

**SECTION A: LANGUAGE STUDY**

**Q.1. A1) Do as directed.**

- 1) White House Conference in the United States will call for a ‘World Heritage Trust’.
- 2) Jim was always on time.
- 3) He looked not only thin but also very serious.
- 4) Infinitive – to eat
- 5) to coax someone – I had to coax my son to go down and play as he was all day on his computer.
- 6) ABSENTMINDED – ABSENT, SENT, MIND, MINDED
- 7) “Humorist!” She cried gaily jumping into a cab, “you’re quite a humorist.”
- 8) I answered that I would meet my friend at Foyot’s on Thursday.

**A2) Do as directed.**

- 1) tail – tale  
tail – A squirrel has a really long tail.  
tail – Small children love hearing fairy tales.
- 2) could - possibility
- 3) Search – Noun – A quick search of her room showed that the chain was not hidden there.  
Search – Verb – I searched the whole house for my book.
- 4) Dearth – absence, shortage, lack, inadequate, deficiency, want, scarcity, scantiness

**B) Do as directed.**

- 1) There lay the Combs – Main Clause  
That Della had worshipped – Subordinate Adjective Clause
- 2) to start – Infinitive  
working – Gerund

**SECTION B: TEXTUAL PASSAGES**

(READING SKILL, VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR)

**Q.2 A) Read the following passage and do the activities:**

**A1) Select the most appropriate statements that suit the content of the extract**

- 1) The French were unable to fight against the British army.
- 4) There was something about Joan.

**A2) Answer the following.**

- 1) John wanted the dress of a soldier, perhaps to hide her identity as a girl.
- 2) Even though, Robert considers Joan’s proposal completely improbable and unrealistic, she finally agrees to the plan because he was moved by Joan’s determination and unwavering faith and the righteousness of her mission. Like the rest of the soldiers, he too comes to believe that there is something special in the girl.

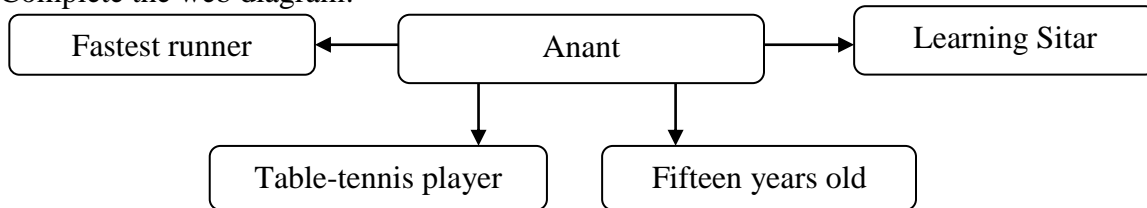
**A3) Explain the meaning of idioms by forming your own sentences.**

- 1) Whatever happens – I will not give up the project, come what may.
- 2) withdraw the responsibility – The police washed their hands off the case, since no arrests could be made.

- A4)** 1) You fail to understand.  
 2) i) absence – presence                      ii) sense - nonsense
- A5)** The ultimate key to success is the indomitable spirit, undefeatable willpower and unwavering trust in God. If one believes in one’s purpose and is preparing to pursue one’s goal against all odds and not lose faith in God, nothing can stop him/her from achieving success.

**Q.2B) Read the following passage and do the activities.**

**B1)** Complete the web diagram:



**B2) Answer the following.**

- i) The frightening truth that Smita had known was that Anant was suffering from Cancer and was dying.  
 ii) The family had come to Bombay with hopes in the miracles of modern science and hoped that Anant would be cured at the hospital.

**B3) Give the Antonyms for:**

- i) Remembered × forgot                      ii) Truth × lie  
 iii) better × worse                              iv) modern × ancient

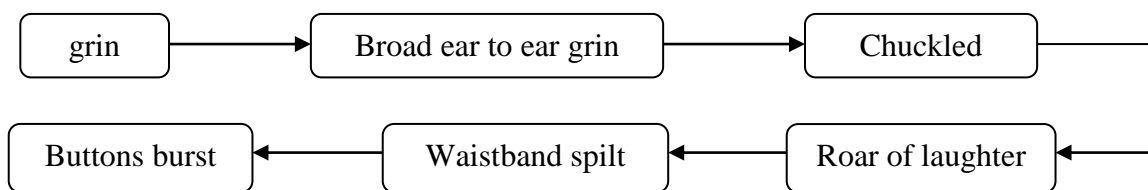
- B4)** i) They not only fulfilled his every need but also gave him whatever he asked for.  
 ii) She was not as good as Anant in many other things.

