

MODEL ACTIVITY SHEET

MAHARASHTRA STATE BOARD

Std. – XIIth

Subject – English

Time -3Hrs

Marks 80

SECTION I: Prose

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping) [16]

Q.1.A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: [12]
(Seen Passage)

A1. Global Understanding: 2
Complete the following the following sentences:

- 1) The first requirement of civility is that
- 2) insists that their employees are civil.
- 3) The words which make life smooth are.....
- 4) The job ofis very difficult and sometimes painful.

But though against the lift-man, most people will have a certain we are bound to endorse the verdict sympathy with him. While it is true that there is no law that compels us to say "Please, there is a social practice much older and much more sacred than any law which enjoins us to be civil and the first requirement of civility is that we should acknowledge a service. "Please" and Thank you are the small change with which we pay our ways as social beings. They are the little courtesies by which we keep the machine of life oiled and running Sweetly. They put our intercourse upon the basis of a friendly co-operation, an easy give and-take, instead of on the basis of superiors dictating to inferiors. It is a very vulgar mind that would wish to command where he can have the service for asking, and have it with willingness and good-feeling instead of resentment. I should like to "feature" in this connection my friend, the polite conductor. By this discriminating title I do not intend to suggest a rebuke to conductors generally. On the contrary. I am disposed to think that there are few classes of men who come through the ordeal of a very trying calling better than bus conductors do. Here and there you will meet an unpleasant specimen who regards the passengers as his natural enemies as creatures whose chief purpose on the bus is to cheat him, and who can only be kept reasonably honest by a loud voice and an aggressive manner. But this type is rare rarer than it used to be. I fancy the public Owes much to the Underground Railway Company, which also, nuns the buses. for insisting on a certain standard of Civility in its servants and taking care that standard is observed. In doing this it not only makes things pleasant for the traveling public. but performs an important social service.

A2. Complex Factual: 2

Mention a couple of ways to keep the machine of life oiled and running sweetly.

A3. Inference/Interpretation/Analysis: 2
Name the 'unpleasant specimen' mentioned in the extract and describe his behaviour.

A4. Personal Response: 2
Describe a pleasant/unpleasant experience you have had with a bus conductor.

A5. Language Study: 2
(1) There is a social practice much older and much more sacred than any law which enjoins us to be civil.
(Rewrite using 'not only... but also...')

(2) Most people will have a certain sympathy with him.
(Rewrite using the verb form of the underlined word.)

A6. Vocabulary: 2
Find out the meaning of the phrase 'give and take' and use it in your own sentence.

B.) Language Study (Non-Textual Grammar): [4]

B1) Do as directed: 3
1) Geeta was unable to win the prize.
(Make Negative)
2) The car is across the street from the house.
(Frame question beginning with where)
3) Teacher will give homework.
(Change the Voice)

B2) Spot the error: 1
Many students has turned up for the seminar.

Q.2.A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: [18]
(Unseen Passage)

A1. Global Understanding 2
Pick out the sentences that are False and rewrite them correctly:
(1) The narrator had swum in the Palk Straits before swimming in the English Channel.
(2) The narrator was rich enough to roam the seas in a private yacht
(3) Swimming in the Palk Straits was a challenge to the narrator.
(4) Not much was known about the tides and currents in the Palk Straits.

The call of the seas has always found an echo in me. Not being rich enough to roam them in a private yacht, I have taken the poor man's way out I swim across them! I have always been fascinated by the Indian Ocean whether at Mumbai, at Puri or at Gopalpur. I have swum at all these places and have felt the thrill. But the idea of swimming the Palk Straits did not occur to me until after I had swum the English Channel. Steeped in the history and tradition of this nation, practically unconquered, teeming with hair raising hazards, the seas between India and Sri Lanka had all the elements of challenge, danger and difficulty that tempt me. By way of preparation I continued a strict and rigorous course of training which had begun in 1960. I had also to collect comprehensive range of facts and information about this sea. Neither was easy. Despite all the information I had gathered, I soon found that very little was known about the Palk Straits, especially about the tides and currents. Everything about the English Channel is known; there is a Channel Swimming Association, there are trained pilots, there are boats to be hired, accurate weather forecasts to be had for the asking, dependable tide tables and every other form of assistance was readily available. All that one needed was money. Here in the Palk Straits one had first to find out where information could be obtained and then to decide how much of it was incorrect or misleading!

A2. Complex Factual

2

Give reasons:

It is easier to swim the English Channel because:

- 1).....
- 2)
- 3).....
- 4).....

A3. Inference/Interpretation/Analysis:

2

The idea of swimming the Palk Straits was tempting to the narrator. Explain why.

A4. Personal Response:

2

Would you like to lead an adventurous life? Give reasons for your answer.

A5. Language Study:

2

Do as directed:

(1) Not being rich enough to roam in a private yacht, I swim across them.

(Rewrite as a compound sentence.)

(2) I have swum at all these places.

(Rewrite the sentence using the present perfect continuous tense.)

A6. Vocabulary:

2

Pick out the correct noun forms of the given words from the given options:

(1) private

(a) privately (b) privacy (c) privet

(2) fascinated

(a) fascinate (b) fascinatedly (c) fascination

(3) accurate:

(a) accurately (b) accuracy (c) accurative

(4) available:

(a) availability (b) avail (C) viable

B.) Summary Writing: [3]

Write the summary of the above extract with a suitable title with the help of the given points/hints

(the liking for the sea-attraction of the palk Straits the comparison with the English Channel)

C.) Mind Mapping: [3]

Develop a Mind Mapping Frame/design/using your ideas/thoughts/concepts/to illustrate/develop on the given topic:

Time Management

SECTION II - POETRY
(Poetry and Appreciation)

Q.3A) Read the poem and complete the activities given below: 10

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever
I choose.
Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am
good-fortune,
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more,
need nothing,
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous
criticisms,
Strong and content I travel the open road.
The earth, that is sufficient,
I do not want the constellations any nearer,
I know they are very well where they are,
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.
(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,
I carry them, men and women, I carry them with
me wherever I go,
I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,
I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)

A1. Global Understanding: 02

Pick out the lines showing that the poet is prepared to enjoy every moment of his journey.

