

Question Paper

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Std. XII.

Sub: English

Marks: 80

SECTION - 1 : PROSE

(Reading for Comprehension, Language Study,
Summary and Mind Mapping)

**Q.1A1) Read the following extract and complete the activities
given below:**

(12) [16]

“Stop,” said the other. “I don’t want all that. Shall I succeed in my present search or not? Answer this and go. Otherwise I will not let you go till you disgorge all your coins.” The astrologer muttered a few incantations and replied: “All right. I will speak. But will you give me a rupee if what I say is convincing? Otherwise I will not open my mouth, and you may do what you like.” After a good deal of haggling, the other agreed. The astrologer said: “You were left for dead. Am I right?” “Ah, tell me more.” “A knife has passed through you once?” said the Astrologer. “Good fellow!” He bared his chest to show the scar. “What else?” “And then you were pushed into a well nearby in the field. You were left for dead.” “I should have been dead if some passer-by had not chanced to peep into the well,” exclaimed the other, overwhelmed by enthusiasm. “When shall I get at him?” he asked, clenching his fist. “In the next world,” answered the astrologer. “He died four months ago in a far-off town. You will never see any more of him.” The other groaned on hearing it. The astrologer proceeded: “Guru Nayak-” “You know my name!” the other said, taken aback. “As I know all other things. Guru Nayak, listen carefully to what I have to say. Your village is two days’ journey due north of this town. Take the next train and be gone. I see once again great danger to your life if you go from home.” He took out a pinch of sacred ash and held it to him. “Rub it on your forehead and go home. Never travel southward again, and you will live to be a hundred.” “Why should I leave home again?” the other said reflectively. “I was only going away now and then to look for him and to choke out his life if I met him.” He shook his head regretfully. “He has escaped my hands. I hope at least he died as he deserved.” “Yes,” said the astrologer. “He was crushed under a lorry.” The other looked gratified to hear it.

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Ans: Superstitions are only tales made up by people for some reason or the other. The superstition of bad luck if you walk under a ladder, these type superstitions have some reason. It affect a lot to a society and living style of the people. It is so harmful. So it should be eradicate. For that education is a solution. In schools and colleges must help their students to develop a scientific attitude and think logically and rationally.

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