



SHIKSHA CLASSES

Subject : English (H.L.)

Marks : 80

Class : X

Prelim Question Paper-1

Time : 3 Hr.

Section I : Language Study

Q. 1 A. Do as directed.

[8]

- 1) Write two compound words of your own.
- 2) Pick out the infinitives from the following sentence.
I refuse to accept that all the laws and constitutions, police and judges, are unable to protect our children.
- 3) Arrange the words in alphabetical order.
* speech, spontaneous, space, spine.
- 4) Find out five hidden words from the given word.
* Approaches.
- 5) Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence.
* Mary Kom were sure that in a few year boxing will be very popular in India.
- 6) Form present participles in which the last letter is doubled : drop, Quit.
- 7) Identify the type of sentence.
* Don't settle.
- 8) Make a sentence of your own using following word.
* a legend.

B. Do as Directed.

[2]

- 1) The little boy could swim very well. (Pick out modal auxiliary and state its function)
- 2) The boy in the blue shirt is my friend (Analyse the sentence)

Section – II : Textual Passages (Reading Skills, vocabulary and Grammar)

Q. 2 A. Read the following passage and complete the activities.

[10]

To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Held infinity in the palm
of your hand
And eternity in an hour.
- **William Blake**

Something, as tiny as a grain of sand, can spark off an idea or imagination of a huge significance to the world. One can witness and experience the beauty of Heaven in something as small as will flower and derive joy forever. Only one should have the eyes and time to see it.

Infinity is endless space; but your small palm can hold the destiny of earth through your efforts.

Eternity is endless time; but just an hour in your life can make a difference to the world forever.

(Great deeds can surpass the limits of time and space. They never die.)

We instinctively turn to outdoor activities and nature as a way of relaxing and enhancing our wellbeing. Nature soothes and nurtures. Nature fulfils and motivates. Nature whispers and commands.

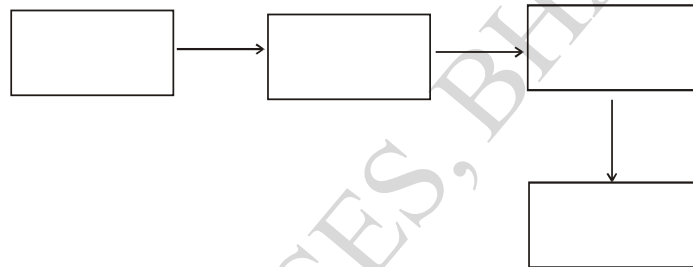
Are you listening?

When I do, it leaves me in complete awe.

We have a hibiscus plant in our garden. Every fortnight a flower blooms on it – big, bright and tender. Through the day it smiles with the sun and dances with the wind, but as evening approaches, it starts wilting. The morning after, it withers completely and by evening it falls and becomes one with the earth again. The flower comes to life only for a day, yet it does so in full splendor. What if we too lived our life, however short, to its fullest?

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...

- 1) **Write whether the following statements are true or false :** 2
- i) On the beach, the author found rocks carved and sculpted by the water.
 - ii) The hibiscus flower smiles with the sun and dances with the wind.
 - iii) Rocks take the shape that the water commands.
 - iv) Our problems are big and we are so small
- 2) **Complete the flowchart that highlights the life of a hibiscus flower.** 2



- 3) **Explain how the hibiscus flower makes the most of its short life span.** 2
- 4) **Pick out the examples of concrete nouns from the passage.** 2
- 5) **Personal Response.** 2
- * Who is stronger – water or rocks? Justify your answer.

B. Read the following passage and complete the activities properly. [10]

There had to be one successful story if Indians were to survive in sports and we have that story now. Enough has been said about this great warrior who conquered the world. This warrior is none other than Mary Mangte Kom- the Komqueror and the Komrade. She is famed as a five times World Boxing Champion and the only boxer to win a medal in every one of the six world championships. In the 2012 Olympics, she became the first Indian woman boxer to qualify and win a bronze medal in the 51 Kg flyweight category of Boxing.

Kom was born in Kangthei village, Moirang Lamkhai in Churachandpur district of rural Manipur in eastern India. She came from a poor family. Her parents, Mangte Tonpa Kom and Mangte Akham Kom were tenant farmers who worked in jhum fields. Kom grew up in humble surroundings, helping her parents with farm related chores, going to school and learning athletics initially and later boxing simultaneously. Her father was a keen wrestler in his younger age.

She had an eager interest in athletics since childhood and the success of Dingko Singh a fellow Manipuri returned from the 1998 Bangkok Asian games with a gold medal, Kom recollects had inspired many youngsters in Manipur to try boxing and she too thought of giving it a try.

B1. True or False.

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- i) The parents of Mary Kom were farmers.
- ii) Mary Kom grew up in a prosperous family.

B2. Complete the following statements.

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- i) Kom became the first Indian boxer in -----
- ii) Mary Kom helped her parents with -----

B3. Give the verb forms of the following.

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- i) Qualification –
- ii) Inspiration –

B4. Grammar :

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- 1) The success of Dinko Singh inspired many youngsters. (Change the Voice)
- 2) Make a sentence of your own using the following word.

Debut

B5. What things are necessary to become a great sports person?

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Section – III : Poetry

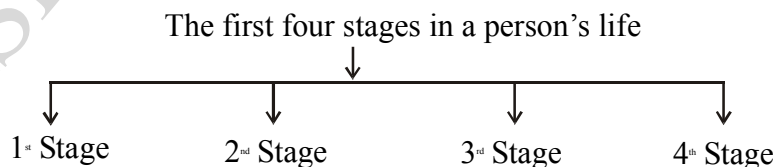
Q. 3 A. Read the following extract and do the activities :

[5]

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first, the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.

