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## Section I :- Prose

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, mind mapping)

Q. 1 A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below :

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Soapy left his bench and strolled out of the square and across the level sea of asphalt, where Broadway and Fifth Avenue flow together. Up Broadway he turned, and stopped at a luxurious cafe.

Soapy had confidence in himself from the lowest button of his vest upward. He was shaven, and his coat was trim and his neat, black bow had been presented to him by a lady missionary on Thanks giving Day. If only he could reach a table in the restaurant unsuspected, success would be his. The portion of him that would show above the table would raise no doubt in the waiter's mind. A roasted mallard duck, thought Soapy, would be about the thing with a bottle of wine and then some cheese, a cup of coffee and a cigar. One dollar for the cigar would be enough. The total would not be so high as to call forth any extreme of revenge from the cafe management; and yet the meat would leave him filled and happy for the journey to his winter island.

But as Soapy set foot inside the restaurant door, the head-waiter's eye fell upon his tattered trousers and decadent shoes. Strong and ready hands turned him about and conveyed him in silence and haste to the side-walk and averted the ignoble fate of the menaced mallard.

Soapy turned off Broadway. It seemed that his route to the coveted island was not to be an easy one. Some other way of entering the limbo must be devised.

At a corner of Sixth Avenue electric lights and cunningly displayed wares behind plateglass made a shop window attractive. Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass. People came running round the corner, a policeman in the lead. Soapy stood still with his hands in his pockets, and smiled at the sight of brass buttons.

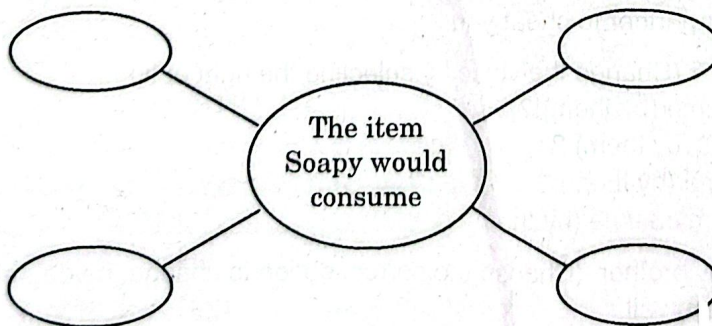
A1) State whether the following statements are true or false.

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- 1) The cost of the cigar would not be more than a dollar.
- 2) It was the poverty of soapy and the observant waiter saved the duck.
- 3) It wasn't necessary for Soapy to find out some other way of land up in jail.
- 4) Soapy stood smiling in front of the police.

A2) Fill up the web diagram with the items Soapy thought of consuming in the cafe.

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**A3) Select the correct option to explain the meaning of the following statements :**

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- i) "If only he could reach the table in the restaurant unsuspected, success would be his"
- He would be able to enter the expensive cafe only if his lower economic standard goes unnoticed and later he could succeed in his mission.
  - He would successfully enter the cafe if no one suspects him to be a culprit.
  - If no one suspects him to be a beggar, he would be able to reach restaurant table and get success in his plan.
  - He was worried that the police will suspect him so he won't succeed in his plan.
- ii) Soapy had confidence in himself from the lowest button of his vest upward.
- Soapy had some physical deformity in his legs.
  - The part of attire above the lowest of the vest button was really descent.
  - Soapy was very confident about himself as the lowest button of his coat was a bit upward and hence it appeared more fashionable.
  - Soapy was confident about his vest as its lowest button was attractive.

**A4) According to me the drawbacks of being lazy are :**

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- .....
- .....

**A5) Find out any two expressions used by the writer in the passage which refers to 'Jail'. 2****A6) Language Study :**

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- Soap set foot inside the restaurant door. (Select the correct option to identify the tense.)
  - Past tense
  - Past Perfect tense
  - Past continuous tense
  - Simple past tense
- Soapy left his bench and strolled out of the square.  
Rewrite the sentence by using the present participle form of the underlined verb by selecting the correct option.
  - Soapy, leaving his bench immediately strolled out of the square.
  - Leaving his park bench Soapy strolled out of the square.
  - He strolled out of the square, leaving his bench.
  - Soapy strolled out of the square, leaving his bench.

