

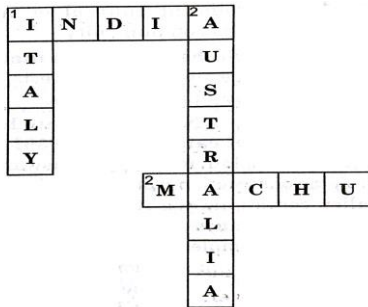
Q.1A Language study

A1. Do as directed.

- 1) I faced the formidable strength of the cyclonic rains when I went to Gujarat.
- 2) The problems that any of my family members face, draw heavily on my own life and strength.
- 3) a) Sail b) story
- 4) I did not understand it at all.
- 5) Sympathies – path, maths, time, thyme, ties, spies.
- 6) How simple and pithy Hemingway’s language is!
- 7) Holding, fishing
- 8) He worked for the Red Cross during the First World War.

A2. Do as directed

- 1) Use of Modal Auxiliary:
a) would b) must
- 2) The UNESCO has determined the World Heritage Site.
- 3) Because World Heritage Sites are significant places – Adverb Clause of reason.



Q.1B Do as directed

- 1) Smile – Noun – My sister always puts on a beautiful smile.
Verb – I smile even at strangers.
- 2) She saw the chain and knew it was like him.

SECTION – II : TEXTUAL PASSAGES

(Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.2A Read the following passage and do the activities.

A1 Say whether true or false and give the correct statement.

- a) False: He slept on the floor in his friend's room.
- b) True
- c) True
- d) False: He stayed as a drop-in for 18 months.

A2. Complex Factual Questions

Steve Jobs dropped out of Reed College after the first six months and then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months. He was happy he stopped taking classes that didn't interest him and began dropping in on classes that looked interesting.

A3. Vocabulary Based Questions

- a) Form nouns from:
- | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| i) connection | ii) requirement | iii) pricelessness | iv) impossibility |
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- b) Give the antonyms of:

i) end

ii) unrequired

iii) hated/abhorred

iv) impossible

A4. Do as directed.

- i) The best calligraphy instruction in the country was offered by Reed College.
- ii) I slept on the floor in my friend's room.

A5. Steve Jobs did not have a dorm room where students slept, hence he had to sleep on the floor in his friend's room. He returned the empty Coke bottles and got 5 cents with which he used to buy food. He walked seven miles across the town every Sunday night to get some good food a week at the Hare Krishna Temple. He attended classes that interested him and lived by curiosity and intuition that turned out to be priceless later on.

Q.2B Read the extract carefully and do the activities.

B1. a) – iv b) – iii c) – ii d) – i

B2. Complex Factual Question

Fill in the blanks with words from the extract.

- i) Twenty dollars
- ii) attended to her cheeks.
- iii) flung to the breeze.
- iv) Sobs, sniffles and smiles ; sniffles predominating.

B3. Vocabulary Based Questions

i) coax ii) instigates iii) parsimony iv) bulldozing

B4. Do as directed.

- i) After finishing her cry. Della attended to her cheeks.
- ii) There was nothing else.

B5. Della was a poor woman. she saved pennies by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher. According to how poor Della was, life was made up of sobs and sniffles and smiles. The sniffles predominated her life. She lived in a ordinary flat meant for beggars and homeless. The flat looked so poor. Since the following day was Christmas Day, Della wanted to buy a gift for Jim, her husband, but she had no money to do so.

SECTION – III : POETRY

Q.3A Read the extract carefully and do the activities.

A1. Simple Factual Question

- i) Justice with severe eyes and beard of formal cut.
- ii) Sixth stage – Lean, shrunk shank, with spectacles on nose and pouch on side.
- iii) Person reaching second childhood sans teeth, sans eyes, taste, sans everything.

A2. Complex Factual Questions

The fifth player is the judge / justice. He is assumed to be middle aged, who has settled down with a family and has responsibilities. He has also gained experience, knowledge and wisdom up till this stage in his life.

A3. Vocabulary Based Question

Name and explain the figures of speech.

Onomatopoeia : The word 'whistle' brings out the sound of his voice.

Q.3B Write an appreciation of the poem in a paragraph format.

Appreciation of the poem.

The poem is titled 'Night of the Scorpion'. It is written by none other than the well known Nissim Ezekiel.