**B5)** Smita’s brother Anant was diagnosed with cancer so the family had come down to Bombay for his treatment. Anant – 15 years old – was an intelligent boy, the best table – tennis player in the school and the fastest runner. Anant’s condition grew worse with each passing day. Smita pretended that all would be well, that they could return back to their family home together as a family of four that they were and that Anant would be normal again. Perhaps as his sister and only a year older, they would have been very close to each other and she did not want to accept the fact that Anant was dying.

**Section III : Poetry**

**Q.3 A) Read the following extract and do the activities.**

**A1) Complete the flow chart with the different reactions of the servant in proper order.**



**A2) Answer the following.**

- i) The servant started grinning when he took the paper from the narrator and peeped within.  
 ii) After this experience, the narrator never dared to write funny lines.

**A3) Identify the figures of speech.**

- i) Onomatopoeia  
 ii) Transferred epithet

**Q.3 B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of given points**

- 1) Title: Animals  
 2) Poet: Walt Whitman

3) Theme/Central Idea: 'Animals' is written by Walt Whitman, who is known for his free verse poems. The poet has depicted the complex nature of human beings. He brings out the difference between the two by expressing his contentment on the placid nature of the animals. Their carefree nature impresses the poet and he wants to emulate them.

4) Rhyme scheme: abccd, efgh

5) Figures of speech:

"They are so placid and self contained" this line is a metaphor as animals are indirectly compared with the possession of qualities like placidity and self contentment.

6) Repetition: I stand and look at them long and long.

7) Special feature: The special feature of the poem is that it expresses the difference between humans and the animals. The poet appreciates the qualities of animals like calmness, self contentment and satisfaction. They are respectful and the poet desires to live among them and learn from them and shows his dissatisfaction about human beings.

8) Favourite lines: i) I think I could turn and live with animals. ii) Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago.

9) Why I like/don't like the poem: I like the poem as it inculcates and teaches us the values that the animals possess and the human beings doesn't.

10) Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind: 'Kind' means type, also it means showing concern or being caring. So this is an example of homonym where two words are spelt alike and also sound alike but have different meanings.

#### SECTION IV : NON TEXTUAL PASSAGE

##### (Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

**Q.4 A) Read the following passage and answer the questions.**

**A1) Name the following.**

- i) Recycling
- ii) Waste

**A2) Complete the following sentences based on the extract.**

- i) The dents that we put on the earth's resources are referred to as carbon footprint.
- ii) When we recycle, we help our planet by stretching our natural resources.

**A3) Use the following words/ phrase to make meaningful sentences.**

- i) landfill – Packaged material could not be composted and had to be disposed of in a landfill.
- ii) to run out of something – I have run out of milk, would you like some creamer instead – for tea?

**A4) Do as directed.**

- i) When we recycle, we not only save trees but also help decrease the negative impact we make.
- ii) Pollution and the use of new materials was reduced simply by recycling, wasn't it?

**A5) Some of the ways by which the environment can be saved are –**

- i) Use of paper minimally. ii) Refrain from wasting water. iii) Separate garbage into 'wet' and 'dry' before disposing it off. iv) Travel by public transport or use a bicycle whenever possible. v) Minimise the use of plastic. vi) Use biodegradable products.

**Q.4 B) Recycling:** Recycling saves earth's natural resources and environment and decrease the negative impact. By recycling we reduce our carbon footprints (the dent we put in earth's natural resources) decrease of new materials and amount of energy and resources used in manufacturing process.

Recycling helps our planet by stretching our natural resources and also non-renewable ones. A recycled bottle means no wastage and no new plastic used. Let us become a better recycler by increasing our awareness and understanding the importance of recycling and staying healthy and strong.

