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## Section: I Language Study 10

Q.1 (A) Do as directed. (Attempt any four) (8 Marks)

(1) Complete the words by using correct letters. 2

(i) w\_\_rld (ii) p\_\_ge

(iii) del\_\_te (iv) \_\_mage

**Ans:**

**(i) world**

**(ii) page**

**(iii) delete**

**(iv) image**

**(2) Put the words in alphabetical order. 2**

(i) pencil, book, slate, cupboard

(ii) advocate, admit, admire, adjust

**Ans:**

(i) book, cupboard, pencil, slate

(ii) adjust, admire, admit, advocate

**(3) Punctuate the following sentences properly. 2**

(i) your world is full of adventure said ahmed to shakil

(ii) seema said where were you going yesterday

**Ans:**

(i) "Your world is full of adventure." said Ahmed to Shakil.

(ii) Seema said, "Where were you going yesterday?"

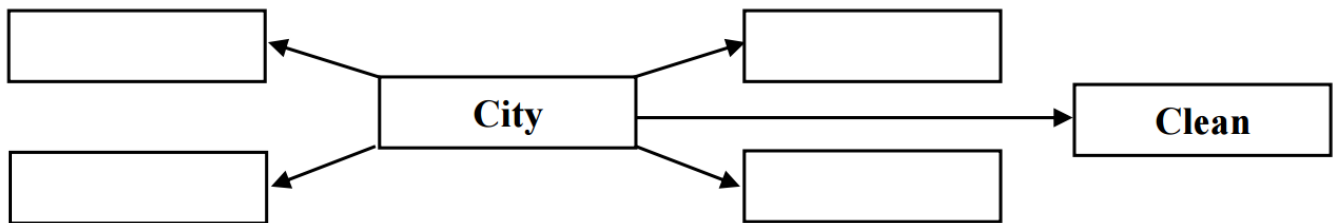
**(4) Make four words (minimum of 3 letters each) using the letters in the given word. 2**

**Atmosphere:**

**Ans:**

**Atmosphere:** most, sphere, here, rest, test, atom, rat, pat, mat

**(5) Write the related words as shown in the example. 2**



**Ans:** Big, Small, Beautiful, Best, Polluted, Attractive

**(6) Complete the words chain of 'nouns.' Add four words beginning with last letter of the previous word. 2**

**Building** → ..... → ..... → ..... → .....

**Ans:**

**Building** → goat → tiger → rat → temple → elephant

**Q. 1 (B): Do as directed. (Attempt any ONE) 2**

1. (a) Make a meaningful sentence by using the phrase '**look after**'

**Ans:**

We should **look after** our grandparents.

**(b) Add a clause to the following sentence to expand it meaningfully. 1**

We saw a small tree.....

**Ans:**

We saw a small tree **which was giving us shelter.**

**(2) (a) Add a prefix or suffix to make new words. (Attempt any one from two) 1**

(i) understand (ii) manage

**Ans:**

(i) understanding

(ii) management

**(i) understand:** You can't **understand** my feelings.

**(ii) manage:** How do you **manage** to stay so slim?

## **SECTION: II: TEXTUAL PASSAGE**

### **[Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar] (20 Marks)**

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

**A1. Complete the following sentences: 2**

(i) The writer offered the baby langur\_\_\_\_\_.

(ii) The baby langur was in state of \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) The mother langur was sitting on their \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) Splashes of cold water made the baby \_\_\_\_\_.

I took the baby langur to our backyard and gently laid him on the floor inside the poultry coop. His body was full of deep bite marks and scratched. Blood was oozing from some of the wounds. The baby remained motionless. My father provided first aid to clean the wounds and stop the bleeding. I was relieved to find out that the baby was breathing, even though his breaths were shallow.

Splashes of cold water made the baby **stir** and after a few shaky attempts, he sat up. He was in state of **shock** and started trembling like a leaf in the wind. His two little twinkling eyes welled up with tears and he started to sob with a muffled cry - just like a human child would after experiencing trauma. I offered him **a peeled banana** which he accepted with his unsteady hand and began taking hesitant bites.

My attention was fixed on the revival of the baby langur. Suddenly, I had an uncanny feeling of being watched. I turned away from the coop and looked up. There sat the mother langur on our **Kitchen roof**, watching every move I made. She simply sat there quietly, as if convinced that no harm was being done to her child.

