



BOARD QUESTION PAPER: MARCH 2017

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 80

SECTION – I (Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.1. (A) Read the following passage carefully and do the activities: **[10 marks]**

A1. True or False

Rewrite the following statements and state whether they are True or False: **(2)**

- (i) Now the writer has a pocket diary.
- (ii) Ex-generation were using a ball pen to write.
- (iii) Now the writer uses a laptop.
- (iv) Even a signature seems to have become electronic.

The Days of Pocket Diary

There was a time when I had a pocket diary and a pen wherever I went but now I have a laptop and iPhone accompanying me instead. I still use a pen but its purpose has been restricted to signing on a cheque or scribbling a few words here and there. Even a signature seems to have become electronic.

MS Word or a notepad on my laptop (even on an iPhone or an iPad) is doing the job a notebook did some years ago. The only difference is that instead of my holding a pen for support, my fingers are at work all by themselves typing on the keyboard of the laptop or the touch screen of iPhone. Now, I feel that beautiful thoughts ooze out of my heart to slip down, not through the ink of my pen but through the typing fingers only to be edited later on to the flat LCD screens of my laptop. The only advantage is saving paper as I can edit innumerable times that don't cost a thing to get my final version. While writing and typing have almost become synonymous because of technology, it has made writing no more writing in its truest sense.

The advent of technology has brought in so many changes that we can hardly fathom the effects on the further generations. There might come a time when our future generations laugh at the very idea that their ex-generations were using a pen to write. They may also come to know about pens - like Dinosaurs – that existed once upon a time in the history until they were extinct (useless).

Certainly a bleak future awaits those legendary Parker and fountain pens.

A2. Complete:

Read the passage and complete the sentences: **(2)**

- (i) The writer feels that beautiful thoughts ooze _____.
- (ii) The writer still uses _____.
- (iii) The only advantage of using electronic device is _____.
- (iv) The fountain pens have _____.

A3. Finding words:

Find words from the passage by reading the meanings given: **(2)**

- (i) writing quickly and carelessly. S _____
- (ii) too many. _____ able
- (iii) Similar in meaning. S _____
- (iv) Continued to be or to live. _____ ed



- A4. Language study:** (2)
- (i) I can edit innumerable pages.
Begin the sentence with – ‘Innumerable pages _____.’
- (ii) The advent of technology has brought in so many changes.
Begin your sentence with – ‘So many changes _____.’

- A5. Personal Response:** (2)
- Electronic devices have made our life smooth and comfortable. Give your reasons.

(B) Read the following passage carefully and do the activities: [10 marks]

B1. Complete

Complete the following by filling in the proper words from the passage: (2)

- (i) Now, dairy milk comes in _____ packs.
(ii) _____ is a healthy option instead of junk food.
(iii) Indian food is cooked by _____.
(iv) The writer doesn't advise _____.

A large number of people are consuming packaged food because it has become a matter of convenience, pleases the taste buds and fills your stomach. Also, it is important to note the quality of packaging used for these products and whether additives are used or not to increase their shelf-life. For example, dairy products like milk that come in tetra packs, come without any additives and due to no contact with air, it remains fresh for a long period of time. The ready-to-eat food products are specially laden with preservatives and can have excess oil in form of trans fats, which can be a threat to health. I don't really advocate bakery products whether they are packaged or not. The problem with canned or processed food is that they have excessive salt or sugar. Cooking at home is always a healthy option. For example, even simply eating dal-chawal is far healthier option over junk food. What one needs to do is a little bit of time management and planning. We should stick to those food items that we are genetically used to such as Indian food cooked by traditional methods.

- B2. Table:** (2)
- Complete the table by using the information given in the passage:**

Comparison	
Packaged food	Home cooked food
(i)	(i)
(ii)	(ii)

- B3. Opposites:** (2)
- Find out the opposite words from the passage and complete it:**

A	B
(i) Modern	_____
(ii) _____	Stale
(iii) Decrease	_____
(iv) _____	Unhealthy

- B4. Language study Tag - question:** (2)
- Choose the correct tag question from the following alternatives and write the sentence:**

- (i) I don't advocate bakery products.
(a) didn't I?
(b) do I?
(c) doesn't I?



- (ii) Cooking at home is a healthy option.
(Select proper Yes / No type question for the above sentence)
 - (a) Was cooking at home a healthy option?
 - (b) Is cooking at home a healthy option?
 - (c) Are cooking at home a healthy option?

