

ENGLISH ACTIVITY SET 2

SECTION II: Textual Passages – 20 marks

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

A1) Write whether you 'Agree' or 'Disagree' with the statements:

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- i) To accomplish goals, experts recommend a ten step approach.
- ii) The champions have to have the skill and the will.
- iii) For anyone, setting goal is not easy but challenging.
- iv) If we do not take actions to achieve goals, we shall not achieve them.

Ans: i) 'Disagree', ii) 'Agree', iii) 'Disagree, iv) 'Agree'

Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill. Successful professionals thrive in the same manner. We all have natural talents. If we use that talent to set our goal in life, we can easily get success in life. We shall not achieve our goals if we do not take action to achieve them.

Setting goals has two valuable assets - a sense of originality and a stepping stone to illuminate the path. Goals put one at the helm of life; pursuing them acknowledges a better future situation. They help to steer a course of life rather than simply drifting along and letting things happen.

Setting goals may appear easy, but, for some, it is quite challenging. Fear of failure may be avoided in the absence of any goals. After all, one has to decide what one wants to achieve in the end. To accomplish goals, experts recommend a five step approach.

A2) Complete the following web:



Ans:

Two valuable assets for setting goals	1. a sense of originality 2. a stepping stone to illuminate the path.
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A3) Write the adjectives of the following:

i) success - _____ 2) nature - _____

Ans: i) success – successful ii) nature - natural

A4)1) They have to have the skill and the will. (Use 'not only—but also')

2) We shall not achieve our goals. (Choose correct 'Q-tag')

a) shall we ? b) shan't we ? c) do we ?

Ans:

1) They have to have **not only** skill **but also** the will.

2) We shall not achieve our goals, **shall we?**

A5) Write your any one goal and what do you do to achieve it ?

Ans:

To get more than 90% marks in S.S.C. examination is my prime goal. I will achieve it by hard work, proper planning and proper guidance.

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

(10 Marks)

B1. Answer the following in 1-2 words :

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- (i) The person who changed the writer's life –
- (ii) The age of beggar's granddaughter –
- (iii) The writer's role model –
- (iv) The things that the writer used to give to beggar everyday –

Ans:

- i) A beggar
- ii) five-year-old
- iii) the beggar
- iv) leftovers

‘Then what’s the secret of your energy?’ I asked, like Tendulkar does in the advertisement. She smiled, ‘A beggar changed my life.’

I was absolutely dumbfounded and she could see it.

‘Yes, a beggar,’ she repeated, as if to reassure me. ‘He was old and used to stay in front of my house with his five-year-old granddaughter. As you know, I was a chronic pessimist. I used to give my leftovers to this beggar every day. I never spoke to him. Nor did he speak to me. One monsoon day, I looked out of my bedroom window and started cursing the rain. I don’t know why I did that because I wasn’t even getting wet. That day I couldn’t give the beggar and his granddaughter their daily quota of leftovers. They went hungry, I am sure.

‘However, what I saw from my window surprised me. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road because there was no traffic. They were laughing, clapping and screaming joyously, as if they were in paradise. Hunger and rain did not matter.

They were totally drenched and totally happy. I envied their zest for life.’

‘That scene forced me to look at my own life. I realized I had so many comforts, none of which they had. But they had the most important of all assets, one which I lacked. They knew how to be happy with life as it was. I felt ashamed of myself. I even started to make a list of what I had and what I did not have. I found I had more to be grateful for than most people could imagine. That day, I decided to change my attitude towards life, using the beggar as my role model.’

B2. Describe how the beggar and his granddaughter enjoyed the rain.

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Ans:

- The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road because there was no traffic.
- They were laughing, clapping and screaming joyously, as if they were in paradise.
- Hunger and rain did not matter. They were totally drenched and totally happy.

B3. Write antonyms of the following

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i) optimist X-_____ ii) unhappy X_____

Ans:

i) Optimist X pessimist ii) unhappy X happy

B4. Do as directed :

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(i) She could see it. (Use 'able to'.)

(ii) I used to give my leftovers to this beggar every day.. (Use 'would'.)

Ans:

i) She was **able to** see it.

ii) I **would** give my leftovers to this beggar every day.

B5. Who is your role model? Why?

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Ans:

Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil is my role model. He gave me an attitude to look towards education. I would like to take education in every nook and corner.

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