**Ans:**

**A1. Complete the following sentences: 2**

- (i) The writer offered the baby langur **a peeled banana**.
- (ii) The baby langur was in state of **shock**.
- (iii) The mother langur was sitting on their **Kitchen roof**.
- (iv) Splashes of cold water made the baby **stir**.

**A2. Arrange the following events as per their sequence: 2**

- (i) Writer's father provided first aid to clean the wounds.
- (ii) After a few shaky attempts, the baby langur sat up.
- (iii) The writer turned away from the coop.
- (iv) The writer took the baby langur to their backyard.

**Ans:**

- (iv) The writer took the baby langur to their backyard.
- (i) Writer's father provided first aid to clean the wounds.
- (ii) After a few shaky attempts, the baby langur sat up.
- (iii) The writer turned away from the coop.

**A3. Match the synonyms: 2**

**Column 'A'    Column 'B'**

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Trauma     | a. move             |
| 2. Coop       | b. still            |
| 3. Stir       | c. great distress   |
| 4. motionless | d. cage for poultry |

**Ans:**

**Column 'A'    Column 'B'**

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Trauma     | a. great distress   |
| 2. Coop       | b. cage for poultry |
| 3. Stir       | c. move             |
| 4. motionless | d. still            |

**A4. Do as directed: 2**

1) I took the baby langur to our backyard.

**(Begin your answer with 'The baby langur—' and rewrite.)**

2) I offered him a peeled banana.

**(Frame a wh-type question to get the underlined part as an answer)**

**Ans:**

1. The baby langur was taken to the to our backyard by me.

2. What did I offer him?

**A5. Personal Response: 2**

**How will you help an injured bird/ animal?**

**Ans:**

If I spot an injured animal, I will first take it to the vet. Once the vet examines it and tells me more about the injury and the time it will take for it to heal, I'll bring the animal home and take proper care of it. I would ensure that it heals quickly. I'll provide food and water to it and even build a temporary shelter for it so that it feels safe. I'll give it all the necessary medicines to quicken the healing process. I will take the injured animal to the vet for regular follow-ups and once it has completely recovered, I will grant it its freedom.

**Q. 2. (B) Read the passage and do the activities: (10 Marks)**

**B1. Complete the following sentences: 2**

- (i) The longform of UNESCO is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Mount Huangshan is situated in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ century is mentioned in the passage.
- (iv) The Aswan High Dam was built on the river \_\_\_\_\_.

A World Heritage Site is a site determined by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and cultural Organization** (UNESCO) to have significant cultural or natural importance to humanity. As such the sites are protected and maintained by the International World Heritage Program which is administered by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. Because World Heritage Sites are places that are significant culturally and naturally, they vary in type and include forests, lakes, monuments, buildings and cities.

World Heritage Sites can also be a combination of both cultural and natural areas. For example, Mount Huangshan **in China** is a site with significance to human culture because it played a role in historical Chinese art and literature. The mountain is also significant because of its physical landscape characteristics.

#### HISTORY OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Although the idea of protecting cultural and natural heritage sites around the world began in the **early twentieth century**, momentum for its actual creation was not until 1950s. In 1954, Egypt started plans to build the Aswan High Dam to collect and control water from the **Nile River**. The initial plan for the dam's construction would have flooded the valley containing the Abu Simbel Temples and scores of ancient Egyptian artefacts.

**Ans:**

#### **B1. Complete the following sentences: 2**

- (i) The longform of UNESCO is **United Nations Educational, Scientific and cultural Organization**.
- (ii) Mount Huangshan is situated in **China** .
- (iii) **Early twentieth century** century is mentioned in the passage.
- (iv) The Aswan High Dam was built on the river **Nile**.

**B2. Complete the following web :**



**Ans:**



**B3. Find out the adjectives for the following nouns from the passage:**

2

i) \_\_\_\_\_ areas

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ landscape



iii) \_\_\_\_\_ cultures

iv) \_\_\_\_\_ heritage

**Ans:**

i) cultural and natural areas

ii) physical landscape

iii) Significant cultures

iv) cultural and natural heritage

**B4. Do as directed: 2**

i) World Heritage Sites can be a combination of both cultural and natural areas. **(Rewrite using 'not only --- but also')**

ii) The mountain is also significant. **(Add a correct tail tag.)**

**Ans:**

1. World Heritage Sites can be a combination of **not only** cultural **but also** natural areas.

2. The mountain is also significant, **isn't it?**

**B5. Personal response: 2**

**Write down four names of famous World Heritage Sites.**

- Machu Picchu, **Peru**
- Taj Mahal, **India**
- Angkor Wat, **Cambodia**
- Petra, **Jordan**
- Roman Forum / Colosseum, **Italy**
- Great Pyramid of Giza, **Egypt**
- Elmina Castle, **Ghana**

