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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI PRELIM II - PAPER - III (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. Complete the following:

- (i) According to the preist it was difficult to get the bilva leaf because _____.
- (ii) Reddy was surprised to find that _____.

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If you want to find in one single garden all the trees/flowers/fruits/berries mentioned in our Vedas, you have to go to Pavitra Vana at Ramanagaram, 50 miles away from Bengaluru. The creation of this garden happened thus...

36 years ago, the then conservator of Forests Karanataka Yellappa Reddy went to his favourite Shiva Temple at Gokarn to worship. But as he was giving flowers and garlands after puja, he was surprised to find that he was given only jasmine flowers and not the bilva leaf, the favourite of Lord Shiva. On enquiring, the priest said that the temple found it difficult to get the bilva leaf, as it was not commercially economic to grow it and very few flower sellers were willing to provide bilva leaves. In his words, "I determined that whoever originally had included these flowers as part of worship had done so with scientific insight. For example, I found that when we gently press the petals of these flowers, the glands will burst and it will produce certain volatile oils. This will generate certain chemicals which enriches the atmosphere and becomes beneficial to humans, creating an environment that induces the mind to greater concentration. Additionally, these plants have various medicinal healing properties long established by Ayurveda. Reddy determined to grow this entire flora in a single garden.

A.2. Answer the following:

- (i) Where is Pavitra Vana situated?
- (ii) Who was the inspiration behind the establishment of Pavitra Vana?

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A.3. Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B':		2
A	B	
(i) sacred	(a) improve	
(ii) enhance	(b) part	
(iii) aspect	(c) a deep understanding	
(iv) insight	(d) holy	

A.4. Do as directed:	2
(i) These plants have various medicinal healing properties. <i>(Identify the non-finite verb and state its type)</i>	
(ii) This will generate certain chemicals. <i>(Rewrite the sentence using a modal auxiliary showing 'Past Habitual Action')</i>	

A.5. What was the purpose behind setting up Pavitra Vana?	2
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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:	2
(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	

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’)

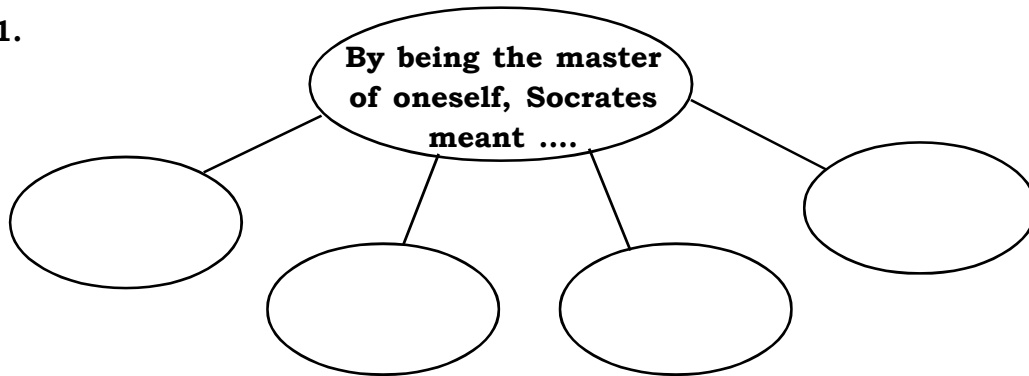
B.5. Do you think it is easy to become a top badminton star ?

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

A.1.

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Socrates taught that the man who is master of himself is truly free. By being master of oneself he meant first knowing oneself, one's faults and weaknesses and one's good points, without making any pretence and without being vain, and then being able to control oneself. The knowledge of himself was what helped a man to be courageous, and the courageous man has a very important sort of freedom from fear. Socrates himself, because he was not afraid of the consequences, always felt free to teach what he thought was right, however unpopular this might make him with the powerful people in Athens.

No wonder all his pupils loved Socrates. But he made some dangerous

enemies by his strange ways of teaching and asking questions. Some of the rulers in Athens did not like people to be encouraged to ask too many questions for fear they would begin asking questions about what their rulers were doing. So they accused Socrates of teaching young men wicked things and leading them to throw off their religion. This was false, for in fact Socrates was a very religious man. At last his enemies had him arrested, and he was condemned to death.

A.2. State whether the following statements are True or False: 2

- (i) Socrates thought that the man who is master of himself is truly proud.
- (ii) Socrates always felt free to teach what he thought was right.

A.3. Complete the following table : 2

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....	courageous
.....	knowledge

A.4. Rewrite using a subordinator : 2

- (i) Some of the rulers in Athens did not like people to be encouraged.
(Make affirmative)
- (ii) At last his enemies had him arrested, and he was condemned to death.
(Rewrite using a subordinator)

A.5. Give a suitable title to the passage and justify it. 2

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

B.1. State whether following statements are true or false: 2

- (i) As per the lots, Knigstein went to Art school.
- (ii) The sketch 'Praying Hands' has become very famous in Germany.