Central Idea : The central idea of the poem is how the scorpion bit the mother and she suffered for hours from the poisonous bite. Villagers and holy men came to help get rid of the poison but to no avail. The father tried every herb and every possible way of getting rid of the poison. The mother suffered but she thanked God that it was not one of her family members who was bitten.

Rhyme Scheme : The poem has no rhyme scheme. Such poems are known as free verses.

Figures of Speech : The figures of speech are several such as Simile, Onomatopoeia, Metaphor, etc.
e.g.

- (1) The peasants came like swarm of flies.
- (2) Groaning on a mat.
- (3) A diabolic tail in a dark room.

Favourite line: I like several lines in the poem, such as 'Thank God the scorpion picked on me and spared my children.

Special Features : The poem shows the love of the mother for her children. The mother will do anything to keep her children safe.

Why I like the poem? : The poem must be read and appreciated to everyone. It is a beautiful poem showing the extent of love for the family members.

Q.4A Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities given below.

- A1.**
- a) grandfather's shaky hands
 - b) his failing sight
 - c) peas rolled off the spoon onto the floor.
 - d) water spilled from the glass in grandfather's shaky hands.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law and their four-year-old son. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was bad and his step faltered. Every night the family ate together at the dinner table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating rather difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped his glass, often water spilled on the table cloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about grandfather', said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled water, noisy eating and food on the floor'. So the husband and wife set a small table in a corner of the room. There, the old man was made to eat alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner at the table. Since he had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

Sometimes, when the family glanced in his direction, he had a tear in his eye as he ate alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a spoon or spilled food. Their four year-old son watched it all in silence.

One evening before dinner, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and mama to eat your food for when I grow up. ' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took his father's hand and gently let him back to the family table.

A2. Answer the questions in a word or a phrase.

- i) 4 years
- ii) A wooden bowl.

A3. Vocabulary Based Questions

- i) yielding irresolute ii) noisy iii) gently iv) difficult

A4. Do as directed.

- i) The father noticed that his son was playing with wood scraps.
- ii) It was all watched in silence by their four-year-old son.

A5. Yes the story appeals to me a great deal. There are several instances where old parents are not treated with respect and dignity. The members at home do not talk with them, do not eat with them shout at them, when something goes wrong. This extract shows us that we too will become old one day. This is something that we forget in life. That is the reason, we treat our elders shabbily. Here, the little boy is making a wooden bowl for his parents so that they can use it in their old age. This opened the eyes

of the son and the daughter-in-law and they realized how wrong and brutal their behaviour was and they changed themselves.

Q.4B Summary writing

‘As You ; So Shall You Reap’

Once a frail old man went along with his son, daughter – in – law and their four – year – old son. The old man’s hand trembled, eyesight was bad and step faltered. The family used to eat dinner at the dinner table, but the grandfather’s shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. The son and daughter – in – law became irritated with this mess. And set a small table in a corner of the room, where the old man was made to eat alone. Since he had broken a few dishes, he was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced at him, he had a tear in his eye. The little boy watched it all in silence. One evening the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps and asked him what he was doing. The boy replied sweetly that he was making a little bowl for him and his mom. To eat their food for when he grows up. The word struck the parents and they were speechless. And tears started to stream down. That evening the grandfather was gently taken back to the family table by his son.

SECTION V : WRITING SKILLS

Q.5A Letter writing

A1. Formal Letter

20 Rose Villa,
Byculla,
Mumbai 400027.
26th July 2018.

The Advertiser,
The Times of India,
Box No. A 136-N,
Mumbai 400001.

Subject : Application for post of clerk.

Ref: Advertisement in ‘Times of India’ dated 24th July 2018.

Sir,

I read the advertisement in the Times of India dated 24th July, asking for a clerk.

I am a B.Com from the Mumbai University. I am well versed in English.

I have two years experience as a junior clerk with ‘Reliable Publications’. I would like to join another association for better prospects.

I am 25 years old, a typist and stenographer. I can do filing and work on the computer too.

I am confident of handling any work given to me and completing it to the satisfaction of my superiors.

I am enclosing the true copies of the testimonials for your kind perusal.

I earnestly hope I can join your esteemed firm.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

XYZ.

(OR)

A2. Informal letter

Gloria Convent,
Panchgani – 412805.

20th June, 2018.

Dearest Mummy,

How homesick I am, dear Mummy without you, Daddy and my little brother! I miss all of you so much. I know I have to adjust and I

(OR)

A2. Informal letter

Gloria Convent,
Panchgani – 412805.
20th June, 2018.

