

Maharashtra Board Class 12

English Solutions 2022

SECTION I: PROSE

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary and Mind Mapping)

Question 1. (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

At a corner of Sixth Avenue electric lights and cunningly displayed wares behind plateglass made a shop window attractive. Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass. People came running, round the corner, a policeman in the lead. Soapy stood still with his hands in his pockets, and smiled at the sight of brass button.

“Where’s the man that done that?” inquired the officer agitatedly.

“Don’t you think that I might have had something to do with it?” said Soapy, with a friendly voice, as one greets good fortune.

The policeman refused to accept Soapy even as a clue. Men who smash windows do not remain to chat with the police. They take to their heels. The policeman saw a man half-way down the block running to catch a car. With drawn club he joined in the pursuit.

Soapy, with disgust in his heart, drifted along, twice unsuccessful.

On the opposite side of the street was a restaurant of no great pretensions. It catered to large appetites and modest purses. Its crockery and atmosphere were thick; its soup and napery thin. Into this place Soapy betook himself without challenge. At a table he sat and consumed beefsteak, flapjacks, doughnuts and pie. And then he told the waiter the fact that the minutest coin and himself were total strangers. “Now, get busy and call a cop,” said Soapy. “And don’t keep a gentleman waiting.” “No cop for you,” said the waiter, with a voice like butter cakes and an eye like the cherry in the Manhattan cocktail. “Hey, Con!” Neatly upon his left ear on the callous pavement

two waiters pitched Soapy. He arose, joint by joint, as a carpenter's rule opens, and dusted his clothes. Arrest seemed now but an elusive dream. The island seemed very far away. A policeman who stood before a drugstore two doors away laughed and walked down the street.

A1. True / False:

Read the following sentences and state whether they are true or false. Correct the false statements and rewrite them.

- (a) Soapy broke the glass of the shop window.
- (b) Nobody heard the breaking of the glass window.
- (c) The policeman chased Soapy.
- (d) Soapy did not run away from the place.

Solution. (a) Soapy broke the glass of the shop window. - True

(b) Nobody heard the breaking of the glass window. - False

Correct Statement: Some men and a policeman heard the breaking of the glass window of the shop.

(c) The policeman chased Soapy. - False

Correct Statement: The policeman didn't chase Soapy, instead the policeman chased the man running to catch the car.

(d) Soapy did not run away from the place. - True

A2. Rearrange:

Rearrange the following statements in order of their occurrence in the extract.

- (a) The policeman refused to accept Soapy even as a clue.
- (b) Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass.
- (c) "Now, get busy and call a cop," said Soapy.
- (d) Soapy, with disgust in his heart, drifted along twice unsuccessful.

Solution. (b) Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass.

(a) The policeman refused to accept Soapy even as a clue.

(d) Soapy, with disgust in his heart, drifted along twice unsuccessful.

(c) "Now, get busy and call a cop," said Soapy.

A3. Guess:

Read the following sentences and write down what it means.

(a) “Don’t you think that I might have had something to do with it?”

(b) He told the waiter the fact that the minutest coin and himself were total strangers.

Solution. (a): Soapy was providing due to the policeman to encourage him to arrest and send him to prison.

(b): Soapy told the waiter that he had not a single penny to pay the bill.

A4. Personal response:

Suppose you are a manager of a hotel, a poor boy has taken dinner in the hotel and then he found, he has not enough money to pay the bill. Describe how you will react in the situation.

Solution. If I were a manager, I would make the boy work in my hotel so that he does not repeat such a mistake. I’ll make him work until I get enough money to pay the bills.

A5. Language study:

(i) On the opposite side of the street was a restaurant of no great pretensions.

(ii) Men who smash windows do not remain to chat with the police.
(Make the above sentences simple)

Solution. (i) On the opposite side of the street was an ordinary type of restaurant.

(ii) Men smashing windows don’t remain to chat with the police.

A6. Vocabulary:

Match the following words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'.

| Column 'A' | | Column 'B' | |
|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| (a) | gibberish | (i) | magic |
| (b) | enchantment | (ii) | meaningless speech |
| (c) | arrest | (iii) | threw |
| (d) | pitched | (iv) | nab |

Solution.

| Column 'A' | | Column 'B' | |
|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| (a) | gibberish | (ii) | meaningless speech |
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| (c) | arrest | (iv) | nab |
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B1. Grammar / Language Study (Non-Textual Grammar) –

Do as directed:

(i) We can accept our life gracefully.

(Rewrite using modal auxiliary showing 'compulsion')

(ii) As I entered the post office, the Post Master presented me with a telegram. (Begin the sentence with "No sooner.....")

(iii) The mother looks after her child. (Make it a rhetorical question)

Solution. (i) We must accept our life gracefully.

(ii) No sooner had I entered the post office than the Post Master presented me with a telegram.

(iii) Doesn't the mother look after her child?

B2. Spot the error in the given sentence and rewrite the correct sentence.

(i) Summers in Delhi are extreme hot.

Solution. The corrected sentence is "Summers in Delhi are extremely hot."

The error in the original sentence is that the adverb "extreme" is used instead of the adverb "extremely." Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. In this case, the adverb is modifying the adjective "hot," so the correct adverb is "extremely."