B5. Personal Response:

Why should we avoid bakery products? Give your opinion. (2)

Q.2. (A) Read the passage carefully and do the activities: [10 marks]

A1. Complete:

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct words from the passage: (2)

- (i) The hard work and sacrifice of pioneers resulted in _____.
- (ii) Indira Gandhi appeals to children not to be _____.
- (iii) Our society is moulded by _____.
- (iv) We learn and gather strength by _____ and _____.

Dear Children,

India is not just the land, mountains and rivers. India is you and me, all the millions of young and old who are her citizens. The thoughts and actions of the people who have inhabited India for thousands of years have moulded our society. Out of the past grows the present, and what we do today will shape our future.

When we build a road or plant a tree or inculcate good habits, it is not for ourselves alone but also for those who will be born in the years to come. The work of building is not easy. We must give it all we have and strain every nerve and muscle. It is only by trying that we learn and by doing that we gather strength. All the world over, progress has been possible because of the hard work and sacrifice of pioneers.

These 25 years have laid the foundation of the new modern India. The children of today must continue this work and make our country united and strong. Anything which is easy soon becomes dull. The very hardships we face provide challenge and excitement.

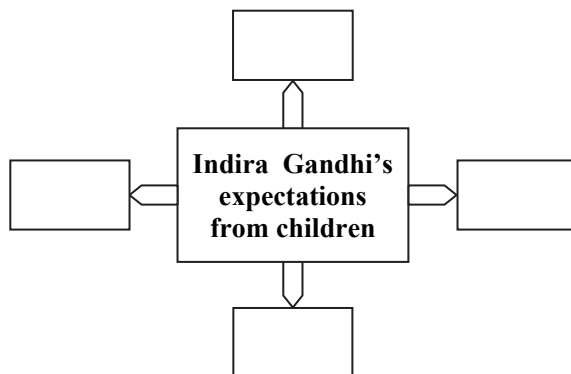
The future is calling you. Don't be disheartened by difficulties. You can change the bad, not only by doing big things but by trying your best to do even ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Indira Gandhi

January 16, 1973

A2. Web:

Complete the following web: (2)



A3. Antonyms:

Find out any two pairs of antonyms from the passage. (2)

**A4. Language Study:****Do as directed. Choose the correct alternative:****(2)**

- (i) You can change the bad.
(Select the sentence with proper use of 'able to'.)
(a) You able to change the bad.
(b) You are able to change the bad.
(c) You were able change the bad.
- (ii) The work of building is not easy.
(Choose the correct affirmative sentence)
(a) The work of building was difficult.
(b) The work of building is easy.
(c) The work of building is difficult.

A5. Personal Response:

Tell about some evil or bad things that the children should avoid. Give examples.

(2)**(B) Read the following passage carefully and do the activities:****[10 marks]****B1. True or False:****Rewrite the following statements and state whether they are 'True' or 'False':****(2)**

- (i) Only 500 snow leopards are left in India.
(ii) W.W.F. means 'World Wide Fighting'.
(iii) Ravi Singh is the President of WWF India.
(iv) Only 400 snow leopards are left in the wild.

NEW DELHI: With only 4,000 snow leopards left in the wild and 500 of them in India, a new report has urged countries to take urgent action in the wake of climate change to save the endangered species and conserve its "fragile" mountain habitats.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) report titled "Fragile Connections: Snow leopards, people, water and the global climate" said the more than a third of snow leopard habitat could be rendered "unsuitable" for the big cats if climate change is not checked.

"Warmer temperatures could see the tree line shifting up the mountains and farmers planting crops and grazing livestock at higher altitudes, squeezing the remaining snow leopards into smaller pockets," a WWF India report said. "Climate change could drastically alter the flow of water down from the mountains, threatening the livelihoods of vast number of people across the continent," it said.

"With an estimated population of 500 cats, India has been a leading player in the conservation efforts to secure the snow leopard and its habitat in the Himalayas," said Ravi Singh, Secretary General and CEO, WWF-India.

B2. Complete:**Complete the following by selecting proper information from the passage:****(2)**

- (i) A new report urges countries to _____.
(ii) Habitats for snow leopards will be unsuitable if _____.
(iii) Snow leopards are being squeezed into smaller pockets because of _____.
(iv) The flow of water could be altered because of _____.

