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Section 02
Textual Passage
With Answers

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SET 1: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

Q 1 A Read the following passage and complete the activities. (10 Marks)

A 1 Complete the following sentences. (02)

i) My father provided first aid to.....

Ans: My father provided first aid to clean the wounds and stop the bleeding.

ii) His two little twinkling eyes ———

Ans: His two little twinkling eyes welled up with tears

iii) My attention was fixed on ———

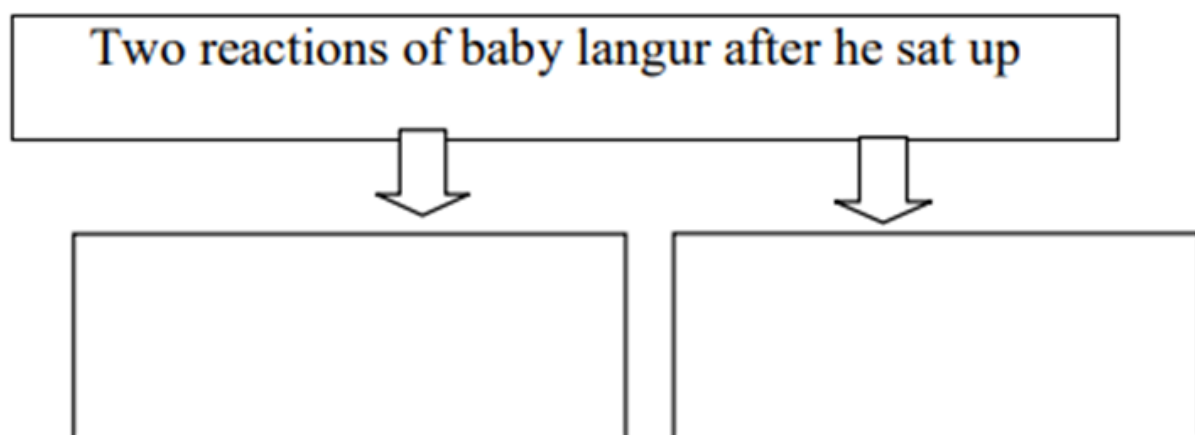
Ans: My attention was fixed on the revival of the baby langur.

iv) The mother langur sat on ———

Ans: The mother langur sat on our kitchen roof

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 scratches. 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.

A 2 Attempt the following: (02)



Ans:

**Two reactions of baby langur after
he sat up**

1. He was in state of shock

**2. started trembling like a leaf in the
wind**

A 3 Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B. (02)

Column A Column B

- i) Coop A) Overflowing
- ii) Stir B) Great shock
- iii) Oozing C) Cage for poultry
- iv) Trauma D) Move

Column A Column B

- i) Coop C) Cage for poultry
- ii) Stir D) Move
- iii) Oozing A) Overflowing
- iv) Trauma B) Great shock

A 4Do as directed. (02)

1. I turned away from the coop and looked up. **(Choose the correct Tag)**

- a) do I
- b) didn't I ?
- c) was I
- d) did I ?

Ans: b) didn't I ?

2. I took the baby langur to our backyard. **(Begin the sentence with 'The baby.....')**

Ans: The baby langur was taken to our backyard by me.

A 5 Personal response. (02)

Do you like to help needy person / animal? Why?

Ans: Yes, I like to help needy person / animal. Needy people or animal want help for survive, they become helpless. When I help them, I feel satisfied. I think that helping to needy one is human nature.

SET 2: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

Q 1 A Read the following passage and complete the activities. (10 Marks)

A 1 State whether the following statements are True or False. (02)

i) The skill must be stronger than the will. **False**

ii) Setting goals has two valuable assets. **True**

iii) Champions are made in gyms. **False**

iv) We all have natural talents. **True**

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.