Question 2. (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

"I don't believe in taking the right decisions. I take decisions, I take decisions and then make them right." One of them make them right. One of the Ratan Tata's inspiring words which made me dream beyond shadows. I feel fortunate that I discovered him in the early stage of my life and now I am using his teachings to mould my future the way I want. Even though Ratan Tata was born in a very posh family of India, he never took money and power for granted. He graduated from Riverdale country from New York, Ratan Tata began his career in the Tata Group working on the shop floor of Tata Steel. After working for almost 10 years he was appointed as the director-in-charge of the National Radio and Electronics Company Limited (NEL.CO) in order to help its struggling finances. He worked

hard building a better consumer electronics division but the economic recession and union strikes prevented him from achieving success and this success helped Tata to be appointed as the chairman of the Tata Group of companies. He started with a very basic job in his father's company and today he owns a billion dollar company. The tag of greatness does not come without making any sacrifices and this tag on Ratan Tata suits to its best.

Tata group launched its passenger car Tata Indica in the year 1998 but Tata Indica was a failure in its first year and the experiment seemed to be failing. Many people started advising Ratan Tata that he should sell the passenger car business. Ratan Tata also agreed to this and a proposal was given to Ford, they showed interest too. The three-hour meeting at Ford headquarters in Detroit, chairman of Ford (Bill Ford) said to Ratan Tata, "Why did you enter in the passenger car business when you were not knowing of it. It will be a favour if we buy this business from you." Ratan Tata decided to move back home. While travelling he was very tense as the feeling of being insulted was on his mind. After earlier failures, Tata Motors did well with its business of passenger cars but in the same period, Ford did very bad. In 2008 when Ford was on its way of bankruptcy, Tata Group offered Ford to buy its luxury car brand, Jaguar, Land Rover. Ford arrived in Mumbai for the meeting. In the meeting, Bill Ford said to Ratan Tata, you are doing a big favour for us by buying- Jaguar- Land Rover is now owned by Tata Group and is currently making profits.

A1. Rewrite the following sentences as per their occurrence in the extract:

- (a) He was appointed as the Director-in-charge of the National Radio and Electronics Company Limited.**
- (b) Tata Group launched its passenger car 'Tata Indica' in the year 1998.**
- (c) Bill Ford said to Ratan Tata, "You are doing a big favour for us by buying Jaguar-Land Rover."**
- (d) He graduated from Riverdale country from New York.**

Solution. (a) He was appointed as the Director-in-charge of the National Radio and Electronics Company Limited. (NEL.CO) in order to help its struggling finances.

(b) Tata Group launched its passenger car Tata Indica in the year 1998 but Tata Indica was a failure in its first year and the experiment seemed to be failing.

(c) Bill Ford said to Ratan Tata, "Why did you enter in the passenger car business when you were not knowing of it. It will be a favour if we buy this business from you."

(d) Ratan Tata graduated from Riverdale country from New York.

A2. Explain:

The writer says, "I don't believe in taking right decisions, I take decisions and then make them right."

Solution. The writer's statement, "I don't believe in taking right decisions, I take decisions and then make them right," emphasizes the importance of taking action and making decisions even if they are not perfect. Instead of dwelling on the fear of making a wrong decision, the writer suggests that it's more productive to make a decision and then work towards making it the best decision possible. This approach reflects a proactive and adaptable mindset, willing to learn from experiences and course-correct as needed. It's about taking ownership of one's choices and actively shaping the outcome rather than being paralyzed by indecision or overthinking.

A3. Give reasons:

Ratan Tata decided to sell his passenger car business.

Solution. There were two main reasons why Ratan Tata decided to consider selling his passenger car business:

1. Poor initial sales of Tata Indica: Tata Indica, the first passenger car launched by Tata Motors, faced disappointing sales in its debut year, 1998. This raised concerns about the viability of the company's passenger car venture.
2. Discouraging remarks from Ford chairman Bill Ford: During a meeting to discuss a potential sale of Tata Motors' passenger car business to Ford, Ford chairman Bill Ford made disparaging remarks about Tata's decision to enter the passenger car business. These remarks were perceived as disrespectful and insulting, further fueling Ratan Tata's doubts about the business.

A4. Personal Response:

Right decision at the right time is important success.

Express your opinion

Solution. I agree with the statement that making the right decision at the right time is crucial for achieving success. While taking action and learning from experiences are essential, making well-informed choices at opportune moments can significantly impact the trajectory of one's life and career.

Consider the example of Ratan Tata, who faced initial setbacks with Tata Indica but ultimately persevered and turned the passenger car business into a success story. His decision to not immediately sell the business despite facing pressures demonstrates his belief in the potential of his decision and his willingness to make it right.

Making the right decision at the right time involves several factors:

1. Gathering information and assessing options: It's essential to gather

relevant information, consider different alternatives, and analyze the potential consequences of each choice.

2. Recognizing opportunities and acting promptly: Being able to identify promising opportunities and act decisively when they arise can lead to significant gains.
3. Adapting to changing circumstances: Life is dynamic, and decisions need to be flexible enough to adapt to new information or unexpected developments.
4. Learning from mistakes and course-correcting: Making the right decision isn't always easy, and mistakes are inevitable. The ability to learn from setbacks, adjust strategies, and course-correct is crucial for long-term success.

In conclusion, making the right decision at the right time is a balancing act between careful consideration, calculated risk-taking, and the ability to adapt and learn. By employing these principles, individuals can increase their chances of achieving their goals and making a positive impact on the world.

