

BOARD QUESTION PAPER : OCTOBER 2014

ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION – I

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.1. (A) Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities that follow: [10 marks]

A1. True or False

State whether the following statements are true or false. (2)

- (i) Rocks take the shape that the water commands.
- (ii) The spider webs are delicate as well as weak.
- (iii) Our problems are big and so are we.
- (iv) The teamwork and perseverance of ants was impressive.

We went to a rocky beach and saw the spread of the majestic ocean and the rocks alongside, carved, sculpted and shaped by the water. Water is so gentle, rock so hard, yet, as the water flows over it every day, for years, the rock gives in. It takes the shape that the water commands. Our problems are so colossal and we are so small, yet if we persist...

We saw small bits of grass peeping through the small cracks in a concrete pavement. It left us thinking : however impossible things may look, there is always an opening...

We saw a tree bare of all leaves in the cold winter months. We thought its chapter was over. But three months passed, spring set in and the tree was back to its green majesty once again, full of leaves, flowers, birds and life. What if we too had the conviction that, however difficult things are right now, it will not remain so for ever. Remember, this too shall pass.

We saw an army of ants lugging a fly which was at least ten times the ant's size. The ants organized themselves around the fly, lifted it on frail feelers and carried it to quite a distance. Their teamwork and perseverance were impressive. What if we too are consistent, organized, focused... Spider webs are delicate, yet very strong. A rainbow colours the entire sky.

A2. Complete (2)

- (i) Bits of grass leaves us thinking that _____.
- (ii) If we have the conviction then _____.
- (iii) The rock is formed by _____.
- (iv) Ants teach us _____.

A3. Frame

Meaningful sentences with the given words: (2)

Impressive, passion

A4. Past Perfect Tense

- (a) Choose the sentence with Past Perfect Tense from the sentences given below. (1)
 - (i) The ants had organised themselves around the fly.
 - (ii) The ants organized themselves around the fly.
 - (iii) The ants have organized themselves around the fly.
- (b) A rainbow colours the entire sky.

(Begin the sentence with 'The entire sky') (1)

A5. Personal Response

How has nature inspired you? (2)

(B) Read the passage and complete the activities given below: [10 marks]

B1. Guess and Write

Complete the following:

(2)

- (i) Strong physical, mental and technical qualities helped her _____.
- (ii) A never say-die attitude helped her _____.
- (iii) Author had high regard for Indian sportswomen because _____.
- (iv) Her performance is more creditable because _____.

For Indian badminton, it is one of the best occasions in recent times to raise a toast. For Saina Nehwal, personally, it has been three great weeks of consistent performance. Basically there are three aspects that go into the making a badminton star like in most other sports – technical, physical and mental. Abundance of all three attributes is vital to be among the best in the world. She has it all. That is the major difference between her and the other Indian girls. Most often, they have just two of these qualities.

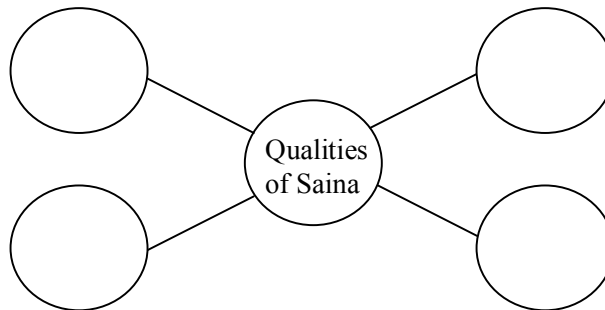
Saina is exceptional. She is technically sound, physically fit and mentally strong which gives her an edge over others. Another great quality is her self-belief and ‘never say-die’ attitude. She does not give up easily even when the odds are against her. In a sport like badminton, her performances are all the more creditable since the game is physically so demanding.

Personally, I have a very high regard for Indian sportswomen who excel at the highest level since they face a lot more challenges compared to men because of the nature of our society. This is more so during the early phase of their career and the parents have to make a lot of sacrifices to travel with them for their practice sessions well as tournaments.

B2. Web

Complete the following web.

(2)



B3. Phrases

Write from the passage, phrases that mean:

(2)

- (i) to cheer someone for a great achievement.
- (ii) to give one an advantage over someone else.

B4. (a) Preposition

Pick out the prepositions:

(1)

- (1) That is the major difference between her and other Indian girls.
- (2) I have a very high regard for Indian sportswomen.

(b) Select

She has it all.

(1)

(Select the correct interrogative form of the given statement)

- (1) Doesn't she have it all?
- (2) Hasn't she had it all?
- (3) Doesn't she has it all?