**B) Do as directed :**

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- It's not easy for your partner to cheat you. 1  
(Select the correct option to use a modal auxiliary expressing ability.)
  - He is not able to cheat you.
  - Your partner can't cheat you.
  - You can't be cheated by your partner.
  - It's not possible for your partner to cheat you.
- Will they inform me on time ? (Change the voice by selecting the right option.) 1
  - Shall I be informed on time (by them) ?
  - Will be informed on time (by them) ?
  - Will me be inform on time (by them) ?
  - Would I be able to inform on time (by them) ?
- Raj is more capable than my brother. (Choose the correct option to change the degree.) 1
  - Raj is most capable among all.
  - Both Raj and my brother are very capable.
  - My brother is not as capable as Raj.
  - Raj is the only person who is capable than my brother.

- 4) Spot the error.

One of the student in my class is from Japan.

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**Q. 2 A) Read the following extract and do the activities that follow :**

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Language is the enabler of speech and conversation but it is one's attitude that determines action. Language can be used to construct beautiful imagery. There are many situations in our daily life where we use words mechanically but it is equally important to understand how those spoken words are received. Words can be used to create guidelines which are just the vehicles to drive home the intended meaning. They can be conveniently altered to fit the situation. However one's attitude is one's inseparable companion and it is not easy to modify it in any significant way

There is one quality that separates human beings from the rest of the life on our planet it is the ability of speech that helps us communicate with one another. Communication helps two or more people exchange their thoughts, ideas, feelings and emotions in a meaningful way It can be done both verbally : that is by speaking or nonverbally: that is through gestures, writing, signals or behaviour. Effective communication makes up an integral part of everyday life, be it a simple task such as buying groceries or sharing notes with college friends. Life on interactions. When people do not agree with each other they often resort to arguments to express the displeasure. This leads to complications that are a result of anger, doubt, misunderstanding and other negative emotions. It may also end up distancing people from one another and creating negative perceptions. When one uses the power of speech in a calm and assertive manner it proves to be a win-win situation for everyone around.

But we must not forget that speech is silver and silence is golden. This is a Latin proverb which highlights the importance of silence over speaking. In olden days a sacred practice called Vow of Silence was followed in India. As a part of this, every month people were required to maintain total silence for a day or two. This practice was followed to develop analytical skills, sharpen objectivity, and inculcate the virtue of patience. Many learned men and sages were known to follow it religiously and thereby add to that treasure of knowledge

**A1) Given below are the statements with one word underlined in them. Replace the word with the correct one and rewrite the sentence UNDERLINING the replaced word is a MUST**

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- Many learned men and women observed vow of silence seriously.
- It is your attitude that gives rise to your profession.
- Effective competition is very essential in your everyday life.
- In general anger, doubts, misunderstandings are due to agreement that we normally indulge into.

**A2) Benefits of the practice o observing silence are :**

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- to develop : .....
- sharpen : .....
- ..... : patience
- add to : .....

**A3) The important functions of language are :**

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Language enables \_\_\_\_\_  
Language can construct \_\_\_\_\_

**A4) Give your opinion about the importance of words / speech and silence .**

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- words / speech
- silence

**A5) Give one word for.**

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- a) An occasion when two or more people communication with or react/respond to each other.
- b) A situation when someone fails to comprehend/understand someone's point of view correctly.

**A6) Language study.**

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- a) It is not easy to modify it in a significant way. (Rewrite the sentence by using the underlined infinitive as a gerund.
- b) Words can be used to create guidelines. (Make it a rhetorical question by choosing the correct option.)
  - a) Can words be used to create guidelines ?
  - b) Shouldn't words be used to create guidelines ?
  - c) Can we used words to create guidelines ?
  - d) Can't words be used to create guidelines ?

**Q. 2 B) Summarize the above extract with the help of the given points :**

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- Functions of words / language
- Importance of attitude
- Why arguments are bad
- Value of silence

**Q. 2 C) Mind mapping :**

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Develop a mind mapping frame using your own ideas to inform about the forests and their benefits.

