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SECTION I : LANGUAGE STUDY - 10 MARKS

Q. 1 A) Do as directed. (Attempt any four) **(8)**

1) Complete the words by using correct letters. (2)

i) fi ___ht ii) aga__n

iii) li__ten iv) y__ung

2) Put the following words in alphabetical order (2)

i) increase, consistent, execution, successful.

ii) sudden, splash, shock, stare.

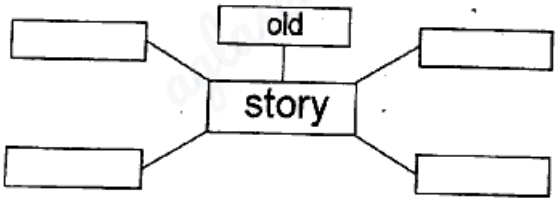
3) Punctuate the following. (2)

i) he said to young man write down on this paper

ii) the trojans were delighted to hear this

4) Make four words (minimun of 3 letters each) using the letters in the word 'knowledge' (2)

5) Write the related words as shown in the example. (2)



6) Complete the word chain of 'Nouns'. Add four words, each beginning with the last letter of the previous word.

room → ------ → ------ → ------ → ------ (2)

B) Do as directed. **(2)**

1) Attempt any one

a) Make a meaningful sentence by using the phrase: (1)
'for a while'

OR

b) Add a clause to the following sentence to expand it meaningfully. (1)
This is the man .....

2) Attempt any one

a) Add a prefix or suffix to make new words. (1)

i) Value ii) Kind

OR

b) Make a meaningful sentence using any one of the following words. (1)

i) Value ii) Kind

SECTIONS II : TEXTUAL PASSAGE - [20 MARKS]

Q.2 A) Read the following passage and do the activities. (10)

A1) State whether the following statements are 'True or False' (2)

i) It was Menelaus who thought of a plan to obtain the victory for Greeks.

ii) The Greek leaders decided to follow the advice of the wise Odysseus.

iii) The Trojans were disappointed that the Greeks left.

iv) A great horse of wood was made by skilful engineer.

At last Troy was taken, not by force but by a trick. It was the cunning Odysseus who thought of a plan to obtain the victory.

"Let us build a great wooden horse", he said, "big enough to hold men inside it, and let some of our best fighters hide in the horse. Then let us burn our tents and pretend to sail away in our ships. But instead of sailing away, we will return in the night. When the Trojans are asleep, we will attack the city and burn and kill."

The Greek leaders decided to follow the advice of the wise Odysseus. So a great horse of wood was made by a skilful engineer, and the greatest heroes, Menelaus, Odysseus himself, and others entered it, the last man to go in being the architect himself who knew the secret of opening and shutting the entrance. That evening the Greeks burned their tents and sailed away in their ships, but they did not go very far. Only one man was left behind to persuade the Trojans to drag the horse into their city.

Next day the Trojans woke up, expecting to go out and fight as they had done for the past ten years. What delight and surprise they felt at the sight they saw on the seashore outside the walls ! It seemed that the long siege was over at last. The tents had been burnt. The shore was deserted. The Greek ships had all gone.

"It's peace at last," they cried, and opened wide their gates and came out in large numbers on the plain, glad to be free again to go where they pleased. Then they saw on the sands the huge, wooden horse. They gathered round it in astonishment, for it was indeed a wonderful piece of work.

A2) How did Odysseus plan to defeat the Trojans ? (2)

A3) Find the Adjectives for the following nouns from the passage. (2)

i) ..... engineer ii) .....Odysseus

iii) .....piece iv) ..... horse

A4) Do as directed. (2)

i) They will return <u>in the night.</u>

(Frame a wh-type questions to get the underlined part as an answer)

ii) The Greek ships had all gone. (Identify the tense)

A5) Personal Response : (2)

Do you think that the conquerors of war are happy after their victory ? Why ?

B) Read the following passage and do the activities: (10)

B1) Complete the following sentences with reference to the passage. (2)

1) The ..... became the core of Raza's paintings.

2) For an artist like Raza, his work or paintings are an effective .....

(2)

3) Raza passed away on .....

4) Raza's wife was .....

Raza was born in a small village in Madhya Pradesh. He began to paint from the age of twelve. He studied art at the 'Chitrakala Mahavidyalaya' at Nagpur and then at the J. J. School of Art in Mumbai. Later, he went to France to study Art. After a few years, he decided to settle in France. His wife was French. He won many national and international awards. He was honoured with all the three Padma awards - Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. With all the awards and honours, his paintings were exploring a spiritual, metaphysical path. Gradually, the 'bindu' or point came to be the core of his paintings. He described his work in these words - 'My work is my own inner experience and involvement with the mysteries of nature and form which is expressed in colour, line, space and light'.

