

# English

## (Third language)

### Parts A and B

Time: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

#### PART-A

Q.No.(1-4.) Read the following passage.

The conductor asked the passengers to get down and they all put their strength together to push the bus. Having gained this initial momentum, the bus started. Passengers clambered up, jostling one another, the conductor rang the bell and the bus gradually took on speed. It entered the village reluctantly like a truant child being dragged to school. As it wound its way through the curves on the outskirts, it groaned and croaked like a hen about to lay eggs, and stopped with a bang in front of Bhujaba Patil's residence. As it halted, it gave a big lurch, sending the passengers helter-skelter, churned like water in a pitcher when the carrier stumbles.

All the passengers got down.

The coolie put his hand on a huge wooden box and shouted, Whose box is this?

Bayaji, who was brushing away the dust from his body, answered, 'Oh, it's mine, please lower it down.'

The coolie heaved and grunted as he lowered the box which Bayaji caught with ease.

(The Storeyed House-I)

Answer each of the following questions in three to four sentences.  $4 \times 3 = 12$  marks

1. What did the conductor ask the passengers to do? Why?

**Solution:** The conductor asked the passengers to get down and help push the bus. This was necessary because the bus needed an initial momentum to start moving. Without their combined effort, the bus would not have been able to start.

2. What happened to the passengers when the bus started? Is it common in a bus?

**Solution:** When the bus started, the passengers clambered up, jostling one another. Later, as the bus stopped abruptly in front of Bhujaba Patil's residence, the passengers were thrown about, just like water churning in a pitcher when the carrier stumbles. Such experiences are common in old or poorly maintained buses, especially on rough roads.

3. The coolie heaved and grunted as he lowered the box which Bayaji caught with ease. What do we know about Bayaji from this?

**Solution:** From this, we understand that Bayaji was physically strong. While the coolie struggled to lower the heavy wooden box, Bayaji caught it with ease, suggesting that he was accustomed to lifting heavy loads and was probably used to hard physical labor.

4. Have you ever had such an experience in a bus? How did you feel while traveling in such a bus?

**Solution:** (Personal response – can vary) Yes, I have had a similar experience while travelling in an overcrowded and old bus on a rough road. The jerks and sudden stops made the journey uncomfortable. It was difficult to balance, and at times, I was pushed against other passengers. However, the experience was also memorable as it made me appreciate well-maintained buses even more.

Q.No.(5-8.) Read the following passage.

Now the wife asked everyone she met - she asked the trees - the anthills - the pond - the school where she had studied - the college. After all the shouting and the wailing, she met a friend - and succeeded in recovering her name.

That friend was also like her - married, and a housewife like her, but she had not made swabbing the sole purpose of her life; scrubbing was only a part of her life; she remembered her name and the names of her friends. This particular friend recognized our housewife.

'Sarada ! My dear Sarada !' she shouted and embraced her. The housewife felt like a person - totally parched and dried up, about to die of thirst - getting a drink of cool water from the new earthen kooja poured into her mouth with a spoon and given thus a new life. The friend did indeed give her a new life - 'You are Sarada. You came first in our school in the tenth class. You came first in the music competition conducted by the college. You used to paint good pictures too. We were ton friends altogether - I meet all of them some time or other. We write letters to each other. Only you have gone out of our reach I Tell me why are you living incognito?' her friend confronted her.

'Yes, Pramila - what you say is true. Of course, I'm Sarada - until you said it, I could not remember it - all the shelves of my mind were taken up with only one thing -

how well I can scrub the floors. I remembered nothing else. Had I not met you, I would have gone mad,' said the housewife named Sarada.

(What is my name?)

Answer each of the following questions in three to four sentences.  $4 \times 3 = 12$  marks

5. What was the problem the housewife had?

**Solution:** The housewife had forgotten her own name. She had become so engrossed in household chores, especially scrubbing the floors, that she lost her identity beyond being a housewife. Her entire focus was on maintaining the house, and she no longer remembered who she was before marriage. This realization led her to ask everyone she met, including inanimate objects, about her name, reflecting her deep identity crisis.

6. How was Sarada's friend different from her?

**Solution:** Sarada's friend, though also a housewife, balanced her life and maintained her identity, unlike Sarada, who lost herself in household chores. She remembered her name, stayed connected with friends, and preserved her individuality, while Sarada became consumed by domestic duties.

