

1st Prelim - Model Answer Paper

English

Time : 3 Hrs.

(Pages 10)

Marks : 80

SECTION A : (Prose)	
Q.1	(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :
A.1	The author visited his mother two weeks after his home-run.
A.2	The author was eager to meet his mother as he wanted to show the videotape of his home-run.
A.3	The announcer's words were a great relief since now the author's mother who was in her last stage of breast cancer, would die peacefully and happily, basking in the success of her son's winning home run. It was a very emotional moment for both mother and son since all baseball lovers across the country witnessed the dramatic home run on T.V. and heard the announcer's sentimental statement crediting the same to his ailing mother.
A.4	Do as directed : (i) No other words that my mom had heard were as sweet as Kalas had uttered. (Positive) (ii) It is indeed a great feeling.
A.5	(i) (a) utterance (b) connection (ii) (a) discontinue (b) unrecorded
A.6	The last sentence indicates that John Morris's mother did not wish to die before she could herself see the successful completion of her son's baseball season. Now after the completion of the season she knew that her son would be there at her bedside when she was dying. Therefore, happily and peacefully she succumb to the cancer.
(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :	
A.1	The interview was for a qualified sales person in the narrator's company.
A.2	The company required a salesperson who was experienced in the telemarketing communications industry, knew the local market, had experience with the various types of systems available, had a professional behaviour and was a self starter.
A.3	The narrator was busy with the tiresome process of interviewing prospective people when the Cowboy walked in. One look at him was enough to realise

	<p>that he did not fit the bill of a salesman. Surely the narrator must have been exasperated to see him and wanted to tell him off.</p>	
<p>A.4</p>	<p>Do as directed : (i) Sitting down in front of my desk he took off his cap. (ii) He announced that all was over now, didn't he?</p>	
<p>A.5</p>	<p>(i) (a) unprofessional (b) disqualified (ii) (a) succeed (b) imagine</p>	
<p>A.6</p>	<p>The author knew that he was a cowboy because he wore corduroy pants and a corduroy jacket that didn't match the pants; a short-sleeved snap-button shirt; a tie that came about halfway down the chest with a huge knot; he wore boots; and a baseball cap. Thus, he understood he was a Cowboy by looking at his appearance.</p>	
<p>Q.2</p>	<p>(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :</p>	
<p>A.1</p>	<p>The passage informs us about Korea.</p>	
<p>A.2</p>	<p>To shake hands and bow a bit when introduced is considered good manners. When presented with a card, you too must present yours after studying their card for a while. Direct eye contact, blowing one's nose in public or taking one's shoes into the house are all regarded as bad manners.</p>	
<p>A.3</p>	<p>The Koreans are friendly once one gets to know them and one is familiar with their customs and manners. Knowing their etiquette helps to get a friendly response from them and they can then be quite hospitable to strangers.</p>	
<p>A.4</p>	<p>Do as directed : (i) They can appear to be distant to a stranger - Main Clause. although they're a hospitable people - Subordinate Adverb clause of concession . (ii) Remember to leave your shoes at the front door, will you?</p>	
<p>A.5</p>	<p>(i) (a) important (b) courteous (ii) (a) immediately (b) traditionally</p>	
<p>A.6</p>	<p>In our country it is considered to be good manners to eat after everyone of the guests have been served and to touch the feet of the elders. Taking flowers and chocolate is also common in France and Germany but never take chrysanthemums as they are associated with death nor 13 in number, as it is considered unlucky. The British don't use first names unless very well acquainted and the Japanese bow low to greet when they meet.</p>	

