

Grade 10 Maharashtra English 2016

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 80

Section-I (Reading skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

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

During the devastating July 2005 floods that hit Mumbai, Rajen Dutia received an urgent call from a relative, Lopa Vyas late in the evening. "A friend's mother is stranded near your home, Rajen. Can you please take her home? Her name is Rashmi," Vyas told him.

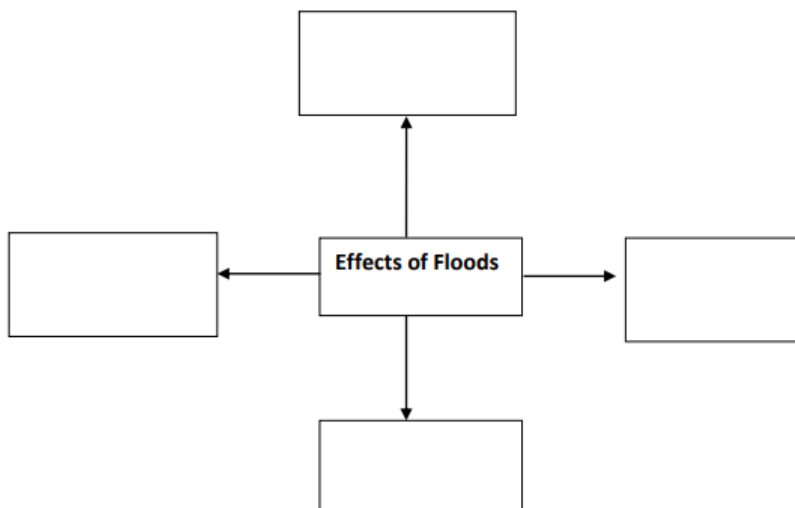
Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere. Despite power failure and raging rain, Dutia stepped out and made his way to the spot, where he found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people. They were stranded in the dark, shivering in the rain. They all lived far away and had no place to go for the night. Rajen took all of them to his one-bedroom flat, where he served them dinner and invited them to spend the night.

"By doing so," says Rajen, "I was simply fulfilling my karma, paying the universe back for the good it had done for me."

"God is kind. My daughter had just started her new job that day, and had gone for her training. She was stranded too. While she was trying to get to our relatives, she almost drowned, but a young stranger saved her. He and his friends even dropped her to my relative's place and phoned me to say she was safe. One good turn deserves another."

A1. Complete

Complete the web with words given in the passage: (2)



Solution:

- Loss of life and property
- Displacement of people
- Outbreak of diseases
- Disruption of transport and communication

A2. Order

Look at the following sentences from the passage and put them in the correct sequence: (2)

- (a) He took them to his one-bedroom flat.
- (b) Rajen found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people shivering in the rain.
- (c) Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere.
- (d) Rajen Dutia received an urgent call.

Solution:

- (i) (d) Rajen Dutia received an urgent call.
- (ii) (c) Mumbai had come to a halt and people were trapped everywhere.
- (iii) (b) Rajen found Rashmi as well as a dozen other people shivering in the rain.
- (iv) (a) He took them to his one-bedroom flat.

A3(i). Fill in the blanks:

Select the words given in the passage (1)

- (i) Thousands Of pilgrims were due to the cloud burst in Uttarakhand.
- (ii) The tiger was by the hunter.

(ii). Antonyms:

Select the correct antonyms for the given words from the alternatives: (1)

- (1) Please:
 - (a) unplease (b) displease (c) misplease
- (2) Safe: '
 - (a) insafe (b) safeless (c) unsafe

Solution:

(i). Fill in the blanks:

- (i) Thousands of pilgrims were stranded due to the cloud burst in Uttarakhand.
- (ii) The tiger was trapped by the hunter.

(ii). Antonyms:

- (1) Please: (b) displease
- (2) Safe: (c) unsafe

A4(i) Tags:

Select the correct tag for the alternatives given below: (1)

One good turn deserves another.

- (a) Doesn't it? (b) don't it (c) does it?

(ii). Guess:

Choose the correct answer: (1)

Rajen can you please take her home? 'Can' indicates:

(a) Obligation (b) ability (c) permission

Solution:

A4 (i). Tags:

One good turn deserves another, doesn't it? (Option a)

(ii). Guess:

'Can' indicates ability (Option b).

A5. Personal Response: (2)

'one good turn

Deserves another.'