Tips for Mind Mapping :

- i) Connect your thoughts using minimum three main; two or three sub branches.
- ii) Use your own design.
- iii) Your own creativity and ideas in attractive manner.

**Section II - Poetry****Q. 3 Read the following extract and do the activities that follow :**

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The buoy of the Inchcape Bell was seen  
A darker speck on the ocean green;  
Sir Ralph the Rover, walk'd his deck,  
And he fix'd his eye on the darker speck.

He felt the cheering power of spring,  
It made him whistle, it made him sing;  
His heart was mirthful to excess,  
But the Rover's mirth was wickedness.

His eye was on the Inchcape float;  
Quoth he, "My men, put out the boat,  
And row me to the Inchcape Rock,  
And I'll plague the Abbot of Aberbrothok'.

The boat is lower'd, the boatmen row,  
And to the Inchcape Rock they go;  
Sir Ralph bent over from the boat,  
And he cut the Bell from the Inchcape float.

**A1) Arrange the following in order as in the extract :** **2**

- a) The pirate ordered his men to take him to the Bell.
- b) The pirate intently gazed the Bell which looked like a tiny dot.
- c) Sir Ralph cut the Bell.
- d) They all moved towards the Bell.

**A2) Pick up an copy the expressions from the extract which express positive impact of the spring on the pirate :** **2**

- i) .....
- ii) .....
- iii) .....
- iv) .....

**A3) The extract speaks about the 'Jealousy'. It is the most incurable defect of human mind. Comment.** **2**

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**A4) Match the pairs of the expression with the figures of speech they express.** **2**

|                                         |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| i) A darker speck on the ocean green    | Alliterations |
| ii) Sir Ralph the Rover walk'd his deck | Climax        |
|                                         | Inversion     |

**A5) Write a rhyming couplet on 'cruelty'.** **2**

**Q. 3 B) Read the following extract and write poetic appreciation with the help of the given points.** **4**

- about the poem, poet
- theme
- poetic style / language
- poetic devices
- special features
- your opinion

Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
Why do you weave a garment so gay?.....  
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,  
We weave the robes of a new-born child.  
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,  
Why do you weave a garment so bright?.....  
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,  
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.  
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,  
What do you weave in the moonlight chill.....  
White as a feather and white as a cloud,  
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

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| Section III - (Writing Skills) |
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**Q. 4 Complete the activities as per the instructions given below : 4**

**A) Attempt Any One from the given activities : 4**

- 1) Imagine yourself as Ramesh / Reeta you are required to go to Pune to participate in the national level scene Quiz Competition and hence you won't be able to attend the Class test. Draft a virtual message to your brother / sister in about 50 to 75 words asking to convey the reason of your absence to your concern teacher.

**OR**

2) **Statement of Purpose. 4**

You have a Special interest in journalism. You are planning to go for a degree course in Mass Communication and work in future especially in the field of Crime reporting. You have heard about the elili 'Royal Institute' of 'Mass Communication' in the United kingdom. Prepare a statement of purpose in about 150 words to ger admission in the institute.

**OR**

3) **Group Discussion.**

Imagine yourself an a participant in a group a draw on arranged by an NGO working to promote Swadeshi rather than foreign good. The topic of discussion is 'Tradition food promote more nutrition to the children as compared to the 'Junk Food'.'

There are two more participants and evaluator to share their views. Prepare a set of dialogues.

**Q. 4 B) Attempt 'Any One'. 4**

1) **Email Writing ;**

You are looking forward to start a gymnasium and cardio in your locality. You initially need primary equipment to start your gym. Draft an e-mail to the prime fifteen demanding a moderate quotation for the came in about 100-150 words.

**OR**

2) **Report Writing : 4**

Your college has recently celebrated 75th Anniversary of your institute. Prepare the news on the various Social educational and Cultural activities between 20 Oct - 27 Oct. Draft a report in about 150 words.

**OR**

3) **Drafting Interview Question : 4**

One of the ex students from your college has recently been awarded 'Padmashri' one the prestigious award for her work in Social reformation. Imagine yourself as an interviewer and prepare a set of 8/10 question enabling your guest to show her experiences and opinions:

You many take help of the following points to draft your question maintaining a proper sequence.

