

Answers – Board Paper - March 2020

Section I : Language Study

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

[4]

(1) Write two compound words of your own.

Ans. time-table, football, rib-tickling, moonlight, sunshine

[Note : Both, hyphenated and non-hyphenated words are accepted, provided both words forming the compound words are some part of speech. Hence, words such as ‘anti-social’, ‘non-violence’, etc are not acceptable as the words ‘anti’ and ‘non’ are prefixes and not parts of speech.]

(2) Pick out the gerund from the following sentence.

This attitude of taking destroys families.

Ans. taking - Gerund

(3) Punctuate the following sentence.

after all he doesnt pay me

Ans. After all, he doesn't pay me.

[Four punctuation marks - the capital letter, the comma, the apostrophe and the full stop]

(4) Form two present participles in which the last letter is doubled.

Ans.

Infinitives	Present Participles
To plan	planning
To run	running
To stop	stopping
To swim	swimming
To travel	travelling

(5) Complete the following word chain of verbs.

Examine, e_____, _____, _____, _____

Ans. Examine – enter – return – need – draw

OR

Examine – exit – tick – kill – linger

A2 Do as directed. (any 2)

[4]

(1) Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

Robert asked, “Joan, how old are you?” “I am 13 years old,” she replied.

Ans. Robert asked Joan how old she was. Joan/She replied that she was thirteen years old. OR

Robert asked Joan her age to which she replied that she was thirteen years old.

(2) Make sentences of your own to show the difference in homophones.

feet :

feat :

Ans. feet – Education is an essential factor for one to stand on one’s feet.

feat – The Eiffel Tower is a novel feat of engineering.

(3) Rewrite the sentences in present perfect tense.

I had been working for Anil for almost a month.

Ans. I have worked for Anil for almost a month.

(B) Do as directed. (any 1)

[2]

(1) Begin the sentences with “No sooner _____”

As soon as the thief escaped, the family informed the police.

Ans. No sooner did the thief escape, than the family informed the police.

(2) Change the following sentence into positive and comparative degree.

It is one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Ans. Positive - Few decisions that I have ever made are so good as it is.

Comparative - It is better than most other decisions that I have ever made.

Section II : Textual Passages

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.2. (A) Read the following passage and do the activities. [10]

A1 Relate the following actions with the king and the hermit. (2)

digging

learning
things

breathe
heavily

asking
questions

Ans.

King

Hermit

(1) learning things

(1) digging

(2) asking questions

(2) breathe heavily

A2 State whether you agree/disagree with the following statements. (2)

(1) The hermit was strong and agile.

Ans. Disagree

(2) The king came to the hermit to ask three questions.

Ans. Agree

(3) The hermit handed over the spade and sat down.

Ans. Agree

(4) The king wasn't feeling sorry for the hermit.

Ans. Disagree

A3 Solve the cross word puzzle using words from the passage referring to the clues given. (2)

Down

Across

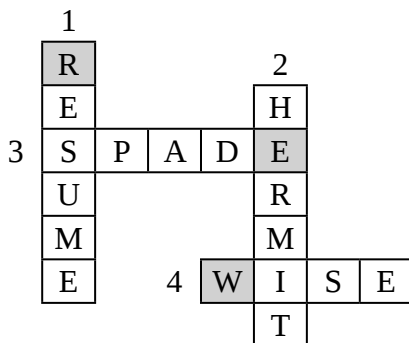
(1) Restart/Start again

(3) A tool for digging

(2) Sage

(4) Intelligent

Ans.



A4 Do as directed.

(2)

**(1) When the king arrived the hermit was digging the ground.
(Name and identify the subordinate clause.)**

Ans. Main Clause – the hermit was digging the ground.

Subordinate Clause – When the king arrived

Adverb Clause of Time

(2) The hermit listened to the king but said nothing.

(Rewrite the sentences and begin it with ‘Though’)

Ans. Though the hermit listened to the king, he said nothing.

A5 Whom do you consider your guide when you are in difficulty? Why? (2)

(2)

Ans. In difficult times, I turn to God, who is my best source of redemption. However, primarily, my parents who are God-gifted serve as my guide. Parents show unconditional love and deep affection towards their children and hence they always guide and lead their children out of difficult times with the help of their own experiences and expertise. Since they are older, they are at a higher level of maturity, thus being able to offer better solutions to their children.

