun form of : (a) complete (b) present

B.4. Do as directed:

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(i) Saina has improved consistently over a period of time.

(Rewrite as an exclamatory sentence)

(ii) This requires patience and a lot of self confidence.

(Rewrite using ‘not only...but also’)

B.5. Do you think it is easy to become a top badminton star ?

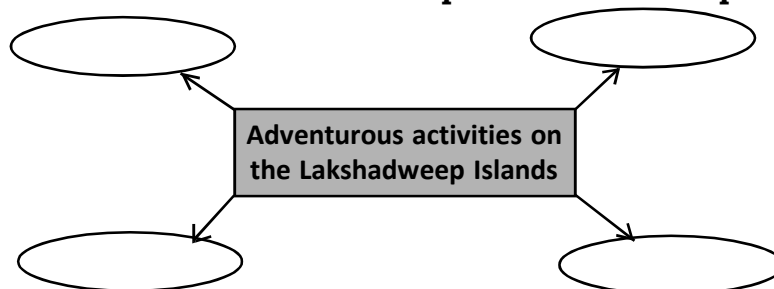
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Q.II. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

(10 Marks)

A.1. Complete the web with words and phrases from the passage:

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The water surrounding the cluster of islands that comprise Lakshadweep is bright and clear as liquid glass. The island itself has an abundance of lush coconut groves, tranquil lagoons and long stretches of white sun-drenched beaches. The only sounds you will hear on the island are the crashing of waves and the breeze blowing through the palm trees. Tourists will find nature unspoilt, undisturbed and serene here. Worth watching here are the spectacular marine life and the night sky as you lie on a hammock by the sea. Lakshadweep is the best destination for a tranquil beach holiday. If you are of the adventurous type you can go yachting, scuba diving up to 21 metres among the dunes in Sting Ray City or snorkelling. You could even try some deep sea fishing searching for Jack Fish or King Fish in the waters around Jack Point. Professional swimmers could try some deep sea diving at Manta Point, Shark Point or the Wall. On the other hand, if you are looking for solitude, you can laze around the lagoons by Kadmat Island or sit fishing in a boat lapped by gentle waves. The unimaginable abundance of green vegetation on the islands and the blue-green colour of the languid waters has given it the name Emerald Island.

A.2. Complete the following with information from the passage.

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The writer describes the calm and quiet at Lakshadweep :

- (i) by using words such as, and
- (ii) by using the sentence 'The only sounds that you will hear are the and

A.3. (i) Write the antonyms of the following using prefixes:

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(a) clear (b) professional

(ii) Write the adjective forms of :

(a) abundance (b) nature.

A.4. Do as directed :

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- (i) Worth watching are the spectacular marine life and the night sky.
(Rewrite using 'not only but also'.)
- (ii) Lakshadweep is the best destination for a tranquil beach holiday.
(Rewrite using 'better than'.)

A.5. Why would you like to spend a holiday on the Lakshadweep Islands?

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

B.1. According to Knowles' tricks what is the effect of the following:

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- (i) holding your breath while lifting something heavy.
- (ii) breathing in on two steps and out on two steps while climbing up a staircase.

I found myself going around London trying out Knowles's tricks. They work. Take a deep breath and hold it when you have something heavy to lift and note how much lighter the object becomes. As you go up a staircase, breathe in on two steps and out on two steps. You'll be less winded at the top. And if you do get out of breath, pant deliberately like a dog for a few minutes and you'll get your wind back in a jiffy. If you're cold, do the same thing and see how fast you warm up.

These performances demonstrate some of the sources of strength in breath. Athletes know of the second wind that comes during heavy exercise. It is really only the shift from shallow to deep breathing. The aim of deep, rhythmic breathing is to make this energy always available.

Knowles's teaching was based on his own experience. After three years in the navy as a young man, he developed a persistent cough. The doctors he went to in his native Manchester could only suggest a drier climate. Knowles could not afford to go to a southern clime but he went to stay with an aunt in Montreal, who recommended a doctor with the unlikely name of O.Z. Hanish. This doctor suggested that his breathing might be at fault.

Knowles protested that his breath was as natural as his heartbeat. But the doctor pointed out an important difference: we have no control over our heartbeat but we do have over our lungs. And you can misuse your lungs as well as use them well. The young man followed the doctor's orders and developed deep breathing and his cough disappeared.

B.2. Give reasons:

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- (i) One must breathe deeply in a rhythmic manner because_____.
- (ii) According to the doctor, the writer had a persistent cough because_____.

B.3. (i) Write words from the passage meaning:

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- (a) to show
- (b) purposely

(ii) Write the verb form of :

- (a) performance
- (b) energy

B.4. Do as directed :

- (i) Pant deliberately like a dog. *(Add a 'Question Tag')*
 (ii) He developed a persistent cough. *(Change the voice)*

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B.5. What according to you are the benefits of deep breathing?

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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) We must keep in closest touch with
 (a) words (b) deeds (c) 'a' and 'b'
 (ii) The poet wants us to make money without
 (a) making friends (b) holding friends (c) losing friends

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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. Complete the following:

How we should
 treat other people :

We should

- (i) be.....
 (ii) hold on
 (iii) always
 (iv) should be finest

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A.3. Name and explain the figure of speech.

And dreaming a little and doing much.

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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) We replenish ourselves for
 (ii) We choose not to care for

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Tell me is it right
 That we sleep well at night
 Replenishing ourselves
 For tomorrow's greedy fight
 There lie abundant rivers with pollution
 There fly multiple clouds with contamination
 And when good food goes to waste
 The valleys of the earth bury their paste
 Our world is an institution
 Of environmental pollution
 We choose not to care
 For our future generations
 And I for one am guilty
 For buying the hundreds of electronic gadgets
 That attracts the industries to produce like maggots
 Environmental pollution is at the heart of our planet.