B3. Matching:**Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings given in Column 'B':****(2)**

Nos.	Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(i)	attempts	(a) leopard
(ii)	growing in natural condition	(b) conserve
(iii)	protect and preserve	(c) efforts
(iv)	big cat	(d) wild



- B4. Frame a wh- question by selecting the wh word given in the brackets:** (2)
- (i) Climate change could drastically alter the flow of water. (What)
- (ii) Ravi Singh is the Secretary General and CEO of WWF India. (What)
- B5. Personal Response:**
- Suggest your ideas to save the wild life. (2)

SECTION II
(Poetry)

- Q.3. (A) Read the following extract carefully and do the following activities:** [5 marks]

A1. Complete:

Choose the correct alternative and complete the sentences: (2)

- (i) According to the poet the right reasoning is _____.
- (a) we should live to eat.
- (b) we should eat to live.
- (ii) Doctors will take away your money because _____.
- (a) you will join the gym.
- (b) you will be hospitalised due to health problems.

The more you eat, the more it shows
Vertically you may not but horizontally you grow

Some of us don't stop
We eat what we like
The reasoning is simple
We live to eat and not eat to live

Food is for emotions
However sad, angry one feels
There comes out food
and so many joys it reveals

Have in moderation and
it will benefit your health
If not, docs and gyms will
enjoy your wealth!

- A2. Complete and write the following sentences.** (2)

- (i) If you eat too much _____
- (ii) If you eat in moderation _____

- A3. What does the poet mean by** (1)

- (i) growing vertically
- (ii) growing horizontally

- (B) Read the extract carefully and do the following activities:** [5 marks]

B1. Complete: (2)

Choose the correct alternatives and complete the sentences:

- (i) Gravity is _____.
- (ii) Sir Issac Newton found _____.
- (iii) An apple landed _____.
- (iv) The law states that all things _____.



What's gravity? I'd like to know
A force we cannot see
Gravity affects most things
from A right through to Z

Sir Issac Newton made a find
when an apple it is said,
fell from a tree he sat beneath
and landed on his head!

Eureka! he exclaimed out loud
Soon everyone will know
why objects dropped from way up high
will end up down below!

Gravity's the law that says
All things attract each other
the Sun, the planets, moon and stars
your bratty little brother

B2. Complete: (2)

Complete the following sentences:

- (i) All objects dropped _____.
- (ii) Newton was surprised because _____.
- (iii) Everyone will understand that _____.
- (iv) The Sun, the planets, moon and stars are attracted towards each other due to _____.

B3. Choose the rhyming words for the following from the Stanza: (1)

- (i) Said
- (ii) Know

SECTION – III
(Rapid Reading)

Q.4. (A) Read the passage and complete the activities: [5 marks]

A1. Complete: (1)

Complete the following and write:

- (i) Arun was afraid of going in the dark because _____.
- (ii) Arun was not filled with wonder and delight because _____.

“Come, Arun,” he said, one day after dinner, “there is something I want to show you. It is up on the terrace...”

“On the terrace?” Arun’s eyes widened in dismay. “But I can’t go up there! It is so dark!”

“Nonsense!” said his father heartily, hauling Arun to his feet. “Come along now! It is something so interesting that you will not be able to think of anything else!”

“But alas! When Arun looked through the telescope at the glowing, golden moon and the shiny stars, all magnified, he was not filled with wonder of delight. His teeth chattered and as he became aware of the darkness all around, he clung tightly to his father’s hand.

“What is that noise?” he asked father in a hoarse whisper, looking around in terror.

“Oh, nothing. It must be the leaves rustling or some small creature climbing a tree...” Father Said, dismissing it casually. Arun shook as his old fear began to overtake him and he shut his eyes tightly.

“Arun!” Father admonished him firmly. “Stop that, and look through the telescope!” But it was of no use. Arun was far too scared and finally had to be helped back down to the brightly-lit rooms.

A few days later at school, Arun’s teacher made an announcement in class. “I have a surprise for you,” she said to the fifty lively boys around her. “We are all going on an excursion...!”



- A2. Complete:** (2)
Complete the following sentences:
 (i) Arun was brought to brightly lit room because _____.
 (ii) A teacher made a surprising declaration that _____.

- A3. Personal Response:** (2)
 What are the things that you fear the most? Give reasons.