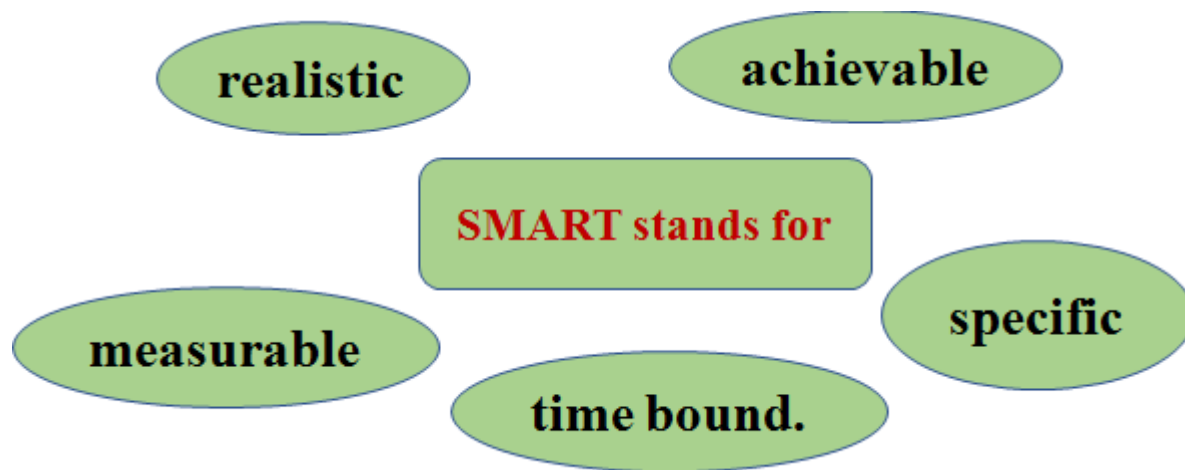
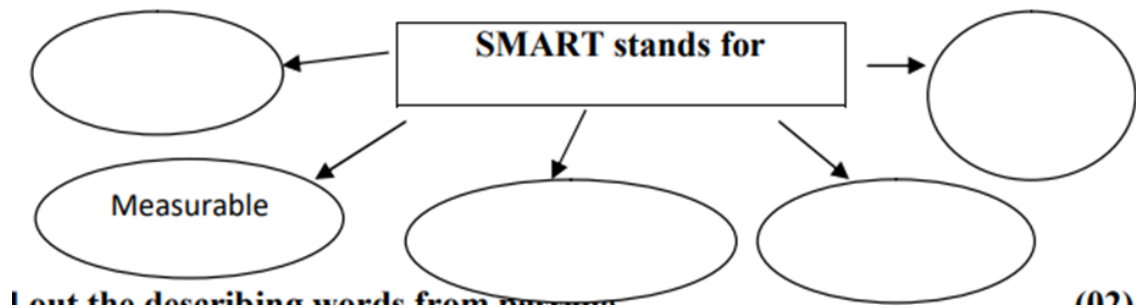
Setting goals has two valuable assets – a sense of originality and a stepping stone to illuminate the path. Goals put one at the helm of life; pursuing them acknowledges a better future situation.

They help to steer 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.

SMART goals are a methodology of thinking that helps people reach success. SMART stands for specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound.

A 2 Complete the following web diagram. (02)



A 3) Find out the describing words from passage. (02)

- i) Talents - **natural**
- ii) Professionals - **Successful**
- iii) Assets - **valuable**
- iv) Drifting - **simply**

A 4 Do as directed. (02)

- i) The will must be stronger than the skill. **(Identify the type of degree)**

Ans: Comparative degree

- ii) We all have natural talents. **(Make it negative)**

Ans: We all don't have artificial talents.

A 5 Personal response:

Have you set your goal? How?

Ans: Yes, many times I have set my goals. When I was in ssc, that time I decided to achieve more than 90% marks in board exam. That was my goal. For achieving the goal, I have divided the goal in smaller one like unit test, first term exam, prelim exam, practice paper.

I targeted these smaller goals to get more than 90%. This strategy worked and finelly I became successful to achieve my bigger set goal that was to get more than 90% marks in ssc board exam.

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SET 3: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

Q 1 A Read the following passage and complete the activities. (10 Marks)

A1 Fill in the blanks. (02)

i) The seagull he had not eaten———since the previous nightfall

ii)The sight of the food————maddened him.

iii) His father was preening————the feathers on his white back.

iv) His mother had picked up————a piece of the fish

The sun was now ascending the sky, blazing on his ledge that faced the south. He felt the heat because he had not eaten since the previous nightfall. He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge, and standing on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing; he closed one eye, then the other, and pretended to be falling asleep. Still they took no notice of him. He saw his two brothers and his sister lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk into their necks. His father was preening the feathers on his white back. Only his mother was looking at him. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau, her white breast thrust forward. Now and again, she tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet and then scrapped each side of her beak on the rock. The sight of the food maddened him. How he loved to tear food that way, scrapping his beak now and again to whet it. "Ga, ga, ga", he cried begging her to bring him some food. "Gaw-col-ah", she screamed back derisively. But he kept calling plaintively, and after a minute or so he uttered a joyful scream. His mother had picked up a piece of the fish and was flying across to him with it. He leaned out eagerly, tapping the rock with his feet, trying to get nearer to her as she flew across.

