

Answers – Board Paper - November 2020

Section I : Language Study

Q.1. (A) A1. Do as directed. (any four) [4]

(1) Make a meaningful sentence of your own using the following phrase : (1)
‘drop out’

Ans. My friend dropped out of the Elocution Competition as he was unwell.

(2) Pick out the present participle from the following sentence : (1)

His eyes were shining.

Ans. shining - Participle

(3) Fill in the blank with the proper form of the verb given in the bracket : (1)

Either of the two is guilty. (is/are)

(4) Form past participle in which the last letter is doubled. (1)

Ans.

Infinitive	Past Participle
To plan	planned
To knit	knitted
To stop	stopped
To trot	trotted
To travel	travelled

(5) Complete the word chain of adjectives : (1)

Small – last, tiny, young, great

OR

Small – lame, easy, youthful, lazy

A2. Do as directed. (any two) [4]

(1) Begin the following sentence with : Our inaction _____ (2)
Children are questioning our inaction.

Ans. Our inaction is being questioned by children.

(2) Make two sentences of your own to show the difference of Homograph : ‘fine’ (2)

Ans. fine – Today seems to be a fine day.

fine – This print is too fine to read.

(3) Change the following sentence into indirect speech : (2)

“Are you still hungry?” I asked her. She said, “Yes, I am.”

Ans. I asked her whether she was still hungry. She replied that she was.

(B) Do as directed. (any one)

(1) Pick out the modal auxiliary and state its function :

Lack of rain could cause drought.

Ans. could – shows possibility

(2) Make two sentences by using the given word as a noun and as a verb without changing its form :

Water.

Ans. Noun – Water is one of the most essential natural resources.

Verb – The gardener did not water the plants this morning.

Section II : Textual Passages

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

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

[10]

A1. Four things found in nature. (2)



A2. Mention what you learn from the following : (2)

(1) **Bits of grass peeping through the small cracks _____ .**

Ans. There is always hope and a way out of impossibility.

(2) **Tree bare in winter blooms in spring _____ .**

Ans. Nothing is permanent in life, the cycle of life just goes on.

A3. Match the words with their meanings : (2)

A

B

(1) Majestic

(a) Huge/massive

(2) Persist

(b) Grand

(3) Colossal

(c) Firm belief

(4) Conviction

(d) Continue

Ans. (1) – (b), (2) – (d), (3) – (a), (4) – (c)

A4 Do as directed:

(1) **It takes the shape of water.** (1)

(Add a question tag)

Ans. It takes the shape of water, doesn't it?

(2) **We saw small bits of grass.** (1)

(Pick up the verb and state whether it is transitive or intransitive verb)

Ans. saw – Transitive Verb

A5. How do you face difficulties in life ? (2)

Ans. It is commonly known that life is not a bed of roses and is often beset with problems. Tackling or solving these problems requires skill, patience and a crystal clear mind. I face difficulties in life with courage and hope. First, I try to understand and analyse the problem and then work out solutions for the same.

(B) Read the following passage and do the given activities. [10]

B1. Complete the following sentences using word/words from the passage : (2)

(1) Hemingway's novel is based on real events.

(2) The novel was published in 1952.

(3) During the First World War Hemingway worked for Red Cross.

(4) Hemingway had experience of fishing in Cuba.

B2. Two things which Hemingway always talks about : (2)

Ans. (1) the need to struggle against death and defeat and

(2) how determination and endurance can help to win this struggle.

B3. (A) Add suffix to make adjectives : (1)

(1) injury – injurious (2) memory – memorable

(B) Write the synonyms from the passage for the following words : (1)

(1) victory – triumph (2) tolerance – endurance

B4. Do as directed :

(1) **Ultimately his story becomes one of triumph.** (1)

(Rewrite the sentence in present perfect tense)

Ans. Ultimately his story has become one of triumph.

(2) **He was injured during the First World War.** (1)

(Frame a Wh-question to get the underlined part as an answer)

Ans. When was he injured?