Explain with an example of your own.

Solution:

The phrase "One good turn deserves another" means that when someone helps you, you should help others in return.

For example, one day, my friend lent me his notebook when I missed school due to illness. Later, when he forgot his lunch at home, I shared my lunch with him. Helping each other strengthens friendships and spreads kindness.

B. Read the following passage and do the activities.

[10 marks]

Sister Monica, however, wasn't quite as lenient as that, and spent most of the time telling me about the importance of regularity and hard work. She made me realise that success is, like genius, 99 per cent perspiration and 1 per cent inspiration. It's a lesson that has stood me in good stead.

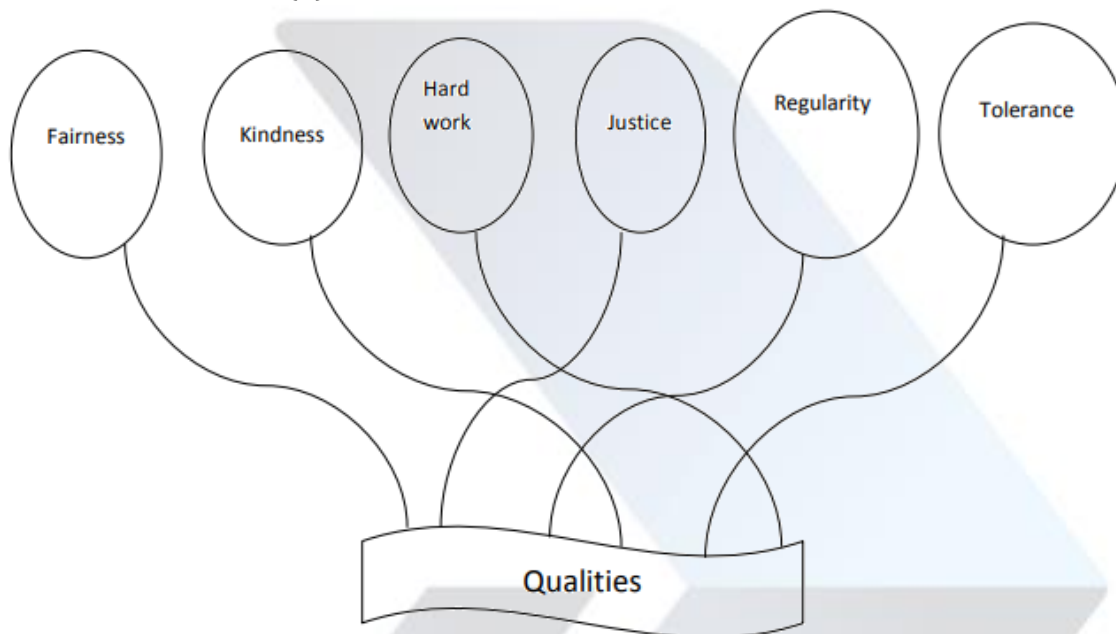
The teachers I'm most grateful to, though, are not those who have taught me the most, but those who have simply been friends to me, believed me and believed in me. Prominent among them is Sudha Ramasubramaniam-Rambo, as we used to call her. I didn't know her too well. She taught me in college, and apart from being incredible in class unless one missed class, she also believed that I actually had a Problem when I developed an injury (which several doctors found difficult to diagnose). Despite my missing an exam-the HSC, of all exams- she was the only person who told me to concentrate on my health and assured me that I could take the exam off the top of my head any time I wanted to.

I'm not even certain she remembers it, but at the time, it felt like one of the only rays of hope in an extremely dark tunnel. Perhaps few teachers realize how far their influence extends or how much of a difference their actions and words can make. A number of my teachers have unfortunately taught me kindness and tolerance and patience by being precisely the opposite, and quite obviously, they aren't the people I like to think about. But many of my teachers have been extraordinary people, who have not only taught me in class but also helped mould me and my character in every other way. I only hope that I live up to what their endeavors were

undoubtedly mean to create.

B1. Select

Look at the balloons. Which are the qualities inculcated in the author by her teacher? Write them. (2)



Solution:

- (i) Kindness
- (ii) Hard work
- (iii) Regularity
- (iv) Tolerance

B2. Answer

(1) What kind of teachers are disliked by the author? (1)

(2) What was Sudha Ramasubramaniam's advice to the author when she was going to miss her HSC exam? (1)

Solution:

(1) The author dislikes teachers who lack kindness, tolerance, and patience.

