

I Semester Examination 2017-18
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Std X
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SECTION I - Reading skill, Vocabulary, Grammar

Q1. A.

(10)

A1. Read the following passage and do as instructed.

(2)

1.State whether the following statements are true or false.

- a)Saina has an age over others because of four attributes.
- b)She surrenders when the odds are against her.

For Indian Badminton, it is one of the best occasions in recent times to raise a toast. For Saina Nehwal, personally, it has been three great weeks of consistent performance. Basically there are three aspects that go into the making of a badminton star like in most other sports-technical, physical and mental. Abundance of all three attributes is vital to be among the best in the world. She has it all. That is the major difference between her and the other Indian girls. Most often, they have just two of these qualities.

Saina is exceptional. She is technically sound, physically fit and mentally strong which gives her an edge over others. Another great quality is her self-belief and ‘never say-die’ attitude. She does not give up easily even when the odds are against her. In a sport like badminton, her performances are all the more creditable since the game is physically so demanding.

**A2.Read the text carefully and select (2)
the right alternative.**

a) The title ‘A long rally Ahead’ refers to

- i) A Rally in protest
- ii) A journey of life
- iii) A journey in sports

b) The theme of the text is

- i) qualities of a player
- ii) qualities of Saina as a player
- iii) how to play

**A3. Use the phrases in sentences of (2)
your own.**

- a. to raise a toast
- b. to give up easily

A4. Do as directed (2)

1. Saina is exceptional.(Add a Question tag)
2. I have a,very high regard for Indian sports woman who excel at the highest level.(Pick out the subordinate clause & state its kind.

**A5. Why do you think it (2)
is necessary to develop
the attitude of “never
say die”**

B1. Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities given below

(2)

1. Name his two gurus:

- a.
- b.

I am on the Board of Tatas now and it is very interesting that the same Bombay House where I used to go to collect that 60 rupees per month now one goes and sits there as a Director on the board of Tata Motors. The turn that these 40 years has taken is very interesting. It has all been possible because of the chance I got to do higher studies at the instance of my mother. She gave me values of my life. She was one of the noblest parents I have met in my life.

So, my greatest guru was my mother. My second great guru was Principal Bhave. He taught us Physics. Because it was a poor school, I remember, it had to innovate to convey to the young students the message of science.

I still remember one of the interesting experiences when, on a Friday afternoon, Principal Bhave took us out into the sun to demonstrate to us as to how to find the focal length of a convex lens. He had a piece of paper here, a convex lens here and he moved it up and down and there was a point when there was a sharp focus and a bright spot on the paper. He showed the distance between paper and the lens and said that this distance was the focal length. But then the paper started burning. For some reason, he then turned to me, and said, "Mashelkar, if you focus your energies like this, you can burn anything in the world."

My young friends, from this I got two lessons—first the philosophy of my life that if we focus, we can achieve anything. And the second about the power of science. It was so powerful. I thought to myself why don't I become a scientist. It left an indelible mark in my mind.

B2. Write from the passage one word which means (2)

- a) show clearly
- b) that cannot be erased.

B3. Complete in your own words.

(2)

eg. Life is a challenge face it

1. Life is a game _____

2. Life is a journey _____

B4. Do as directed

(2)

1. He taught us physics (change the voice)

2. My greatest guru was my mother. (Change into comparative degree)

B 5 What according to you are the qualities of a good leader?

(2)

Q2 A.

(10)

Read the passage carefully and match words with their meanings

(2)

In his epic drama in 1903, *Man and Superman*, George Bernard Shaw wrote: "There is no love sincerer than the love of food." More than a century later, it's not just Indian consumers who would agree with the Irish playwright; also displaying partner to some of the biggest restaurant brands in the world in what's proving to be India's second wave of food franchising.

If the first wave in the '90s began with the entry of mass-market marquee brands like McDonald's, KFC, SUBWAY and Domino's, the next wave is proving to be more niche, more premium, and more differentiated. And perhaps not as ubiquitous and familiar to the Indian consumer as the popular burger, pizza and sandwich labels.