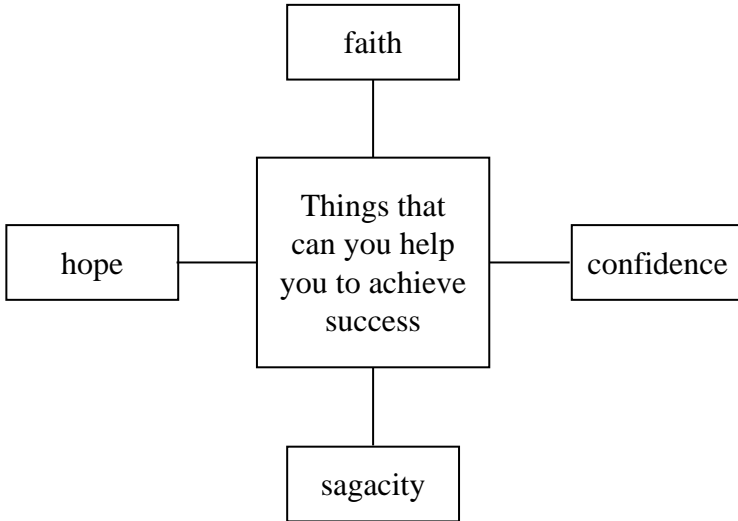
B5. Would you prefer reading a book or watching an animated film? Justify your answer. (2)

Ans. I would prefer reading a book, because it would keep me engrossed in the content and it would help me to enrich and expand my range of vocabulary. Animation seems a bit immature for a person of my age. It may have appeal to the younger age group. But my preference would be a book as it has much to offer such as characterization in verbal form, developing the plot, drawing to a climax, etc...

Section III : Poetry

Q.3. (A) Read the following extract and do the given activities. [5]

A1. Complete the web chart with the information from the extract: (2)



A2. How can poverty keep you away from achieving your goals? (2)

Ans. Poverty can be the cause of hunger, disease, malnutrition, etc. which can come in the way of achieving one's goals.

A3. With the help of GOD you'll get it! (1)

(Name and explain the figure of speech)

Ans. The figure of speech contained in the given line is Exclamation as the idea is very explicitly expressed.

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

Ans. Appreciation of Poem

'Animals' by the American poet, Walt Whitman is a short poem expressing the poet's view of feeling more at home with the

animals than with human beings. According to him, human beings are complicated whereas animals are more placid and self-contained. The poet does not make use of any rhyme scheme and as such the poet is devoid of rhythm. However, the poet makes use of choicest words such as 'evince', 'demented', 'placid' to drive home his point. The employment of figures of speech such as Litotes, Onomatopoeia, Metaphor, Repetition, etc. serve to enhance the effect of the poem

The theme centres around the idea that humans have forgotten their true nature and have turned avaricious, restless and sinful. He maintains that animals are free from all types of trivial anxieties and thus they are still living their natural life.

Section IV : Non-textual Passage

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

Q.4. (A) Read the following passage and do the given activities. [10]

A1. Choose the correct option from the following balloons : (2)

- (1) Musical instrument with shrill unpleasant sound pingi.
- (2) The sound of shehnai began to be considered as auspicious.
- (3) The credit for bringing this instrument onto the classical stage goes to Ustad Bismillah Khan.
- (4) Till recently it was used only in temples.

A2. Say why? (2)

The instrument was named as shehnai _____ .

Ans. The instrument was first played in the Shah's chambers and was played by a nai (barber). Hence, it was called a shehnai.

A3. Find words from the passage which mean : (2)

- (a) high-pitched – shrill
- (b) regal – royal
- (c) admired – impressed
- (d) essential – indispensable

A4. Do as directed : (2)

(1) Shehnai was part of the naubat. (1)

(Pick out the subject and predicate)

Ans. Shehnai – Subject

was part of the naubat - Predicate

(2) It was first played in the Shah’s chambers and was played by a nai. (1)

(State whether the statement is simple/compound/complex)

Ans. The given statement is a Compound sentence as it has two independent clauses connected by a coordinator.

A5. Which is your favourite musical instrument and why? (2)

Ans. My favourite musical instrument is the piano because I have been playing on it since my childhood. There are many songs and tunes that I have learnt while playing on the piano. It has also taught me to understand the nuances of music – including scales, notes, rhythm and melody.

Summary Writing

(B) Summary Writing [5]

Write a short summary of the passage given in Q. No. 4(A) and suggest a suitable title.

