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Section A: Prose

Q1. A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below. (12)

When he came to Mrs. Adis's cottage he paused a moment. Only a small patch of grass lay between it and the road, and he looked in at the lighted, uncurtained window. He could see Mrs. Adis stooping over the fire, taking some pot or kettle off it. He hesitated and seemed to wonder. He was a big, heavy, working man, not successful, judging by the poverty of his appearance. For a moment he made as if he would open the window, then he changed his mind and went to the door instead.

He did not knock, but walked straight in.

The woman at the fire turned quickly round.

'What, you, Peter Crouch !' she said. 'I didn't hear you knock.'

'I didn't knock ma'am. I didn't want anybody to hear.'

'How's that?'

'I'm in trouble.' His hands were shaking a little.

'What have you done?'

I shot a man, Mrs. Adis.

'You?'

'Yes I shot him.'

'You killed him?'

'I don't know.'

For a moment there was silence in the small, stuffy kitchen. Then the kettle boiled over and Mrs Adis mechanically put it at the side of the fire.

She was a small, thin woman with a brown, hard face, on which the skin had dried in innumerable small, hair like wrinkles. She was probably not more than forty-two, but life treats some women hard in the agricultural districts of Sussex, and Mrs. Adis life had been harder than most.

'What do you want me to do for you Peter Crouch?' she said a little sourly.

'Let me stay here a bit. Is there nowhere you can put me till they've gone?'

'Who's they?'

'The keepers.'

'Oh you've had a quarrel with the keepers, have you?'

A1. Global Understanding. **2**

Arrange the events according to their occurrence in the passage.

1. Peter did not knock because he did not want anybody to hear.
2. Peter wanted to stay in Mrs. Adis' house for sometimes.
3. Mrs. Adis kept the kettle at the fire side of the fire as it boiled over.
4. Peter could see Mrs. Adis lend over the fire, taking some pot or kettle of it.

A2. Complex Factual. **2**

Peter Crouch didn't knock before entering Mrs. Adis's house. The reason was.....

A3. Inference/Interpretation/Analysis. **2**

"I didn't want anybody to hear." Analyze the statement.

A4. Personal response. **2**

What characteristics of Mrs. Adis from the passage do you admire the most? Justify your answer.

A5. Language study. **2**

1. He changed his mind and went to the door. (Remove 'and')
2. He could see Mrs. Adis stooping over the fire. (Replace the modal auxiliary with 'be able to')

A6. Vocabulary. **2**

Find synonyms for the given words from the given extract.

1. Bend over :
2. Surprise :
3. Countless :
4. Argument :

B. Do as directed. **3**

1. You should do what your teacher tells you to do. (Use modal auxiliary showing obligation)
2. He said to me, "Let's go out for a walk."
(Change into indirect speech.)

3. There was _____ farmer who grew superior quality wheat every year, his wheat won prizes in _____ state competition.

(Write the appropriate articles).

C. Spot the error.

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She is more smarter than her brother.

Q2. A. Read the following extract and complete the activity given below.

(12)

When he was born everyone 'advised his parents to get rid of the kid as he was blind. But his parents, who were not affluent by any counts, chose to take care of him, that too, to the best of their abilities and gave him education. Forbes has named him in the list of super achievers from Asia under the age of 30 but visually challenged Shrikanth Bolla is in no mood to celebrate. His goal is to get in to the Forbes list of richest person and he won't settle for anything else. Such is the determination of the 25 years old, who was born blind and overcome all adversities to become the first international blind student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and now heads a Rs 30 crore (\$4.6 million) company. Visiting manufacturing plants in different locations in Telangana and Karnataka, attending business meetings and. in between, troubleshooting over the phone, the CEO of Bollant Industries is a busy man. Born in a family of farmers in Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh, life has been one long struggle for him. After passing his class 10th exam he chose the science stream for the plus-two stage but was not permitted to write the Joint Entrance Exam for IIT- aspirants as he was blind. "I said when IIT doesn't want me, I don't want IIT either. Let me find the best opportunity in the world- better than IIT. MIT being the top school in the world, I always wanted to go there and I went there," said Srikanth, who was B.SC.in management from MIT. When his bachelor's course was ending, few questions hindered Srikanth he decided to give up the 'golden opportunity. In corporate America and came back to India in search of answer to his question. Srikanth Bolla set up a support service platform to rehabilitate, nurture and integrate differently abled people in society. Srikanth helped about 3000 students in acquiring educational and vocational rehabilitations. Later, when he thought about their employment he built this company which now employs 150 differently abled people. Srikanth's three most important life lessons are -show compassion and make people rich. Include people in your life and remove loneliness, and lastly do something good: it will come back to you. Srikanth Bolla, the guy who was born blind is now a new ray of hope for many people.