- B.2.** (i) What is at the heart of our planet?
 (ii) What does the poet feel guilty about?

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- B.3. Name and explain the figure of speech.**
 The world is an institution.

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SECTION III : RAPID READING

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

- 1. State whether the following statements are true or false.**
 (i) Neel accompanied the author to the net door.
 (ii) The grave which was discovered was of Alex.

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I saw the boy one more time. It was about 8 p.m. on a wet night in August. Our parents had gone out. Mother had kept our dinner on the dining table. It was too early for us to eat. Akhil and I played carrom. Neel was reading a comic. Rex whined. He wanted to go out. Neel opened the door for him. Rex slipped out into the drizzle. We knew he would be somewhere close by; he would come when called. A good fifteen minutes must have passed when we heard Rex bark. The sound came from the passage that led to the house.
 "Rex," Neel called, "come here, boy".

The barking stopped. Suddenly I became aware of the fact that there was one more person in the room. The boy. He was standing at the door. He was looking at me with a strange urgency. "Come," he seemed to say. Then he turned and went out of the door.

"Rex!" I said quickly, "he is in danger."

"Naah", Neel said. "What danger?"

"I do not know. But he needs us."

Neel stayed where he was. Akhil came with me. We peered out of the net door that opened into the long passage leading to the kitchen. The passage was lit by a dim bulb that cast more shadows than light. Rex stood in the passage facing us. A low deep growl emerged from his throat. His hackles were up. He was staring fixedly at something just outside the door.

At first I did not see it. Then a slight swaying movement caught my eye. A low savage hiss. A black hooded head, raised to attack. My blood turned cold. It was a cobra! I backed off, slowly.

"Go, tell Neel," I whispered to Akhil. "Tell him to get help." While I waited I prayed that Rex would not make any sudden moves. The cobra would lash out in swift, sure revenge. I do not know how long I stood there, riveted by the horrifying tableau being enacted before me. At last I heard footsteps coming along the passage. It was Mataprasad, the mali, with a solid reassuring stick. At the sound of his approach, the cobra lowered its head and glided out of a hole in the wall. The next day, masons came to seal the hole through which the cobra had slid in. And men in gumboots armed with scythes and grass-cutting swords cleaned up the compound. They hacked away at the tall grass. And what had lain hidden for years surfaced.

For instance we discovered that someone had laid out a badminton court many years ago. And we discovered a grave. It was a small grave, close to the boundary wall. There was a moss blackened stone at its head with just the faintest trace of the words engraved on it.

We identified the words with our fingers: Robin and Alex Robin the bravest Labrador who died of Cobra bite while trying to save his master, Alex. A loyal and true friend till the end. May 1920.

2. How did the writer react on seeing the cobra?

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3. What do you think was the connection between Rex and the mystery boy? Justify your answer.

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SECTION IV : WRITING SKILLS**Q.V. (A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities: (5 Marks)****A.1. Look at the following extract of a news write-up. Write a letter to thank your mother.****For Mother's Day**

A Flood of Love for Moms

ST correspondent

reporters@sakaltimes.com

Pune : Today is 'Mother's Day' and while there is really no need to say anything more about how important mothers are in our lives, it gives us the chance to express our gratitude.

A.2. Write a letter to a famous nutritionist requesting him/her to conduct a seminar in your society.**Q.V. (B) B1 or B2. Do any ONE of the following activities: (5 Marks)****B.1. Write a report on fire causing devastation in the city.****B.2. Write a dialogue based on the given flowchart between a postal officer and yourself on how to send a letter by Speed Post.****Sending a letter by Speed Post**

Take a form



fill your name and address



fill name and address of the receiver



hand it over to postal officer to weigh it



pay according to the weight and the distance to be covered

Q.VI.(A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities: (5 Marks)**A.1. Draw a tree diagram to represent the following:**

The word 'Literature' is really hard to define. Many interpretations are made about the word. But all are incomplete. Some opine that literature is the mirror of life, some others say that it is the criticism of life. Whatever may be the controversy about the word, we may say that literature is that which reflects life. The branches of literature are poetry, drama, novel and short stories. Poetry is of two kinds, imaginative and realistic. Drama is either a comedy or a tragedy. Novels are also of many kinds, historical, psychological, realistic, scientific and regional. Short story is that one which stands very close to life inspite of a little scope.

A.2. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting the enrolment of girls and boys in a school from 1998 to 2002.

YEAR	GIRLS	BOYS
1998	5000	4911
1999	5200	5099
2000	5100	5067
2001	5100	5190
2002	5320	5205

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

B.1. Two of your schoolmates died the previous week as they could not be saved due to loss of excessive blood and there was no blood available in the blood banks. Prepare a speech to be delivered before your class persuading them to donate blood.

B.2. You come across the following article in the newspaper, written by an irate teacher: Mobile phones should be banned in schools.

In the name of freedom, in the name of personal safety and security, students have been allowed to bring mobile phones to schools. However, they are using them at liberty for purposes other than they were originally intended for. It is not uncommon for a teacher to correct a student for sending an SMS instead or not paying attention to what is being taught or for a student to be deeply engrossed in a video game while the teacher, in blissful ignorance, narrates the exploits of Rana Pratap Singh!

Write your views against the opinions expressed in the article.

Q.VII. Attempt any ONE of the following:

Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any ONE of the following expressions : (5 Marks)

1. A stitch in time saves nine.
2. Laughter is the best medicine.
3. **Write a story ending with ...**
..... God had rewarded Rohan's hard work. The trophy shone in his hands.

Best of Luck 🍀