B5. Personal Response

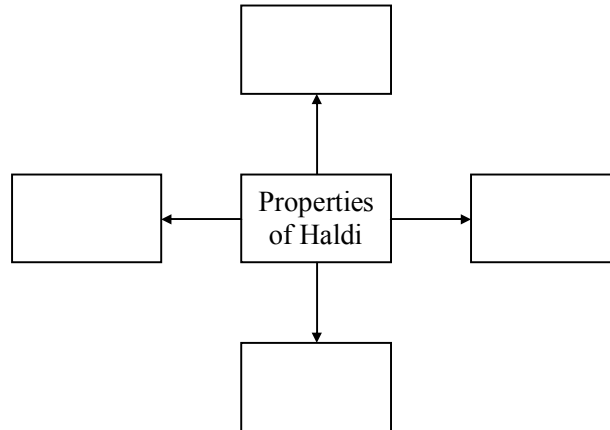
(2)

What are the challenges faced by Indian sportsmen/sportswomen?

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

A1. Properties

Mention any 4 properties of Haldi in the following diagram: (2)



This plant, with its high resistance to insects, pests and fungi and its adaptability to various soils and climates, is extensively cultivated in Sri Lanka, Indo-China and parts of China. India is by far the largest producer and consumer of turmeric in the world. In the country, the States of Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala form the main turmeric growing belt, often cultivating the plant in rotation with rice or sugarcane or as a mixed crop with vegetables (this is not widely practised as it is believed that it affects yields). Over the last few decades, turmeric has ranked third, after black pepper and cardamom, as a spice export from India.

Because this spice contains essential oils that exude a distinct aroma and flavour, enriching the sumptuousness of food and its anti-oxidant properties help to preserve pickles and chutneys, it is very important to the rice-eating people of south and south-eastern Asia. In fact, the people of Asia consume the largest quantity of turmeric as it is used as an additive in many vegetables, meat and fish preparations.

A2. Answer (2)

- (i) What are the requirements necessary for turmeric plant to grow?
- (ii) Why is turmeric used in pickles and chutneys?

A3. Pick out Antonyms (2)

From the passage for the following:

- (i) import
- (ii) unclear
- (iii) before
- (iv) acceptance

A4. Articles

(i) India is largest producer and consumer of turmeric in world.
(Insert articles wherever necessary in the given sentence) (1)

(ii) Turmeric helps to preserve pickles and chutneys.
(Rewrite using the noun form of the underlined word) (1)

A5. Personal Response

You have read about turmeric and its uses. Think of any other plant and write its uses. (2)

- (B) Read the following passage and complete the activities given below: [10 marks]
 B1. Tick the correct group with the help of the following passage in the given table: (2)

Word	Cave	Language
Brahmi		
Jogimara		
Prakrit		
Sita Bengra		

The Ramgiri hills have two main caves, Sita Bengra and Jogimara. On the walls of the latter are the earliest love verses in Brahmi script. The language, curiously, is not Sanskrit but Prakrit, which was spoken by the masses then. The translation reads. "Roopdaksh Devdin is enamoured by Devdasi Sutunuka." Roopdaksh is a sculptor, Devdasi a dancer.

Brahmi is one of the oldest scripts of the Asian subcontinent. Contemporary of the Mauryan dynasty, its specimens are visible on several rock-cut structures that date back to the 3rd and 4th century BC. The Ramgiri inscriptions date back to around 2nd century BC. Little is known about the origins of Devdin or Sutunuka, except a probability that the sculptor belonged to Varanasi, around 350 km away.

The Jogimara cave also has multi-coloured paintings, which eminent cultural critic Anand Coomaraswamy dated back to 1st century. "Coomaraswamy called these the oldest historical paintings of India. These are older than the Ajanta paintings," Raipur museum director and noted archaeologist Rahul Singh says.

- B2. Select the correct alternatives from the bracket and rewrite the sentences: (2)
- The Jogimara has _____ coloured paintings. (multi-/single)
 - Roopdaksh is a _____. (writer/sculptor)
 - Sutunuka was _____. (singer/dancer)
 - Rahul Singh is _____. (Archaeologist/Geologist)
- B3. Complete the following cross-words with the help of the clues given below: (2)

T	R	A	N	S	L ¹	A	T	I	O ²	N
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					G				G	
				C ⁴		E		N		
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Down

- (1) Mode of communications (2) The beginning point of something

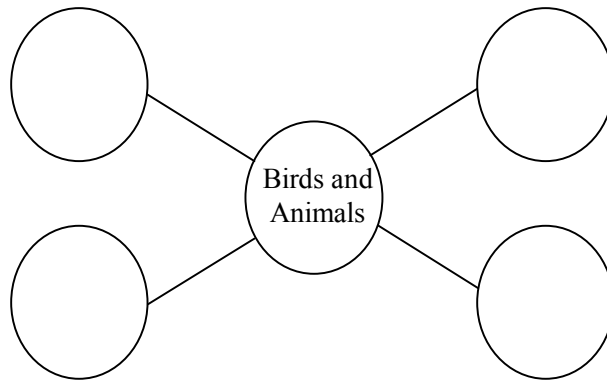
Across

- (3) one of the oldest languages of the World
 (4) a natural hollow inside a hill