A2. Inference/Interpretation/Analysis: 02

The poet is a person who is free from all inhibitions. Discuss how the concept is expressed in the poem.

A3. Personal Response: 02

'Healthy, free, the world before me.' Express your views regarding the above line.

A4. Poetic Devices:

02

Pick out a line from the poem that is an example of paradox.

A5. Poetic creativity:

02

Write four to six lines of Free Verse on the topic 'The road that leads to my college'. Express that it is the road to knowledge and bright future. You may begin like this : Every day I tread with the bag of books

Q.3 B.) Appreciation:

04

Write an appreciation of the poem with the help of following points:

- *About the poem/poet and the title**
- *The theme**
- *Poetic style**
- *The language/poetic devices used in the poem**
- *Special features**
- *Message, values, morals in the poem**
- *Your opinion about the poem**

Indian weavers

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**

[16]

Q.4) Complete the activities as per the instructions:

A)

04

(7) Given below is a template for a message. Imagine you are working as a receptionist in a company and you are supposed to maintain the call record. Complete the details given in the template for a particular message.

Call for :				
From :			Company :	
Date :		Time :		Phone :
				()
Message :				
Action (Circle One)				
				Taken By
Phoned	Returned Your Call	Call Back	Will Call Again	

OR

A5. Read the personal details given below and prepare a suitable Statement of Purpose :

(1) **University of Bath, UK is one of the leading Universities for Business Studies. You belong to a business family – wish to start your own business, carry forward your family business in future. In your junior college you have opted for commerce, scored well in your Std. X Board examination – You made profit in the stall you had put up in the business fair organized by your school/ college. Your hobbies are playing cricket/ hockey - you get along well with people.**

B)

04

Q. Write the reports as instructed :

- (1) **During a global pandemic, a nationwide lockdown was announced. Write a newspaper report on this with the help of the following points :**
- *Declaration of the lockdown*
 - *All movements stopped*
 - *Essential services allowed*
 - *Guidelines for safety laid down*

OR

Q. Write interview questions based on the given situation :

(1) Imagine that you have to interview a social campaigner of your choice. Frame a set of 8-10 questions to interview him/her as per the following points :

- * *Introducing the guest*
- * *Background of the campaign*
- * *Setbacks/Criticism*
- * *Support/Achievements*
- * *Dreams/Message*

C) _____

04

(2) Prepare a short speech to be delivered by you in class on the occasion of the Independence Day.

OR.

Imagine that you are a compere of the 'Annual Day Celebrations' of your college. Write a script for the same. You can take the help of the following points :

- * *Brief introduction*
- * *Lighting of the Lamp*
- * *Welcome Speech*
- * *Speech of the Chief Guest*
- * *Entertainments*
- * *Vote of thanks*

D) _____

04

Q. Write blogs on the following topics :

(1) Say no to tobacco.

OR.

Q. Write the following appeals as instructed :

- (1) A student in your college seeks immediate medical help. His parents are unable to afford the huge amount needed for the operation. Prepare an appeal to be put on the college noticeboard requesting the students to donate generously. Take the help of the following points :
- *the name of the illness*
 - *the cost of the operation*
 - *how the contributions can be made*

**SECTION: IV
(LITERARY GENER – NOVEL)**

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

[16]
04
02

1)

Pick out the statements that are False. Rewrite them correctly :

- (1) Setting describes the behaviour of the characters in the story.
- (2) The main character in the story is referred to as the 'novella'.
- (3) The struggle between the opposite forces in the story is called 'conflict.'
- (4) Theme is the central idea in the novel which can be expressed in a nutshell.
- (5) The plot and character are affected due to the setting.
- (6) 'Plot' is the narrative style of the author.

2)

02

Rewrite the following statements in chronological order :

- (1) Mulkraj Anand, R.K. Narayan and Raja Rao were the major trio who prevailed in the period after that.
- (2) The novel originated as the literary form in England.
- (3) Indian novelists like Arvind Adiga, Arundhati Roy and Kiran Desai have dazzled with their writing.
- (4) Many stalwart novelists such as Charles Dickens, Walter Scott became famous.

- B) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below: 04
- 1) 02
- Describe in brief the purpose of organising the half-yearly report programme of Students' Council.**
- 2) 02
- Write in your words the entire half-yearly report programme of Students' Council.**
- C) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below: 04
- 1) 02
- Arrange the incidents in correct sequence as per their occurrence in the extract.**
- (a) Aouda accepted Fogg's proposal of marriage.
- (b) When set free, the first thing that Fogg did was he knocked Fix down.
- (c) As a part of duty, Fix arrested Fogg.
- (d) At the fifty-seventh second, Fogg entered the Reform Club Saloon.
- 2) 02
- Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel, 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.**
- D) Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below: 04
- 1) 02
- Basically the setting of the extract is in London but it has some references of India, too. Explain how the settings of the extract contribute to the theme of the novel.**
- 2) 02
- Elaborate the following lines in the light of the novel/extract, "The Sign of Four": "You really are an automaton - a calculating machine".**

THANK YOU

