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- MT 16 - ENGLISH - PRELIM I - PAPER - V (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. Choose the correct alternative from the following to complete the sentences. 2

- (i) Saina is confident about _____ .
(a) low serves (b) dribbling (c) mid-court returns
- (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 gives 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 back hand, she can work on her defence as well.

A.2. Saina needs to work in the following areas.

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)

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A.3. Complete the following compound words.

- (i) stroke - _____
- (ii) mid - _____

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A.4. Match the statement with their correct tags.

A

- (i) Saina has improved consistently
- (ii) She has a good hit
- (iii) She is prepared to wait
- (iv) This requires patience and a lot self-confidence

B

- (a) isn't she ?
- (b) hasn't she ?
- (c) doesn't it ?
- (d) doesn't she ?
- (e) isn't it ?

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A.5. Personal Response Question

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

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

B.1. Fill in the blanks :

- (i) The July 2005 floods are described as _____.
- (ii) _____ city had come to a halt.

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During the devastating July 2005 floods that hit Mumbai, Rajen Dutia received an urgent call from a relative, Lopa Vyas, late in the evening. "A friend's mother is stranded near your home, Rajen. Can you please take her home? Her name is Rashmi," Vyas told him.

Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere. Despite a power failure and raging rain, Dutia stepped out and made his way to the spot, where he found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people. They were stranded in the dark, shivering in the rain. They all lived far away and had no place to go for the night. Rajen took all of them to his one-bedroom flat, where he served them dinner and invited them to spend the night.

"By doing so," says Rajen, "I was simply fulfilling my karma, paying the universe back for the good it had done for me."

"God is kind. My daughter had just started her new job that day, and had gone for her training. She was stranded too. While she was stranded too. while she was trying to get to our relatives, she almost

drowned, but a young stranger saved her. He and his friends even dropped her to my relative's place and phoned me to say she was safe. One good turn deserves another."

B.2. Complete the following :

Rajen Dutia helped a dozen of people inspite of living in a one bedroom flat because _____.

- (i)
- (ii)

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B.3. Match the following :

A	B
(i) devastating	(a) deeds
(ii) stranded	(b) destroying
(iii) raging	(c) stuck
(iv) karma	(d) furious

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B.4. Do as directed.

- (i) "A friend's mother is stranded near your home, Rajen. Can you please take her home. Her name is Rashmi," Vyas told him.
(Rewrite in indirect speech)
- (ii) Despite a power failure and raging rain, Dutia stepped out.
(Rewrite using a co-ordinator)

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B.5. Why are acts of kindness important for our survival ?

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Q.II. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (10 Marks)**A.1. State whether true or false. If false, correct the statement.**

- (i) Studies show that a greater share of education, health and food expenditure go to girls than boys.
- (ii) More girls in developing countries are enrolled in secondary school.

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Many studies in recent years have looked at the allocation of resources at the household level. They show that a much greater share of education, health and food expenditure go to boys than girls. In many cultures, parents think that there are lower benefits from investing in girls. This is where the vicious circle starts, leaving many women in a disadvantaged position for life. The losers are not only the women but the entire society.

There has been progress in the past few decades. More girls in developing countries are enrolled in primary schools. Since 90s, the

female labour force has grown twice as fast as the male labour force. Some 30 percent of the women in the developing countries are part of the formal workforce.

But still there are too many failures and unsolved problems. The inequalities are long and depressing. Women spend more time on paid and unpaid work than men do and they are less likely to be in positions of responsibility. Their mortality is high.

Education is the single most crucial issue for well being of a woman and her family. Educated women have healthier children and moreover have fewer children. They have a profound impact on the status of women in their community and make it easier for future generations of girls to get an adequate education.

A.2. Complete the following.

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- (i) Many studies in recent years have looked at the _____ .
 (ii) Education is the single most crucial issue for _____ .

A.3. Match the words from column A with their meanings in column B.

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A	B
(i) allocation	(a) death rate
(ii) vicious	(b) development
(iii) progress	(c) distribution
(iv) mortality	(d) wicked
	(e) values

A.4. Identify the tense.

2

- (i) There has been progress in the past few decades.
 (ii) Educated women have healthier children.

A.5. What steps would you take to improve the plight of women ?

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

(10 Marks)

B.1. Match the followings with correct personality features :

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A	B
(i) Sharelle	(a) School principal
(ii) Keryn	(b) Maths teacher
(iii) Mrs. Negru	(c) Keryn's friend
(iv) Mr. Anthony	(d) Young school-going girl

“Don’t be stupid, Jason,” said his mother. “You were as bad when you got your first ones. It’ll go away by itself, love. Just don’t keep fingering it.”