- B4. (i) Brahmi is one of the oldest scripts of the Asian sub-continent.
(Start with 'Very few' and rewrite the sentence.) (1)
- (ii) Ramgiri hills have two main caves.
(Select the correct tag)
(a) don't they?
(b) doesn't they?
(c) aren't they? (1)
- B5. Historical monuments are often defaced by visitors. Do you think it is right to do so?
Why? (2)

SECTION – II
(Poetry)

- Q.3. (A) Read the following extract carefully and complete the activities given below: [5 marks]
- A1. Web (2)
Complete the web with the activities of birds and animals as mentioned in the poem.



There was a roaring in the wind all night;
The rain came heavily and fell in floods;
But now the sun is rising calm and bright,
The birds are singing in the distant woods;
Over his own sweet voice the Stock-dove broods;
The Jay makes answer as the Magpie chatters;
And all the air is filled with pleasant noise of waters.
All things that love the sun are out of doors;
The sky rejoices in the morning's birth;
The grass is bright with raindrops—on the moors
The hare is running races in her mirth;
And with her feet she from the plashy earth
Raises a mist; that, glittering in the sun,
Runs with her all the way, wherever she doth run.

- A2. How does the poet describe the following? (2)
rain, grass, air, mist
- A3. Poetic device (1)
The sky rejoices in the morning's birth
The sky is given human quality
The figure of speech is .

(B) Read the following extract of a poem and complete the activities given below: [5 marks]

B1. Find Proof

Find the lines from the given extract to prove the following statements: (2)

- (a) Mother is repenting for not giving time to the child (Ans. _____)
 (b) The child is now an adult. (Ans. _____)
 (c) Mother would walk noiselessly. (Ans. _____)
 (d) Mother makes excuses. (Ans. _____)

My hands were busy through the day;
 I didn't have much time to play
 The little games you asked me to.
 I didn't have much time for you.
 I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook,
 But when you'd bring your picture book
 And ask me please to share your fun
 I'd say : "A little later, son."
 I'd tuck you in all safe at night
 and hear your prayers, turn out the lights,
 Then tip toe softly to the door...
 I wish I'd stayed a minute more.
 For life is short, the years rush past..
 A little boy grows up so fast.
 No longer is he at your side
 His precious secrets to confide.

B2. Complete from the poem the mother's activities:

(One has been done for you.)

*She would tuck him in bed.

- (1) Mother would _____.
 (2) Mother would _____.
 (3) Mother would _____.
 (4) Mother would _____.

(2)

B3. Rhyme Scheme

The rhyme scheme of the first four lines is:

- (a) aabb (b) abab (c) bbab

(1)

**SECTION – III
 (Rapid Reading)**

Q.4. Read the following passage and complete the activities given below:

[5 marks]

A1. Match

- | Characters | – | Their Actions |
|--------------|---|---------------|
| (i) Doctor | – | gratitude |
| (ii) Patient | – | a stern look |
| | – | bewilderment |

(1)

He sent away the assistant and sat beside the patient. At about eleven the patient opened his eyes and smiled at his friend. He showed a slight improvement, he was able to take in a little food. A great feeling of relief and joy went through the household. They swarmed around the doctor and poured out their gratitude. He sat in his seat beside the bed, gazing sternly at the patient's face, hardly showing any signs of hearing what they were saying to him. The sick man's wife asked, "Is he now out of danger?" Without turning his head the doctor said, "Give glucose and brandy every forty minutes; just a couple of spoons will do." The lady went away to the kitchen. She felt restless. She felt she must know the truth whatever it was. Why was the

great man so evasive? The suspense was unbearable. Perhaps he could not speak so near the patient's bed. She beckoned to him from the kitchen doorway. The doctor rose and went over. She asked, "What about him now? How is he?" The doctor bit his lips and replied, looking at the floor, "Don't get excited. Unless you must know about it, don't ask now." Her eyes opened wide in terror. She clasped her hands together and implored, "Tell me the truth." The doctor replied, "I would rather not talk to you now." He turned round and went back to his chair. A terrible wailing shot through the still house; the patient stirred and looked about in bewilderment. The doctor got up again, went over to the kitchen door, drew it in securely and shut off the wail.

A2. Complete (2)

- (i) A great feeling of relief and joy went through the household because _____.
- (ii) The lady was restless because _____.