**SECTION – IV
 (Writing Skills)**

- Q.5. (A) A1 or A2. Do any one of the following activities:** [5 marks]

Tadoba Tiger Sanctuary	
Flora and Fauna in their natural habitat A Feast for the eyes.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students concessions available ● Plan your trip now. ● Booking available for Boarding and lodging. ● Mode of travel to and from Tadoba. ● Nice food ● Full security and medical aid. 	<p>Contact</p> <p>The Divisional Forest Officer Tadoba Tiger Sanctuary Chandrapur www.mahagovt.forestdept@.com</p>

A1. Informal Letter
 Write a letter to your father asking for his permission to join the trip, with the help of the above guidelines. Add your own points.

OR

A2. Formal Letter
 Write a letter to The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur seeking permission to visit Tadoba Tiger Sanctuary and to make a booking for a weekend visit. Add your own points.

- (B) B1 or B2. Do any one of the following activities:** [5 marks]

B1. Describing
 You have recently visited Karnala Bird Sanctuary. Describe the sanctuary with the help of given points in about 100 words. Add your own points.

OR

B2. Narrating
 You have visited Karnala Bird Sanctuary, Panvel. Narrate your experience in about 100 words. Add your own points.

Karnala Bird Sanctuary	
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MTDC, Mumbai	

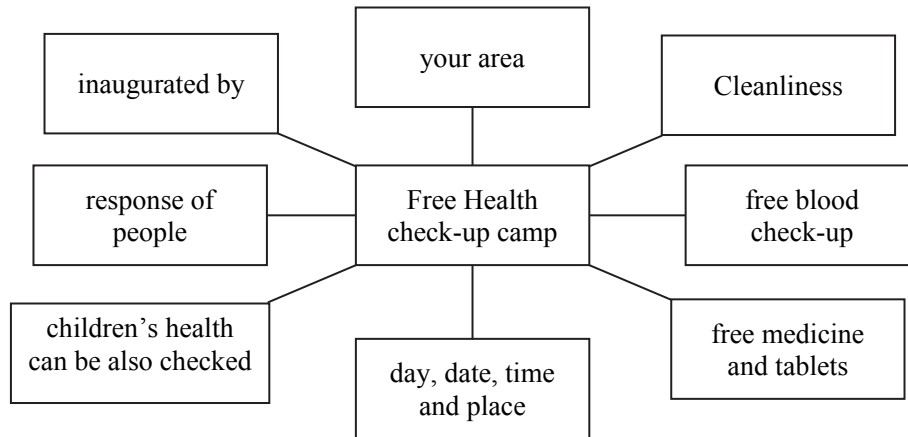


Q.6. (A) A1 or A2. Do any one of the following activities:

[5 marks]

A1. Preparing a Report

Dengue was spreading in your area. Health Dept. of the 'Municipality/Nagar Palika/Gram Panchayat' had arranged a 'Free Health Camp'. Prepare a report on the camp with the following diagram.



OR

A2. Dialogue

Develop an imaginary dialogue between your friend and you about the health check-up camp organized in your area. You may begin as:

Friend : It was really a nice camp, wasn't it?

I : sure, I liked _____

Friend : _____

(B) B1 or B2. Do any one of the following activities:

[5 marks]

B1. Information Transfer

'Non-verbal' to 'Verbal'

Read the information given in the table about the Indian Classical Dances and write a short paragraph:

Information	Bharat Natyam	Kathkali	Kathak
Origin	Tamil Nadu	Kerala	North India
Music and rhythm	Cymbals, Mridangam	A metal gong, a pair of cymbals a small drum	the flute, the sarangi, (a string instrument)
Type of costumes	graceful dress	elaborate costumes, mask, towering, head dress	extremely picturesque
Patronage	kings and rich people	–	the rulers of Lucknow



OR

B2. 'Verbal' to 'Non-verbal'**(2)**

Read the following statements and prepare a chart of 'Dos' and 'Don'ts' and suggest a suitable title for it:

- You must not waste your time and energy.
- You have to get up early in the morning.
- You shouldn't disturb the school discipline.
- You must respect everyone.
- You should not be in a bad company.
- You should never neglect your health.
- You have to study hard, read and write, discuss things with every subject teacher.
- You must do yogas regularly.

Nos.	Dos	Don'ts
(i)	_____	(i) _____
(ii)	_____	(ii) _____
(iii)	_____	(iii) _____
(iv)	_____	(iv) _____

Q.7. Translation**[5 marks]**

Translate the following instructions written on the box of Medicine bottle for your mother:

- (i) Shake the bottle before using it.
- (ii) Check the date before buying it.
- (iii) Take dosages as directed by the doctor.
- (iv) Keep the bottle away from the reach of a child.
- (v) Store it in cool and dry place.