Q.2. (B) Read the following passage and complete the activities.

[10]

B1 Choose the correct alternative.

(2)

(1) Which state does Mary Kom belong to?

- (a) Mizoram (b) Manipur
(c) Gujarat (d) Assam

Ans. (b) Manipur

(2) Who inspired Mary Kom to choose Boxing as a career?

- (a) Dingko Singh (b) Sushil Kumar
(c) Vijendra Singh (d) Adams

Ans. (a) Dingko Singh

(3) What were her parents?

- (a) Teachers (b) Boxers
(c) Tenant farmers (d) Horticulturist

Ans. (c) tenant farmers

(4) When did Mary Kom make her international debut in Boxing?

- (a) At 20 (b) At 18
(c) At 48 (d) At 38

Ans. (d) at 18

B2 What difficulties did Mary Kom face in her childhood? (2)

Ans. According to the writer, Mary Kom hailed from a poor family as her parents were farmers. She grew up in humble surroundings and helped her parents with farm related chores while she was studying in school.

B3 Find out *one* word for the following from the passage. (2)

(1) Shifting cultivation

Ans. jhum

(2) Strengthened

Ans. reinforced

(3) First public appearance

Ans. debut

(4) One who makes history.

Ans. legend

B4 Do as directed.

(2)

(1) Rewrite the sentence using an infinitive.

She started competing at international level.

Ans. She started to compete at international level.

(2) Rewrite as an exclamatory sentence.

Her father was a keen wrestler.

Ans. What a keen wrestler her father was !

B5 “Sports are important in our life.” Elaborate. (2)

Ans. It is undoubtedly true that Sports are important in our lives as we derive many benefits from sports. Primarily, it serves the purpose of exercise and fitness. Further, it develops stamina and helps fight premature fatigue. Since sports entails expending energy, it enhances one’s power of concentration and boosts one’s appetite thus enabling a steady and proper physical growth of body.

Section III : Poetry

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

A1 Match the describing words from the Cloud ‘A’ with Cloud ‘B’. (2)

Cloud ‘A’

- (1) broad
- (2) humorous
- (3) chuckling
- (4) trifling

Cloud ‘B’

- (a) noise
- (b) jest
- (c) way
- (d) grin

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

A2 Pick out two lines from the extract that indicates humour. (2)

Ans. (i) There’ll be the devil to pay.

(ii) The fourth; he broke into a roar;

(iii) The fifth; his waistband split:

(iv) The sixth; he burst five buttons off

A3 Write two pairs of rhyming words from the extract. (1)

Ans. way – pay; within – grin; ear – hear; split – fit

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format.[5]

Ans. The poem, “All the World’s a Stage” is an analogical part of the monologue of Jacques in William Shakespeare’s As You Like It according to which the stage is set by the Ultimate Creator, God and we are mere puppets out to act our roles out as directed by Him. Shakespeare uses the rhythm of iambic pentameter, thus the poem is composed in free verse. The use of imagery, metaphor, and simile are the strongest figures of speech used to drive home the message of the extract. Some examples of the figures of speech used include, “the whining school boy”, “Sighing like a furnace”, “Bearded like the pard”, “round belly”, “beard of formal cut”, “and his big manly voice”, “Turning again towards childish treble”,

The style is narrative while the theme is metaphorical according to which a man generally plays seven typical parts. Shakespeare starts out with describing the common actions and conditions in which we all find ourselves as a baby who is dependent on a mother figure, then he moves on to describe what each stage thereafter looks and acts like in its own time thereby making his way to the end of a person’s life as if it were an exit from the stage (of life).

Section IV : Non-Textual Passage

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

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

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

(1) Time is the most valueless resource.

Ans. False

(2) The importance of time management is self-evident.

Ans. True

(3) Allow the time to flow and pass away.

Ans. False

(4) Time's nature is clear.

Ans. False

A2 What are the secrets of a good time manager? (2)

Ans. The secret of time management lies in successfully identifying and eliminating time-wasting activities with effective and efficient utilization of time. In order to be a good time manager, one should grab the time, utilize it properly and invest it into productive work.

A3 (1) Pick out two adverbs from the given passage. (1)

Ans. Adverbs : constantly, successfully, definitely, properly, quantitatively, accordingly, very, always

(2) Write the root word for the following. (1)

(a) utilization

(b) entertainment.