### Section - III: Poetry: 10

**Q.3 (A) Read the following stanzas and do the activities.(5 Marks)**

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

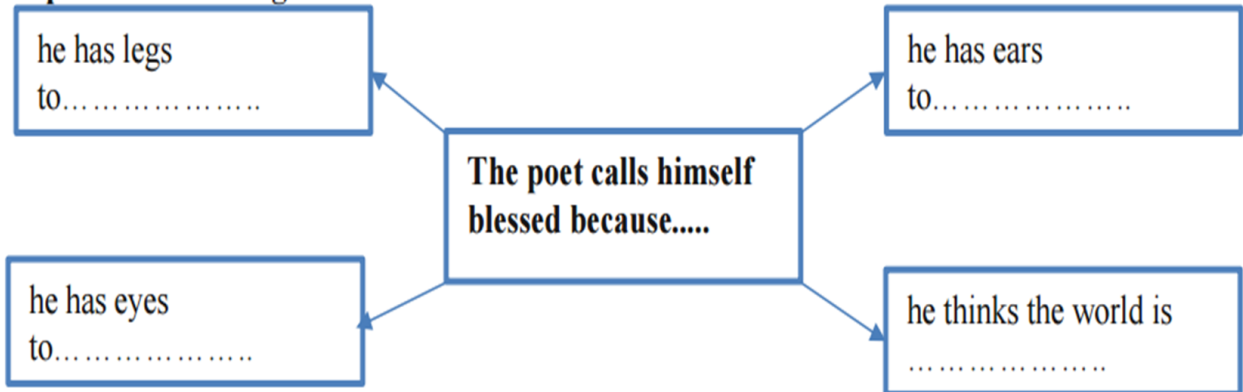
- (i) The boy was watching the circus.
- (ii) The boy whom the poet met could not hear.
- (iii) The writer didn't pay any attention towards the boy.
- (iv) The eyes of the boy were red.

Later walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue  
He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do  
I stopped a moment, then I said, why don't you join the others dear"  
He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear  
O God forgive me when I whine  
I have two ears; the world is mine  
With legs to take me where I'll go  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow  
With ears to hear what I would know  
O God forgive me when I whine  
I'm blessed; indeed, the world is mine

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

- (i) The boy was watching the circus. **false**
- (ii) The boy whom the poet met could not hear. **true**
- (iii) The writer didn't pay any attention towards the boy. **false**
- (iv) The eyes of the boy were red. **false**

(A2) Complete the following web.



**Ans:**

1. He has legs **to walk wherever he wants to go.**
2. He has ears to **hear what he would know.**
3. He thinks the world is **his so he is very much blessed.**
4. He has eyes to **see glowing sunset.**

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

i) Glow - know,

ii) whine - mine

(B) Appreciation of the poem. (5 Marks)

Read the given poem and write an appreciation of the poem using the points given below.

### **The Twins**

In form and feature, face and limb,  
I grew so like my brother,  
That folks got taking me for him,  
And each for one another.  
It puzzled all our kith and kin,  
It reached a fearful pitch;  
For one of us was born a twin,  
Yet not a soul knew which.  
This fatal likeness even dogged  
My footsteps, when at school,  
And I was always getting flogged,  
For John turned out a fool.  
I put this question, fruitlessly,  
To everyone I knew,  
'What would you do, if you were me,  
To prove that you, were you?'

One day, to make the matter worse,  
Before our names were fixed,  
As we were being washed by nurse,  
We got completely mixed;  
And thus, you see, by fate's decree,  
Or rather nurse's whim,  
My brother John got christened me,  
And I got christened him.  
Our close resemblance turned the tide  
Of my domestic life,  
For somehow, my intended bride  
Became my brother's wife.  
In fact, year after year the same  
Absurd mistakes went on,  
And when I died, the neighbours came  
And buried brother John.