(2) Sudha Ramasubramaniam advised the author to focus on her health and assured her that she could take the HSC exam anytime.

B.3 Match

Match the words given in column A with their meaning given in columns B: (2)

'A'	'B'
(i) Prominent	(a) Treatment
(ii) Incredible	(b) Natural
(iii) Diagnose	(c) Unbelievable
(iv) Endeavours	(d) Noticeable

	(e) Efforts
	(f) Identify a disease

Solution:

- (i) Prominent - (d) Noticeable
- (ii) Incredible - (c) Unbelievable
- (iii) Diagnose - (f) Identify a disease
- (iv) Endeavours - (e) Efforts

B.4(i) 'Wh question'

She made me realize that success is, like genius. (1)

(Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined part as an answer)

(ii) She taught me in college.

(Begin the sentence with 'I' and rewrite). (1)

Solution:

(i) Wh-question:

What did she make me realise?

(ii) Rewritten sentence:

I was taught by her in college.

B5. Personal Response

Do you agree that a teacher should also be your good friend?

Justify your answer. (2)

Solution:

Yes, I agree that a teacher should also be a good friend. A friendly teacher creates a comfortable learning environment where students feel free to ask questions and express their thoughts. Such teachers understand students' struggles, motivate them, and provide emotional support, helping in both academic and personal growth.

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

Olympia, the original site of Olympic Games in ancient Greece is situated in a quiet, beautiful valley. The old ruins are shaded by evergreen oaks, pines and poplars, as well as olive trees. Olympia was never a city but a sacred ground occupied by temples and dwellings for the priests. At the centre was the enclosure known as Altis, dedicated to Zeus, the god of gods. It was in honour of Zeus that the quadrennial festival and the games were held.

The fame of Olympia rests largely upon Olympic Games. They were a great national festival of the entire Greek race. During the week of the festival the Athenians, the Spartans, the Syracusans and other groups, all forgot their narrow identities. They regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. The simple reward of a twig of wild olive immortalized the victor and his family.

The Olympic Games were held regularly in peace and in war at an interval of four years for over a thousand years from 776 B.C. till 393 A.D. Originally, men who spoke Greek as their mother tongue were allowed to compete in the Olympic Games. No married women were allowed to be present. The athletic programme was varied by the presence of historians, orators and writers. After each event a herald announced the victor's name and handed him a palm. On the last day the successful competitors were each given a garland of wild olive.

A1. Guess

Select the correct alternatives from the boxes: (2)

(1) The Olympic Games were originally held in honour of:

- (a) The Priests (b) The Greeks
- (c) The Spartans (d) Zeus

(2) The Olympics were held after every

- (a) Year (b) Four years
- (c) Three years (d) Two years

(3) All came to know of Olympia from the:

- (a) Olympics (b) Spartans
- (c) Syracusans (d) Athenians

(4) Altis was the name of a:

- (a) God (b) Race
- (c) Festival (d) Enclosure

Solution:

(1) The Olympic Games were originally held in honour of: (d) Zeus

(2) The Olympics were held after every: (b) Four years

(3) All came to know of Olympia from the: (a) Olympics

(4) Altis was the name of a: (d) Enclosure

A2. Select

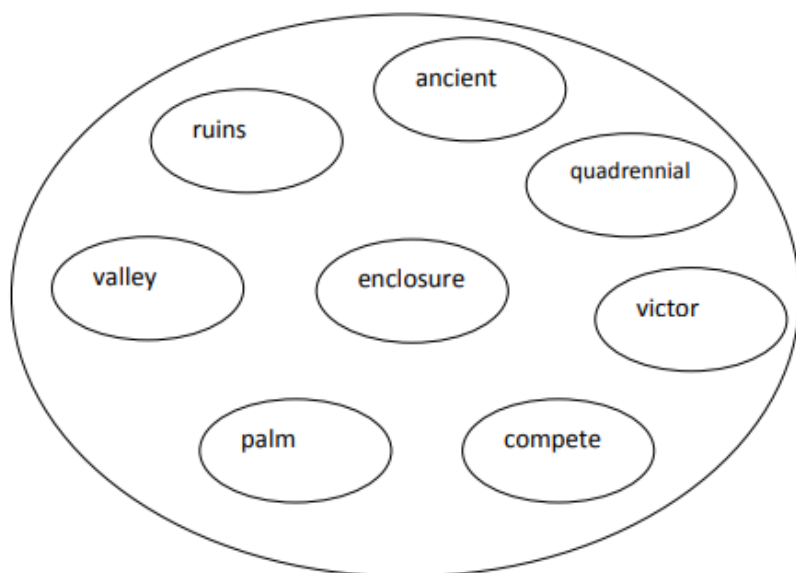
Select the word each from the circle which mean the following: (2)

(1) Occurring at the interval of four years

(2) Wreckage

(3) Take part in a game

(4) One who wins.