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Name of the Interviewee              |  |
| Area of success / reputation         |  |
| Date / Venue / Time                  |  |
| Her decision                         |  |
| Her Idol / Inspiration               |  |
| Support                              |  |
| Training                             |  |
| Difficulties                         |  |
| Challenges / Motivational experience |  |
| Goals / Expectation                  |  |
| Message                              |  |

**Q. 4 C) Attempt 'Any One' of the following activities.**

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**1) Speech Writing :**

You are an active member of an NGO working for Water Conservation. Prepare a speech for the School Children / students where you are invited on the eve of 'World Environment Day ' to guide them about water harvesting. Your speech should not exceed 150 words.

**OR**

**2) Comparing :**

Imagine your college has organised a fairwell function for the Students appearing for H.S.C Examination. As a compere draft a script for the whole function maintaining the sequence of the following points :

- Welcoming of the guests
- Introduction
- Felicitation of achievers
- Important Speeches
- Conclusion remark
- Vote thanks

**OR**

**3) Expansion of Idea.**

**Expand the following idea with the help of the points given below 100-150 words.**

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" Experience is the best teacher"

- Its practical and theoretical experience
- Learn from situations.
- Direct & first hand knowledge.
- Real life is better than bookish.

**Q. 4 D) Attempt 'Any One' of the following.**

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**1) Draft a review of any film that you have recently watched in Horror / Comedy / Drama genre. Prepare your review with the help of given points :**

- Name of the films
- Producer / Director
- Cast
- Theme
- Story line
- Technical aspect :- Music/Photography/Editing
- Your opinion

**OR**

**2) Blog :**

Write a blog post in about 150 words on the topic 'Social Media is sporting the spirit of Education.' Focus on the adverse / negative effects and bad influence of various social Media apps on the students minds.

**OR**

**3) Prepare a Appeal :**

Prepare an appeal inviting the students to respond to the 'Voters Registration Camp' specially organised by the State Election Commission on erc of for the coming State Election use the following points :

- Give appropriate slogan.
- Poor turn out / low awareness on voting make a story appeal.
- Arrangement of a special camp for first time voters.
- Guest / Time / Date / Venue.

## Section IV - (Literary Genre - Novel)

**Q.5 1) Complete the activities given below as per the instructions :**

**Fill in the blanks with suitable alternatives. :**

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- a) The ground breaking work of John Steinbeck was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(The heart of Darkness, The turn of the screw, Death in Venice, Pearl)
- b) The Novella 'The Heart of Darkness' is written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John Steinback, Thomon Mann, Joseoh Conrad, Henry James)
- c) The word 'Novella' is originated from the \_\_\_\_\_ word..  
(French, Italian, German, Chinese)
- d) Thomas Mann's one of the finest work in literature is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Death in Venice, Gulliver's Travels, Miss Marple, Frankenstein)

**Match pairs.**

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**A (Novels)**

**B (Author)**

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Miss Marple           | a) Mary Shelley    |
| 2) The turn of the screw | b) Johnthan swift  |
| 3) Frankenstein          | c) Henry James     |
| 4) Gulliver's Travels    | d) Agatha Christie |

**True or False.**

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- 1) The Central idea in the novel in clow down.
- 2) The main character in the novel is referred as protagonist.
- 3) The struggle between the opposite forces in the story is called story.
- 4) Language and techniques used in the novel is known as style.

**Read the description and identify the type of novel.**

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- 1) The type of novel that narrates the adventures of the protagonist. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The surface meaning of it is different from the symbolic meaning. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Describes earlier times than its writing. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) The type of novel that indicates growth of the protagonist's mind and spirit.

**Q. 5 2) Answer in above 50 words to the question given below.**

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- 1) Explain the theme of the novel. "To sir with love '.
- 2) Give the character sketch of E.R. Poraithwaite (The narrator)
- 3) Justify 'To Sir with Love' is an autobiographical novel.
- 4) Write a short summary of the Chapter '17' of the novel 'To Sir wit Love.'

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