## SECTION V : WRITING SKILL

**Q.5 A) Letter writing. Attempt any one of the following activities.**

**A1)** Deepti Tandon,  
New Horizon School,  
Airport Road, Sonegaon,  
Nagpur – 440005  
15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Mrs. Smita Pawar,  
Manager,  
Golden Agrofoods,  
Pratap Nagar,  
Nagpur – 440022

Subject: Request for giving our school a factory tour

Respected Madam,

I, Ms. Deepti Tandon, am the School Prefect of New Horizon School. As part of our curriculum, we wish to undertake a tour of your factory for an educational purpose. Your company, Golden Agrofoods is one of the biggest local manufacturers of processed fruit and vegetable products. Since your specialty is sustainable and ecofriendly production of agricultural goods, it will be a valuable lesson for all of us. Hence, seeing your processing plant will be an educational experience for our students as they will get to see the entire process.

The students of class X are to prepare a research project on reducing the carbon footprint of factories. Visiting a factory that implements these, will be inspiring and enhance their knowledge further. The total strength of our school is 500 students, and we would like all of them to get an inside look at the food industry. It will be best suited for us if you can plan it on a Saturday, as the school is closed over the weekends. Kindly let us know at the earliest if we can be accommodated in your busy production schedule.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,  
Deepti Tandon

**OR**

**A2)** Shiv Krupa Apts.  
Room — 03, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Amzari Road,  
Aurangabad.  
7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Dear Sushil,

How are you? How is everyone at home? Today as I sit to write this letter to you, I wish to impart the valuable lesson that the adage, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' conveys. I recently learnt from a friend of yours that you have begun to read excessively, almost at the cost of your health.

Aunt Kusum rang me at my house last night and complained about how weak your health has gotten and how often you fall ill these days. Now that I know the reason for your poor health, I would like to share a little brotherly advice with you.

It is neither advisable to sit at home the whole day and focus on your books nor is it in your interest. It is essential for you to start to spare some time for games and outdoor activities. This is because, after a long day of work, our minds are in terrible need of some rest and relaxation. So to ensure that your mind stays sharp enough to read more books please start to include more play in your day.

Always remember the proverb I mentioned above and don't be a dull boy like Jack, rather be an active boy. I look forward to the Diwali vacation, when I will come over to your place and show you my new cricket kit.

Your loving brother,  
Vinay.

**Q.5 B) Dialogue Writing / Interview writing**

- B1)** Student : May I come in Madam?  
Teacher : You are too early Ganesh.  
Student : Sorry Madam.  
Teacher : Too early for the second period. I wonder when you will realize the value of time.  
Student : Sorry Madam, I was completing my Homework till late night yesterday. Hence could not get early in time for class.  
Teacher : I have mostly seen you loitering around in the campus. You could have completed your homework in your free time which you do not use constructively.  
Student : Yes, Madam. Even I realize that I have been wasting my precious time.  
Teacher : Time Management is very important. It is a kind of self discipline. Preplanning can definitely help us in confidence building.  
Student : Yes Madam. Preplanning leads to success. We don't plan and on the eleventh hour, we make haste and get late.  
Teacher : Simply planning and doing nothing will not do, Ganesh. Action is also important.  
Student : Yes madam, I do realize the importance of time management.  
Teacher : Doing things on time and saying the right things are the requisites to the Personality development. You should be more organized and disciplined in your life.  
Student : I totally agree, Madam and will definitely try to follow it. Thank you for your kindly guidance.

**OR**

- B2)** Congratulation, Captain Kanad. Welcome to our Alma Mater. We are glad to have you in our midst today.
- 1) How is life in the Indian Navy?
  - 2) What is the difference between the Indian Navy and Merchant Navy?
  - 3) Who inspired you to join the Indian Navy?
  - 4) What were your educational qualifications when you joined the Indian Navy?
  - 5) What are the prospects in the Indian Navy?
  - 6) How do they recruit youth into the Indian Navy?
  - 7) How supportive were your parents to your idea of joining the services?
  - 8) What were the academic and personal preparations you had to make to take this big leap?
  - 9) How is excellence to sports an asset in the Indian Navy?
  - 10) What is your message to us students?
- Thank you, Captain Kanad. It was a pleasure talking to you.

**Q.6 A) Information Transfer: Attempt any one of the following activities.**

**A1) Non-Verbal to Verbal:**

**Read carefully the table given below and write a paragraph on it.**

Effective and ineffective leaders can be distinguished on the basis of some pre-listed characteristics. While effective leaders are great listeners, bad listeners make one feel as if they are speaking to a blank wall. Effective leaders encourage their team members, are free with their communications and do not get overwhelmed by challenges. Ineffective leaders on the other hand, doubt the intentions of their team members, keeps secrets from them and induce fear towards challenges in their members. Effective leaders generally have a good nature, care for their team and are decisive in their approach, while ineffective leaders tend to have a bad temper and are self centered and indecisive in their approach to solving situations and tackling challenges. Effective leaders take responsibility for the actions of the team, are humble when it comes to accepting credit for their work and believe in sharing their authority with their team members. Ineffective leaders on the other hand blame their members for mistakes, are arrogant in the way they work and keep their authority concentrated in their own hands.