	<p>(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :</p> <p>A.1 Mr. Khanna, a Travelling Ticket Examiner, entered the coach from the other end.</p> <p>A.2 When the narrator saw that his friends were safe in the compartment, he heaved a sigh of relief.</p> <p>A.3 Raman considers the appearance of the T.T.E. to be bad luck as it would mean that the boys would have to pay a penalty.</p> <p>A.4 Do as directed :</p> <p>(i) Was he anywhere on the platform? (ii) Raman commented that it was sheer bad luck.</p> <p>A.5 (i) (a) relieve (b) sympathise (ii) (a) recede (b) peep</p> <p>A.6 Yes, I have travelled without ticket once in my life. It was a Sunday and I had to attend my sports club. I was late when I started from home and there was a long queue at the ticket counter. So, I decided that I should board the train without ticket. I had to get down at Dadar. But unfortunately T.C. was on platform and he could very easily make out from my expression that I was ticketless. I had to pay penalty. From that day onwards, I decided that I would always travel with a valid ticket.</p> <p>Q.3 Do as directed :</p> <p>A.1 She said "My brother met with an accident on Friday." A.2 Amazing curative powers are ascribed by Ayurveda to the tulsi. A.3 at, through, with, on.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION B : (Poetry)</p> <p>Q.4 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :</p> <p>A.1 The poet believes that God loves us as we are, whether big, small or flabby. A.2 The poet has addressed this poem to all those who are trying to make the poet exercise to become slim and lose his flab. A.3 I don't think that joining a gym is essential for physical fitness as living a healthy life filled with hard work, physical sports and a proper balanced diet is the real key. To be fit is more important than being slim. This can also be achieved through natural activities like walking, climbing stairs etc. A.4 (a) devotion (b) conviction A.5 "That includes both big and small" - the words 'big' and 'small' have opposite meaning.</p>	
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	<p>(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :</p> <p>A.1 use life thoroughly.</p> <p>A.2 Life isn't something to be stored in the chest. Life isn't something to be sipped now and then.</p> <p>A.3 One can be a success in life by making the most of life and using it in the service of mankind.</p> <p>A.4 a. fixed and dull ways.</p> <p>A.5 (day, away), (chest, best), (grooves, improves)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION C : (Rapid Reading)</p> <p>Q.5 Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :</p> <p>A.1 Mr. Henry Baker's appearance and manners confirmed Sherlock Holmes' assumption perfectly.</p> <p>A.2 The statement made by Holmes' that his goose had been eaten, made him 'upset' but when he was offered a new goose, he accepted it 'gladly'. Thus 'upset' and 'glady' are the two contrasting words that are used to show Mr. Baker's feelings.</p> <p>A.3 As Mr. Baker had gladly accepted another goose as a substitute for the lost one, Holmes was sure that Mr. Baker was unaware of the value of his lost goose.</p> <p>A.4 It is almost impossible to judge a person correctly by his exterior or behaviour. However, through a critical analysis and reflection, one can fairly deduce what type of a person he is. For that you need the ability to use your grey cells. If only a person keeps his eyes and ears open and has an analytical mind, he can assess other people almost correctly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION D : (Writing Skill)</p> <p>Q.6 (A) Write any of the following :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A/4, Godrej Colony, Vikhroli (W), Mumbai. 1st January, 2009.</p> <p>The Police Commissioner, Vikhroli Police Station, Vikhroli (W), Mumbai.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subject : Complaint against Mobile thefts.</p> <p>Sir,</p>
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I, the undersigned am a resident of Vikhroli and a daily commuter of the Central Railway. I wish to lodge a complain about the increase in thefts of mobile phones at the Vikhroli station.

Last week I lost my mobile while alighting from the train at Vikhroli while returning home from work. I clearly remember attending the last call after the train left Ghatkopar and then keeping in my shirt pocket. While getting down I could clearly feel a group of passengers surrounding me jostling me around. When I realised that I had lost my mobile, I immediately lodged a complain with the railway police at the station. Then I learnt from other people that many such cases had been registered in the past two weeks.

Now that I recollect the moment while getting down I realise that there is a gang involved and stealing mobile phones of commuters during peak hours is actually a racket. Kindly look into the matter at the earliest and relieve us from this problem.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
XYZ.

OR

24, Lajpat Nagar,
Colaba,
Date: 19th Aug. 2009

Dear Seema,

I wish to thank you for the special invitation that you had sent to me to visit the Painting Exhibition held at Jehangir Art Gallery. It was indeed a wonderful experience for me to see the beautiful Rajasthani Paintings being displayed over there.