Dearest Mummy,

How homesick I am, dear Mummy without you, Daddy and my little brother! I miss all of you so much. I know I have to adjust and I am trying to do so. I must say that my boarding school is a really good school.

The Hostel-in-charge is a very kind person. She puts all of us at ease. My roommates are really lovely girls who know what it is to miss their parents. Hence they are kind to newcomers and are always ready to help. I have four roommates-Rachel, Sarah, Ninoshka and Dixie. All four girls are full of fun, but they are serious when it comes to studying.

Every morning we wake up at 5:30 a.m., bathe, go for Assembly and return to our rooms to study. We have breakfast at 7:30 a.m. We then go to school, which begins at 8 o' clock. Lunch is served in the mess at 12:30 p.m. for hostiles. We return to our hostel at 3:30 p.m. There is recreation till 6 o' clock. We can play, watch T.V., go to the gym or to the library. We have to study from 6 o' clock to 8 o'clock. Dinner is served at 8:15 p.m. We have to put off the lights by 11 o'clock.

On the whole, I am really enjoying myself. The sports facilities are great. Sometimes I feel very sad, but I know that I should not complain.

Give my love to Daddy and importantly Amit.

Lots of love to all of you.

Your loving daughter,

XYZ.

Q.5 B] Dialogue Writing or Interview Questions: Attempt any of the following activities.

- B1.**
- Adil** : Good morning, Ma'am.
- Teacher** : Adil ! Good Morning – Let me see your Roll No. is 7..... yes, here is your result. Adil you have done very badly in languages – in Hindi and Marathi.
- Adil** : Yes Ma'am, I find these subjects very difficult and very boring.
- Teacher** : Adil, no subject is boring. It's because you don't like the subjects- that you find it boring. It is also because you have not really learnt these languages.
- Adil** : I find it very difficult to read the language.
- Teacher** : Listen Adil, you must get one thing in your brain and that is, whether you like it or not, you have to pass in these subjects. So you might as well start taking interest in these subjects.
- Adil** : But Ma'am, even the teachers don't make it interesting. They talk in Marathi or Hindi which I can't understand.
- Teacher** : Adil, I will now give you the 'mantra' to study these subjects.
- Adil** : Yes, Ma'am, I am ready – please give the 'mantra'.
- Teacher** : Everyday you will write two paragraphs of your text-book. When you are writing, read aloud and also comprehend the meaning of what you are writing. You'll find

the language very interesting and once your interest is aroused, learning will be a joy.

Adil : Thank you, I am going 'A' journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'.

B2. Good morning Ma'am and all the resident of this Home.

All of your are looking well, we are happy t note that.

Ma'am may I ask you a few questions. It i an honour for me to speak to you.

1) Ma'am how do you feel being honored as the senior most citizen in this home?

2) You must have experienced many ups, and downs in life. What has life taught you ma'am?

3) Can you tell us about the worst experience in your life?

4) Ma'am can you tell us about an incident that made you very happy in life?

5) What has been your best experience in life Ma'am?

6) In this Home here. What do you have to say about the way the residents are treated?

7) What do you have to say about the accommodation, the food and the recreation here Ma'am?

8) How enriching has your life been Ma'am?

9) What do you have to say about the present generation?

10) What message would you like to share about the present generation?

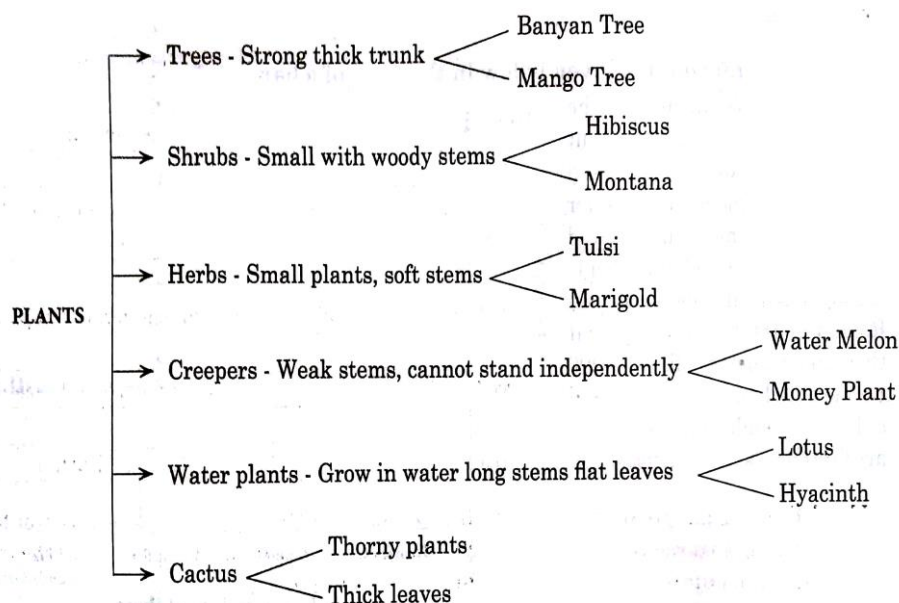
Thank you Ma'am for bearing with me and my questions. May you keep good health.