**- Henry Sambrook Leigh**

### **Points:**

- 1) Title: ½
- 2) Name of the poet: ½
- 3) Rhyme scheme: 1
- 4) Theme/central idea: 2
- 5) Figure of speech: 1

### **Appreciation**

- **Title** - The Twins
- **Poet/Poetess** - Henry S. Leigh.
- **Rhyme Scheme** - The rhyme scheme of the poem is abab cdcd.
- **Figure of speech** - Alliteration, hyperbole
- **Theme/Central Idea** - The central idea of the poem is confusion between identical twins and because of this the poet faces various problems throughout his life.

## Section IV - Non-Textual Passage

### [Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar]

**Q.4. A: Read the following extract and do the activities ( 10 Marks)**

**A1. Name the following: 2**

- i. The most loved, widely played and followed sport in the world.
- ii. The country in which football is said to have been originated.
- iii. The average number of miles a single person runs during one game.
- iv. The biggest football tournament in the world.

**Football** is the most loved, widely played and followed sport in the world. Even though it is more popular in Europe and South America, it is said to have originated in **China** more than 2000 years ago. The game's popularity spread rapidly throughout the world in the 1800s. In the 19th Century, British sailors, traders and soldiers took the game with them as they travelled and introduced it to the people they met along the way.

This helped spread the game to the corners of the world where people learned the rules of the game. An association of people agreed on a set of laws, or rules, used for the game that would be universally applicable

to all who played it. Children and adults alike began to play football and share their love of the sport. The game is also popular among non-competitive athletes because it is an effective form of exercise as a single player runs about **7 miles** on an average during one game. The United States has almost 18 million football players, which is more than any other country. The sport is a favorite pastime of people in every country of the world. The **FIFA World Cup** is the biggest football tournament in the world that is held every four years. National teams from countries around the world battle to win the tournament and earn the title of best team. This makes it the most prestigious event and also the most widely followed sporting competition in the world.

**A1. Name the following:**

- i. The most loved, widely played and followed sport in the world. **Football**
- ii. The country in which football is said to have been originated. **China**

iii. The average number of miles a single person runs during one game. **7 miles**

iv. The biggest football tournament in the world. **FIFA World Cup**

### **A.2 Write a note on the FIFA World Cup. 2**

**Ans: FIFA World Cup** is the biggest football tournament in the world that is held every four years. National teams from countries around the world battle to win the tournament and earn the title of best team. This makes it the most prestigious event and also the most widely followed sporting competition in the world.

### **A.3 Write the antonyms for the following from the extract. 2**

i) hate ii) unpopular iii) lose iv) worst

**Ans:**

i) hate \* love

ii) unpopular \* popular

iii) lose \* win

iv) worst \* best

### **A.4 Do as directed: 2**

i. Football is the most loved sport in the world.

**(Change into comparative degree)**

**Ans:** No other sport in the world is as loved as football.

ii. Children and adults share their love of the sport.

**(Rewrite the sentence using - not only ... but also )**

**Ans: Not only** children **but also** adults share their love of the sport.

### **A.5) Which are the different types of sports? 2**

## **Types of sports**

- Chess.
- Basketball.
- Football.
- Floorball.
- Volleyball.
- Martial art.
- Table tennis.
- Athletics.

**Q. 4 (B): Read the above given extract Q. 4 (A) carefully and write the summary of it. Suggest a suitable title . ( 5 Marks)**

**Ans: World famous sport: Football**

Football is the most loved, widely played and followed sport in the world. It is originated in China more than 2000 years ago, but became popular in Europe and South America. It is popular among children, younger & elder one. It is also popular among non-competitive athletes because it is an effective form of exercise. A single player runs about 7 miles on an average during one game. The United States has almost 18 million football players.

The FIFA World Cup is the biggest football tournament in the world that is held every four years.

## **SECTION V: WRITING SKILLS**

**Q.5 (A) Letter Writing: (5 Marks)**

**A1 or A2 Do any one of the following.**

**Given below is an advertisement for a job:**

**Reputed Software Company requires Office Assistants**

Candidate must be HSC

With a working knowledge of computers,

Having good communication skills and fluency in English.

**Reply to:** The Advertiser,

Box No. 125,

The Times of India,

Mumbai - 400 001.

**Now write any one of the following letters:**

**A1. Informal Letter :**

You are Arush / Arushi Mishra staying at 101,  
Luv Kush Apts,  
Borivali,  
Mumbai - 400 092.