Solution:

- (1) Occurring at the interval of four years - quadrennial
- (2) Wreckage - ruins
- (3) Take part in a game - compete
- (4) One who wins. - victor

A3. Complete :

Complete the table and frame your sentence with anyone word: (2)

Noun	Adjective	Verb
	Beautiful	

Solution:

Noun	Adjective	Verb
Beauty	Beautiful	Beautify

Beauty: The beauty of the sunrise over the mountains was breathtaking.

A4. (i) The old ruins are, shaded by evergreen oaks, pines and poplars as well as olive trees.

(Insert not only but also and rewrite). (1)

(ii) No married women were allowed to be present.

(Remove 'No' and rewrite the sentence without changing its meaning) (1)

Solution:

(i) The old ruins are not only shaded by evergreen oaks, pines, and poplars but also by olive trees.

(ii) Only unmarried women were allowed to be present.

A5. Personal response

How are the winners in Olympics rewarded today? (2)

Write your opinion in support of the above statement.

Solution:

Today, Olympic winners are rewarded with gold, silver, and bronze medals, along with cash prizes, sponsorships, and national honours. They also gain worldwide recognition and opportunities in sports and endorsements. This recognition motivates athletes to strive for excellence and bring pride to their countries.

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

It was late evening of July 20, 1969, when we turned up the hostel radio. I was an engineering student at BITS, Pilani. I still remember the feverish excitement that gripped us from July 16 when Apollo 11, the US space rocket, took off from Cape Kennedy, Florida. Neil Armstrong and his team of astronauts, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, were to land on moon, for the first time in human history. We listened 'with rapt attention when Armstrong declared: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

His death on Saturday, August 25, is a moment to salute the romance of space science that Apollo 11 unleashed. It has changed forever the way we look at our planet Earth and its satellite, the moon.

Standing on powdery moon dust, Armstrong put up his thumb, shut one eye and found his thumb blotting out the Earth. "It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth" he said later. "I felt very, very small." But behind that humbling realisation stood a giant truth:

The effort to explore the universe united mankind in technology and knowledge. Each moon mission, about 110 till date, provided more confidence to take on bolder projects.

B1. Choose

Choose the correct alternatives and complete the sentences (2)

(1) The narrator is :

- (a) an astronaut
- (b) an engineer studying in BITS Pilani
- (c) in the team of astronauts.

(2) Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" which means:

- (a) one step on the moon means, many steps on the earth.
- (b) he felt like a giant on the moon.
- (c) one moon mission had opened up many avenues in science and technology for mankind.

Solution:

(1) The narrator is: (b) an engineer studying in BITS Pilani

(2) Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," which means: (c) one moon mission had opened up many avenues in science and technology for mankind.

(ii) Armstrong found that his thumb was blotting out the Earth.

B5. Personal Response

Would you like to be an astronaut? Give reasons. [2]

Solution:

Yes, I would love to be an astronaut because space exploration is fascinating and offers a chance to discover the unknown. Experiencing zero gravity, seeing Earth from space, and contributing to scientific advancements would be an incredible achievement. It also inspires future generations to dream big and push the boundaries of human knowledge.

SECTION - II (Poetry)

Q. 3 (A) Read the following extract carefully activities given below: (5)

Republic Day! We grow aware
That nothing can be wrought by prayer
-Prop of the credulous-until
It is supported everywhere
By an all-powerful people's will !
We have been witness in the past to sights impossible to bear:
Famine and drought and dread and doom
Continue still to spread the gloom
Of humans turned to skeletons, to shrivelled bags of naked bones
Who have not even strength to vent their suffering through sobs and groans.....
MAY EVERY Indian's heart become
An unafraid announcing drum
Echoing and re-echoing a new hope and a new desire
To burn up rubbish-heaps of hate,
Once and for all. Time cannot wait!
Burn up all selfish aims and ends in a great nation's cleansing fire!
Let India's millions chant in chorus:
A mighty future stands before us-
Down with all ruthless tyranny, down with all exploitation which
Renders the poor the poorer-and renders the bloated rich, more rich!