A5. Grammar:

Do as directed.

- (i) **He worked hard building a better consumer electronics division.**
(Rewrite the sentence using the infinitive form of the underlined word)
- (ii) **Tata Group launched the passenger car Tata Indica.**
(Rewrite it beginning with 'The passenger car Tata Indica.....')

Solution. (i) He worked hard to build a better consumer electronics division.

(ii) The passenger car Tata Indica was launched by Tata Group.

A6. Vocabulary:

Give antonyms.

(i) Profit

(ii) Prevent

Solution. Here are the antonyms for profit and prevent:

- Antonym for "profit": loss
- Antonym for "prevent": allow

(B) Summary Writing:

Write a summary of the above extract with a suitable title with the help of the given points/hints.

Ratan Tata's early career early setback in passenger car business his meeting with Bill Ford his success in passenger car business purchase of Ford's Land Rover and Jaguar.

Solution. Title: Ratan Tata's Journey from Setbacks to Triumph: A Tale of Resilience and Determination

Ratan Tata, a name synonymous with success and leadership, embarked on his professional journey at Tata Group, working diligently from the ground up. His early efforts focused on revitalizing the struggling National Radio and Electronics Company Limited (NEL.CO).

Despite facing setbacks, particularly the initial failure of Tata Indica, Ratan Tata's determination remained unwavering. He refused to heed the discouraging advice of Ford chairman Bill Ford, who suggested selling the passenger car business. Ratan Tata's belief in his vision prevailed, and Tata Motors went on to achieve remarkable success in the passenger car sector.

In a twist of fate, Tata Group acquired Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford in 2008, a company that had once questioned Tata's entry into the passenger car business. This acquisition marked a significant milestone, solidifying Tata Group's position as a global automotive powerhouse.

Ratan Tata's journey exemplifies the power of resilience, determination, and the ability to turn setbacks into stepping stones towards success. His unwavering belief in his vision and his commitment to excellence have shaped Tata Group into a global conglomerate that continues to inspire generations.

(C) Mind Mapping:

Develop a Mind-Mapping using your ideas and concepts to develop the topic 'Proper Time Management.'

(i) Using the title connect your thoughts

(ii) Use your own design for branching and general structure

(iii) Try making 2-3 main and 2-3 sub-branches

Solution. Central Topic: Proper Time Management

Main Branches:

1. Planning and Prioritizing: a. Create a to-do list b. Set realistic goals c. Prioritize tasks based on importance and urgency d. Schedule tasks effectively
2. Effective Organization: a. Utilize time management tools and techniques b. Establish a consistent workspace c. Minimize distractions d. Delegate tasks when possible
3. Enhancing Productivity: a. Implement time blocking b. Take regular breaks c. Prioritize self-care d. Reward yourself for accomplishments
4. Adaptability and Flexibility: a. Adjust plans as needed b. Embrace unexpected changes c. Learn from mistakes and setbacks d. Continuously refine time management strategies

SECTION II : POETRY

(Poetry and Appreciation)

Question 3. (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

A foot and light-hearted I take to the open road, Healthy, free, the world before me, The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose. Henceforth I ask not good fortune, I myself am good fortune, Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing, Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms, Strong and content I travel the open road.

The earth, that is sufficient,

I don not want the constellations any nearer,

I know they are very well where they are,

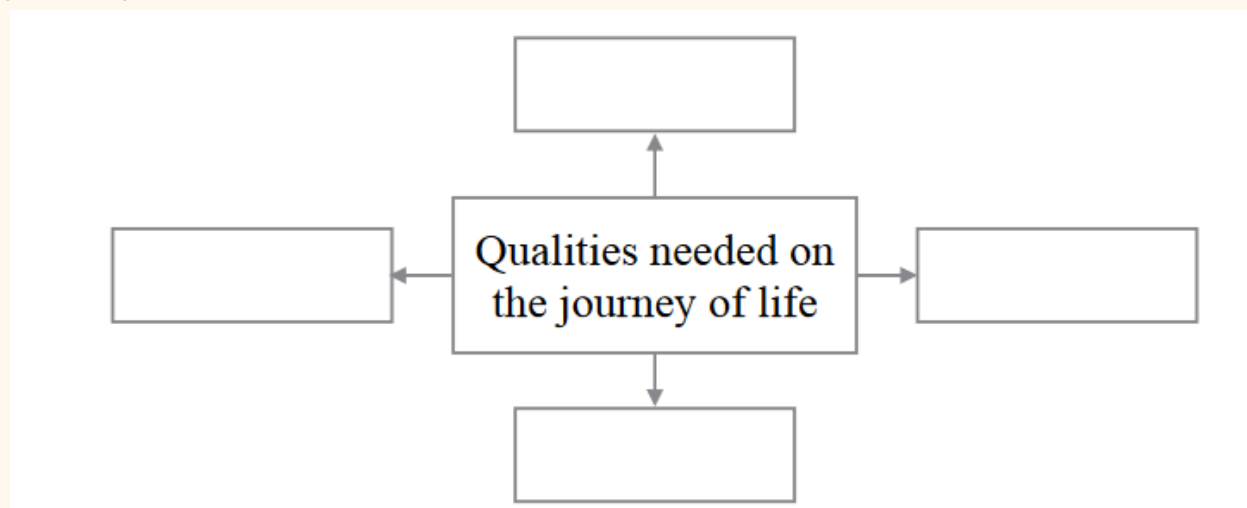
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.

Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,

I carry them, men and women, I carry them, with me wherever I go,

I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them in return.

A1. Complete the web diagram about the qualities needed on the journey of life:



Solution. Sure, here is a web diagram about the qualities needed on the journey of life, based on the extract "Song of the Open Road" by Walt Whitman:

Qualities needed on the journey of life

Self-reliance

- I myself am good fortune
- Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms

Independence

- Henceforth I ask not good fortune
- I carry my old delicious burdens

Optimism

- I take to the open road, healthy, free
- The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose

Resilience

- I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing
- I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them in return

Open-mindedness

- The world before me
- I know they are very well where they are

Contentment

- Strong and content I travel the open road
- The earth, that is sufficient

Acceptance

- I don't want the constellations any nearer
- I know they suffice for those who belong to them

Humility

- I carry them, men and women, I carry them
- I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them in return

This diagram illustrates the qualities that one needs to possess in order to navigate the challenges and uncertainties of life. These qualities allow individuals to embrace new experiences, overcome obstacles, and find fulfillment along their journey.

A2. Analyse the line- I asked not good fortune, I myself am good fortune.

Solution. The line "I asked not good fortune, I myself am good fortune" is a powerful declaration of self-reliance and personal agency. The speaker is rejecting the idea that they need to rely on external circumstances or luck to be successful or happy. Instead, they are asserting their own inherent worth and ability to create their own destiny.

The phrase "I myself am good fortune" is a bold statement of self-confidence. It suggests that the speaker believes they have the power to shape their own life and bring good fortune to themselves. This belief is not based on arrogance or ego, but rather on a deep sense of self-worth and a belief in their own potential.

The speaker's rejection of external sources of fortune is also significant. They are not waiting for good luck or handouts to fall into their lap. Instead, they are taking responsibility for their own happiness and taking action to create the life they want.

This line is a reminder that we all have the power to create our own good fortune. We don't need to wait for someone else to give us permission or hand us a golden ticket. We can start right now, with where we are and who we are, and create the life we want.

Here are some additional insights into the line "I asked not good fortune, I myself am good fortune":

- The word "asked" suggests that the speaker has been contemplating the nature of good fortune and has come to the conclusion that it is not something that can be granted from outside.
- The use of the present tense "am" emphasizes that the speaker's belief in their own good fortune is not a fleeting thought but a deep-seated conviction.
- The repetition of the word "fortune" creates a sense of emphasis and reinforces the speaker's belief in their own ability to create a good life.

Overall, the line "I asked not good fortune, I myself am good fortune" is a powerful and inspiring statement of self-reliance and personal agency. It is a reminder that we all have the power to shape our own lives and create our own good fortune.

A3. Personal Response:

Explain the importance of long path / road in man's life.

Solution. The journey of life is often compared to a long path or road. This metaphor is apt because, like a road, life is full of twists, turns, and unexpected detours. It can be challenging, but it is also filled with opportunities for growth and discovery.

Traveling a long path can teach us a lot about ourselves and the world around us. It can help us to develop our resilience, our adaptability, and our appreciation for the simple things in life. It can also help us to connect with others and build meaningful relationships.

Here are some of the reasons why long paths are important in man's life: They allow us to explore and learn. When we travel a long path, we are constantly exposed to new experiences and new ideas. This can help us to grow and learn as individuals.

- They help us to develop our endurance and resilience. Traveling a long path can be physically and mentally challenging. But it can also teach us to persevere and overcome obstacles.
- They allow us to connect with nature and the world around us. When

we travel a long path, we are often surrounded by natural beauty. This can help us to appreciate the world around us and our place in it.

- They provide us with opportunities for reflection and introspection. When we are on a long journey, we have time to reflect on our lives and our goals. This can help us to make important decisions about our future.
- They can lead us to new and exciting places. When we travel a long path, we never know what we might find around the next bend. This can lead to unexpected adventures and new discoveries.

Of course, there are also challenges associated with traveling a long path. It can be difficult to stay motivated, and it can be easy to get lost or discouraged. But the rewards of traveling a long path are many times greater than the challenges.

If you are considering taking a long path in your life, I encourage you to do so. It will be an experience that you will never forget.

Here are some additional thoughts on the importance of long paths in man's life:

- Long paths can help us to appreciate the journey, not just the destination.
- Long paths can teach us to be patient and to trust the process.
- Long paths can help us to find our inner strength and resilience.
- Long paths can lead us to a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

I believe that everyone should take at least one long path in their life. It is an experience that can shape and transform you in ways that you never thought possible.

A4. Poetic Device:

Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following line.

Still here I carry old delicious burdens.

Solution. The line "Still here I carry old delicious burdens" employs the literary device of paradox, a figure of speech that juxtaposes two contrasting ideas to create a surprising or striking effect. In this case, the speaker describes their burdens as "delicious," a seemingly contradictory term that highlights their willingness to embrace and learn from their experiences, even the difficult ones.

The word "delicious" suggests that the speaker finds value and meaning in their burdens, recognizing their role in shaping their character and growth. It implies that they have not allowed their burdens to define them negatively but have instead transformed them into catalysts for personal transformation.

This paradoxical use of "delicious" underscores the speaker's resilience and unwavering spirit in the face of challenges. It demonstrates their ability to find beauty and purpose in the midst of adversity, a testament to their inner strength and adaptability.