“There’s that stuff they advertise in the paper,” Jason said “Captain Clearskin’s Spot Squasher, or Prince Purity’s Pimple Pincher or something. You could try that.”

At school that day, Keryn sat with her chin propped up on both hands. Everyone kept saying things that she felt were aimed at her. “Keep your chins up,” Mrs. Negru told the class when they grumbled about how hard their maths was.

“I was in an awful spot!” Keryn’s friend Sharelle said at lunch time while she was telling about a row with her mother.

“This is always a sore point,” announced Mr. Anthony, the Principal, at assembly.

That night, Keryn had a dream. It was more like a nightmare, really. She was at the form two prizegiving, and she was walking up to the stage to get her athletics certificate. Suddenly, all the people on stage and in the hall started calling out to a dog somewhere. “Here!” They called. “Here, Spot!” Then Keryn realized they weren’t calling out to a dog. They were calling out to her.

“Hey, listen, Keryn,” Jason said to her at breakfast on Wednesday morning. “You don’t want to worry about getting just one little spot on your face. Nearly everyone gets spots when they start becoming a teenager. I mean, look at me.”

“No, thanks,” said Keryn.

“Don’t get cheeky,” Jason told her. “I’m trying to help. Nearly everyone gets spots, and nearly everyone thinks their spots are worse than anyone else’s. Don’t hide them or make a big fuss, and people won’t even think about them, okay?”

“Okay,” said Keryn.

“Anyway I don’t know what you’re so worried about,” Jason added as he picked up his plates. “You’ve just got that one tiny spot on your chin, and it’s smaller already.”

B.2. State whether the following sentences are true or false.

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- (i) Keryn took all the things happening in her school very lightly.
 (ii) Keryn had a dream which was like a nightmare.

B.3. Complete the table with correct form.

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Verb form	Noun form
(i) advertise	
(ii)	assembly
(iii)	thought
(iv) announce	

B.4. Change the following Direct Speech into Indirect Speech.

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- (i) "Don't be stupid, Jason," said his mother.
His mother ordered _____.
- (ii) "You were as bad when you got your first ones." said mother.
Mother said _____.

B.5. Write a character sketch of Keryn.

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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 column.

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- | A | B |
|----------------|--------------|
| (i) forests | (a) sighing |
| (ii) wild life | (b) drying |
| (iii) earth | (c) dying |
| (iv) rivers | (d) crying |
| | (e) flooding |

The forests are dying
Wild life is crying
Millions of fish are dying
Mother earth is sighing
Tell me is it right
That we sleep well at night
Replenishing ourselves
For tomorrows greedy fight
Overcrowded trains
Overloaded brains
Where is the light? What is our plight?
While river break their banks
And greedy industries play their polluted pranks.

A.2. What is the message conveyed through the poem?

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A.3. The figure of speech in the following line is _____.

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"While rivers break their banks."

- (a) Personification
(b) Repetition
(c) Alliteration
(d) Interrogation

**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.

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- (i) As a nation, we need to shower our love and respect on the elderly.
(ii) We should let the young generation guide our course.

"Oh the value of the elderly! How could anyone not know?
They hold so many keys, so many things they can show.
We all will reach the other side this I firmly believe
And the elderly are closest oh what clues we could retrieve.
For their characters are closest to how we'll be on high.
They are the ones most developed, you can see it if you try.
They've let go of the frivolous and kept things that are dear.
The memories of so sweet, of loved ones that were near.
As a nation we are missing our greatest true resource,
To get to know our elders and let them guide our course."

B.2. What memories do the elders let go of and what do they retain ?

2

B.3. "Oh the value of the elderly!

How could any one not know ?"

Which figure of speech do we come across in this line ?

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SECTION III : RAPID READING

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

A.1. Complete the following.

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The places where the writers family had been posted to were _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____ .

One of the advantages of growing up in an Army household was the frequency with which we moved.

'Postings' came with predictable regularity every three years. What was unpredictable and therefore exciting was the suspense. Where would we go this time? Ambala, Pune, Dehradun, Allahabad, Tejpur, Banglore, Yo! In my short span of thirteen years we had moved lock, stock and barrel eleven times!

Every move meant change. new journeys, new places, new schools, my new books, new uniforms, new friends and new houses. We lived in

tents, bashas, Nissen huts, flats and bungalows. No matter what the shape and size of the dwelling, mother soon put her own special stamp on it and transformed it into a familiar place - our home - complete with bright yellow curtains, coffee-brown carpet, assorted pictures, hanging ferns and potted palms - providing a comforting sense of continuity in our essentially nomadic life.