Consider, for instance Johnny Rockets, the all-singing, all-dancing burger chain from Los Angeles. Started in 1986, Johnny Rockets is present across 27 countries; it opened its first outlet in India in 2014. Or take Carl's Jr., the California-based premium burger chain that only recently flagged off its India operations. Along with its sibling restaurant-chain Hardee's, Carl's Jr. is in the top 10 fast-food chains in the US. Then there is the Canadian Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) brand Pita Pit which is focused on healthy food alternatives—think pita bread sandwiches, soups and salads. Pita Pit, which has over 450 stores globally, opened its first outlet in India in November 2013.

If more global food brands are keen to have India outposts, it's because of the sheer explosion in the business today. The Indian food and beverage service market is worth Rs. 2,04,438 crore growing at a compound annual rate of 23-24% and is likely to touch Rs. 3,80,000 crore mark by 2017, says a recent Grant Thornton-FICCI report. QSR and casual dining are the two formats that form 45% and 32% of the overall market, respectively. Titled "Unlocking the potential in the food and beverage services sector," the report says changing demographics, an increase in disposable incomes and rapid urbanization are driving India's food sector.

A1. Complete the following

(2)

a) "There is no love sincerer than the love of food", wrote _____

b) Pita pit which has 450 store _____

A2. Timeline: Complete the following

(2)

(1) 1986

(2) 2013

(3) 2014

(4) 2017

A3. Write the full form of the abbreviations.

(2)

1) QSR

2) F & B

A4. Language study

(2)

1. Frame a “Wh” question to get the underlined part as the answer.
Johnny Rocket opened its first outlet in India in 2014
2. Johnny Rocket is present across 27 countries(change it into present perfect tense)

A5. What is the future of the F & B industry according to you? Why?

(2)

Q2. B. Read the following passage and do the activities

(10)

B1. Complete the web with words and phrases from the passage.

(2)



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

B2. Complete the following with information from the passage:

(2)

The writer describes the calm and quiet at Lakshadweep.

- i). by using words such as _____, _____ and _____
- ii). by using the sentence “The only sounds that you will hear... are the _____ and _____.”

B3. Prefixes: (2)
**The words 'unspoilt' and 'undisturbed' have the prefixes 'un-'.
 Make similar words using the following:**

i. clear
 ii. professional

B4. Language Study: (2)
 1. Use 'not only...but also...': Worth watching are the spectacular marine life and the night sky. (Rewrite using 'not only... but also...')

2. degree:Lakshadweep is the best destination for a tranquil beach holiday .(Rewrite using 'better than...')

B5. Personal response (2)
 Why would you like to spend a holiday on the Lakshadweep Islands? Give your reasons in 3 to 4 lines.

SECTION II-Poetry

Q3 A. Read the following extract and do as instructed. (5)

It's going onward despite defeat,
 And fighting staunchly , but keeping sweet;
 It's struggling on with the will to win,
 But taking loss with a cheerful grin.

A1. Complete the following (2)
 What is success according to you?
 a) Success is _____
 b) Success is _____

It's looking up at the stars above,
 And drinking deeply of life and love;
 It's struggling on with the will to win,
 But taking loss with a cheerful grin.

A2. How does the poet want us to (2)
fight for success and look at defeat.

It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth,
 And making better this good old earth;
 It's serving, striving through strain and stress,
 It's doing your noblest-that's success!

A3. " It's serving , striving through (1)
strain and stress"
 Explain the figure of speech.

Q 3 B Read the following extract and do as instructed (5)

The forest 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 tomorrow's greedy fight
 Overcrowded trains

B1. Glance through the poem and complete the following table: (2)

Dos To save our earth	Don'ts To save our earth
a.	a.
b.	b.

Overloaded brains
Where is the light? What is our plight?
While river break their banks
And greedy industries play their polluted pranks.