The paradox also serves to emphasize the speaker's appreciation for the journey of life, acknowledging that it is not always easy but rather a continuous process of growth and learning. By embracing their burdens as "delicious," the speaker embraces the imperfections and challenges that life inevitably presents.

Overall, the paradoxical use of "delicious" in the line "Still here I carry old delicious burdens" highlights the speaker's resilience, wisdom, and appreciation for the transformative power of life's experiences. It serves as a reminder that we can find meaning and growth in the midst of challenges, transforming burdens into opportunities for personal transformation.

A5. Poetic creativity:

Complete the given lines using your imagination.

There is no way leading back.

I move forward

Solution. There is no way leading back, I move forward, heart ablaze,
Through uncharted paths and tracks, Where destiny gently sways.

With every step, a new vista, A landscape painted fresh, Where dreams
and reality intertwista, In a tapestry of life's mesh.

No turning back, no time to linger, The future calls, a siren's song, I'll
embrace the unknown, the uncharted finger, And let my spirit soar along.

Through valleys deep and mountains high, I'll tread with courage, strong
and bold, For in this forward journey, I shall lie, The stories yet to be told.

(B) Appreciation:

Read the given extract and write an appreciation of the poem using the following points.

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?

Or a churlish sort of "Howdy" and then vanish in the throng?

Were you selfish pure and simple as you rushed along the way,

Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight, in imparting with the days that's slipping fast,

That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;

Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Points:

(i) Title of the poem, name of the poet.

(ii) Theme

(iii) Poetic devices, language

(iv) Values

(v) Your opinion about the poem.

Solution. Title of the poem: Have You Earned Your Tomorrow

Name of the poet: Edgar A. Guest

Theme: The poem "Have You Earned Your Tomorrow" by Edgar A. Guest explores the profound impact of our daily interactions and the lasting impression we leave on others. It challenges us to reflect on our actions and consider whether we have truly made a positive difference in the lives of those we encounter.

Poetic devices, Language: The poem employs simple yet powerful language, using rhetorical questions and vivid imagery to evoke a sense of introspection and self-examination. The repetition of the phrase "Is anyone happier because you passed his way?" emphasizes the importance of our actions and the ripple effect they have on those around us.

Values: The poem promotes the values of kindness, compassion, and empathy, urging us to consider the impact of our words and deeds on others. It encourages us to be mindful of the struggles and challenges faced by others and to extend a helping hand whenever possible.

Opinion about the poem: "Have You Earned Your Tomorrow" serves as a poignant reminder of the profound impact we can have on the lives of those we encounter. It challenges us to move beyond superficial interactions and to strive for meaningful connections, leaving a legacy of kindness and compassion in our wake. The poem's simple yet profound message resonates deeply, prompting us to reflect on our daily choices and to make a conscious effort to be a source of positivity and support for others.

SECTION III

(Writing Skills)

Question 4. (A) Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:

(1) You are Gopal, a receptionist, in the office of a company manufacturing garments. A sales manager Mr. Deshmukh visited and handed over the sales report to be submitted to the general manager who was busy attending a meeting. Qualities needed on the journey of life

Mr. Deshmukh: Hellow! I am here to submit the available sales report to the General Manager.

Gopal: I am sorry but the General Manager is in the meeting. Can you leave a message for him along with the reports?

Mr. Deshmukh: Sorry, I have to leave immediately to collect the other reports. Please inform the General Manager, that I had to leave immediately and I will see him in the evening at 5:30 P. M. with other reports. Thank you.

As a receptionist draft a virtual message for the General Manager.

OR

(2) Statement of Purpose:

You are so much interested in fashion designing. You have also participated in the various competitions and have shown your talent. Your friend is assisting you to make the career in fashion designing. Draft a statement of purpose that will help you to get admission for the course in fashion designing at M. Rajeshwar College Arts, Hubli, Karnataka.

OR

(3) Group Discussion:

You along with your friends Sujit, Rohit and Kishor discussing their likes and dislikes. But all are fascinated with the reading habit. Write a short group discussion in the form of dialogue telling the importance of reading for enhancing knowledge.

Solution. (1) Virtual Message for General Manager

To: General Manager

From: Gopal, Receptionist

Subject: Sales Report Submission

Dear Sir,

Mr. Deshmukh, the Sales Manager, visited the office today to submit the available sales report. However, as you were engaged in a meeting, he was unable to meet with you personally.

Mr. Deshmukh has requested me to inform you that he had to leave immediately to collect the other reports. He will be back in the office at 5:30 PM today and will personally submit the remaining reports to you.

In the meantime, I have attached the available sales report for your perusal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gopal

Receptionist

(2) Statement of Purpose for Fashion Designing Course

I have always been fascinated by the world of fashion, captivated by its ability to transform and express individuality through the fusion of creativity and craftsmanship. From an early age, I found myself drawn to the intricate details of garments, the interplay of colors and textures, and the power of clothing to evoke emotions and tell stories.

My passion for fashion designing led me to actively participate in various competitions and workshops throughout my academic journey. These experiences have provided me with a deeper understanding of the design process, from sketching and concept development to pattern making and garment construction. I have also had the opportunity to work alongside experienced designers, gaining valuable insights into the industry's intricacies and the importance of collaboration.