A3. Personal Response (2)

The doctor was not ready to share any information about the patient to his wife. Guess the reasons.

SECTION – IV
(Writing Skills)

Q.5. (A) Letter Writing [5 marks]

A1. Letter

Imagine Prithvi as your classmate and write a letter congratulating him on the grand success. Take points from the following news.

Sunny days ahead for Prithvi
Mumbai: Prithvi Shaw shot into limelight by slamming a record of 546 in the Harris Shield. It was the stamina and hardwork that brought the stupendous achievement.

OR

A2. Letter

Look at the following news and write a letter to the forest officer, Marathwada region, Aurangabad to take strong action to increase the number of birds.

15 Indian species of birds endangered Amongst many other reasons loss of wet lands, grasslands are the main. The human pressures on the ecosystem and the construction is largely responsible. Urbanisation and modernisation results into loss of birds.

(B) B1. Report Writing [5 marks]

The education officer of the Municipal Council had arranged a Science Exhibition in your city. Dr. Narverkar, Senior Assistant of Scientist was invited as Chief Guest for the function. Write a report for the newspaper.

Std. VIII, IX, X invited to submit working models.

Each school will send three students, one Sc. Teacher.

Visit of Chief Guest on last day

Duration of Exhibition – 10 days.

Take the help of the above hints and prepare a report.

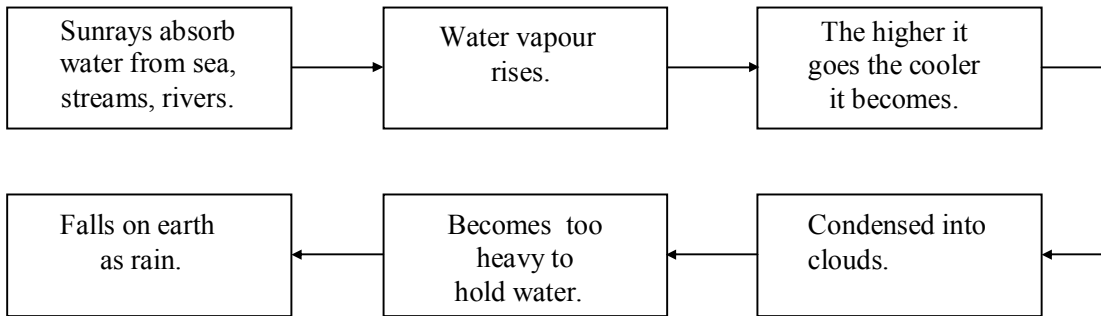
OR

B2. Interview Writing

With a proper beginning and conclusion prepare a list of 10 questions to interview Dr. Narverkar the chiefguest at the science exhibition.

Q.6. (A) Information Transfer [5 marks]

A1. Transfer the information about the Water-cycle given in the flow chart into a paragraph:



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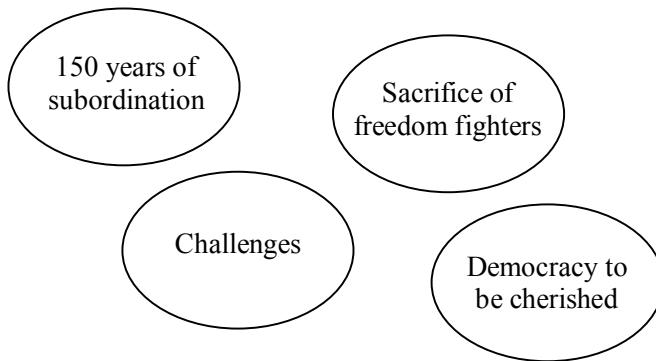
A2. Read the following paragraph and transfer the information in the form of a tree diagram:

We all read for variety of reasons. Our basic reason for reading is probably pleasure. We read literature mostly because we enjoy it. Reading for pleasure may take various forms. We may read just to pass the time. We often read for information and knowledge. We find pleasure in learning about life in the Swiss Alps or the Mississippi river. We also read simply for enjoyment. We get pleasure from the arrangement of words. We can find pleasure even in syllables just as children like the sound ‘Ring around the Rosie’ although they may not know what the words mean.

(B)

B1. Prepare a speech to be delivered by you on the occasion of ‘Independence Day’ laying stress on ‘Value of Freedom’:

[5 marks]



OR

B2. Develop a paragraph on the view: Internet is the need of Independent India.

- * Great speed
- * Global connectivity
- * Storehouse of information
- * Any other point.

Q.7. Expansion of an idea (any one)

[5 marks]

- (i) (1) Travelling broadens the mind.
- (2) Perseverance is the key to success.

OR

- (ii) Develop a story wherein any one of the above ideas is the moral. Suggest a suitable title.