A1. Saving Motherland

I can save my motherland by putting an end to (2)

Solution:

I can save my motherland by putting an end to hatred, selfishness, tyranny, and exploitation.

A 2. How does the poet express the condition of people during famines and droughts? (2)

Solution:

The poet describes the suffering of people during famines and droughts by portraying them as skeletons and shrivelled bags of naked bones. They are so weak that they lack the strength to cry or express their pain. This highlights the extreme misery and helplessness they endure.

A3. Match the line with the figure of speech:

'A'	'B'
(1) Drought and dread and doom	(a) Personification
(2) Time cannot wait	(b) Alliteration
	(c) Metaphor

Solution:

(1) Drought and dread and doom – (b) Alliteration

(2) Time cannot wait – (a) Personification

(B) Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below: (5 marks)

It's doing your job the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man;
It's making money-but holding friends,
And being true to your aims and ends.

It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high;
And dreaming a little and doing much,
It's keeping always in closest touch.

With what is finest in word and deed,
It's being through, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance,
While making labour a brave romance.

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.

B1. What does the poet want us to do in the following situation? (2)

(a) While struggling

(b) While making money

(c) While dreaming

(d) While losing

Solution:

B1. The poet wants us to:

- (a) While struggling – Keep the will to win.
- (b) While making money – Hold on to friendships.
- (c) While dreaming – Do much and take action.
- (d) While losing – Accept it with a cheerful grin.

B2. Achieving Success

Hints given by the poet to become successful are : (2)

- (a) Doing your job the best
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

Solution:

B2. Hints given by the poet to become successful are:

- (a) Doing your job the best
- (b) Being just to others
- (c) Looking forward and thinking high
- (d) Struggling with the will to win
- (e) Taking loss with a cheerful grin

B3. Poetic Device

Select the appropriate rhyme scheme for the 3rd stanza. (1)

- (1) abab
- (2) aabb
- (3) aaba

Solution:

The rhyme scheme for the 3rd stanza is: (2) aabb

SECTION - III (Rapid Reading)

Q.4 Read the following extract and complete the activities given below: [5 marks]

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, Bangalore, 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, bashas, 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 quiet, 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 brothers 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.

A1. True or False

State whether the following statements are true or false: (1)

- (1) The author's new house was situated at Bangalore.
- (2) The writer was delighted because their new house, was the biggest they ever lived.

Solution:

- (1) The author's new house was situated at Bangalore. – False
- (2) The writer was delighted because their new house was the biggest they ever lived in. – True

A2. Complete (2)

- a. The broad tree-lined roads were named after.....
- b. Katra and Chowk are
- c. Mother was daunted with the task of..... .
- d. The suspense was exciting because the posting was.....

Solution:

- a. The broad tree-lined roads were named after **long-dead Britishers**.
- b. Katra and Chowk are **commercial areas in the city**.
- c. Mother was daunted with the task of **furnishing the huge, echoing rooms**.
- d. The suspense was exciting because the posting was **unpredictable**.

A3. Personal response

What do you think are the problems faced by those who change households frequently. (2)

Solution:

Frequent household changes can be challenging due to adjusting to new environments, making new friends, and adapting to different schools. It can also be emotionally difficult to leave behind familiar places and relationships. Additionally, packing, unpacking, and settling into a new house repeatedly can be exhausting and stressful for the whole family.

SECTION - IV (Writing Skill)

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

A1. Letter writing (5 marks)

Look at the notice issued by the supervisor of your school. (5)

Picnic To Lonavale
 Contribution Rs 500.
 Spots to be visited: Wax Museum, Narayanidham, Dams, Duke's Nose
 Enjoy scenic beauty, pleasant weather.
 Need to carry: Water bottle, proper clothing, caps, essential medicines, snacks for your taste.
 Start : 7.30 a.m. from school
 Return: 9.30 p.m. to school.