Ans. (a) utilize (b) entertain

A4 Do as directed. (2)

(1) Rewrite the sentence using 'Not only...but also'.

For the achievement of goals, proper planning and utilization of time is important.

Ans. For the achievement of goals, not only proper planning but also utilization of time is important

(2) Do not allow the time to flow.

(Make the sentence assertive.)

Ans. One / We / You should not allow time to flow.

A5 "Time once lost, is lost forever." Justify. (2)

Ans. In my opinion, time is a fleeting phenomenon and hence it must be used judiciously. Time cannot be bought nor sold, neither stretched nor manufactured. Time is never at one's beck and call and as such time can only be managed effectively. If time is wasted it is lost, because those moments which were not put to gainful use cannot be brought back. Hence time must be used and utilized with extreme care and caution.

Summary Writing

Q.4. (B) Read the above passage given in Q. No. 4(A) and write a summary of it in a paragraph. Suggest a suitable title.[5]

Ans. THE ESSENCE OF TIME

Time is a very valuable resource, fleeting, limited and intangible which must be used carefully so that it is not wasted nor mismanaged. The secret of time management lies in the effectively efficient utilization of time by investing into productive work. Every individual is blessed with twenty four hours in a day with which to complete his daily routine by proper planning and effective time management.

Section V : Writing Skills

Q.5. Letter Writing [5]

Imagine you are Rohan/Rima residing at 225, Veerchakra Colony, Kolhapur, 416002 “Hima Das the Indian Sprinter won 5 Golds in one month”.

A1. Formal Letter		A2. Informal Letter
Write a letter to the Education officer, Kolhapur appealing him to inculcate the importance of sports by providing basic sports facilities to schools.	OR	Write a letter to your friend Minu/Mohit making him/her aware of the importance of Sports in one's life.

Ans. A1 Formal Letter:

Rohan

225, Veerchakra Colony,
Kolhapur 416002.

11th March 2020

The Education Officer,
Kolhapur 416002.

Sir,

I, the undersigned, by means of this letter, wish to draw your attention towards the inadequate sports facilities in schools, thus undermining the importance of sports.

It is unarguably a fact that sports play a pivotal role in the life of an individual, particularly that of a student in school. It is the age when a school student is in the process of transforming into an adult and hence physical development assumes greater importance. Sports, in a large measure, serves the purpose of building stamina and vitality in the student thus boosting his confidence and well-being.

In the light of the aforesaid, may I appeal to you to ensure that basic sports facilities are provided to schools in measures commensurate with the student population therein. Incentives may also be provided to motivate students to take part in sports on a larger scale, which will consequently provide them with health benefits.

I trust you will do the needful and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Rohan

Ans. A2 Informal Letter:

Rima

225, Veerchakra Colony,

Kolhapur 416002.

11th March 2020

Dear Mohit,

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 on the importance of Sports in one's life.

If you recall, a few months ago, there was a workshop which I attended wherein the significance of sports was highlighted. Among the many aspects detailed, the prime focus was on sports acting as a catalyst in developing the personality of an individual. In addition to the building of the psyche, sports also develops the values of

team-spirit, sportsmanship, leadership, humility, etc. It enhances the power of concentration and promotes a spirit of dedication and devotion. One of the direct advantages of sports is that it boosts one's morale and motivates one towards success. There are other benefits of sports too, of which I am sure you are already aware and hence I need not elaborate any further.

Do let me know your views on the same. I look forward to an early reply.

Regards to all at home.

Your loving friend,
Rima

Q.6. (A) Information Transfer

[5]

A1 Verbal to Non-verbal

Read the following information and complete the following table below it.

Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to the Moon will, for the first time, unravel secrets around the Moon's South Pole. *Chandrayaan-2* is a three-part spacecraft – an orbiter, a lander and a rover. The lander is named *Vikram* after Vikram Sarabhai, the founder of the Indian space programme. The rover is named *Pragyan*, meaning 'wisdom'.

Chandrayaan-2 was launched on 22 July atop ISRO's GSLV Mk-III at 2:43 p.m. from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. Performing as expected, the rocket released *Chandrayaan-2* in a highly elliptic orbit around Earth about 17 minutes later. In fact, it was released 6,000 km higher than planned. The solar arrays on *Chandrayaan-2* deployed smoothly as the probe began its journey.

Ans.

