**SPECIAL 26 SPECIAL PRACTICE PAPER**

**SUB: ENGLISH**

**STD: 12TH MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 3 HRS DATE:**

**SECTION: A**

**READING COMPREHENSION, GRAMMAR, NOTE-MAKING & SUMMARY WRITING**

**Q.1 (A).Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below: (11)**

I chose a publisher by the simple expedient of closing my eyes and pricking a catalogue with a pin. I dispatched the completed manuscript and promptly forgot about it.

In the days which followed I gradually regained my health, and I began to chafe at idleness. I wanted to be back in harness.

At last my date of deliverance drew near. I went around the village saying good-bye to the simple folk who had become my friends. As I entered the post office, the postmaster presented me with a telegram- an urgent invitation to meet the publisher. I took it straight away and showed it, without a word to John Angus.

The novel I had thrown away was chosen by the Book Society, dramatized and serialised, translated into 19 languages, bought by Hollywood. It has sold a millions of copies. It altered my life radically, beyond my wildest dreams…..and all because of a timely lesson in the grace of perseverance.

But that lesson goes deeper still. Today, when the air resounds with the shrill defeatist cries, when half our stricken world is wailing in discouragement: “What is the use…to work…to save……to go on living…with Armageddon round the corner?” I am glad to recollect it. The door is wide open to darkness and despair. The way to close that door is to go on doing whatever job we are doing and to finish it.

The virtue of all achievement, as to known by my old Scot farmer, is victory over oneself. Those who know the victory can never know defeat.

1. What do you learn from this extract? 1
2. How did the novel thrown away by the writer achieve success? 2
3. What philosophy does the narrator put forth in this extract? 2
4. The narrator says, “The virtue of all achievement is victory over oneself.” Do you agree with him? Justify your answer. 2
5. GRAMMAR;
6. As I entered the post office. The post master presented me with a telegram, (Make it Compound) 1
7. I went around the village. (Change it into Past Perfect Continuous Tense) 1
8. It has sold millions of copies, (Change the voice) 1
9. What does the following words in the extract mean: I) expedient ii} wailing 1

**(B) NON-TEXTUAL GRAMMAR (4)**

1. And for last nine years, I have been freelance columnist. (Insert an appropriate article wherever it is necessary and rewrite the sentence) 1

2. Let me refer this matter……….the Principal. We shall abide………..his decision. (Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition) 1

3. “The beauty, the serenity and the bhakti that we felt when we reached Manasarovar and Kailash are inexplicable, I felt as if my life’s ambition and dreams had got fulfilled”. Said Mr. Jugal Kishor Chandak, (change it into indirect speech) 2

**Q.2. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below: (11)**

Hard labour is the watchword of our times. And Panditji, you have given us the message of building Maharashtra and our nation by hard labour. We are going to inscribe this valuable message on our minds and try our best to look at your blessings and your guidance, as the blessings and guidance as an epoch maker.

And now, following our age old tradition, I pray to God to remove darkness from the life of sinful. This prayer has been taught to us by Dnyaneshwar. It is from our saints that we have got the blessings and the philosophy that the darkness of the evil should vanish from this world and truth only should prevail. They have taught us the principal of equality and taught us to fight against the injustice. Our leaders have given us the message of patriotism and self-government. Against the backdrop of this message, I would like to promise on this auspicious occasion that Maharashtra will never forget the divine message given by Mahatma Gandhi through his person.

On behalf of myself, the Marathi people and the Government of Maharashtra, I thank the Honourable Governor and Panditji. I pray to God to let this new Maharashtra prosper, let its brightness grow and let this brightness be spent on the welfare of India and humanity.