Q.6A Information Transferb : Attempt any one of the following activities.

A1. When you want to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you must first insert your card in the slot provided, allow the machine to read it and then take it back. Keep the card back safely. The machine will then ask you to choose the language. Press the button and select the language with which you are comfortable. Then enter your PIN number. You will see a number of options on the screen, related to the activity which you want to perform. Select 'Cash withdrawal'. Then enter the amount. The minimum and maximum amount you can withdraw is given on the screen. Press the 'Confirm' button to confirm the amount that you have entered. The machine will ask you whether you want a printed receipt or not. Press 'yes' if you want one. Then your cash will be disbursed. Remember to take the cash and count it before you leave the booth. Take the receipt if you have asked for it. Press the cancel button to wipe off all your actions.

(OR)

A2. Verbal to Non – Verbal



Q.6B View / Counterview OR Speech

B1. Counterview: Children must be given homework. Children must be prepared to face the outside world. If children just listen to what the teacher is saying, they will not understand the entire lesson. Homework helps the child to go through the lesson at home and understand it better. Homework

makes children competitive. All have to finish their homework or they will be punished. No one wants to be punished; hence they all do their homework.

If homework is not given, the child will be on the Internet, surfing or sending messages on the cell phone. Precious time will be wasted. Homework helps to bring discipline in a child's life. It makes the student knowledgeable and ready to face examinations.

(OR)

B2.

Today's Children Future of India

Respected Principal, respected teachers and my dear friends, It is an honour bestowed upon me today to speak about children, who are the future of India, especially in front of such a distinguished group.

To all my dear friends present here, today the school is celebrating Children's Day. We are so happy and thankful for the celebration. However one must bear in mind that you too must give back in terms of developing a good character, studying well, rising to the top with hard work and living a sinless, good life.

All of us, have duties to perform. Since our children meaning all of you, are the future of our country, it is our duty to take care of our children's education and health. All of us must be there for our children to inspire them with moral values and motivate them to become good citizens.

Parents, teachers and all adults must strive and work hard to see to it that the children get everything they require to grow up well, since they are the future of India. On the other hand, the children in our country must strive hard to excel and develop good characters in order to become what they are namely the Future of India.

Thank you dear audience for patiently listening to me.

Q.7A Expansion / News Report

A1. a) I remember W.H. Davis saying in one of his poems

'What is this life,' if full of care,

We have no 'time to stand and stare?!

These lines tell us that in' the middle of rushing here and doing this and that and attacking this job and completing that duty, we must find time to relax and cool down. Those of us living in cities spend all our free time, glued to the TV—The idiot box as our elders call it. The rich spend their time in restaurants, nightclubs and discotheques. No one today spends time with Nature -- especially those living in towns and cities.

The best way to spend one's leisure moments is to come in contact with nature in a park, a zoo, a garden or an aviary. Some of us have a tendency of misusing our , leisure time. Some youngsters spend their time gambling, drinking, teasing girls, I stealing, getting into trouble by making fun of passers-by and by gossiping. All these activities cause terrible harm to themselves as well as to others. Those belonging to rich families have stag parties or kitty parties and drink alcohol, gamble and go about spoiling the names of their acquaintances and friends.

We can use our leisure time developing our hobbies such as photography, reading, writing, gardening, doing embroidery, painting, learning dancing, playing musical instruments and other things for which we have talents.

It is better to develop our talents, for who knows when these will help us in our life. Relaxation is important, but just lying idle will cause trouble to our minds as well as to our body, hence we must do something constructive and useful in our leisure hours.

b) I just cannot imagine life without newspapers. Imagine not knowing what is happening in the

world around us. Imagine having your breakfast without the newspaper in your hand, without being up dated on the current news, without having a look at your horoscope, without knowing who killed whom. Life would have been boring.