I was thirteen, the year we moved to the Cantonment at Allahabad. In stark contrast to the razzle-dazzle of the city's commercial areas like Katra and Chowk, the cantonment was a quiet, orderly place with broad tree-lined roads that still carried the names of long-dead Britishers. Our bungalow was on a sleepy by-lane called MacPherson Road. When we first saw it, my brothers and I were delighted. It was by far the biggest house we had ever lived in. The task of furnishing those huge, echoing rooms daunted Mother.

A.2. State whether the following statements are true or false.

2

- (i) One of the disadvantages of growing up in an Army household was the frequency with which we moved.
- (ii) When the writer was thirteen, her family moved to the Cantonment at Allahabad.

A.3. Do you like to change your house frequently ? Justify your answer.

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SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL

Q.V. (A) A.1. or A.2. Do any one of the following activities : (5 Marks)

A.1. Look at the following notice paper pinned on your society's notice board. Write a letter to the editor of local newspaper with the help of following points complaining about the noise pollution during festivals.

Attention ! Attention !! Attention !!!

- ⊃ Please keep the volume of the speakers during festival below limit.
- ⊃ No speakers allowed after 10 p.m.
- ⊃ Try to keep volumes of speakers under control, keeping in mind the on going exams of schools.
- ⊃ Higher volumes of speakers also irritate the old-aged members of society.
- ⊃ Follow the rules given by the police and enjoy festivals without disturbing society members.

A.2. You happen to read the following heading of an article in a magazine.

Bunk the Junk - Stay Fit

You suddenly remember that your mother had written to you about the unhealthy eating habits of your younger brother.

Write a letter to him to avoid eating junk food.

Q.V. (B) B.1. or B.2. Do any one of the following activities : (5 Marks)

B.1. Your school held an exhibition on the theme 'Save Electricity'. Imagine you are a reporter and write a report for your school magazine.

B.2. Two senior citizens who meet everyday for a morning walk discuss about the following news headline :

Dwindling human values in society

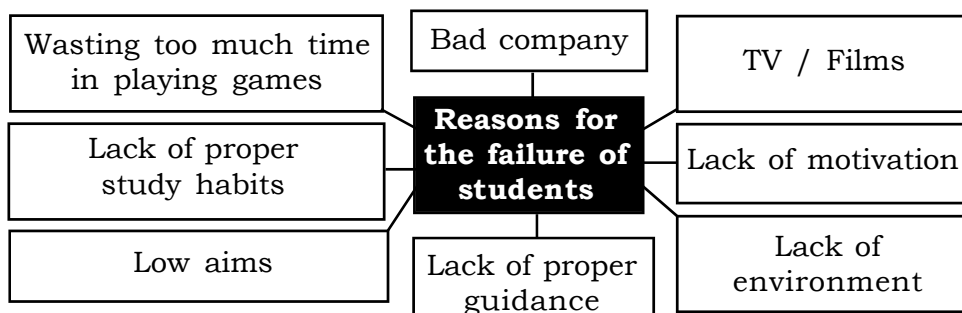
Write a dialogue between the two based on the topic.

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. Look at the following diagram and write at least three paragraphs on 'Reasons for the failure of students'. Also write in brief the ways to improve their situations.



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

B.1. You are a student of std. X and you are requested to deliver a farewell speech to your classmates on the occasion of the farewell party. Write the speech using the tips given below :

- Tips :**
- bid farewell to the students
 - what you learnt from school
 - the role of the Principal and teachers
 - unforgettable memories about the school
 - thanks giving

**B.2. Write the view and counterview for the following topic :
How effective is the law, which makes children legally bound to look after their aged parents?**

Pointers for the View :

- Law must step in where values deteriorate.
- Elderly population has doubled in the last 25 years.
- Protection for the elderly is a serious concern for the nation.
- The experience of the elderly can be fruitful to the younger generation.

(Add your own points)

Pointers for the Counterview :

- ↪ Law only will not bring real relief
- ↪ Parents would prefer to suffer silently rather than taking legal action against their own children.
- ↪ It is the moral responsibility of the children.
- ↪ It is a sentimental issue rather than a legal issue.