A 2 Arrange the events in proper sequence as per their occurrence. (02)

- i) She screamed back derisively.
- ii) He was trying to get nearer to her.
- iii) He felt the heat because he had not eaten since the previous nightfall.
- iv) She tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet.

Ans:

1. He felt the heat because he had not eaten since the previous nightfall.
2. She tore at a piece of fish that lay at her feet.
3. She screamed back derisively.
4. He was trying to get nearer to her.

A 3. Use the following words in your own sentences. (02)

- i) Pretend** - Let's **pretend** we are aliens.
- ii) Begging** - The boy was screaming and **begging** for mercy.

A 4 Do as directed. (02)

- i) His father was preening the feathers on his white back.

(Begin the sentence with 'The feathers.....')

Ans: The feathers were being preened on his white back by his father.

- ii) She was standing on a little high humpon the plateau.

(Find out the tense in the sentences.)

Ans: Past continuous tense.

A 5 Personal Response (02)

According to you, what qualities will help us to develop our confidence?

Ans: Confidence is not something that can be learned like a set of rules; confidence is a state of mind. Positive thinking, practice, training, knowledge and talking to other people are all useful ways to help improve or boost your confidence levels.

SET 4: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

Q 1 A Read the following passage and complete the activities. (10 Marks)

A 1 Who am I? (Identify the character) (02)

i) I am the hairdresser. Who am I? **Deep Chand**

ii) I am the owner of bank, who am I? **Seth Govind Ram**

iii) I have a crooked leg, who am I? **Old Ganpat**

iv) I am a customer, who am I? **elderly gentleman**

Deep Chand who was cutting the hair of an elderly gentleman, was so startled that his hand shook and he nicked his customer's right ear. The customer yelped with pain and distress: pain, because of the cut and distress because of the awful news he had just heard. With one side of his neck still unshaven, he sped across the road to the general merchant's store where there was a telephone. He dialled Seth Govind Ram's number. The Seth was not at home.

Where was he, then? The Seth was holidaying in Kashmir. Oh, was that so? The elderly gentleman did not believe it. He hurried back to the barber's shop and told Deep Chand: 'The bird has flown! Seth Govind Ram has left town. Definitely, it means a collapse.' And then he dashed out of the shop, making a beeline for his office and cheque book. The news spread through the bazaar with the rapidity of forest fire. From the general merchant's store it travelled to the shop, circulated amongst the customers, and then spread with them in various directions, to the betel-seller, the tailor, the free vendor, the Jeweller, the beggar sitting on the pavement. Old Ganpat the beggar, had a crooked leg.

A 2 Match the following and write the complete meaningful sentences. (02)

Group A Group B

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| i) Govind Ram was... | a) with the rapidity of forest fire. |
| ii) Old Ganpat the beggar | b) where there was a telephone |
| iii) The general merchant's store | c) holidaying in Kashmir. |
| iv) The news spread | d) Was sitting on the pavement. |

Ans

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| i) Govind Ram was... | c) Holidaying in Kashmir. |
| ii) Old Ganpat the beggar | d) Was sitting on the pavement. |
| iii) The general merchant's store | b) where there was a telephone |
| iv) The news spread | a) With the rapidity of forest fire. |

A 3 Complete the following table. (02)

Verb	Noun
i) direct	-----
ii) -----	Pavement
iii) awful	-----
iv) startled	-----

Verb	Noun
i) direct	direction
ii) Pave	pavement
iii) direct	direction
iv) startled	startle

A 4 Do as directed. (02)

- i) The elderly gentleman did not believe it.

(Frame yes/no type question)

Ans: Did the elderly gentleman believe it?

- ii) Deep Chand who was cutting the hair of an elderly gentleman.

(Identify the clause)

Ans: Deep Chand who was cutting the hair of an elderly gentleman.

A5. Personal Response (02)

Who, do you think, are responsible for spreading fake news? Why?

There are many kinds of people who are responsible for spreading fake news. People who don't think before speaking generally spread a lot of fake news. There are also people who

love to gossip and therefore spread rumors, so as to fuel more gossip. Some people spread fake news just for fun and to create problems for others. All these kinds of people are responsible for spreading fake news.