Sometimes, an artist's thoughts appear to be too complex or even complicated when they are expressed through words. For him, the effective medium of communication is his work - his paintings. Raza had great creativity. His paintings are very expressive. This great artist passed away on 23 July 2016 at the age of 94, leaving behind a legacy of sensitive paintings (achieved through extra-ordinary compositions of lines and colours) that depict extra-ordinary compositions.

B2) What are Raza's Paintings based on ? How did he describe his work ? (2)

B3) Find out antonyms from the passage. (2)

i) outer x ..... ii) city x .....

iii) ordinary x ..... iv) international x .....

B4) Do as directed. (2)

1) Raza left behind a legacy of sensitive - paintings. (Change the voice)

2) His paintings are very expressive. (Make it exclamatory)

B5) Personal Response. (2)

What are the essential things required to become. a good painter ?

SECTION - III - POETRY [10 Mark]

Q.3 A) Read the given stanzas and do the activities. (5)

A1 Simple factual Activites: (2)

Say WHO — Ans

i) Reminds the poet of his childhood. _____

ii) Is the poet's sister. _____

iii) Is afraid to touch the butterfly _____

iv) Is like a hunter _____

STAY near me -do not take thy flight!
A little longer stay in sight!
Much converse do I find in thee,
Historian of my infancy!
Float near me; do not yet depart!
Dead times revive in thee:
Thou bring'st, gay creature as thou art!
A solemn image to my heart,
My father's family !

Oh! pleasant, pleasant were the days,
The time, when, in our childish plays,
My sister Emmeline and I

(3)

Together chased the butterfly!
A very hunter did I rush
Upon the prey-with leaps and springs
I followed on from brake to bush;
But she, God love her, feared to brush
The dust from off its wings.

A2 Pick out from the stanza, four expressions where the poet pleads with the butterfly not to go away : **(2)**

A3 Find the rhyming words from the poem. **(1)**

B] Appreciation of the poem. **(5)**

Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points.

What is success ?
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

* Title : $\frac{1}{2}$
* Name of the poet : $\frac{1}{2}$
* Rhyming scheme : (1)
* Figure of speech (Any one) : (1)
* Theme / Central idea (in 3 to 4 lines) (2)

SECTION IV - Non - Textual Passage [15 Marks]

Q. 4 A) Read the following passage and do the activities. **(10)**

A1) Complete the following sentences from the passage. (2)

i) Sachin was born on .....
ii) He made debut on .....
iii) He was trained under the able guidance of .....
iv) Sachin is devotee of the deity .....

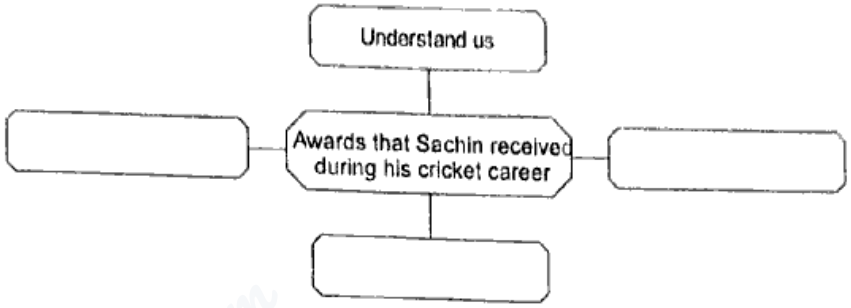
Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar who was born on 24th April 1973 in Mumbai is a former Indian International Cricketer and a former captain of the Indian National Team. He is regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time and often referred as the 'God of cricket' by Indian Cricket followers. He made his debut on 15th November, 1989 against Pakistan in Karachi' at the age of sixteen. He is the only player to have scored one hundred international centuries and only player to complete more than 30,000 runs in international cricket. He was trained under the able guidance of Ramakant Achrekar Sir. He received the Arjuna Award in 1994, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1997, Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan Awards in 1999

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and 2008 respectively, fourth and second highest civilian awards of India. He was also awarded the Bharat Ratna, highest civilian award of India in 2013. He is a devotee of the deity Ganesha.

A2) Complete the web diagram. **(2)**



A3) Match the 'Synonyms' **(2)**

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
i) debut	a) previous
ii) received	b) God
iii) former	c) got
iv) deity	d) first performance

A4) Do as directed. **(2)**

i) He made his bebut. (Rewrite the sentence in simple Tense)

ii) He received the Arjuna Award. (Choose the correct question tag)
(a) did he ? (b) didn't he ? (c) doesn't he ?

A5) Do you like to play games ? Why ? **(2)**

Q.4 B) SUMMARY WRITING :- **(5)**

Read the passage given in Q.4 (A) and write the summary of it. Suggest a suitable title to your summary.