I was also happy to note your personal interest in each paintings, the minute details that you gave me, helped me to appreciate it even more. I know, you too are interested in holding an exhibition of your own. I wish you all the best and I am sure your exhibition too would be a great success. Thank you once again for such a colourful experience.

Loving yours,
X.Y.Z.

(B) Write any of the following :

Factfile :

- Location** : In Maharashtra along the western ghats.
Distance from : 117 km South West of Pune Mumbai 156 km. from Mumbai by road.
Modes of Transport : By train from Mumbai to Pune. Thereafter, by bus/car or by bus from Mumbai.
Uniqueness : Hill Station, historical place. It was summer capital during British Raj.
Best time of the year to visit : November, December.
Accommodation : Ripon Hotel, Room's cost Rs.300/-, 500/- MTDC. Holiday Resort, Poonam Hotel.
What to see : Elphinstone Babington, Kates point, offers fine views.
Its Importance : Well known for Pratapgad and Raigad Forts, Panchganga Temples & water falls.
Anything special : Well known for strawberries and rasberries jam, Veena lake, boating and fishing facilities.

OR

TV Advertisements - Opinion Poll Results

A survey was conducted in Thane city, on the topic "TV advertising - should it be controlled?" the majority of the students felt that the advertisements of only certain products like alcohol, tobacco etc. should be banned from TV. Very few people had an opinion that there is no restriction on TV ads because it is the medium which reaches out to many people. Few people opined that ads must be on TV only after 8 p.m. as it is study time for children. But less than a quarter of the people had a strong opinion that ads should be completely banned on TV as they disturb the continuity of any programme.

Q.7 (A) Write any one of the following :

- Father** : Uday, What are your plans for this summer vacation? How are you going to spend the time?
Uday : Papa, I am planning to join a Sports camp.
Father : Why don't you join Cricket Club.
Uday : No Papa, after watching the inter district kho-kho competition. I have developed liking for the game. This ground sport gives

	<p>lot of physical exercise in short span of time.</p> <p>Father Yes, otherwise in cricket we spend days & waste our time.</p> <p>Uday : Also, Papa this game doesn't pinch your pocket. It is just two poles and small ground which is required.</p> <p>Father : Yes, son I am very happy to know about your interest in our states games. I am proud of your decision.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Speech</p> <p>Respected Headmistress, members of the staff and my dear friends.</p> <p>Today I stand before you to share my thoughts on importance of environment, on this Environment Day. June 5th, as you all are aware, is celebrated as Environment Day.</p> <p>The time has come for us to think seriously about our environment and its problems.</p> <p>God made this world clean and pure but man came to spoil this. His greed has no end. His new scientific inventions and various pollution resulting out of it are creating a havoc for the environment.</p> <p>Man should be aware that his every new invention is resulting into one or the other waste. He has also learnt to recycle that waste. But he doesn't want to spend money on that. And the most important thing that man does is to destroy the things in nature that can take care of waste. Trees take care of all excess CO₂ & CO in the air and releases O₂ but man cuts down want only.</p> <p>I feel, as students, we can spread awareness regarding saving our environment by helping the NGOs like "Friends of Nature", "Save the World" etc. Let us pledge today that each one of us would plant a tree and take care of it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>(B) Write any of the following :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARATHON MOMENTS</p> <p>Mumbai, January 22 :</p> <p>Thousands of people belonging to different vocations converged at the historic Victoria Terminus building on January 21, Sunday morning to take part in the Mumbai Marathon.</p> <p>Organisers of the annual event said that an estimated 15,000 athletes took part in the 7 km. long 'Dream Run' while over 5000 participated in the half marathon. Professional athletes, senior citizens, students, physically</p>	
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challenged and celebrities rubbed shoulders with each other. The air that hung over the Arabian sea was thick with spirit. Helicopters hovering overhead elicited an enormous response from people. There was some electric music to inject vigour into the participants. Merry marathons were shouting slogans. For many, the event was a chance to improve upon their timings. Software professional Bhaskar Sharma from Bangalore, who came for the event along with 30 friends to take part in the race, said he ran for fun. Celebrities traded their glitzy dresses for over-sized T-shirts and ran uninhibitedly alongside the rest of the city's marathoners. Half marathon was covered in 1 hour 8 min. and 03 seconds by Deepchand and Madhuri Gurnule and full marathon had the runners from the African continent stealing the show in 2 hours, 12 min. and 28 seconds.