Write a letter to your mother telling her of your interest in the job mentioned in the ad. And what you intend to do.

**A2. Formal Letters:**

You are Arush / Arushi  
Mishra  
staying at 101,  
Luv Kush Apts,  
Borivali,  
Mumbai - 400 092.  
Write a letter to the  
address  
given in the ad.  
applying for the  
post.

Arush Mishra.

101, Luv Kush Apts,

Borivali,

Mumbai - 400 092.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023.

Dear mother,

How are you? I hope you are well & good. I am writing this letter for special purpose. You are always worried about my career. Now you will feel relaxed & tension free.

Mummy you know very well how I am interested in computer. I read one advertisement regarding office Assistant in a reputed software company.

The job mentioned in this ad seems suitable for me.

I intend to apply to the company for the post of office Assistant. I have planned to continue with my graduation studies privately. Working for this company will give me the necessary experience which will help me when I graduate.

I hope you approve of my plans.



Give my love to all at home, especially to Baba.

Your loving son

Arush.

**Formal Letter**

Arush Mishra.

101, Luv Kush Apts,

Borivali,

Mumbai - 400 092.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023.

The Advertiser,

Box No. 125,

The Times of India,

Mumbai - 400 001.

**Ref:** Classified ad in The Times of Mumbai dated 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Subject:** Application for the post of Office Assistant

Dear Sir/Madam.

With reference to your advertisement in the Times of Mumbai, dated 30<sup>th</sup> January, I wish to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Office Assistant.

I have passed the HSC (Commerce) with 68% and am fluent in English. I have good communication skills, too. I have also done a three months' course in Computers from ARPLE and have knowledge of word and word excel.

I have a dynamic personality and am a person of vision. My skills will definitely be of great use to the company. I am good at working as part of a team.

I do hope that you will consider me suitable for the post. I am enclosing my CV along with this covering letter. I am also submitting photocopies of my HSC examination results and a certificate from ARPLE. I hope they meet your requirements.

Yours truly.

Arush Mishra.

**Encl.**

(i) CV

(ii) Photocopy of examination results.

(i11) Photocopy of Certificate from ARPLE.

**Q 5: (B) Dialogue Writing OR Drafting a Speech: (5 Marks)**

**B1 or B2. Do any one of the following:**

**B1: Dialogue Writing:**

**(a) Put the following sentences in proper order to prepare a meaningful dialogue: 1**

1. No, my parents do not allow me.
2. They fear it will affect my studies.
3. Hello, do you play games on mobile?
4. Why is it so?

**Ans:**

**A:** Hello, do you play games on mobile

**B:** No, my parents do not allow me.

**A:** Why is it so ?

**B:** They fear it will affect my studies.

**(b) Complete the following dialogue: 1**

A : Do you know our new format of letter writing ?

B : .....

A : Are you sure of scoring better in letter writing ?

B : .....

**Ans:**

A : Do you know our new format of letter writing ?

**B : Yes, I know. It is a block format.**

A : Are you sure of scoring better in letter writing ?

**B : Yes, I am sure. Definitely it will be helpful in scoring better in letter writing.**

**(c) Write a dialogue of minimum 3 meaningful exchanges between two friends on "Importance of mobile in our day to day life ." 3**