	Table	Information
(1)	Name of the Mission	Chandrayaan-2
(2)	Date of Launch	22 July
(3)	Centre of Launch	Satish Dhawan Space Centre

(4)	Name of the Rover	Pragyan (meaning 'wisdom')
(5)	Founder of Indian Space Programme	Vikram Sarabhai

(OR)

A2 Non-verbal to Verbal**Transfer the information into a paragraph.**

Observe the tree diagram of types of diseases and write a paragraph on it. Suggest a suitable title.

Ans.**DISEASES AND THEIR TYPES**

According to the given tree diagram, diseases fall into two main categories namely communicable and non-communicable diseases, better known as lifestyle diseases. Communicable diseases are transmitted through three main media of infection such as air, food and water. Influenza is a disease transmitted through air, while food is a carrier of germs causing dysentery. Typhoid is a water-borne disease.

On the other hand, two main reasons can be attributed to non-communicable diseases – faulty eating habits and erratic living habits. Faulty eating habits result in obesity or diabetes while erratic living habits causes stress and hypertension.

(B) B1 Prepare a speech to be delivered on (15th October) “Reading Inspiration Day” in your school assembly.

The subject given to you is “Importance of Reading”. Use the following points.

- increases knowledge
- keeps one updated
- ideal way to keep occupied
- develops your vocabulary
- develops the power of expression.

Ans. Respected Headmaster, teachers and my dear fellow students, On the occasion of “Reading Inspiration Day”, this morning, I am, indeed, privileged to share my views on the “importance of reading”.

Reading is one of the four skills of language that one must acquire. Reading is an essentially good habit as it provides one with an array of advantages. At the outset, it may be noted that much knowledge can be acquired purely from reading good literature. Hence books in any form must be a part of a person's friends' circle. One of the main advantages of reading is that it stimulates the mind and stirs one's imagination, often transporting one to a new world of fantasy and discovery. Reading also keeps one abreast of developments and updates. Additionally, it keeps one occupied and prevents one's mind from being the devil's workshop. In fact, reading has a soothing effect on the mind and provides much solace, especially in times of stress. Needless to say, reading enhances one's power of expression, helps to expand one's range of vocabulary and thus creates a reservoir of information.

I am sure, you will agree with the views that I have just expressed and will develop this habit to the fullest and thus truly gain from it. Thank you for your rapt attention.

(OR)

B2 B2 Write your counterview on the topic "Internet will soon replace books".

Points:

- **easily accessible**
- **time saving**
- **economical**
- **authentic**
- **storehouse of information.**

Ans. INTERNET WILL SOON REPLACE BOOKS

I resolutely disagree with the view that internet will soon replace books. Internet is only a recent invention while books have served mankind since ages. Books are more easily accessible than the internet which depends on a computer, electricity and wireless technology. Browsing over the internet till one gets one's desired results is often time consuming as one may have to go through a large volume of sites to obtain one's requirements. But delving through books is faster and easier in terms of operational

convenience. From the economical point of view, books are by far cheaper and are permanent, whereas information sought over the internet may be expensive if one has to pay to download and may not be permanent. Although the use of the internet has become somewhat sophisticated, it still only presents a single interpretation of the world - it does not allow one the freedom and flexibility of meaning and interpretation. Books have a greater authenticity and are a wonderful storehouse of knowledge and information. Hence, I conclude strongly that internet will not replace books as they are an indispensable part of a person's life.

Section VI : Creative Writing

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

[5]

A1 Expand the theme.

Expand the following idea into 100 words.

“Be the change you want to see”

Ans. “Be the change you want to see”.

This Gandhian quote means that we must set an example and implement the right kind of changes in order to make the world a beautiful place. In other words, if we want to see a change in a place we should be the one to do it first for ourselves. When we want others to follow a good habit and we insist on it, first of all we should follow that habit. For example, only when we are punctual we can teach others the value of ‘punctuality’. That is how others will accept the change.

Change is indispensable and we must learn to accept change. Great achievers of the world did not fear change, instead they made the change that they wanted and thereby made others accept the change. Without change we may become stifled and stagnant. Life never stands still, no matter what we do. Change is the very nature of existence--our thoughts, feelings, beliefs, ideas, even our relationships are as changeable as rain and sunshine, or night and day. But, as much as change is inevitable, it is not always welcome or easy to deal with. It can upset our world and generate many conflicting feelings. According to Maria Robinson, a noted author:

“We always have the opportunity to transform for nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

(OR)

A2 News Report.