(Add your own points)

Q.VII. Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any one of the following expressions. (5 Marks)

1. Laughter is the best medicine
2. Service to man is service to God
3. God had rewarded Rohan's hard work. The trophy shone in his hands.
[Write a story ending with the given statement]

Best of Luck 🍀

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Time : 3 Hours Preliminary Model Answer Paper Max. Marks : 80

SECTION I		
Reading Skills, Grammar and Vocabulary (Prose)		
Q.I. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :		
A.1. (i) (b) dribbling		1
(ii) (c) both (a) and (b)		1
A.2. (i) her forehand side		2
(ii) her speed while reaching the net		
(iii) her defence		
A.3. (i) making (ii) court		2
A.4. (i - b), (ii - d), (iii - a), (iv - c)		2
A.5. After reading this extract I've realized that it is not easy to become a top badminton star. It is constant hard work with hours and hours of practice. One needs to learn all the clever tactics of playing in various ways, to win matches. This requires total focus, complete dedication to practise and a strong determination to win. Though it is not easy, I believe it is not impossible. Where there is a will, there is a way.		2
Q.I. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :		
B.1. (i) devastating		1
(ii) Mumbai		1
B.2. (i) he was simply fulfilling his karma.		1
(ii) he was paying the universe back for the good it had done for him.		1
B.3. (i - b), (ii - c), (iii - d), (iv - a)		2
B.4. (i) Vyas told Rajen that her friend's mother named Rashmi was stranded near his home. She kindly asked if he could take her home.		1
(ii) There was a power failure and raging rain, but Dutia stepped out.		1
B.5. "Little deeds of kindness" can make this world a better place to live in. The entire society benefits when people reciprocate someone's help. The society becomes more cohesive, thus making one's survival easier. It enhances positive attitude, well-being and self-esteem which are so necessary for survival.		2

Q.II. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :		
A.1.	(i) False - Studies show that a greater share of education, health and food expenditure go to boys than girls.	1
	(ii) False - More girls in developing countries are enrolled in primary school.	1
A.2.	(i) Many studies in recent years have looked at the <u>allocation of resources at the household level</u> .	1
	(ii) Education is the single most crucial issue for <u>well being of a woman and her family</u> .	1
A.3.	(i - c), (ii - d), (iii - b), (iv - a)	2
A.4.	(i) Present Perfect Tense	1
	(ii) Simple Present Tense	1
A.5.	I would like to give girls equal share, like sons, in property. I will also raise the percentage of reservation in job opportunities.	2
Q.II. (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :		
B.1.	(i - c), (ii - d), (iii - b), (iv - a)	2
B.2.	(i) False - Everyone kept saying things that she felt were aimed at her.	1
	(ii) True	1
B.3.	(i) advertisement	$\frac{1}{2}$
	(ii) assemble	$\frac{1}{2}$
	(iii) think	$\frac{1}{2}$
	(iv) announcement	$\frac{1}{2}$
B.4.	(i) His mother ordered Jason not to be stupid.	1
	(ii) Mother said that he was as bad when he got his first ones	1
B.5.	Keryn comes across as a typical teenage girl who is very conscious about her looks. Her extreme worry over the appearance of one spot on her face is very common among young girls.	2
OR (ANY OTHER SUITABLE ANSWER)		
SECTION II : POETRY		
Q.III. (A) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :		
A.1.	(i - c), (ii - d), (iii - a), (iv - e)	2
A.2.	The poet says that man has ignorantly ruined this planet earth due to his selfishness. Still the solution lies in our hands. If we take care to rebuild our planet, we may be able to save it from perishing any further.	2
A.3.	(b) Alliteration	1
Q.III. (B) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :		
B.1.	(i) True	1
	(i) False	1

B.2.	The elders let go of frivolous things and they retain things that are dear to them.	2
B.3.	The figure of speech we come across here are exclamation and interrogation.	1
SECTION III : RAPID READING		
Q.IV.	Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :	
A.1	Ambala, Pune, Dehradun, Allahabad, Tejpur, Bangalore	1
A.2	(i) False	1
	(ii) True	1
A.3	No. I don't like to change my house at all. Firstly I love my house, my room very much. If we change the house I will feel lost as I will have to go to a new school. I will miss my friends as well as my school. I would never like to change my abode.	2
SECTION IV : WRITING SKILL		
Q.V.	(A) A.1 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 6 - Q.5 A.2 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 17 - Q.3	5
Q.V.	(B) B.1 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 39- Q.8 B.2 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 50 - Q.4	5
Q.VI.	(A) A.1 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 23 - Q.2 A.2 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 31 - Q.4	5
Q.VI.	(B) B.1 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 46 - Q.6 B.2 Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 62 - Q.1	5
Q.VII.	Develop a paragraph of about 100 words expanding any one of the following expression.	5
1.	Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 55 - Q.1	
2.	Refer MT Edu Solution - English Writing Skills - Page No. 59 - Q.12	
3.	Pointers : Rohan poor boy - lost his dad in the 7th std - mom found difficult to manage finance - Rohan takes the reins in his hands - does odd jobs - practices running too under an encouraging coach - works hard - Xth std - achieves high percentage-trophy in sports.	
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