**OR**

**A2) Verbal to Non-Verbal:**

**Read the information given below and transfer it into a table.**

	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Description</b>
i.	Marshal of the Air Force	5 star	Honorary war time rank
ii.	Air Chief Marshal	4 star	Chief of the Air Staff, head and commander of the Indian Air Force
iii.	Air Marshal	3 star	Holds very senior appointments of the formation
iv.	Air Vice Marshal	2 star	Serve on assignments and manage flying stations
v.	Air Commodore	1 star	Direct support to commanding air officer

**Q.6 B) View – Counterview /Drafting a Speech: Attempt any one of the following activities.**

**B1) Views/Counterviews:**

**TV Set should be thrown away**

T.V is a wonderful invention, and like any other invention, it must not be misused. For that matter, bookworms are not better than couch potatoes. There is no conclusive evidence to prove that TV adversely affects the imaginative power. On the contrary the viewers are exposed to fantastic visuals and they, in turn trigger the imagination. Further, there are a good number of programs which challenge the thinking power of the viewer. We all know that quiz programmes are great hits on T.V. Many such programmes have participatory elements and they in my view, enhance our thinking skills. Reading trash is as bad as watching poor quality T.V programmes. Watching programmes on Geography, Science and History gives us a visual treat on the subject and we understand them better. “A picture is worth a thousand words” and it holds true for good, educative TV programmes. However anything of too much is bad and that goes for TV also.

**OR**

**B2) Drafting a Speech:**

Good morning, respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. On this special occasion of World Music Day, I, Ms. Radhika Jaisingh, would like to share with all of you the importance of music in our lives. The world celebrates music on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June each year. On this day, people are allowed to play music outside their houses and musicians perform for free. This day is celebrated by over 120 countries today as music is a big part of lives. We encounter music in our day-to-day lives without making a conscious effort to do so. After a long and tiring day, music helps us relax, as the brain can unwind and brain cells find a path to express through music. The melodies of music have a healing effect on people suffering from insomnia, depression, anxiety. Experts have observed that the application of music therapy helped reduce the symptoms of their illnesses. Music in all its forms has helped individuals on an emotional level. It has the power to give people strength,

confidence, and support that they need at different stages of life.

The significance of music in our lives cannot be summed up in a few words. It is a magical force that binds people around the world together.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about this exceptional topic.

## **Section VI - Creative Writing**

### **Q.7 Expand the theme:**

**A) Expansion or News Report: Attempt any one of the following activities.**

#### **A1) Expansion based on Proverb/ Maxim/ Quotation/ Slogan:**

**Expand any one of the following ideas.**

##### **1) Cut your coat according to your cloth.**

If you give a piece of cloth to a tailor to make a coat, the tailor will first measure the cloth and then decide what kind of coat has to be made out of it. He will not be able to make a coat that requires more material than the cloth provided. The same is the case with our expenses and income. Our expenses should always be within the limits of our income. Otherwise, we surely land in debit and difficulties. The proverb thus tells us not to spend more than what we earn i.e., to live within our means.

The proverb applies not only to individuals but also to business establishment. Of course, a company may raise a loan to expand or diversify its business. But it must do it judiciously; otherwise it will be in deep trouble. Even the government of a country has to keep in mind its total resources while spending. If it does not do so and goes on borrowing recklessly from the people and from foreign countries, it would become bankrupt one day, and come to grief.

So the proverb is of universal application. It teaches us that our actions should suit the circumstances or resources. The wisdom of the proverb would guide everybody to live and work within their means and to avoid possible shame or punishment resulting from living beyond their means.