**Ans:**

**Importance of mobile in our day-to-day life**

**Alex:** I think mobile plays extremely important role in our day to- day life.

**John:** Yes, I agree with you. It's a good source of information and entertainment.

**Alex:** And it is useful to receive and send messages from anywhere anytime.

**John:** It saves a lot of data and we can also use it as a camera.

**Alex:** Absolutely right. We can use it to receive and send our mails.

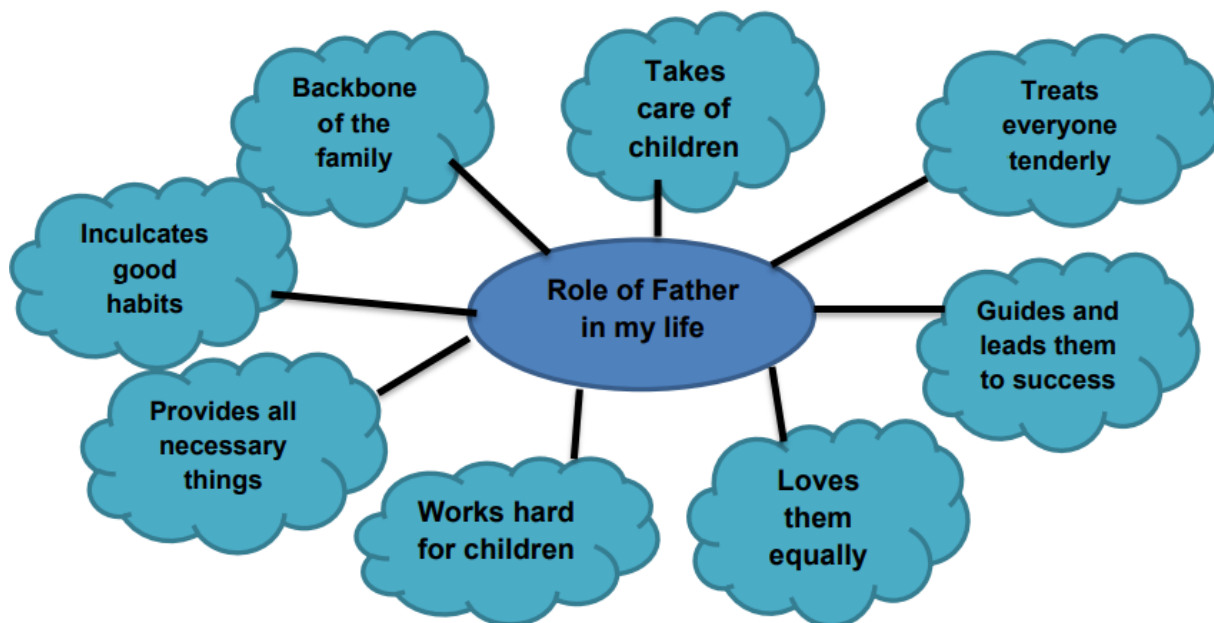
**John:** We can also replace it with our personal computer.

**Alex:** Right you are! Now it is the need of the hour.

**OR**

**B2 : Drafting a speech - (5 Marks)**

There is an elocution competition. The subject given to you is “My favorite Personality”. You are going to talk about your father. Draft a speech to deliver in the competition with the help of the points given in the web:



**Ans:**

**Role of Father in My Life**

Respected Principal, teachers, and my dear friends.

A wonderful morning to all of you.

Today I am going to tell you about my superhero, my father. Most of us but not each one of us is blessed to have a father in his/her life. I consider myself very lucky to have a father with me who cares for me and takes care of our whole family. He fulfills our emotional and financial needs.

My father is my superhero. I think he is the strongest man in this world. He protects me from all kinds of problems and makes me feel secure. I am not afraid when I am with him.

He is very joyful by nature. He has maintained a very open environment at home. I and my sister can talk about anything and everything with him. Every night we wait for him at the dinner table to chit chat with him. He also takes us for a walk after dinner and tells us stories of great warriors.

My father is the source of my inspiration. He is a businessman. He is very hardworking and works day and night to give us healthy living and fulfills all our needs. He is a man of principles and very disciplined too.

He not only understands his responsibility towards us but also our society. He feeds stray dogs and helps poor people. On weekends, he teaches poor children for free. He also works for an NGO where he makes donations and takes care of abandoned old people.

My father is also a great cook. He makes some of the tastiest dishes like pizza, pasta, and puris for us sometimes. He takes us for a picnic or a movie once a month.

He enjoys playing badminton. He never misses his early morning walk and his badminton practice with his friends. He has taught that health is wealth. He believes in regular physical exercise and has also taught us the same.

I love my father very much for being caring and loving always. He scolds me sometimes but I do understand that it for my betterment and growth only. He wants me to excel in whatever I do. I want to make him feel proud of me one day.