You stay in a Hostel. Write a letter to your daddy asking permission to go for the picnic. Also, request him to give you the necessary amount. (5)

OR

A2. 30% Water cut

Mumbai: Due to major repairs of pipeline in Dadar and nearby areas, 30% water cut will be implemented for G(N) and (S). Citizens are requested to use water carefully and store water for a day. Water supply will resume on Sunday night. Do not panic. Write a letter to the Secretary of your Housing Society informing him about the news and drawing his attention to the problem. Request him to take the necessary steps.

Solution:

Hostel, Government High School
 Kalaburagi
 20th February

Dear Daddy,

I hope you are doing well. Our school has organised a picnic to Lonavala on [Date], and I would love to join. We will be visiting the Wax Museum, Narayanidham, Dams, and Duke's Nose. The weather is expected to be pleasant, and it will be a great learning and fun experience.

The contribution for the picnic is ₹500. I kindly request you to send the amount at the earliest so I can confirm my participation. I will also carry all the essentials as mentioned in the notice.

Please grant me permission to go. Looking forward to your reply.

Yours lovingly,
 Mohan

(B) Do anyone of the following activities :

B1. Report writing (5 marks)

Human Rights department had arranged a programme save the rights of a child in your locality. Write a report for the newspaper using the hints.

HINTS

- Free Education
- Facilities for the parents
- Free text – books, note – books etc
- Insurance
- Equal rights
- Free medical Treatment

OR

B2. Dialogue writing

Look at the following News Headline and develop a dialogue between you and your Friend. Use the points given in the call-outs. MASTER-blaster's last innings.

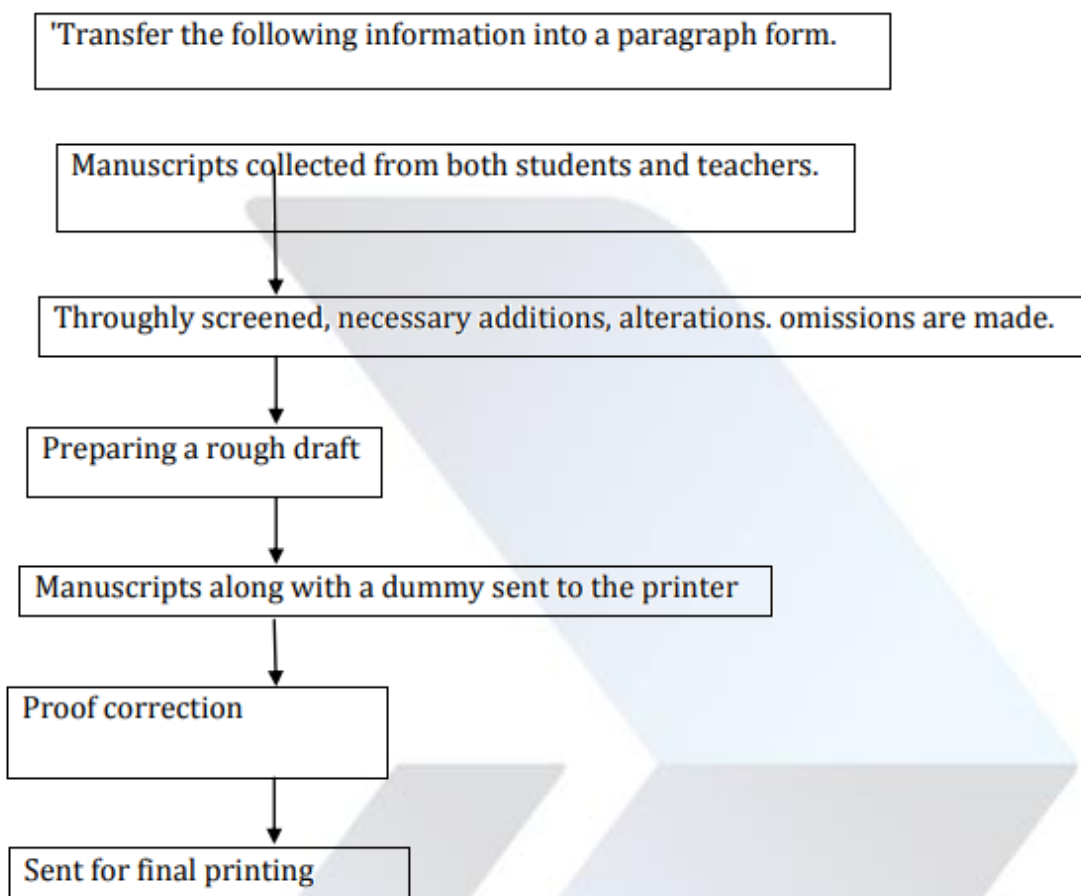
- Bharat Ratna
- Versatile Player
- Teenage icon
- Records broken Awards
- Mixed feelings Citizen's pride