THE INVENTION OF THE SHEHNAI

A barber, belonging to a family of musicians, once decided to improve on the pungi. So he bore seven holes in a pipe. At the royal palace, when he played on it by opening and closing some of the holes, soft melodious sounds were produced which impressed everyone. It is played in temples and at weddings in North India. The credit for bringing this remodeled pungi now called the shehnai onto the classical stage goes to Ustad Bismillah Khan.

Section V : Writing Skills

Q.5. Letter Writing :

[5]

(A) Imagine you are Ria/Rahul, residing at 103, Pragat Colony, M.G. Road, Nagpur-15.

Attempt any *one* of the letter based on the given situation.

“Dengue-Death : A cause for concern.”

Formal Letter

Ria

103, Pragat Colony,

M. G. Road,

Nagpur -15.

29th April 2021.

The Health Officer,

Municipal Corporation

Nagpur -10

Sir,

I, the undersigned, by means of this letter, wish to draw your attention towards the increasing spread of dengue which has been the cause of loss of many human lives.

It has been observed that there are many areas in the surroundings that have become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, especially the ones that carry the dengue infection. Please check on open water filled areas, drainage areas, etc. where the stagnant water attracts these mosquitoes. These areas should be cleaned and cleared regularly with periodic disinfestation.

It would do good to create awareness, especially in crowded public places and housing societies about the dangers of dengue and the measures that need to be taken to avoid this fatal disease. Information about the same in the form of news clipping, posters, etc. should be placed at all strategic places to educate the people. Regular health camps could also be organized, especially in rural and remote areas where it is difficult to provide medical facilities instantly.

I trust you will do the needful and oblige as this would go a long way in avoiding unnecessary deaths caused due to dengue.

Yours faithfully,

Ria

Informal Letter

Ria

103, Pragat Colony,

M. G. Road,

Nagpur- 15.

29th April 2021.

Dear Anil,

It has been quite some time now that we have not had a conversation at length, hence I am writing this letter to you - to share my views about preventing the spread of deadly dengue.

You may be aware that dengue is basically caused due to infection from a particular breed of mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are generally found in dirty stagnant water in places such as potholes, uncovered water tanks, rubber tyres and other such material into which water has collected. When a person gets infected with dengue, the platelets in the blood begin to drop drastically and this results in death. This, of course, can be avoided if proper care is taken and hygiene is maintained.

It is, therefore, advisable to keep all areas dry – especially if you have potted plants in and around your home. One should also disinfect one's area at periodic intervals.

Hope all are well at home. Convey my regards to them.