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SET 5: Q. 2 TEXTUAL PASSAGES (20 Marks)

Q 1 A Read the following passage and complete the activities: (10 Marks)

A 1 Choose the correct alternatives. (02)

1. The bestselling book of Dr. Hawking is -----

- a) Wings of Fire b) A Brief History of Time
- c) Feynman d) The trouble with physics

Ans: b) A Brief History of Time

ii) Dr. Hawkings is considered equal in intelligence with -----

- a) Galileo
- b) Copernicus
- c) Einstein
- d) Stephen Hawking

Ans: c) Einstein

iii) Dr. Hawking was victim of the dreadful disease named -----

- a) ALS
- b) Cancer

- c) Alzheimer
- d) Schizophrenia

Ans: a) ALS

iv) According to Dr. Hawking, in the next millennium science will discover---

- a) About human
- b) Secrets of water
- c) The core secrets of the universe
- d) About Moon

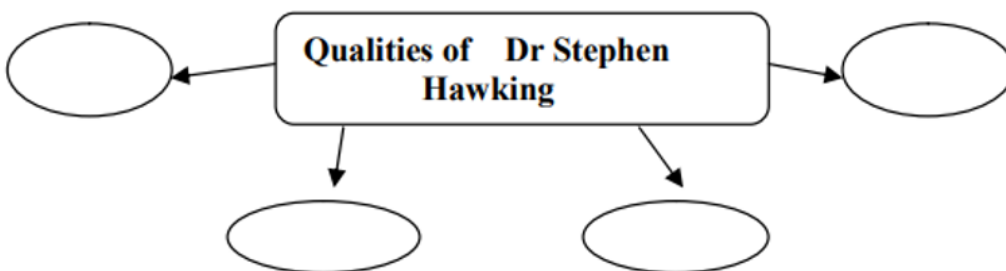
Ans: c) The core secrets of the universe

In spite of being considered Einstein's equal in intelligence, Dr Hawking is a very humble man. A simple, down to earth man, he has authored many books dealing with his awesome ideas keeping a layman in mind. His writing is full of wit and humour. His style is so lucid that non-scientists can also understand him. His book, "A Brief History of Time" is one of the bestselling books of our times.

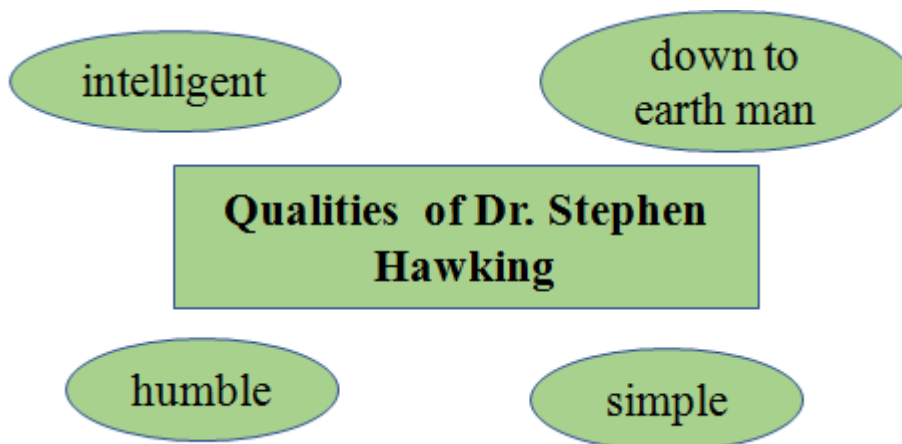
On being asked, how he feels about having the dreadful ALS, Dr Hawking, the quintessence of optimism and hope, says, "Not very different from the rest. I try and lead as normal a life as possible, and not think about my condition or regret the things it prevents me from doing, which are not many."

Dr Hawking firmly believes that in the next millennium, science will discover the core secrets of the universe, its origin, its history and maybe even predict its ultimate demise. Like Dr Hawking, there are many people who display exemplary courage in their lives. Let us salute all those brave people, who in spite of being disabled strive to do their best.

A 2 Complete the following web-chart. (02)



Ans:



A 3. Use the following Homographs in two different contexts. (02)

i) mind -

ii)rest -

Ans:

Mind

1. “**Mind** your language!” said the man to the rude young boy angrily.
2. We should try not to have any negative thoughts in our **mind**

Rest

- 1) You just need a good **rest**.
- 2) I’ll eat two cookies and you can have the **rest**.

A 4Do as directed. (02)

a) Dr Hawking is a very humble man.

(Make it exclamatory)

b) There are many people who display exemplary courage.

(Convert in Interrogative (Question) form)

What a humble man Dr. Hawking is!

Ans: Are there many people who display exemplary courage?

A 5 Personal response (02)

Have you helped any disabled person? How?

Ans: Yes, many times I have helped disabled person. Once I was travelling by car. It was mid night time there was heavy rain. On the side of the road I saw a handicapped person asking for lift. Nobody was helping him. I stopped gave him lift dropped him to his destination. I feel so happy by helping that disabled unknown person.

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