Solution:

Report: Programme on Saving Child Rights Held in Bommasandra, Bengaluru
 Bommasandra, Bengaluru 21st February: The Human Rights Department organised an awareness programme in our locality to highlight the importance of protecting children's rights. The event focused on ensuring free education for all children, along with free textbooks and notebooks to support their learning. Speakers emphasised the need for equal rights for every child, irrespective of their background. Special provisions such as free medical treatment and insurance were discussed to safeguard their health and well-being. Additionally, facilities were promised for parents, ensuring a better environment for children's growth. The programme successfully spread awareness about child rights and received a positive response from the community.

Q.6 (A) Do anyone of the following activities:

A1. Information Transfer (Non-verbal to verbal) (5 marks)



OR

A2. Here are some tips about keeping healthy as given in a Science magazine. Read and write in the form of Do's and Don'ts (table): (5)

You must include vegetables and fruits in your diet and drink a lot of water. You should avoid junk food and aerated water. You shouldn't sit for long period of time. Rather you should exercise regularly. You shouldn't ignore the importance of good breathing habits. Try breathing deeply whenever you think of it. See to it that you sleep for at least 7 hour a day. In fact, you should avoid irregular timings.

Solution:

A2.

Do's	Don'ts
Include vegetables and fruits in your diet.	Avoid junk food and aerated drinks.
Drink plenty of water.	Don't sit for long periods.
Exercise regularly.	Don't ignore good breathing habits.
Breathe deeply whenever possible.	Avoid irregular sleeping habits.
	Sleep for at least 7 hours a day.

(B) Do any one of the following activities : (5 marks)

B1. Speech

Prepare a speech to be delivered by you on 'Environment Day' Celebration in your school, laying stress on conserving the environment. (5)

- Neglecting the threat of nature
- Excessive use of nature
- Imbalance environment
- Deforestation
- Tsunami the best example

OR

B2. View and Counterview.

View: Progress of mankind depends on deforestation.

Counterview:

- (a) Rising population
- (b) Wild-life affected
- (c) Global warming
- (d) Flora and fauna endangered.

Solution:

B2.

Counterview: Progress of mankind does not depend on deforestation

Deforestation is not a necessity for human progress; rather, it poses serious threats to our environment and future generations.

(a) Rising population – Clearing forests for urbanisation and agriculture may seem beneficial, but it leads to long-term ecological imbalance and resource depletion.

Sustainable development is a better alternative.

(b) Wildlife affected – Forests are home to countless species. Destroying them forces animals into human habitats, leading to conflicts and endangering biodiversity.

(c) Global warming – Trees absorb carbon dioxide and regulate climate.

Deforestation accelerates climate change, causing unpredictable weather patterns, rising sea levels, and severe heat waves.

(d) Flora and fauna endangered – Many plant and animal species face extinction due to habitat loss. Conserving forests ensures ecological stability and preserves natural resources for future generations.

Instead of deforestation, mankind should focus on afforestation, sustainable development, and alternative solutions like vertical farming and eco-friendly urban planning.

Q.7 A1. Expansion of ideas (any one) (5 marks)

- (1) Dishonesty never pays in the long run.
- (2) Time and tide wait for none.

OR

A2. Develop a story having one of the above ideas as a moral. Give a suitable title to your story

Solution:

Time and Tide Wait for None

Time is one of the most valuable resources, and once lost, it can never be regained. This proverb emphasises the importance of utilising time wisely because it moves forward without waiting for anyone. Just as the tide follows its natural course, time continues to flow, unaffected by human desires or delays.

Opportunities come and go, and those who fail to act promptly often regret their inaction. History is filled with examples of people who achieved great success by valuing time, while those who wasted it faced failure. A student who procrastinates in studies struggles during exams, and a farmer who delays sowing seeds misses a good harvest.

To make the most of life, one must be disciplined and punctual. Success belongs to those who seize opportunities at the right time. Hence, we must respect time, plan wisely, and act promptly to achieve our goals.