7. According to Sarada's friend, Sarada was multi-talented. How would you justify her opinion?

**Solution:** Sarada's friend justified her as multi-talented by recalling her past achievements. She reminded Sarada that she had excelled in academics, securing the first position in her tenth-grade class. Additionally, Sarada won a college music competition and was skilled in painting. These accomplishments highlight her diverse talents, which were overshadowed by her monotonous domestic life.

8. Pick Three True statements according to the passage.

- A. Pramila helped Sarada in solving her problem.
- B. Sarada was good at sports.
- C. Sarada went out of reach whereas the others were in touch with each other.
- D. Pramila was a housewife like Sarada.
- E. Sarada's only one friend was Pramila.

**Solution:** The three true statements according to the passage are:

- A. Pramila helped Sarada in solving her problem.

C. Sarada went out of reach whereas the others were in touch with each other.

D. Pramila was a housewife like Sarada.

Q.No. (9-12) Study the table carefully and answer the questions given.

(4x2 = 8 marks)

1. Altham, H. S (1962) A History of Cricket, Volume I (to 1914)  
London: George Allen & Unwin.
2. Ashley-Cooper, F.S. (1900),  
At the Sign of the Wicket : Cricket
3. Goldstein, Dan (2000). The Rough Guide to English Football (2000-2001)  
London : Rough Guides
4. Haygarth, Arthur (1862) Frederick Lillywhite's Cricket Scores & Biographies, Volume I  
(1744-1826). London : Frederick Lillywhite.
5. Webber, Roy (1960). The Phoenix History of Cricket  
London: Phoenix House Ltd.
6. Guha, Ramachandra (2002). A Corner of a Foreign Field - The Indian History of a British Sport. London : Picador.
7. Boria Mazumdar & Goutham Bhattacharya (1971). The Beginning of India's Cricketing Greatness. Harper Publishers, India.
8. Green, Geoffrey (1953). The History of the Football Association. Naldrett Press, London.
9. Sam De Luca (1983). Football Made Easy. Jonathan David Publishers.
10. Anupam Sharma (2006). Complete Handbook of Hockey. Anmol Publications, India.
11. Jim Coleman (1996). The Legends of Hockey. Triumph Books.
12. John F. Murray, Rick Frey (1999). Smart Tennis : How to Play and Win the Mental Game. Wiley.

13. Muniraju S. (2015). A Textbook on Kabaddi. Omni Scriptum Publishing.

14. Patel Kirankumar, Rajeev Choudary (2011). Characteristics of Indian Kabaddi Players. Omni Scriptum Publishing.

15. Ross Walker (2023). Tennis : How to play, how to win. Palmetto Publishing.

9. What information does the table give us? How many entries are made in the list? What are the sports covered?

**Solution:** The table provides a list of books related to various sports, including their authors, publication years, publishers, and locations. There are 15 entries in the list. The sports covered include Cricket, Football, Hockey, Tennis, and Kabaddi.

10. What are the books published between 2000 and 2006?

**Solution:** The books published between 2000 and 2006 are:

The Rough Guide to English Football (2000-2001) – Dan Goldstein

A Corner of a Foreign Field - The Indian History of a British Sport (2002) – Ramachandra Guha

Complete Handbook of Hockey (2006) – Anupam Sharma

11. Write the names of the publishers who published more than one book.

**Solution:** The publisher Omni Scriptum Publishing published two books:

A Textbook on Kabaddi – Muniraju S. (2015)

Characteristics of Indian Kabaddi Players – Patel Kirankumar, Rajeev Choudary (2011)

12. In the given list, which book would you like to read? Why?

**Solution:** I would like to read A Corner of a Foreign Field - The Indian History of a British Sport by Ramachandra Guha because it explores the history of cricket in India and its connection to British colonial rule. This book would provide valuable insights into how cricket evolved in India and its impact on society.

13. Read the passage given below focusing on the parts that are underlined.

Answer any 4 of the questions as directed and write them in the answer booklet.

4×2 = 8 Marks

A hungry crow was flying around looking for food. (i) He saw a big piece of bread. He picked it up. He then flew to a tree. He perched on a branch and looked forward to eating the bread.

(ii) A fox was passing by. He saw the crow. "The bread is very tasty," the fox said to himself, "I have to find a way to get it."

The fox said to the crow, "(iii) You are the most beautiful bird in the world. You are the king of all the birds. You must have a sweet voice."

(iv) The crow was pleased with the fox's words. He couldn't say a word. He had the bread in his beak.