A1. Complete the following diagram.

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A2. Fill in the blanks with words from the box :

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[Whistling, Whining, sighing, mewling, creeping, pocking, singing, laughing.]

- i) The infant is _____ and _____ in the nurse's arms.
- ii) The school boy is _____ and _____ like a snail.
- iii) The cover is _____ like a furnace.

A3. Name and explain the figure of speech.

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- sighing like furnace.

B. Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format :

[5]

Where the Mind is without Fear

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,
Where knowledge is free.
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments.
By narrow domestic walls,
Where words come out from the depth of truth, where tireless striving stretches its arms
towards perfection.
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way.
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit where the mind is led forward by thee into ever
widening thought and action Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.

The title of the poem :

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The poet :

$\frac{1}{2}$

Theme / Central Idea (At least 2 -3 lines) :

2

Rhyme scheme :

1

Figure of speech :

1

Section – IV : Non – Textual

Q. 4 A. Read the following passage and do the activities.

[10]

From the earliest times the practice of dancing in India began with religious worship. Most of the old Hindu temples provided for a course of dancing, which was full of religious meaning, as part of the worship of the Gods. Many of these old dances were in danger of being forgotten, but then came a modern revival in the art of dancing, the most conspicuous figure in this being Uday Shanker. He did not confine himself only to religious dancing, but conceived the idea of an Indian ballet using the gestures and movements of India dancing to express modern ideas. In olden days dancing was carried out by women and girls only, but in the ballet arranged by Uday Shankar and others, both men and women danced together.

The origin of Indian dancing is religious, its purpose being to put into movement the stories about the Indian gods, so as to make them easily understood by the masses. We are told that there are seventy –two hand gestures, each having a meaning of its own which is as definite as the meaning of the alphabet. There are also nine sets of facial expressions which help of convey to the audience all the emotions and feelings of human nature.

A1. Complete the following.

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- The _____ is religious.
- In the ballet arranged by _____ both men and women danced together.
- The most conspicuous figure in this being _____
- The facial expressions help of convey _____

A2. Make your own sentences using the phrase 2

- i) to convey ii) Most of the

A3. Personal Response : 2

Do you like to dance or watch dances? Give your response.

A4. Give the noun form of : 2

- i) Express ii) Arrange
iii) Move iv) Pave

A5. There are seventy two hand gestures. There are also nine sets of facial expressions. 1
(Use 'not only but also)

A6. He did not confine himself. (Add a question tag) 1

B. Read the following passage and write its summary.

Suggest a suitable title. [5]

A seismograph is an instrument that amplifies and records small movements of the ground. From these records scientists can determine where an earthquake will take place and how strong it will be. Scientists who do this are known as seismologists. Seismology is the study of shock waves produced by earthquakes or explosions.

However, there are many signs in nature by which one can predict an earthquake. There are, for instance, change in the water levels of wells, sand collecting at the bottom of buckets used to draw water from under the ground, increase of salinity of water, sudden appearance or disappearance of natural springs, advance or retreat of seas, tilt of the ground, fissures in the ground, strange animal behavior, etc.

People living in earthquake-prone zones need to be educated about such things, so that they can plan their lives accordingly. Also, they will be able to collect a good deal of information from their regions and pass this on to seismologists. This will add to the knowledge that scientists have about earthquakes and will equip them to predict earthquakes with more accuracy. As yet, the perfect prediction of an earthquake is not possible. More research and experimentation is needed.

Section – V : Writing Skill

Q. 5 A. Letter Writing. [5]

A1. Informal Letter

Write a letter to your father describing him about your field trip.

OR

Formal Letter.

Write a letter to the Municipal commission of your area complaining about the accumulation of garbage outside your building.

Q.6 A. Information Transfer : [5]

A1. Verbal to non – verbal

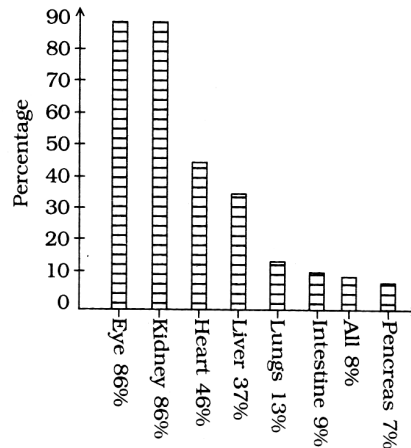
Here are some tips about keeping healthy as given in a science magazine read and write in the form of Dos and Don'ts (table)

You must include vegetables and fruits in your diet and drink a lot of water. You should avoid junk food, you shouldn't sit for long periods of time. Rather you should exercise regularly. Try breathing deeply it that you sleep for at least 8 hours a day. Infect, you should avoid irregular timings.

OR

Non – verbal to verbal

Read the following graph regarding ‘High Awareness but little action’ above organ donation.



Write a paragraph based on it in about 120 words :

Q. 5 B. Prepare a speech on ‘water conservation : you may use the following points. [5]

- * Need for conservation.
- * Methods of conservation
- * Future plans to increase water resources.

Section – VI : Creative Writing

Q .7 A. Expand the theme : [5]

A. Expand any one of the following ideas into two paragraphs.

- a) 'Charity begins at home.'
- b) 'Nature is a gift of God.'

OR

Prepare a newspaper report based on the following headline.

‘Narendra singh breaks long jump record at regional meet’

B. Developing a story / Narrating experience : [5]

Develop a story in about 80-100 words with the following ending give a suitable title and they lived happily ever after.

OR

Narrate an experience in about 80-100 words beginning with following words :

I will never ever forget the day when

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