I am particularly interested in the sustainable fashion movement, which advocates for environmentally and socially responsible practices within the

industry. I believe that fashion has the potential to be a force for good, minimizing its negative impact on the environment and promoting ethical labor practices.

I am confident that my passion for fashion, my hands-on experience, and my dedication to sustainable practices make me a strong candidate for the fashion designing course at M. Rajeshwar College Arts, Hubli, Karnataka. I am eager to learn from experienced faculty, collaborate with fellow students, and immerse myself in the creative and dynamic environment of the college.

I am committed to pursuing a career in fashion designing that aligns with my values and contributes positively to the industry. I believe that my skills and dedication will enable me to make a significant mark in the world of fashion, creating designs that are both aesthetically pleasing and socially responsible.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to learn and grow at M. Rajeshwar College Arts, Hubli, Karnataka.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

(3) Group Discussion on Importance of Reading

Sujit: I love reading books. It's a great way to escape the daily grind and get lost in another world.

Rohit: I agree. Reading allows you to travel to different places and times, and to learn about different cultures.

Kishor: It's also a great way to learn new things. I've read books on a variety of topics, from history to science to philosophy.

Sujit: And it's not just about learning facts. Reading can also help you to develop your critical thinking skills and your imagination.

Rohit: Definitely. When you read a book, you have to actively engage with

the text and think about what the author is trying to say.

Kishor: And it can also help you to develop your empathy. Reading about the lives of other people can help you to understand their experiences and perspectives.

Sujit: I think everyone should make time for reading. It's a great way to relax, learn, and grow.

Rohit: I couldn't agree more. Reading is one of the best things you can do for your mind and soul.

Kishor: So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book and start reading today!

(B) Attempt 'Any One' of the following activities:

E-mail writing:

(1) Imagine that you are a shopkeeper of gift articles. A customer had given order for purchasing articles but you have some difficulties for giving delivery in time due to shortage. Write an email to him/her apologising for the delay.

OR

Report writing:

(2) You are a representative of the N. S. S. unit of your college. Write a brief report of the camp in which various social activities including cleanliness have been conducted by all the participants.

OR

Interview Questions:

(3) Imagine that you have met with the topper in M.P.S.C. Examination. You wish to interview of him/her to know his/her journey of success. Prepare a set of 8 to 10 questions to be asked.

(C) Attempt 'Any One' of the following activities:

Speech Writing:

(1) You wish to take part in the elocution competition which is organised by your college cultural committee. Prepare a speech on the topic “Mask for safety”.

OR

(2) Compering:

On the occasion of the inaugural function of ‘Sports Day’ you have been the responsibility to compere:

Draft a script of the same. Use the following points.

Brief introduction

Lighting the lamp/Inauguration

Welcome the guests

Chief guest’s address

Vote of thanks

OR

(3) Expansion of Idea:

Expand the following idea by using the points

‘Time and tide wait for none’,

Meaning of the proverb

Importance of time

Proper time management

Add your own points

Solution. (1) Speech on Mask for Safety

Respected principal, teachers, and my dear fellow students,

I stand before you today to speak about a topic that has become increasingly important in recent times: the significance of wearing masks for safety.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the importance of taking measures to protect ourselves and others from infectious diseases.

Wearing masks has emerged as one of the most effective and accessible ways to achieve this goal.

Masks act as a barrier, preventing the spread of respiratory droplets that can contain harmful viruses and bacteria. By wearing masks, we reduce the risk of transmitting these pathogens to others, even if we are asymptomatic carriers ourselves.

In addition to protecting those around us, wearing masks also helps to protect ourselves. By minimizing the inhalation of potentially contaminated droplets, we lower our own risk of contracting respiratory illnesses.

While some may argue that masks are uncomfortable or inconvenient, it is important to recognize that their benefits far outweigh these minor drawbacks. Wearing a mask is a small sacrifice we can make to protect the well-being of ourselves and our communities.

It is also important to dispel the myths surrounding masks. Some believe that masks are ineffective or even harmful. However, scientific evidence overwhelmingly supports the use of masks in reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses.

Moreover, wearing masks is not about living in fear or constantly worrying about getting sick. It is about taking proactive measures to safeguard our health and the health of those around us.

In conclusion, wearing masks is a simple yet effective way to protect ourselves and others from infectious diseases. It is a gesture of care and responsibility that we should all embrace.

Thank you.

(2) Script for Compering the Inaugural Function of Sports Day

Introduction

Good morning, esteemed guests, faculty members, and my dear fellow students. We gather here today to celebrate the much-awaited event of our annual Sports Day, a day dedicated to showcasing the athletic prowess and sporting spirit of our institution.

Lighting the Lamp/Inauguration

[Brief description of the lighting ceremony, including the introduction of the lamp lighter and the significance of the lighting ritual]

Welcome the Guests

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed chief guest, [Chief Guest's Name], whose presence here today honors us immensely. Your dedication to sports and your encouragement of young athletes are truly inspiring.

I would also like to welcome our honorable principal, [Principal's Name], whose vision and support have been instrumental in making this Sports Day possible.

And finally, I extend a warm welcome to all our teachers, coaches, and staff members, whose tireless efforts have ensured the smooth running of this event.

Chief Guest's Address

[Introduce the chief guest and invite them to deliver their address]

Vote of Thanks

On behalf of the entire student body and the organizing committee, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our chief guest, [Chief Guest's Name], for their inspiring address.