1. What is the extract about? 1
2. What does the speaker pray to God? 2
3. Whose teaching and philosophy has been mentioned in the extract? What is it? 2
4. What is your vision of India? 2
5. GRAMMAR:
6. The darkness of evil should vanish from the world. (Rewrite using another Modal Auxiliary showing Necessity) 1
7. It is from our saints that we have got the blessings. (Make it Simple) 1
8. I pray to God to remove darkness from the life of sinful. (Frame a ‘Wh’question so that underlined part will be an answer) 1
9. Vocabulary: find out the words from the extract which mean (i) word/phrases expressing belief (ii) condition in which something happens 1

**(B) NOTE MAKING: 4**

Read the following extract carefully and present the information in the form of notes on the topic ‘Disaster Management’ with the help of the given clues.

Disaster is an event that causes sudden great loss. It is an unexpected and unpredictable event for which people are not prepared. It causes irrecoverable loss to life and property. The losses caused by disaster causes have long term effect. Wider geographical area come under grip of disaster. It has intensity to affect larger size of population. It affects seriously on society in terms of cultural, political, legal, economical and other related environmental factors, natural disasters includes earthquakes, floods, cyclones, Tsunami, landslide, volcanic eruption, epidemic etc. chemical and gas leakages , accidents, industrial fires, structural collapse, radiations, wars are called man-made disaster.

Disaster management is important because it can forecast probable disaster and can take action before its occurrence, rescue operations can be undertaken by disaster management at the occurrence of earthquakes, floods, landslides etc. different rehabilitation programmes can be implemented successfully in the affected area by the team. Disaster management can successfully coordinate with other agencies for financial, medical and legal assistance. The team can release the tension developed due to disaster through psychological, financial and material support. The disaster management team helps in preserving and protecting environment losses due to disasters. It promotes social forestation and it can insist for banning the use of non- decaying substance like plastic.

TITLE- DISATER MANAGEMENT

1. Disaster
2. Unexpected and unprecedented event causing sudden great loss
3. …………………………………………………………………..
4. …………………………………………………………………..
5. ……………………………………
6. Wider geographical area affected
7. Ill effect………………………………………..
8. Ill effect on…………..
9. Types of Disaster
10. Natural disaster- earthquakes, …………………………………
11. Man-made disaster-…………………………………………….
12. Importance of Disaster Management
13. Forecasting of disasters
14. ……………………….
15. Providing relief measures
16. ………………………………..
17. Coordination with other agencies
18. ………………………………….
19. Protecting environment

**Q.3 (A).Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below: (11)**

Around 350 differently abled children gathered at Cooperage Ground in Colaba to make the Sunday morning memorable. They participated in fun field sports event, Spirit 2016, organised by the Team Mystiquein association with the Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai. Governor Vidyasagar Rao chaired the event along with social activist Shina NC and MD of Being Human, Manish Mandhana.

The happy faces from eight schools and NGOs catering to children with special needs couldn’t hide their enthusiasm. The children included those with visual and hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, motor impairment, autism, mental illness and learning disabilities.

A delighted Governor said, “Such events inspire the children, motivate them. Such events strengthen their confidence.” Being Human’s Mandhan said, “They are blessed with being special. We must encourage them to do something special.” The partners and sponsors, including corporate bigwigs such as Aditya Birla Group Being Human Foundation, Club Mahindra left no stone unturned to ensure that the world class facilities were extended towards the cause.

According to experts concentrated training can bring a lot of changes to these kid’s physical and mental behaviour. Head trainer Dattaram said, “I saw phenomenal change in the children, earlier, a lot of them couldn’t jump or communicate as their gross and fine motor skills were not up to the mark. They lacked confidence in themselves. The training and motivation has uplifted their confidence. Student, Rishikesh Pkhre came to me one day and said, “I will come first if I get selected.” It gave me immense happiness. (DNA MUMBAI)

1. What is the extract about? 1
2. Where did these differently abled children come from and what problems they were suffering from? 2
3. What did the head trainer see in these kids? 2
4. How will you inspire/ motivate differently abled children? 2
5. Do as directed:
6. Around 350 differently abled children gathered at Cooperage Ground in Colaba to make the Sunday morning memorable. (Rewrite using ‘ing’ form of the underlined word) 1
7. Children with special needs couldn’t hide their enthusiasm. (Rewrite using ‘be able to’ ) 1
8. I will come first if I get selected. (Rewrite using ‘unless’) 1
9. Find the words from the passage which mean- 1
10. In large amount
11. Remarkable

**B) Summary Writing: 4**

Write the summary of the above extract with the help of following points and give a suitable title-

Sports event- problems of differently abled children – inspiration – training – changes in children.