(v) The fox said to the crow "Please sing a song for me."

The crow couldn't control himself. He at once raised his head and began to sing.

The bread fell right in front of the fox.

(vi) The fox gobbled up the bread.

### **Solution:**

(i) No sooner had the crow picked up the bread than he flew to a tree.

(ii) While passing by, the fox saw the crow sitting on the tree with a piece of bread.

(iii) Rewrite the sentence using 'No other' - No other bird in the world is as beautiful as you.

(iv) Combine the two sentences using 'although'.

Although the crow was pleased with the fox's words, he couldn't say a word as he had the bread in his beak.

(v) The fox requested the crow to sing a song for him.

(vi) The bread was gobbled up by the fox.

14. In the text 'Environment', we have come across Wangari Maathai, the first African woman who won the Nobel Prize. She started the Green Belt Movement in the rural areas of Africa aiming at reforestation and achieved her goal.

Imagine you are the news reporter of NHK Radio and write a possible interview script with Wangari Maathai.

10×1= 10Marks

- You may use the following ideas.
- Problems identified in rural areas.
- Causes of the problems.
- Activities taken up by the Green Belt Movement.
- Changes observed.
- Message to the present society.

### **Solution:**

NHK Radio Interview with Wangari Maathai

Reporter: Good morning, listeners! Today, we are honored to have Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Prize and the founder of the Green Belt Movement. Welcome, Ms. Maathai!

Wangari Maathai: Thank you! I'm happy to be here.

Reporter: What were the major problems in rural areas that led you to start the Green Belt Movement?

Wangari Maathai: Many areas suffered from deforestation, soil erosion, and lack of clean water. Women struggled to find firewood, and farming became difficult, leading to poverty.

Reporter: What were the main causes of these problems?

Wangari Maathai: The main cause was excessive tree cutting without replanting. Poor land management and lack of awareness made the situation worse.

Reporter: How did the Green Belt Movement help?

Wangari Maathai: We encouraged tree planting to restore forests, improve soil, and provide resources for local communities. We also trained people in environmental conservation.

Reporter: What changes have you seen?

Wangari Maathai: Forests have grown back, rivers have been restored, and farming has improved. Women have also gained financial independence by selling tree seedlings.

Reporter: That's wonderful! What message do you have for today's society?

Wangari Maathai: We must protect nature. Plant trees, save water, and fight climate change. Every small effort makes a big difference!

Reporter: Thank you, Ms. Maathai! Your work is truly inspiring.

Wangari Maathai: Thank you! Let's all plant a tree and make the world greener.

15. In the text 'The Dear Departed', we have come across Abel Merryweather. He was fed up with his two daughters, Amelia and Elizabeth. He decided to marry Mrs. John Shorrocks next Sunday at the Ring O' Bells.

Imagine you are Abel Merryweather and write a message addressing Amelia.

5×1=5Marks

### Solution:

Dear Amelia,

I have had enough of your selfishness and greed. Instead of caring for me, you and Elizabeth were only interested in my belongings. I never expected my own daughters to behave this way.

I have decided to take charge of my own life. Next Sunday, I will be marrying Mrs. John Shorrocks at the Ring O' Bells. She respects and values me, something I never received from you. I hope you understand that I deserve happiness too.

Goodbye,

Abel Merryweather

16. Indiscriminate use of plastic causes a threat to environment. The toxic materials in plastic affect our life leading to cancer and other serious health issues.

Imagine you are the Secretary of School Eco-club and prepare a poster to bring awareness on the use of plastic. You may use appropriate illustrations with relevant information.

5×1=5Marks

### Solution:

🚫 Say NO to Plastic! 🌍 Save Our Planet!

📣 Plastic Pollution – A Silent Killer!



● Harmful Effects of Plastic:

- ✗ Causes air, water, and soil pollution
- ✗ Releases toxic chemicals, leading to cancer & health issues
- ✗ Harms marine life & wildlife
- ✗ Takes hundreds of years to decompose

🌱 What Can We Do?

- Use cloth or jute bags instead of plastic bags
- Carry a steel or glass water bottle
- Say NO to single-use plastics (straws, cutlery, cups)
- Encourage recycling & proper disposal

Let's Act Now! Every small step makes a big difference.

🚀 Join the Green Movement!

Eco-Club, [Your School Name]

🌱 Protect Nature – Reduce Plastic! 🌿 ♻️