Two young German friends, Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein wished to become artists. But they had no money. So they agreed that one would work and finance the other, and later selling the painting would support the other. As per the lots, Durer went to Art school, while Knigstein supported his friends with his labour. After the completion of studies, the sensitive fingers of Knigstein had been so ruined by his rugged manual work that he could hardly become an artist.

One day when Knigstein was deep in his prayers, Durer drew his gnarled fingers intertwined in prayer. Today the sketch, 'Praying Hands' has become world - famous in art gallery. They are the fingers of Knigstein,

a sacrificing friend.

We need persons to talk, laugh, share, understand, and play together. But with all our companions, neighbours, and relations we cannot establish a deep or permanent relationship. We may be friendly with many, but they cannot be counted as friends.

George Eliot defines friendship as feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words. A friend is at the heart of our lives. With friends we can be ourselves, we can share our feelings, experiences and deepest thoughts. "To have a place in someone's heart is to be never alone" Yet we need to choose our friends with care, because we become what they are.

Some are afraid to make friends because of the past hurt, and afraid of being taken advantage of. At times, we are afraid to reveal our vulnerability. But if we don't dare to risk, our lives will become meaningless.

B.2. Give Reasons:

- (i) Both the friends mentioned in the passage could not join Art school together because _____.
- (ii) We need to choose our friends with care because _____.

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**B.3. (i) Identify two pairs of collocations from the passage.
(ii) Write words from the passage meaning:**

- (a) destroyed (b) endanger.

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B.4. Do as directed:

- (i) They are the fingers of Knigstein. (*Rewrite as an interrogative sentence*)
- (ii) The sensitive fingers of Knigstein had been ruined by his rugged manual work. (*Change the voice*)

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B.5. What are your ideas of an 'ideal friendship'?

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SECTION II : POETRY

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

A.1. Match the following:

- | A | B |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) pirates | (a) Beatrix Potter |
| (ii) cannibals | (b) rowed with muffled oars |
| (iii) books for younger ones | (c) Penelope |
| (iv) smugglers | (d) purple pants |

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And in the bedroom, by the bed,
 More books were waiting to be read!
 Such wondrous, fine, fantastic tales
 Of dragons, gypsies, queens, and whales
 And treasure isles, and distant shores
 Where smugglers rowed with muffled oars,
 And pirates wearing purple pants,
 And sailing ships and elephants,
 And cannibals crouching 'round the pot,
 Stirring away at something hot.
 (It smells so good, what can it be?
 Good gracious, it's Penelope.)
 The younger ones had Beatrix Potter
 With Mr. Todd, the dirty rotter,
 And Squirrel Nutkin, Pigling Bland,
 And Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and-
 Just How the Camel Got His Hump,
 And How the Monkey Lost His Rump,
 And Mr. Toad, and bless my soul,
 There's Mr. Rat and Mr. Mole-
 Oh, books, what books they used to know,
 Those children living long ago!

A.2. List four characters from books given in the poem.

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A.3. Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the above 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.

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

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. Choose the correct alternative:

- (i) The name of the doctor in the passage is _____.
 (a) Subbiah (b) Gopal (c) Ramu

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“Oh!” the doctor exclaimed. “You are exerting yourself too much. You must be quieter.” He felt idiotic to be repeating it. “How fine it would be,” he reflected, “to drop the whole business and run away somewhere without answering anybody any question!” The patient clutched the doctor’s wrist with his weak fingers and said, “Ramu, it is my good fortune that you are here at this moment. I can trust your word. I can’t leave my property unsettled. That will mean endless misery for my wife and children. You know all about Subbiah and his gang. Let me sign before it is too late. Tell me...” “Yes, presently,” replied the doctor. He walked off to his car, sat in the back seat and reflected. He looked at his watch. Midnight. If the will was to be signed, it must be done within the next two hours, or never. He could not be responsible for a mess there; he knew the family affairs too well and about those wolves. Subbiah and his gang. But what could he do? If he asked him to sign the will, it would virtually mean a death sentence and destroy the thousandth part of a chance that the patient had of survival. He got down from the car and went in. He resumed his seat in the chair. The patient was staring at him appealingly. The doctor said to himself, “If my word can save his life, he shall not die. The will be damned.” He called, “Gopal, listen.” This was the first time he was going to do a piece of acting before a patient, simulate a feeling and conceal his judgement. He stooped over the patient and said, with deliberate emphasis, “Don’t worry about the will now. You are going to live. Your heart is absolutely sound.” A new glow suffused the patient’s face as he heard it. He asked in a tone of relief, “Do you say so? If it comes from your lips it must be true...” The doctor said, “Quite right. You are

improving every second. Sleep in peace. You must not exert yourself on any account. You must sleep very soundly. I will see you in the morning.” The patient looked at him gratefully for a moment and then closed his eyes. The doctor picked up his bag and went out, shutting the door softly behind him.

2. What did the doctor tell Gopal at this critical moment?

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3. How, according to you, is the nature of the doctor?

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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. Imagine your younger brother/sister had recently helped an old man from being robbed by a thief. Write a letter to him/her congratulating for performing such a heroic deed. Congratulate him/her for such an amazing act, show how you feel proud of her/him, how you are inspired by this act.