**SECTION- B (POETRY)**

**Q.4 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below: 4**

I celebrate the virtues and vices

of suburban middle-class people

who overwhelm the refrigerator

and position colourful umbrellas

near the garden that longs for a pool;

for my middle-class brother

the principle of this supreme luxury

what are you and what am I, and we go on

deciding the real truth in this truth.

The truth of that dream we buy on credit

of not going to the office on Saturday, at last,

and the merciless bosses whom the worker

manufacturers in indivisible granaries

where executioners were always born

and grow up and always multiply.

1. Who are the executioners? Why? 1
2. Do you think the middle-class is marginalised in cities? Why? 1
3. Find out and explain the figure of speech in the following line:

“What are you and what am I” 1

1. Which symbols are used in this extract? What do they symbolize? 1

**(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: 4**

My father told the tenants to leave

Who lived in the houses surrounding our house on the hill

One by one the structures were demolished

Only our own house remained and the trees.

Tress are sacred my grandmother used to say

Felling them is a crime but he massacred them all

The Sheoga, the Oudumbur, the Neem were all cut down

But the huge banyan tree stood like a problem

Whose roots lay deeper than all our lives

My father ordered it to be removed.

1. Why was the banyan tree a problem? 1
2. How do trees help in enriching human life? 1
3. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line:

“But the huge banyan tree stood like a problem” 1

1. The poem has a pictorial quality. Pick up such expressions from the extract. 1

**SECTION-C (RAPID READING)**

**Q.5. (A)** Read the following extract and rewrite it as if you were Roma: you may begin your answer like this: I (Roma) was then a little girl with light, almost luminous curls……. 4

On the other side of the fence, I spotted someone: a little girl with light, almost luminous curls. She was half hidden behind a birch tree.

I glanced around to make sure no one saw me. I called to her softly in German. “Do you have something to eat?”

She didn’t understand.

I inched closer to the fence and repeated the question Polish. She stepped forward. I was thin and gaunt, with rags wrapped around my feet, but the girl looked unafraid. In her eyes, I saw life.

She pulled an apple from her woollen jacket and threw it over the fence.

I grabbed the fruit and, as I started to run away, I heard her say faintly, “I’ll see tomorrow.”

I returned to the same spot by the fence at the same time every day. She was always there with something for me to eat- a hunk of bread or, better yet, an apple.

We didn’t dare speak or linger. To be caught would mean death for us both.

I didn’t know anything about her, just a kind farm girl, except that she understood Polish. What was her name? Why was she risking her life for me?

Hope was in such short supply, and this girl on the other side the fence gave me some, as nourishing in its way as the bread and apples.

Nearly seven months later, my brother and were crammed into a coal car and shipped to Theresienstadt camp in Czechoslovakia.

**(B.1) Read the following extract and convert it into a dialogue. 4**

You may begin your answer as follows:

The Lark: The evening has come and nobody appears to bring me a drop of water, tweet, tweet.

The evening came and nobody appeared to bring the poor bird a drop of water; it opened its beautiful wings, and fluttered about in its anguish; a faint and mournful “Tweet, tweet,” was all it could utter, then it bent its little head towards the flower, and its heart broke for want and longing. The flower could not, as on the previous evening, fold up its petals and sleep; it drooped sorrowfully. The boys only came the next morning: when they saw the dead bird, they began to cry bitterly, dug a nice grave for it, and adored it with flowers. The bird’s body was placed in a pretty red box; they wished to bury it with royal honours. While it was alive and sang they forgot it, and let it suffer want in the cage; now, they cried over it and covered it with flowers. The piece of turf, with the little daisy in it, was thrown out on the dusty highway. Nobody thought of the flower which had felt so much for the bird and had so greatly desired to comfort it.