Prepare a news report based on the following.

“Sweeper’s daughter/son scores 96% in Class XII.”

Ans. “Sweeper’s son scores 96% in Class XII.”

Mumbai, June 5

The result of Maharashtra Class 12 has been officially declared. Students can now visit the official website to download their Maharashtra HSC Result. However this year, the highest score was obtained by a sweeper’s son at an unimaginable 96%. According to close sources, the student, Vilas is the son of a sweeper who works at the Health and Sanitation department of the civic authorities in Central Mumbai. It is learnt that the boy had a strong and tremendous drive to excel ever since his entry into junior college. Though he fared fairly well at the SSC examination two years ago, he seems dissatisfied with his performance and promised himself to scale to greater heights of success. With the support of his family, the teaching and non-teaching staff of his college and his close friends, though few, he put in much hard work, burnt the midnight oil and overcame all obstacles only because he wanted his resolve to culminate into a result. And with this unbridled enthusiasm and strong-willed determination he did achieve.

The Minister for Education has announced a felicitation programme for him and his family next week, details of which will be available later.

And does it take a sweeper’s son to prove that even with limited resources, the sky is never the limit!

(B) Developing a story/Narrating experience [5]

B1 Develop a story in about 80 - 100 words with the following beginning. Give a suitable title.

He boarded the train happily and he searched his pocket for the tickets and found

Ans.**HIS LUCKY DAY**

He boarded the train happily and he searched his pockets for the tickets and found his wallet missing. As the ticket examiner asked for the ticket, he dug deeper into his pocket and then into his handbag strung over his shoulder, only to find that his wallet was not in anywhere even in the remotest corner. Fear gripped his enfeebled mind as sweat trickled down the sides of his face as he stuttered to tell the ticket examiner about his mishap, knowing very well that even though true, his story would never be believed. The ticket examiner looked at him impatiently and urged him to hurry as there were other passengers to whom he had to attend. He then revealed to him the truth and pleaded more time to make a last search. He granted his request and told him that he would return within the next hour.

Panic now seized the better half of him. He was on his way to the Farewell Function of his college and he had been entrusted the task of delivering the valedictory speech. He could not recall even a single word of it. Meanwhile, he searched frantically and then he gave up hoping that the ticket examiner would be kind and merciful towards him. Suddenly, he heard an uproar a few seats away. On trying to decipher what the issue was, he discovered that the ticket collector had got into a row with another passenger who seemed equally stubborn and unrelenting. It seemed that the ticket examiner was trying his level best to convince him but to no avail. As the argument continued, the train approached his destination. He quickly got off the train, walked out of the platform hurriedly and boarded a taxi to his college where his colleagues were waiting for him. He narrated the incident to them in the little time that was left before the commencement of the Farewell Function. He made delivered his speech without any hesitation and enjoyed the rest of the day. On his way home he burst out into giggles as he recalled the incident which strengthened his belief in the proverbial adage: "All's well that ends well".

(OR)

B2 Narrate an experience in about 80-100 words with the following ending. Give a suitable title.

..... I promise myself to work hard in order to achieve success.

Ans. CHANGE - SOMETIMES A NECESSITY

It was the first day after the Christmas vacation and all our teachers impressed upon us the need to make the best use of time as the final examinations were just a few months away in March and our academic performance in Class 9 would determine our plan of action and the rate of success at the SSC Board Examinations.

However, I was dazzled by the games on the mobile phone and spent all my free time playing those games. This promoted laziness and lethargy in me so much so that I even started skipping tuition classes in order to play those games. Soon, my parents discovered my change in attitude and action and one day just before the Oral Examination, they caught me red-handed and reprimanded me for my misconduct. But shameless, as I was, I continued my habit, though now, with abundant caution for the fear of getting caught again would land me in hot waters. Little did I realise that my class teacher who lived in the vicinity could spill out the beans and that's exactly what happened just two days later. At that time, hell had no fury like my mother did compounded by the wrath of my father - both of whom insisted that I accompany them to the Principal and then to the counsellor for corrective action. That is when I actually realised the gravity of the situation and the far-reaching consequences that lurked in the dark. I immediately asked forgiveness from my parents and I then promised them and myself to work hard in order to achieve success.

Value : Success can belong to you, only and only if you want it.

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