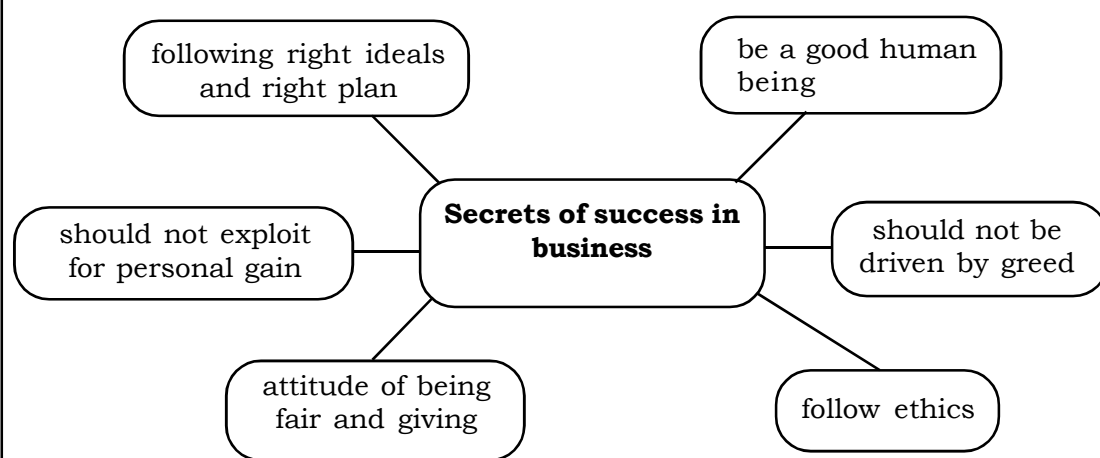
A.2. Write a letter to the Editor. The City Times, complaining about frequent failure of electricity in your area and suggest measures for improvement.

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

B.1. Write a report on an accident that you have witnessed using the following points.

- time, place, date of accident
- number of dead and injured people
- details of the occurrence of the accident

B.2. Prepare a dialogue between a father and son discussing the secrets of success in business based on the following web diagram.



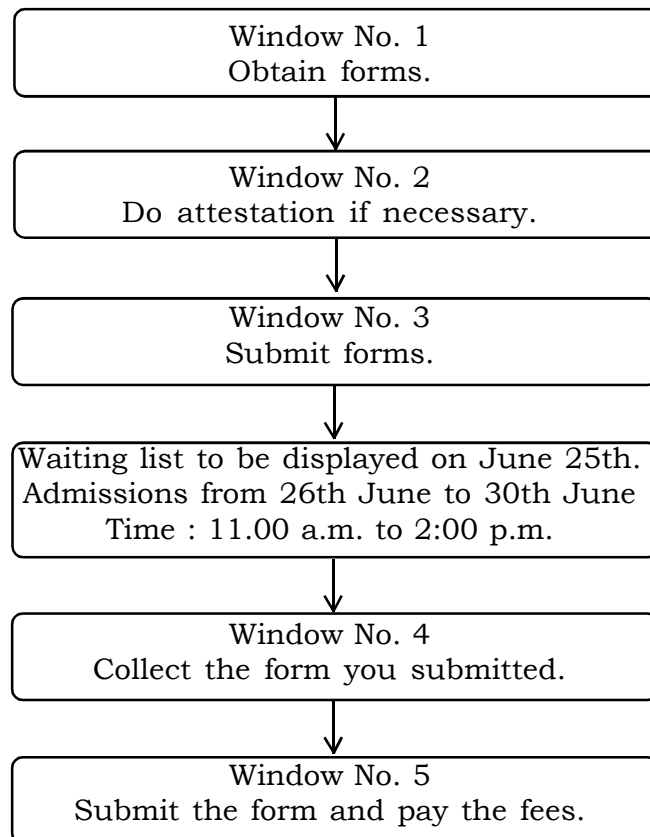
Q.VI. (A) A1 or A2. Do any ONE of the following activities : (5 Marks)

A.1. Read the following passage and draw a tree diagram to cover the main points:

Amla has many benefits. It is a rich source of Vitamin C. This helps to improve the immunity of the body and gives physical strength. It has many health benefits. It acts as a diuretic and laxative. It is used to treat constipation. It can even cure insomnia. It is an important component of Ayurvedic medicines and has been used traditionally for the treatment of scalp. It is very healthy for hair. People use amla as a cooling agent to reduce the effects of sunstrokes and sunburns.

A.2. Study the flowchart given below and transform the information into a paragraph of not less than 100 words :

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

B.1. Today, as you know, many machines are available which guarantee that people become and remain slim and trim. However some people believe that traditional ways and regular exercise are necessary for good health. You have to deliver a speech highlighting both the beliefs. Write a speech on the above themes to be delivered in your school.

B.2. Write a counterview to the opinion that students should be allowed to have Facebook accounts.

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. Where there is a will, there is a way
2. As you sow, so shall you reap.
3. **Write a story beginning with**

It was a crumpled paper lying on the floor. Hopefully, Hari picked it up

Best of Luck 🍀