**OR**

**(B.2)** Read the following extract and extend it by adding an imaginary paragraph of your own in about 120 words.

“I know you’re interested in detective stories,” She wrote during the summer term, and that you fancy yourself a Sherlock Holmes or Elley queen. So what do you make of this strange happening? Last week we decided to clear out an old store-room that hadn’t been opened for years. The keys were missing, so we have to break open the lock inside there was a lot of old furniture, rotting carpets, dusty files, broken flower pots, even a mounted tiger’s head. There were two or three locked cupboards which had to be forced open. Nothing much in the first two, but third cupboard gave everyone a fright. As Triloki, our billiard-marker, pulled open the door, a skeleton tumbled out! I mean a complete human skeleton, it must have been there for twenty or more years. How did it get there, and why? If you were here, you could do some detective work, but you’ll have to wait for the winter holidays. Of course, we had to inform the police, and they took the skeleton away, saying they’d have it examined. But I doubt if they’ll do much about it. It’s obviously someone who died long ago- perhaps a hotel guest! - and someone here decided to hush it up. Suicide, murder, accident, probably we will never know…?”

**SECTION- D WRITING SKILL**

**Q.6 A. LETTER WRITING: (ANY ONE) 4**

Prepare a letter of application with the help of the given information:

Vikas patil, aged 21, residing at Shyamsunadr Apartment, Lokhandwala Complex, Oshiwara, Goregaon (West), Mumbai wants to apply for the post of salesman. Having passed SSC he has served as a salesman for 2 years at M.G. Emporium, M.G. Rd, Goregaon (West).

He knows Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi and English. Considering yourself as Vikas Patil write a letter of application for the post of salesman.

WANTED SALESMANS

SSC, HSC PASSED, EXPERIENCED

CANDIDATES PREFRRED,

Write To:

The Manager,

Khadi Gramodyog Bhvan, F. M. Rd,

Nariman Point, Mumbai-400001

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the water pollution in your area, (You are avi Shinde, A/32, Ganga Sagar Complex, Tilak Rd, Kurla Mumbai-70)

**(B) TOURIST LEAFLET: 4**

Write a short tourist leaflet on any Historical place that you know with the help of the following points.

\*How to go?

\* Where to stay?

\* Time to visit,

\* What to see?

\* Shopping attractions

\* Anything special

**OR**

Recently your junior college celebrated World Environment Day by planting trees. Write a short report about it for your college magazine.

**(C) Information Transfer: 4**

Read the following table and write a paragraph about daily railway ticket booking in Mumbai.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mode/ Form | Tickets Booked Everyday | Charges per ticket  Sleeper T. | Charges per ticket  AC/FC |
| Cell- phones  Launched in Jan-2005 | 20 | Rs, 40 | Rs. 60 |
| Internet | 2,000 | Rs. 40 | Rs. 60 |
| Agents | 3,000 | Rs. 25 | Rs, 40 |
| Counter Booking | 25,000 | Rs. 00 | Rs. 00 |

**OR**

Prepare a paragraph to be used for the Counter- view section on the following topic.

Is Being Ambitious Good?

Being Ambitious is Good

View Section

* Ambition gives direction to life.
* A man without ambition is like a ship without rudder.
* Ambition helps to explore things around us.
* To test success in life we have to take a risk.
* Ambitious nature forces to work hard.

**Q.7 (A) Framing Interview Question : (At least 8 questions) 4**

Frame questions that you would like to ask the Rio Olympics Silver Medal winner P. V. Sindhu focussing on the challenges and difficulties faced by her in her journey as a Badminton player.

**OR**

**Speech Writing: 3**

Prepare a speech to deliver in an Intercollegiate elocution Competition on “How to achieve great success in life?”

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