Security was tight and no untoward incidents happened during the Standard Chartered - sponsored marathon.

OR

Student : Good Morning, teacher.

Teacher : Good Morning.

Student : Teacher, how do you feel on your special day 'Teacher's Day?'

Teacher : I really feel very special. I am happy that I am in this noble profession of moulding the future citizens.

Student : Does your responsibility end here?

Teacher : No, my child. It is my duty to instill good values in them and help them to develop their personality.

Student : Many say that it is a thankless job. Do you agree?

Teacher : Well, it is my option. I feel that it is not a thankless job. The smiling faces of student is more than anything else in this world.

Student : What are the problems that you face?

Teacher : Well, nowadays the classes are overcrowded, so it becomes difficult to reach out to each child. In spite of all odds, we try to give our best to the students.

Students : Any inspiring message for us?

Teacher : All I can say is : "Be humble wherever you are and conquer the world with love."

Student : Thank you and Happy Teacher's day to you.

Q.8 Expand the idea in 100 words on any one topic.

1.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

It is said that, 'Peace begins at home. But do we understand what this really means ? I guess in this fast paced life of today we have forgotten as to what is a true happy home.

Mother Teresa, a famous personality has said, "Now-a-days people are so busy that they do not have time for each other, children for their parents, parents for their children, spouse for each other". We are so very occupied with ourselves, that we fail to find out whether there is someone in our own family who is in need. In todays world there are people within a family who are thirsty for love, others who are financially in need.

It is our moral duty as human beings to enquire about others and to try and satisfy their needs emotionally as well as materially. We must not lose ourselves in our offices or studies and imagine that we are doing some very important work. We must make time for one another and be everyday to help others. For example, if a child has a problem in his or her studies it is the moral duty of the parents to help the child rather than ignore them by saying that they are busy. If we are good to someone in our own family or give a kind and comforting word to them when they are distressed, it will fill the person with some joy and happiness that is hard to express.

These people in turn will be good to people whom they come in contact with and this network of charity and love will gradually spread to the whole world making this place a better place to live in. But to make all this a reality it is necessary for us to help others in our family, our own home. I feel that the precious value of charity should be inculcated in the young hearts and curious minds of children by parents as they are the future. Hence I feel that it is rightly said that 'Charity begins at home'.

2.

PRACTICE MAKES ONE PERFECT

The above proverb suggests that if a man puts in hard work and practices, he is sure to achieve perfection. Nobody on this earth is perfect. But according to Robert Browning, a poet, if we set perfection as our goal we will definitely reach somewhere near it.

If a person has a poor writing and due to which he faces failures, if he makes up his mind to improve it and finally does so by sheer practice, he has won the game. If a student is weak in Maths, he can improve provided

he practices Maths everyday with his heart and soul. We can definitely make a difference by practising as it almost makes us perfect.

3.

SPORTS & ACADEMICS GO HAND IN HAND

It hardly needs to be proved that the academics and sports go hand in hand. These are an inseparable couple. The scientific evidence has established that sports are essential for the brain and not only for the body. As we all know that there are more than 35 million cells in the human brain, of which many are dormant and some active. The scientists have discovered that a student who is regular in sports has 20% to 25% more activated cells than a student who is not active in sports. This reinforces the age old saying that “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.”

Sports help a child to develop confidence. He becomes capable to face the vagaries of real life. The sportsmanspirit helps a student to laugh even when he loses. Every person has to taste the bitter loss and sweet win in his life. It is only a sports person who can bravely face the burdens and tensions of real life.

Thus, students should not only achieve academic success but also take part in games and sports. They should learn to strike a balance between sports and studies which will help them to have a well developed personality.