We are also deeply grateful to our honorable principal, [Principal's Name], for their unwavering support and guidance.

Our appreciation extends to our esteemed teachers, coaches, and staff members, whose dedication and hard work have made this Sports Day a resounding success.

And finally, we thank all our fellow students for their enthusiastic participation, sportsmanship, and unwavering support.

With these words of gratitude, I conclude the formal part of the program.
Let the games begin!

(3) Expansion of Idea: Time and Tide Wait for None

The proverb "Time and tide wait for none" is a powerful reminder of the fleeting nature of time and the importance of making the most of every moment. It emphasizes that we cannot control the passage of time or the ebb and flow of the tides, just as we cannot hold back the inevitable.

The proverb highlights the importance of seizing opportunities and acting promptly. Just as the tide relentlessly advances and retreats, so too do opportunities come and go. If we hesitate or delay, we risk missing out on valuable experiences and opportunities for growth.

Proper time management is crucial in making the most of our time. By planning our days effectively, prioritizing tasks, and avoiding procrastination, we can maximize our productivity and achieve our goals.

The proverb also serves as a reminder of the transient nature of life itself. Just as the tide washes away footprints on the sand, so too do our lives pass by in a blink of an eye. We must cherish each moment, embrace new experiences, and make the most of the time we have on this earth.

In addition to its literal meaning, the proverb "Time and tide wait for none" carries a deeper metaphorical significance. It suggests that we should not let setbacks or obstacles deter us from our goals. Just as the tide relentlessly pushes forward, we should persevere through challenges and setbacks, learning from our mistakes and moving forward with determination.

(D) Attempt 'Any One' of the following activities:

Film Review:

(1) Write a review of a film which you liked most with the help of following points.

Story / Theme

Producer / Director
Special features of direction
Characters: Conflict
Music/ Dance / Songs / Photography etc.
Your opinion

OR

(2) Blog Writing:
Write a blog in appropriate format on “Necessity of Social awareness”
regarding cleanliness / Hygiene in about 100 to 150 words.

OR

Appeal:
(3) Prepare an appeal to inculcate the habit:
Slogans
Use persuasive appeal
Its necessity for development

Solution. Film Review: Parasite

Story/Theme

Parasite is a 2019 South Korean black comedy thriller film directed by Bong Joon-ho. It follows the members of a poor family who scheme to become employed by a wealthy family by posing as unrelated, highly qualified individuals.

Producer/Director

Parasite was produced by CJ Entertainment and Barnhouse Films. Bong Joon-ho directed the film and co-wrote it with Han Jin-won.

Special Features of Direction

Bong Joon-ho's direction is masterful in Parasite. He uses a variety of

techniques to create a suspenseful and thought-provoking film. For example, he uses long takes, close-ups, and split-screen shots to create a sense of intimacy and voyeurism. He also uses symbolism and foreshadowing to give the film a deeper meaning.

Characters: Conflict

The characters in Parasite are complex and well-developed. The members of the poor family are cunning and resourceful, but they are also desperate and vulnerable. The members of the wealthy family are initially seen as kind and generous, but they are also revealed to be selfish and out of touch with reality.

Music/Dance/Songs/Photography

The music in Parasite is used effectively to create a sense of suspense and tension. The dance scenes are also well-choreographed and add to the film's overall atmosphere. The photography in Parasite is beautiful and captures the stark contrast between the rich and the poor.

My Opinion

Parasite is a brilliant film that is both entertaining and thought-provoking. It is a must-see for anyone who enjoys a good movie.

Blog Writing: Necessity of Social Awareness Regarding Cleanliness/Hygiene

In today's world, where we are constantly bombarded with information, it is easy to forget about the importance of social awareness. However, it is more important than ever to be aware of the impact our actions have on others.

One of the most important ways to be socially aware is to be mindful of our cleanliness and hygiene. When we are clean and hygienic, we are not only protecting ourselves from disease, but we are also protecting others.

By taking simple steps such as washing our hands regularly, covering our

mouths when we cough or sneeze, and disposing of waste properly, we can help to prevent the spread of disease. We can also show others that we care about their health and well-being.

Social awareness is not just about personal hygiene; it is also about being aware of the impact our actions have on the environment. When we litter, pollute, or waste resources, we are harming the planet and the people who live on it.

By taking simple steps such as recycling, conserving water, and using energy-efficient products, we can help to protect the environment for future generations.

Social awareness is a responsibility that we all share. By being mindful of our actions and their impact on others, we can make the world a better place.

Appeal: Inculcate the Habit of Cleanliness

Slogans

- "Cleanliness is next to godliness."
- "A clean environment is a healthy environment."
- "Small steps for a cleaner world."

Persuasive Appeal

Cleanliness is a habit that everyone should have. It is not only important for personal hygiene, but it is also important for the environment and society as a whole.

By being clean, we can help to prevent the spread of disease, protect the environment, and make the world a more pleasant place to live.

Necessity for Development

Cleanliness is essential for development. When people are clean and healthy, they are more productive and can contribute more effectively to society.

Cleanliness also helps to create a more attractive and livable environment, which can attract businesses and investment.

In addition, cleanliness can help to reduce crime and violence. When people feel safe and secure in their environment, they are more likely to thrive.

Conclusion

Cleanliness is a simple habit with a big impact. By making a commitment to cleanliness, we can make the world a better place for everyone.