A1. Global Understanding.

2

Read the following sentences and write down the true sentences:

- (i) Srikanth's parents being wealthy decided to look after him, and educate him.
- (ii) Srikanth has been listed in the list of super achievers under the age of thirty from Asia by Forbes.

- (iii) Srikanth missed a great chance because he could not take up the Joint Entrance Examination for IIT.
- (iv) Srikanth has started a Support Service Platform to re-establish, nurture and integrate differently abled people from the society.

A2. Give reasons. 2

- (i) Srikanth decided to study in MIT because

A3. Give evidence. 2

Srikanth Bolla wanted to do something different for the physically handicapped people from India, so he raised a platform for them to come up in life. Find out a proof from the extract to support it.

A4. Personal Response. 2

Srikanth though blind started a platform for other disabled people. Describe your own views in about 5 to 6 sentences about us though we being abled people are lagging behind in providing help to raise them up to other abled peoples level.

A5. Language study. 2

- (i) Srikanth helped about 3000 students in acquiring educational and vocational rehabilitation. (Rewrite the sentence by making the action more dominant)
- (ii) When his bachelor's course was ending, few questions hindered Srikanth. (Rewrite the sentence by using 'No soonerthan.....')

A6. Vocabulary. 2

Find out the antonyms for the following words from the extract and rewrite:

- (a) poor/not rich :
- (b) prohibited :
- (c) demolish :
- (d) exclude :

B. Summary writing. (3)

Write a short summary of the above extract [Q. 2(A)] with the help of the given clues.

Bollah's family background - his blindness - adversities - industrialist - help to the other differently abled people - his lessons of life.

C. Note making.

(3)

Read the following extract and make a note of it with the help of the clues provided.

Bears or ursines as a class are a relatively new evolutionary development in the animal kingdom. The classification of bears as a group, in literature over the years, has at times been confusing and even controversial. According to Roger A. Caras, most bears are remarkably similar to each other, with the exception of a few species like the Indian sloth bear, the South American spectacled bear, and the Arctic polar bear. The following list of genera might make broad classifications. Simpler- Brown bears (Ursus) that inhabit North America and Eurasia; Spectacled bears (Tremarctos) from South America, Sun bears

(Helarctos) from South-East Asia, Asiatic Black bears (Selenarctos), inhabiting the middle to far East of Asia, American Black bears (Eurarctos) from the North American continent; Sloth bears (Melursus) of India.

BEAR FACTS

Sr. No.	Popular Name	Scientific Name	Found in
1.	Brown bears	Ursus	North America and Eurasia
2.	Spectacled bears	.....	South America
3.	.....	Helarctos	South and East asia
4.	Asiatic black bears	.....	Middle East asia
5.	.....	.....	North American Continent
6.	Sloth bears	Melursus	.....

Section B: Poetry

Q3. A. Read the extract and complete the activity given below.

(10)

There is another sky,
Ever serene and fair,
And there is another sunshine.
Though it be darkness there:
Never mind faded forests, Austin,
Never mind silent fields
Here is a little forest,
Whose leaf is ever green;

Here is a brighter garden,
Where not a frost has been;
In its unfading flowers
I hear the bright bee hum:
Prithee, my brother,
Into my garden come!

A1. Global Understanding.**2**

Complete the table by matching human feelings with things of nature.

Human Feelings	Nature
Loneliness
Freshness
Being active
Calmness/ Peace

A2. Interference/Analysis**2**

How did the poet compare and contrast 'there' and 'here'? Why did she do so?

A3. Personal response.**2**

Write two inspiring sentences to encourage your friend who is upset due to failure in life.

A4. Poetic device.**2**

"I hear the bright bee hum".

Name the figure of speech mentioned in the line with appropriate explanation.

A5. Creativity.**2**

Compose a stanza in appreciation of your home.

B. Appreciation of the poem.**(4)**

Read the following extract and write an appreciation of the Sonnet with the help of following points

- About the poem, poet and title
- Theme
- Poetic style, language, poetic devices used in the poem.
- Special features
- Message/values/morals in the poem
- Your opinion about the poem

They plan. They build. All spaces are gridded
Filled with permutations of possibilities.
The buildings are in alignment with the roads
which meet at desired points
linked by bridges all hang
in the grace of mathematics.
They build and will not stop.
Even the sea draws back
and the skies surrender.