Without the newspapers, I would not be upto-date with the going on in the world around me. Who would give me the up-date of the electrons? Who would inform me what Mr. X, is saying about the banning 'gutka' issue? or What madam 'Y' is saying about the Narmada issue?

The column I would miss the most is the sports column. Since I am an avid follower of the sports news, I would find myself lost without interesting sports news.

My sister, on the other hand, would not know how to cope without any news regarding movies. She wants to know which movie has been released where and who is acting.

I personally feel that the inventor of the printing press has done us a big favour by inventing this great machine and the editors of newspapers are heroes of real life. I cannot visualise life without news papers.

Whatever I may say, I know in my heart that there is no substitute for newspapers. A newspaper is a must in our hectic life today.

(OR)

A2. Thought provoking and Informative Science Exhibition

Mumbai, 22nd Dec. 2018

—By a Student reporter. The students of A.N.Z.A. High School Byculla along with the help of the Science teachers, arranged a Science Exhibition on the school grounds for three days. Devendra Fadnavis, the chief minister of Maharashtra, inaugurated the Science Exhibition. In his speech he praised the students and the teachers for the breathtaking exhibits they had exhibited and for the tremendous amount of effort put in.

There were various pandals erected for different topics. We had the domestic section, the electronic section and the computer section among many others. The most important section was the 'Recycling of waste'. The star attraction, however was the putting together of the toy robot that worked on battery cells. There were many working models, such as the gohar gas plant and the solar cooker. Students were kept incharge of the models so that they could explain what was being exhibited. The charts, the models and the robots caught the attention of the public.

This exhibition provided both knowledge as well as entertainment. The popularity of the Science I Exhibition can be understood by the fact that it was very well attended by the public and by the other schools all around Mumbai.

All the visitors praised both the students, as well as the teachers for their hardwork and tenacity and for putting up such a thought provoking and informative Science Exhibition.

Q.7B Writing a Story.

B1.

Friendship is Important in Life.

There were once two friends Rachel and Sarah when always did their homework together, studied together and belonged to the same group in school. These two friends shared their joys and their problems. Their parents were proud of this strong friendship.

One day Rachel was supposed to help Sarah with her Maths problems. Sarah was weak in Maths and Rachel was very good with number. One of the girls in the group decided to play a wicked prank and told Rachel that her father was seriously hurt and was admitted to hospital Rachel rushed to the hospital with this girl and decided to help Sarah when she returned. The friend said that they did not know exactly which hospital Rachel's father was admitted in and they just went from this gate to that gate and got no information of about the accident.

Sarah waited the entire evening, but Rachel did not show up, because as they were returning, Rachel's companion pushed her and she fell hurting herself very badly. Sarah failed in the Maths test and was hurt that Rachel had not come to help her. Sarah told her friends that she was not interested

in being friends with Rachel hence forward.

This was a terrible situation between these two friends. One day, a mutual friend approached Sarah and told her that she along with her father had seen Rachel and another girl going from hospital to hospital looking out for Rachel's father who was supposed to have met with an accident.

Sarah understood the girl's intention was to break their friendship. She cursed herself for not trusting her friend. She went and apologized to Rachel and Rachel told her the entire story.

The two girls became friends again. They realized their mistakes and decided never to believe what others are saying.

Moral : Never believe what others say without having proof.

(OR)

B2.

Never Judge A Book By Its Cover

On the day of the festival, a man entered the temple and offered a sum of twenty rupees as donation for the poor. The others in the temple mocked him for donating such a small amount but the man did not feel bad and simply stood at the back of the crowd. The others offered large sums of money as donation and everyone praised them for their generous nature. A few days later, one of the men, who had offered the highest donation, was on his way to another city, but his car broke down. Since there was nobody around, he decided to walk up to one of his friends' house for help. All his friends made excuses and turned him away. Helplessly, he then knocked on the door of a stranger's house. When the man opened the door, he realized that this was the same poor man whom he had made fun of earlier. The poor man smiled and let him in and offered him food and shelter. The man then realized that although the poor man had donated only twenty rupees, he had given almost all of his money, since he was very poor. In comparison, the people who donated large sums of money, still had a lot of money to live life luxuriously. This incident taught him that giving when you have everything is very easy, but it is much harder to give when you yourself have very little. He thanked the poor man and promised to help him whenever he could.

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