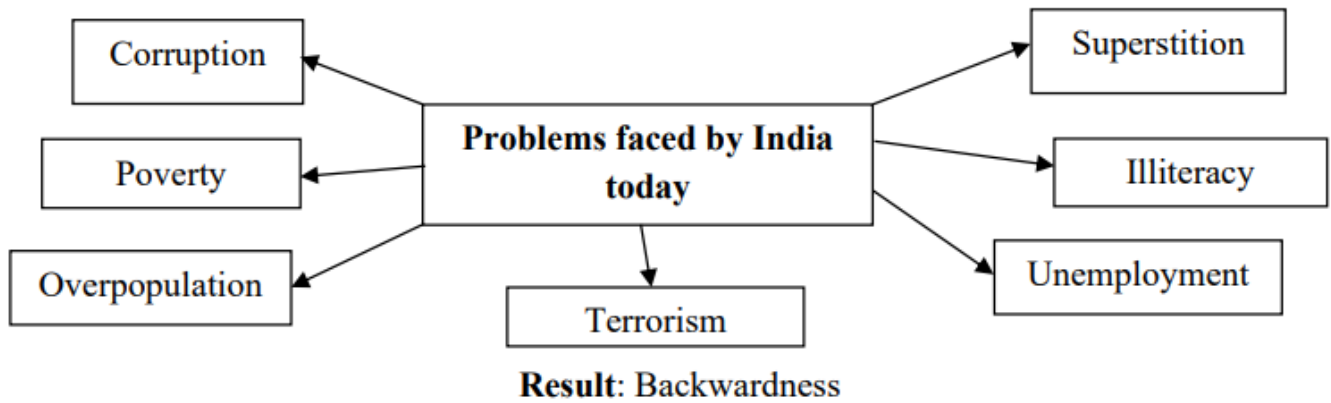
Thank you.

**Q.6. (A) Information Transfer: ( 5 Marks)**

**A1 or A2. Do any one of the following activities:**

**A1. Non-Verbal to Verbal:**

Write a paragraph on 'Problems faced by India today' using a map of the type given below:



**Ans:**

### **Problems Faced by India Today**

Being a developing country, India has been facing many problems, which affect the progress of India. The most serious problem is overpopulation. It is the main obstacle in the process of development. Besides this, illiteracy, unemployment and poverty affect the growth of development. There is high-handedness of government officials which results in a great deal of corruption. Due to illiteracy, Indian society is full of superstitions and many people have traditional ways of thinking. Although employment figures have increased in recent years, they are still not as good as is to be expected. Terrorism, too has taken a toll on normal day-to-day activities and creates a lot of destruction in the places affected. All these problems affect the progress of India considerably. As a citizen of our country, it is our duty to help the government to reduce the problems. If we help the government, India will be problem free. And our future generation will enjoy the fruits of freedom in the real sense.

**OR**

### **A2. Verbal to Non-Verbal : 05**

**Draw a tree diagram that contains the main points and supporting details on the basis of the following text:**

Several methods are used for the sale of goods. Some methods are direct while others are indirect. Broadly these methods can be classified into three types. Negotiated sale is the sale completed by the negotiation between the buyer and seller. Auction sale is direct sale but without any negotiation. The third method is the system of consumer credit facility which again can be either hire-purchase system or instalment method. Negotiated sale can take place through inspection, by description, by sample, by tender, by approval and on consignment. Auction sales can be carried out by two methods, viz. Open auction and closed auction

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**Q6. B. Expand the theme:**

**B1 OR B2. Do any one of the following activities:**

**B1. News Report ( 5 Marks )**

Read the following headline and prepare a news report with the help of given point:

**“Nature club arranges a tree plantation drive.”**

- Headline
- Dateline
- Introduction
- Short continuing paragraph

**Ans:**

**“Nature club arranges a tree plantation drive.”**

By News Team

Mumbai 25th August : Nature club launched tree plantation drive to make aware the children and the people of village about the importance of trees. The members of the club selected the empty places and the roadsides to plant saplings in a well-organized way. The saplings were supplied by the local municipal corporation. In order to restore the eco-balance the area, an afforestation drive was taken with all seriousness. The participants were highly enthusiastic to make it a big success. The students planted saplings, fenced them and watered them. Every step of the program was appreciated by the representatives of the administration and the local forest department officials. The program created a great stir among the general public too.

**Read Also:** [Translations of English Proverbs to Marathi](#)

## **SECTION -VI: SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Q.7 Translation: ( 5 Marks)**

#### **a. Translate the following words in your medium of instruction: (Any four) 2**

- (1) pleasure
- (2) confidence
- (3) humble
- (4) paradise
- (5) habit
- (6) success

#### **(b) Translate the following sentences in your medium of instruction: (Any two) 2**

- (1) Let's study sincerely .
- (2) She won a gold medal.
- (3) I can solve the problem.
- (4) Keep our house clean.

#### **(c) Translate the following idiom/proverb into your medium of instruction. (Any one) 1**

- (1) All that glitters is not gold.
- (2) Work is worship .



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