SECTION V : Writing Skills [20 Marks]

Q. 5 A] Letter Writing. **(5)**

A1 or A2. Do any one of the following activites.

Imagine you are Sujay / Shivani Kale Room No. A/10, Ashok Nagar, Govind Colony, Nashik 422012. Now attempt any one of the following letters after reading the advertisement.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

At initiative by muncipal corporation Nashik.
Let's plant om 26th January, 2026
at goverment school, college, streets and Nagarpanchayat
Target : 500 saplings
Duration : 1 day
Time : 9:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.
Plant a tree on your birthday and watch it grow with you.
come join us. Write to us for voluntary registrations.
Address : Main Road, Nashik.

Advantages of tree plantation :

- Trees provide shade and fruits.
- Trees provide habitat for wildlife.
- Trees breathe in carbon bioxide and give out oxygen.
- Trees control soil erosion.
- Trees act as windbreak.

(5)

A1) Informal letter :

Write a letter to your best friend Sai / Sayali encouraging him / her to take part in the plantation drive. Remind him/her about his/her birthday is on the same eventful day. Tell him/her the advantages of the drive.

OR

A1) Formal letter :

Write a letter to the organiser of the event requesting him/her to register your name as a volunteer also enquire about the following things.

* Types of trees
* Snacks / refreshment during the event.
* Certificate of the event
* Add your own points

B) B1 or B2. Do any one of the following. (5)

B1) Dialogue Writing. (1)

a) Prepare a dialogue from the jumbled sentences.

i) : No, I don't like mythological stories.
ii) : Why do you think so ?
iii): Because they are sometimes unbelievable & irrelevant.
iv): Do you like mythological stories ?

b) Complete the following dialogue (1)

Vivek : Do you like to read story books ?
Viraj : .....
Vivek : Who is your favourite writer ?
Viraj : .....

c) Write a dialogue between you and your - (3)

Friend on 'watching comedy movies' (minimum three meaningful exchanges)

OR

B2 Drafting a speech.

You will have to deliver a speech on ' Grandparents Day' Prepare speech with the help of the following points. (5)

Points :

* Imagine that you have grandfather at home.
* his daily routine.
* helps in household chores.
* His advice and suggestions for the family.
* stories at bedtime.
* Add your own points.

Q. 6 A) Information Transfer. (5)

A1 OR A2 Do anyone of the following activites.

A1) Non-verbal to verbal : (5)

The adavantges and disadvantages of computers are given in the following table. Develop two seperate paragraphs for advantages and disadvantages. Give a suitable title to it.

Advantages	Disadvantages
1) stores lot of information 2) easy access to information and communication 3) increase work efficiency 4) fast and economical communication 5) entertainment 6) time utility 7) good jobs	1) rising unemployment 2) health hazardous postures obesity etc. 3) defects in eyes 4) exposure to hazardous bad information 5) affect social physical interactions 6) mental fatigue stress 7) dependency

OR

(5)

A2) Verbal to Non-verbal.

Outside the Central Library, there is a board displaying some rules for the members. They are as follows.

1) You should register your name and membership number in the register, before entering in the library.
2) You are not allowed to take any book without permission.
3) You should keep pin drop silence in the library.
4) You should not chat, eat or drink inside the library.
5) You should return the books you have taken within 15 days
6) You should not write any thing anywhere on the books you have taken.
7) You should pay your monthly fees before 10th of every month
8) You are not allowed to argue with the librarian unnecessarily.

Now prepare a list of Do's and Don'ts for the new members. Suggest a suitable tittle for it.

Title : .....

Do's	Don'ts
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
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Q. 6 **B) Expand the theme.** **(5)**

B1 or B2 Do any one of the following.

B1) News Report.

Read the following headline and prepare a news report with the help of given points.

India wins T-20 series Against South Africa

* Headline :
* Dateline :
* Intro :
* Short continuing paragraph :

OR

B2) Develop a story : **(5)**

Develop a story with the help of given beginning and suggest a suitable title.

Mahesh was about 18 years old. He was too- poor to afford collgege fees. He took a job with- a famous jeweller .....

SECTION - VI [5 Marks]
SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Q. 7 **Translation.** **(5 Marks)**

A) Translate the following words into your medium of instruction. (Any four) **(2)**

1) Battle 2) Famous 3) Island
4) Emotion 5) Loyal 6) Divine

B) Translate the following sentences into your medium of instruction. (Any two)(2)

1) Keep silence in the library.
2) Wash your hands before eating.
3) Obey your parents and teachers.
4) Swimming is good exercise.

C) Translate the following idiom / proverb into your medium of instruction. (Any one) **(1)**

1) All that glitters is not gold.
2) Walls have ears.

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