SECTION IV (LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL)

Question 5. (A) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions:

(i) Match the following items from column-A with those from the column-B:

| Column 'A' | | Column 'B' | |
|------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| (a) | Murasaki Sikibu | (i) | The Pilgrim's Progress |
| (b) | Jonathan Swift | (ii) | Gulliver's Travels |
| (c) | John Bunyan | (iii) | Raja Mohan's Wife |
| (d) | Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay | (iv) | Tale of Genji |

Solution.

| Column 'A' | | Column 'B' | |
|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| (a) | Murasaki Sikibu | (iv) | Tale of Genji |

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| (b) | Jonathan Swift | (ii) | Gulliver's Travels |
| (c) | John Bunyan | (i) | The Pilgrim's Progress |
| (d) | Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay | (iii) | Raja Mohan's Wife |

(ii) Pick the odd word out:

(a) Amit Ghosh, Vikram Seth, Henry Fielding, Amita Desai.

(b) plot, novella, setting, theme

(c) place, time, climate, epistolary

(d) horror, mystery, picaresque, thriller

(B) Answer in about 50 words the questions given below:

(i) Describe how Ricky Braithwaite manage to bring about a change in the behaviour of his students.

(ii) How does Mr. Braithwaite manage to increase the cultural exposure of the class?

(C) Answer the following:

(i) Describe how Fix, the detective creates problems for Mr. Fogg arresting him for bank robbery and how Mr. Fogg tries to solve the problem.

(ii) In what way was Mr. Fogg's final winning the wager connected with Aouda?

Solution. (i) Detective Fix relentlessly follows Mr. Fogg around the world, creating numerous obstacles to hinder his journey and eventually arresting him in Suez on suspicion of being the bank robber. Fix's actions stem from his belief that Fogg is using his circumnavigation wager as a cover-up for his escape from England.

Mr. Fogg, unwavering in his resolve, consistently demonstrates his resourcefulness and determination to prove his innocence and complete his wager. He appeals to the British consul in Suez to secure his release,

and upon his release, he immediately resumes his journey.

(ii) Mr. Fogg's final winning of the wager is inadvertently connected to Aouda, the young Indian woman he rescues during his travels. Aouda's presence in London causes Fogg to miss his scheduled arrival by a few minutes, jeopardizing his chances of winning the wager. To compensate for the lost time, Fogg rents a special train to reach the Reform Club just in time, securing his victory.

Aouda's presence in London also plays a significant role in Mr. Fogg's personal transformation. Initially portrayed as a man of rigid habits and routines, Fogg's interactions with Aouda awaken his emotional side and lead him to reconsider his priorities. By the end of the novel, Fogg has not only won the wager but also found love and companionship in Aouda.

(D) Answer the questions given below:

(i) Describe how Sherlock Holmes discovered the connection between Miss Morstan receiving precious pearls with Major Sholto.

(ii) How does the mystery of Bartholomew's murder lead Holmes to track down small?

Solution. (i) How did Sherlock Holmes discover the connection between Miss Morstan receiving precious pearls with Major Sholto?

Sherlock Holmes draws a connection between Miss Morstan receiving precious pearls and Major Sholto through a series of deductions and observations. He begins by examining the pearls, noting their unusual size and shape. He then learns from Miss Morstan that she received an anonymous letter along with the pearls, instructing her to meet at the Lyceum Theatre.

Holmes deduces that the pearls must be of great value, as the sender would not have risked sending them anonymously without a significant

reason. He also suspects that the sender is someone who knows Miss Morstan's identity and her connection to Major Sholto.

At the Lyceum Theatre, Holmes and Dr. Watson encounter a mysterious man named Jonathan Small, who seems to be following Miss Morstan. Holmes believes that Small is connected to the pearls and the anonymous letter, and he decides to tail him.

Small leads Holmes to Major Sholto's residence, where Holmes learns that Major Sholto is in possession of a valuable Indian treasure that was stolen from his father. Holmes believes that the pearls sent to Miss Morstan are part of this treasure, and that the sender is trying to use her to gain access to it.

Holmes confronts Major Sholto, who denies any involvement with the pearls or Miss Morstan. However, Holmes is convinced of his guilt, and he sets out to prove it.

(ii) How does the mystery of Bartholomew's murder lead Holmes to track down small?

The mystery of Bartholomew's murder leads Holmes to track down Small in several ways.

- Holmes discovers a connection between Bartholomew and Small through their shared history of criminal activity. Bartholomew was a known associate of Small, and they had been involved in several shady deals together.
- Holmes finds evidence that Small was in the vicinity of Bartholomew's house at the time of the murder. He discovers bloody footprints near the crime scene that match Small's shoes.
- Holmes also learns that Small had a financial motive for killing Bartholomew. Bartholomew owed Small a large sum of money, and Small may have killed him to collect the debt.

Based on this evidence, Holmes believes that Small is the prime suspect in Bartholomew's murder. He issues a warrant for Small's arrest, and he sets

out to track him down.

Holmes eventually finds Small hiding out in an abandoned house. He confronts Small with the evidence against him, and Small confesses to the murder. He explains that he killed Bartholomew in a fit of rage after Bartholomew refused to repay his debt.

Holmes arrests Small and takes him into custody. The mystery of Bartholomew's murder is finally solved, and Small is brought to justice.