B2. What will you do to save mother earth? (2)

B3. Write the Rhyme scheme of the 1st stanza. (1)

SECTION III- Rapid Reading

Q4. Read the following passage and then do the activities as instructed: (5)

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, bashes,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 quite, 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 brother 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.

1. Fill in the blanks by selecting proper word/words from the given passage. (1)

- a) The last destination where the writer’s father was posted _____
b)The age of the writer when they moved to Allahabad.

2. Compare: (2)

Point out the difference

- a)Cantonment Area _____
b) Commercial area of the city.

3. How does a mother convert a house into a home? (2)

SECTION IV-Writing Skills

Q5. A. Do anyone of the following activities: (5)

A1. Letter writing

Look at the notice on your school notice board.

Be a part of Swacha bharat abhiyan.

Project taken up by the student's council _____
to clean up the area in and around our school _____
educate the people about wet garbage and dry garbage..

- a). Write a letter to your father staying abroad about this project of cleanliness that the council and students have taken up and their aim behind it.

OR

- b). Write a letter to the Chairman of the near by society seeking permission to clean their society as well as educate the members of the society about segregation of garbage etc.

Q5. B. Attempt any one of the following

(5)

1. Write a dialogue between you and your mother on the Independence day celebration in your school.

OR

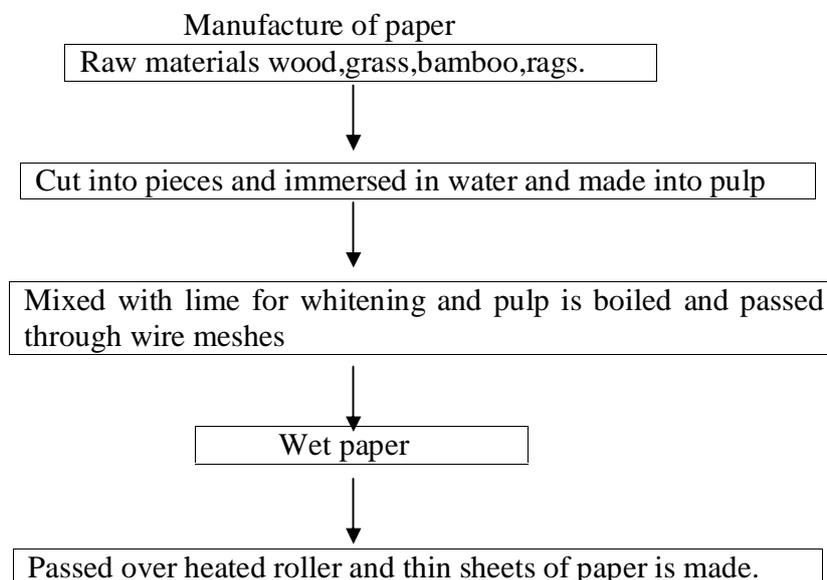
2. Write a leaflet to make the general public aware of the need for 'Eye Donation'. Make use of the following points:

-prepare an attractive slogan
-make a persuasive appeal
-mention the importance of eye donation
-add your own ideas

Q6 (A) Do any one of the following activities.

(5)

- 1) Information Transfer (Non-verbal to verbal):
Transfer the given information into a paragraph.



OR

2) Write a report for the school magazine on school students driving two wheelers. You may take the help of the tips given below.

- title
- by student reporter

-breaking law – under age -creating noise pollution - menace on the road -add your views.
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Report should not be more than 10-12 lines.

Q6. B. Attempt any one of the following:

(5)

1.

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD
FAREWELL FOR STD X
To meet
To part
Is the tale
Of many a heart
It's khata, it's meetha

Prepare an outgoing speech on the occasion of farewell

OR

2. On the occasion of the farewell, interview any teacher whom you respect- asking her views on teaching as a profession or any other suitable questions.

Q 7. Attempt any one of the following:

(5)

1. Cleanliness is next to Godliness
2. Perseverance is the key to success
3. Time and tide wait for no one