They erase the flaws,
the blemishes of the past, knock off useless blocks with dental dexterity.
All gaps are plugged
with gleaming gold.
The country wears perfect rows
of shining teeth.
Anaesthesia, amnesia, hypnosis.
They have the means.
They have it all so it will not hurt.
so history is new again.
The piling will not stop.
The drilling goes right through
the fossils of last century.

But my heart would not bleed
poetry. Not a single drop
to stain the blueprint
of our past's tomorrow.

Section C: Writing Skills

Q4. A) Attempt any ONE of the following. (4)

Letter writing-

Write a letter to the Principal of your junior college asking for your Bonafide Certificate.

OR

E-mail writing-

You purchased a 42 inches Smart T. V. four months ago, from M.G. Electronics and Appliances. It is not working properly and also doesn't have good sound and picture quality. The warranty period of T. V. is still valid. Write an E-mail in about 100/150 words to the shop owner complaining about the problem.

B) Attempt any ONE of the following.

(4)

Expansion of idea-

As you sow so shall you reap.

OR

Blog writing-

Write a blog in a proper format on Earth with no trees with the help of the following points.(Write in about 100-150 words.)

- The role of trees in nature.
- The loss of trees - its effects
- The need to protect trees.
- Appeal to people.

OR

Film review –

Write a review of a film you have recently seen based on any four following points-

- Names of the characters.
- Why do you like/not like the film?
- Special features
- Music/Dance/Songs/Action/Direction
- Should others watch this film/would you recommend your friends to watch this film? Why?

C) Attempt any ONE of the following.

(4)

Appeal-

Prepare an appeal on the topic 'Water Conservation' with the help of the following points.

- Prepare effective slogans.
- Use a logo/picture chart.
- Advantages of conserving water.
- Make the appeal persuasive.

OR

Report writing-

Your junior college has recently organized Social Gatherings”. Write a report of it in about 120 words with the help of following points

- Date and time
- Inauguration ceremony
- Various cultural activities performed
- Prize distribution ceremony

OR

Counter view-

Read the following view section and develop counter view section in about 120 words and suggest suitable

View section-

Mobile should be allowed in classrooms

Mobiles are good source of information

They are easy to handle

The profile videos to understand the topic

Information can be easily exchanged

D) Attempt any ONE of the following. (4)

Interview Questions-

Saina Nehwal and P. V. Sindhu are playing against each other in the Commonwealth Games. As a reporter of the Indian Express newspaper, you met and interacted with Nehwal and learnt about her achievements and future plans related to badminton, a set of 8 to 10 questions that covers the interview.

Name of the interviewee	
Area of Success/Reputation	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	

Questions:	
1) Inspiration	
2) Family support	
3) Daily routine	
4) Strength/drawback	
5) Success mantra	
6) Game & family balance	
7) Memorable incident/event	
8) Other interest	
9) Message	

OR

Compering -

Imagine that you are compering on the 'Send -Off Function' of your junior college. Prepare a script for compering the programme with the help of the following points.

- A brief introduction about the programme.
- Welcome song
- Welcoming the guests.
- Felicitation.
- Main function
- Presidential speech.
- Vote of thanks.

OR

Speech -

Write a speech on the topic "Sports should be compulsory in school" in about 100-150 words.

Section D: Drama

Q5. A) Complete the activities as per the instructions. (4)

- 1) Find an odd man out. 2
 - i) G. B. Shaw, Thomas Kyd, Christopher Marlowe, William Shakespeare.
 - ii) Anton Chekhov, Bharat Muni, Eugene O'Neill, Arthur Miller.
 - iii) Plot, characterization, setting, writer.
 - iv) Romantic comedy, sentimental comedy, tragedy, comedy of manners.
- 2) Explain the term plot. 2

B) Answer the questions given below in about 50 words. (4)

- 1) Write the theme of play 'The Rising of the Moon'. 2
- 2) Describe the character of 'Sergeant' in 50 words. 2

C) Answer the questions given below in about 50 words. (4)

- 1) Draw a character sketch of Oberon as an enemy of his wife but a friend of the lovers. 2
- 2) 'A midsummer Night's Dream' is one of the best example of Shakespeare's comedy of errors. Comment. 2

D) Answer the questions given below in about 50 words. (4)

- 1) Mayor Peter Stockmann is a contrast to Dr. Thomas Stockmann. Justify. 2
- 2) Describe in your own words the incident when Hovstad's real intention to help Dr. Stockmann is exposed. 2