Your loving friend,

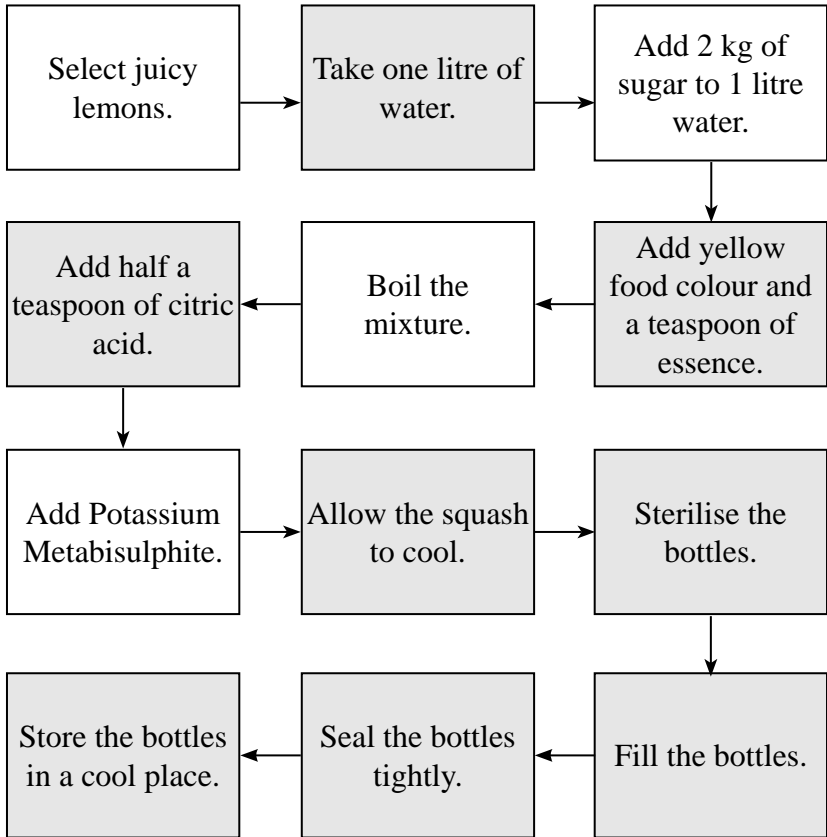
Ria

Q.6. (A) Information Transfer

[5]

A1. Read the following information and transfer it into a flow chart and suggest a suitable title.

Recipe for Lemon Juice



OR

A2. Transfer the information into a paragraph.

Read the following diagram and transfrom it into a paragraph.

Ans.

SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION

According to the given tree diagram, there are mainly five sources of air pollution, namely natural, combustion, industrial, agricultural and solvents. Forest fires and volcanoes are the main reasons for natural air pollution. Combustion leads to emission of

smoke which is a major offender of air pollution. Further, smoke and gases, sometimes poisonous ones emitted from industrial units and factories add to the pollution in the air causing health hazards, especially for the human population in the surrounding areas. Many agricultural areas are now generally sprayed with pesticides and insecticides which add foul smell to the air. Fumes from vehicles and other sources and spray paints emit harmful pollutants into the air.

(B) Attempt any *one* of the following. (5)

B1. Speech :

Prepare a speech to be delivered on ‘Environment Day’ in your school on the topic ‘Ban on Single Use of Plastic’.

Make use of the following points :

- choke pipes
- endangers marine life
- soil degrade
- disturbs the ecological balance
- encourage use of cloth/paper bag.

Ans.

Respected Headmaster, teachers and my dear fellow students,

I am, indeed, privileged, today, to share my views on the occasion of ‘Environment Day’ on the ban of the single use of plastic.

It is common knowledge that the use of plastic is harmful and hazardous to the environment and consequently to our health too as plastic is non-biodegradable and hence its disposal is one of the greatest challenges. Plastic is not only causing land pollution but it is also affecting all our water bodies and hence making our water resources scarce and harmful. Research has also proved the increase in the number of deaths of animals and marine creatures owing to the consumption of plastic. The drainage chambers and sewage channels get blocked due to plastic.

Although the Indian government has imposed a ban on the usage of plastic bags in many states, it is time when we must contribute our bit to make this ban a success. Thus, we, the educated

lot of society must take it as our responsibility to stop using plastic bags. In this way, we can support the government in this campaign. We must not only create and spread awareness about the ban on plastic but also make efforts to find other suitable alternatives that can be used to replace plastic. Now everyone has to completely stop using plastic and thus save our environment and earth.

(OR)

B2. View-Counterview :

Life of a bird is better than that of a human being

I resolutely disagree with the view that the life of a bird is better than that of a human being. Arguably, the life of bird is free from needless tensions and control, but its life is not as fulfilling and exhilarating as that of a human being for one simple reason that a human being has been endowed with the gift of a brain with which he can think and act and move forward in life unlike a bird. Owing to parental control over a human being, he or she can cultivate himself or herself into responsible, rational and mature individual and then make a noteworthy contribution to Society at large. Human beings have the obligatory pressure of completing their education but then that is their pathway to success, achievement and a better life. Hence, for all these reasons, I firmly advocate the view that the life of a bird is not so good as that of a human being.

Section VI : Creative Writing

Q.7. (A) Do any *one* of the following.

[5]

A1. Expand the theme :

Expand the following idea into a paragraph of 100 words :

‘Actions speak louder than words’.

Proverbs or maxims are always useful because they give us information and direction in life and often help to overcome obstacles that bar the path to success and achievement. The adage ‘Actions speak louder than words’ implies that what one does has a stronger and perhaps more effective impact on people than what one says. Consequently, people would probably believe what you do than what you say.