##### **2) A fault confessed is half redressed.**

We, as humans, are different from animals. Animals do not have a sense of rationality and justice as evolved as humans. They lack the power to think properly and differentiate between good and bad. Humans, with their sharp intelligence use their reasoning power and behave accordingly. However, even humans are not perfect. They do commit mistakes, but can surely correct them and get closer to perfection. This means that whenever we make a mistake, we should accept it, apologise for it and ensure that we don't repeat the same mistake in the future. In other words, when we commit mistakes, we should take responsibility for them and make efforts to rectify them. Accepting our mistake is the first step towards addressing the problem. The ability to admit one's mistake or confess one's fault is something that is unique to human nature and is never a sign of weakness. In fact, it gives us the power to be more confident in life. If we don't care to admit a fault, it only means that we are not prepared or willing to correct it. Moreover, accepting our mistake and learning from it will only help us gain some peace of mind and happiness. Thus, it is important for us to know when we make a mistake and ensure that we take measures for redressing them.

**OR**

#### **A2) News Report based on the following information:**

**Nature is the best Teacher**

-By a Staff Reporter

Mumbai, 27th December 2018

The Eco – club of 'Nisarga Foundation' school organized a social-cum-environment camp at the Sanjay Gandhi National park. This was the first year of the Eco-club. As part of the school completing ten years of academic excellence this activity was conducted.

The camp started with a trek around the Astral Botanical garden, followed by a warm cup of herbal tea. The next activity was two environment games which depicted the human being as a part of the

environment and not apart from the environment.

The 'face to face' experience with the flora and soils, carbon compounds, the posters, pictures and the agro progress for the country's development was simply mind blowing. A small stint of training in photography was presented.

The surprising element of this field visit was the digital library with books on literature, poetry and plays only environment. That was really educational.

The one day camp activity ended with a small badge of Eco-club presented to all the students, and the title of 'Amateur Environmentist' bestowed on the students. The activity which marked the decade of academic excellence was truly great and meaningful.

**Q.7 B) Story or Narrating an experience: Attempt any one of the following activities.**

**B1) Writing a story:**

**Develop a story in about 150 – 180 words suitable to the conclusion/ end given below. Give a suitable title.**

**The Downsides of Being Lazy**

Daksh was a lazy boy, who didn't like to work hard and enjoyed spending time idly. He would go to school every day, come back home, have lunch, and take a nap. One fine day at school, the teacher selected him to be on the preparation committee for the annual day. He was given the task of painting the props, because even though Daksh was lazy, he loved to paint. He painted all the props through the week and kept them in the open ground to dry. Only two days were left for the event, and Daksh was done with his work. The day before the annual day, he was supposed to keep all the props inside the auditorium. Lazy as Daksh was, he put off the work to tomorrow. He decided to come in early the next morning and pick up the props then. Though it was not monsoon, it rained that night and all the props were ruined. When Daksh came in the next morning, he saw what had happened and he felt bad for not keeping the props inside the day before. That day, Daksh and a couple of the other students and teachers had to work together to make new props and paint them. Daksh regretted his decision and made it a point never to be lazy again.

**Moral:** Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

**OR**

**B2) Narrating an experience:**

It is rightly said that 'the tough get going, when the going is tough'. To keep going when the going is tough is called patience. It is indeed difficult to wait when you feel all is lost and there is no hope. When we feel desperate, it is patience that takes us through.

When I was in the 9th standard, it was difficult for me to understand Maths. I did not understand what the teacher explained in the class. After two months I realized that I had started lagging behind in the subject. I started hating maths and made all possible excuses to skip maths class and avoid practice. Results of the first test were not at all encouraging. My parents realized my problem and hired a special tutor for me to teach me maths.

The maths classes at home were very difficult and depressing, as I did not know the basics, formulas and logic. But my teacher taught me very patiently. I felt ashamed that I did not understand these simple concepts. I felt like giving up many times. My classmates laughed at me and made fun of me due to my single digit marks. Daily practice and understanding the logic, helped me to analyze problems and the formulas to be used. During the next test I just managed to pass the Unit test. It was very difficult as again I was made fun of due to my marks. I decided not to give up and try my best. I worked hard with more zeal. I learnt formulas and applied them correctly. I practiced maths regularly for an hour with my teacher. Finally during the annual exam, I had enough confidence to write the paper confidently.

When I received my results I was one of the first three to get good marks. This was unbelievable. I thanked my teacher sincerely, and felt proud for getting good marks in the exam. My classmates now stopped calling me names. Thus, "Patience is bitter, but it's fruit is sweet".

\*This question paper is for practice purpose only.



