



# SHIKSHA CLASSES

**Subject : English (H.L.)**

**Marks : 80**

**Class : X**

**Prelim Question Paper - 2**

**Time : 3 Hr.**

## Section I : Language Study

**Q. 1 A. Do as directed.**

[8]

1. To diagnose (Make a meaningful sentence)
2. Outside (Use it as an adverb in your own sentence)
3. He could not \_\_\_ to see his brother living without \_\_\_ necessities. (bear, bare)
4. Everyone else were very happy. I were not. (spot the errors and correct the sentence.)
5. The cricketer who excelled this season was felicitated. (identify the type of sentence.)
6. It didn't take her a minute to take the decision. (Pick out the infinitive)
7. Write two compound words.
8. Write the past participle for : eat, fall

**B. Do as directed.**

[2]

1. The police arrived when the situation got out of control. (Identify the main and the subordinate clause)
2. Use the following word as a verb and noun in your own sentence: dream

## Section II: Textual Passages

**Q.2.A. Read the following passage and do the activities.**

[10]

**A1. Name the following:**

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- i. The narrator saw this through the cracks of the concrete pavement.
- ii. The narrator saw this in the cold winter months.

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 splendour. What if we too lived our life, however short, to its fullest?

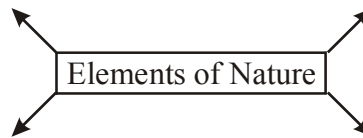
We went to a rocky beach and saw the spread of the majestic ocean and the rocks alongside, carved, sculpted and shaped by the water. Water is so gentle, rock so hard, yet, as the water flows over it every day, for years, the rock gives in. It takes the shape that the water commands. Our problems are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

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.

**A2. Complete the web with the names of the elements of nature mentioned in the extract.**

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**A3. Find the words from the extract which means:**

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- i. Great brightness                      ii. Massive

**A4. Do as directed:**

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- i. It takes the shape that water commands. (Begin the sentence with: Doesn't it ...)  
 ii. We have a hibiscus plant in our garden. (Identify the clause)

**A.5. "This to shall pass". Do you agree? Justify your answer.**

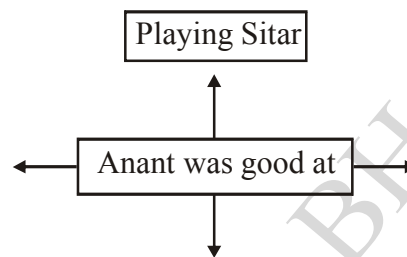
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**B. Read the following passage and do the activities.**

[10]

**B1. Complete the following web diagram to depict what Anant was good at, based on the passage.**

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Smita bit her lip in self-approach. She had been so excited at seeing the announcement that he had not remembered that her brother was very ill. She had seen how the doctors had shaken their heads gravely and spoken words that neither she nor even her parents could understand. But somewhere deep inside Smita had known the frightening truth – that Anant was going to die. The word cancer had hung in the air – her brother was dying of cancer even though she pretended that all would be well and they would return together, a small family of four, to their home in Gaganpur. And he was only fifteen and the best table-tennis player in the school and the fastest runner. He was learning to play the sitar ; they were both taking sitar lessons, but Anant was better than her as in many other things. He was already able to compose his own tunes to the astonishment of their *Guru*. Then cancer had struck and they had come to *Bombay* so that he could be treated at the cancer hospital in the city.

Whenever they came to *Bombay* they stayed with Aunt Sushila. Her apartment was not big but there was always room for them.

**B2. State whether the following statements are true or false. If false, correct it.**

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Smita and her family had come to Bombay for spending their summer vacation.

**B3. Match the words in column 'A' with its synonyms in column 'B' and rewrite.**

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	A		B
1.	astonishment	i.	repentance
2.	self-approach	ii.	Calmness
		iii.	amazement

**B4. Do as directed:**

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1. He was the fastest runner in the school. (Change the degree)  
 2. What a beautiful sight! (Rewrite it as Assertive)

**B5. Suppose a very close family member recovered from an ailment after a long time, how would you react?**

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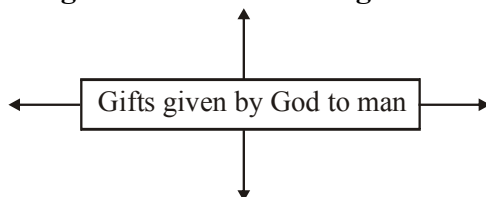
**Section III: Poetry**

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

[5]

**A1. Complete the web diagram to denote all the gifts of God to man.**

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When God at first made man,  
Having a glass of blessings standing by;  
Let us (said He) "pour on him all we can;"  
Let the worlds riches, which dispersed lie;  
Contract into a span.  
So the strength first made a way;  
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure:  
When almost all was out, God made a stay,  
Perceiving that alone of all His treasures  
Rest in the bottom lay.  
for if I should (said He)  
Bestow this jewel also on my creature;  
He would adore my gifts instead of me,  
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature.  
So both should losers be.

**A2. God did not bless the man with the gift of rest. State the reason.**

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**A3. Identify the figure of speech in the line:**

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"And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature."

**Q. 3 B. Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in the paragraph format.**

[5]

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.

**Points for Appreciation :**

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| ○ Title                          | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| ○ Poet                           | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| ○ Theme/Central idea (2-3 lines) | 2             |
| ○ Rhyme Scheme                   | 1             |
| ○ Figure of Speech               | 1             |

**Section IV: Non-Textual Passages**

**Q. 4 A. Read the following passage and do the activities.** [10]

**A1. State whether the following statements are True or False.** 2

- i. The name of the Raja of Sahajpur was Hiranman.
- ii. When the Prince entered the region fourth side of the palace, he saw a group of parrots.

Long times ago, the Raja of Sahajpur had a son who loved to hunt each day. One day, his mother, the Rani said to him, "you can hunt wherever you like, on the three sides of this kingdom, but do not go to hunt on the fourth side." This she said because, then the Prince would meet the beautiful Princess Labam, who lived there. Once smitten by her beauty, he would forget his parents and go out to seek her. The young Prince obeyed his mother for some days. One fine day, he was curious to find out what lay on the fourth side his kingdom. He purposefully ventured to that side of the kingdom. All he saw there were beautiful parrots. He was puzzled. He shot at some of them, but they flew away. Except for one parrot, who was their Raja, Hiranman. He called them back and told them he would tell of their cowardice to Princess Labam. On hearing this, all the parrots came back and surrounded their Raja. The Prince was by now curious to know who Princess Labam was. He asked the parrots, but none replied. Exhausted and irritated, he returned to his palace. That day he ate nothing and went to bed early. He was ill for a week after that day. When he got better, he asked his parents who Princess Labam was. The Raja replied that he knew not who she was. On hearing this, the Prince decided to go to that forbidden place again and find for himself who the Princess really was.

**A2. The Rani advised the Prince not to hunt on area to the fourth side of the kingdom. Give reasons.** 2

**A3. Frame sentences with the following words from the passage:** 2

- i. exhausted
- ii. irritated

**A4. Do as directed:** 2

- i. One fine day, he was curious to find out what lay on the fourth side of the kingdom. (Identify and analyse the clause)
- ii. He shot at some of them. (Add a question tag)

**A5. Guess the next part of the story in about 4-5 lines.** 2

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