In a trust-building endeavour, actions carry more weight than words and trust is the fundamental basis for the survival of any relationship. However, building trust by the spoken word is far easier than other means. When an action on the part of a person affects another in a positive manner, it creates a basis for 'solid trust'. Likewise, resolutions and commitments have no meaning unless they are supported by actions rather than just lip service. Even in the area of 'parenting', actions on the part of the parents will impress and cultivate good habits and the right attitude in children. Hence in many arenas of life, actions are of paramount importance as compared to the most effective words used.

(OR)

A2. News Report :

**Prepare a news report based on the following headline :
'Heavy rains disrupt the city'**

Mumbai, July 5

After a break of few days, heavy rains returned to the city and its neighbouring areas on Friday morning, affecting road and rail traffic and briefly disrupting operations of inbound and outbound flights – both domestic and international - at the city airport.

According to an official at the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) centre the suburban areas received around 22 mm rainfall in a little over three hours from half past seven in the morning. This caused water-logging on rail tracks at many stations due to which local trains on the Central Line were running slow. Several local trains on the Central and Western lines were also cancelled due to flooding on the tracks, railway officials said. Office-goers who commute by local trains, considered the lifeline of Mumbai, were hit hard due to the heavy downpour in the morning rush hour.

In a tweet, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) expressed regret over the inconvenience caused to city residents because of the heavy rainfall.

It was also observed that the catchment areas of dams that supply drinking water to Mumbai are also receiving good precipitation. The city is expected to receive more rains today.

(B) Do any *one* of the following.

[5]

B1. Developing a story :

Develop a story and suggest a suitable title. The conclusion/end is given.

..... thus they decided to speak the truth.

JUST THE TRUTH

It was a day before the Unit Test could begin in our class. During the fourth period, the English teacher was in the midst of explaining how to prepare and attempt the English paper when she was summoned by the Principal urgently. No sooner did she leave the class after having assigned some revision work to us, than a few of us opened our tiffin boxes and began eating as it was next to impossible to contain our hunger until the recess which was an hour away.

When she returned after about fifteen minutes, she discovered our misdeed and asked us to own up. None of us was willing to do so as we were mortally afraid of the consequences, especially if the matter escalated and reached our parents. Just then the bell rang and what a relief as she walked out of the class with a stern look on her face. Assuming that our teacher would forget and perhaps forgive us, we enjoyed the rest of the day until the last period when the Principal walked into our class to deal with the same issue. In very kind words, the Principal assured us that our silence would magnify the punishment including suspension from the Unit Test after informing our parents. The monitor of the class then stood up and called out the names of some students and appealed to them to give their explanation lest the entire class would suffer for a fault of only a few. Those culprits understood the gravity of their misdeed and thus they decided to speak the truth.

(OR)

B2. Narrating an experience :

Narrate an experience of your own. Begin with :

The day being a holiday I

ALL IN A DAY

The day being a holiday, I decided to visit my uncle who had been ill for some time and was now recuperating at home after

spending a week in the hospital. Though he had not suffered a major illness, being advanced in age necessitated medical treatment and follow-up. So, I decided to buy him a few of his favourite snacks from a supermarket which was a couple of metres away. As I entered the supermarket, I met a friend with whom I had lost contact for over two years. The joy of meeting my friend was surpassingly great and outdid my plan. Though we immediately exchanged our contacts with each other, we decided to share a small meal in the cafeteria of the supermarket. After an hour, we decided to part company and I agreed to pay the bill, but lo and behold ! I discovered that I had forgotten my wallet at home. What a shame and embarrassment it was, but my friend offered to loan the amount of the bill which I promised to pay the next day. Having bid him 'goodbye' I rushed home to fetch my wallet only to discover that I had dropped the house key somewhere along the street. I searched frantically but did not succeed and my plans to visit my uncle crashed. Just then I got a call from my mother stating that she was returning home as she had some urgent work at the bank. I told her of my plight but all I could do was wait till she returned. And she did but after over an hour as she was caught in a terrible traffic jam.

Finally, she arrived and let me into the house. I grabbed my wallet and rushed to the bus-stop and made my way to my uncle's place. When I recounted my tale, he laughed heartily because he too had a similar experience in his youth. He then said : It runs in the family. And we both broke out into another fit of laughter as I spend the rest of the time with him cheerfully.

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