

English [Set D]

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Question 1: SECTION-A (Reading Skill, Grammar, Vocabulary, Note-making and Summary)

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Question 1.A:

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Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

Early risers clearly have the edge in life. By the time most of us wake up, they've been through their morning rituals, enjoyed their walk, had their tea and read the daily news. They're also likely to have made long-distance calls before dawn to those similarly inclined. Thus, by the time the sun warms up they're likely to have discussed all varieties of 'men, matters, and affairs' with a dozen people.

The upshot of these varying tendencies is that such extreme contrasts often exist in the same household. Weeks pass before the younger lot (typically late risers) and the older lot (normally early birds) come face to face. It's almost as if they live in different time zones and different countries.

All over the country, things are likely to be pretty much the same in this respect, one would think. If the man of the house, any house, decides to take a day off from work, he'd probably find his son emerging from his room at about 10 a.m. and that too in a 'rubbing-eyes' mode. After fooling around for a while the lad would probably dash off to college in a rush whilst simultaneously zipping up his jeans and sending text messages on his phone. His father would undoubtedly be left shaking his head and burying himself deeper into his newspaper.

- (1) What is the extract about?
- (2) How do the early risers get a head start in life?
- (3) What kind of lifestyle of the young son is reflected in the extract?
- (4) According to you, why do the youngsters rise up late?
- (5) **Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:**
 - (i) He goes for his morning walk at 1 p.m.
(Rewrite it in the Present Perfect Continuous Tense.)
 - (ii) They live in different time zones.
(Make it a complex sentence.)
 - (iii) The man decides to take a day off from work.
(Rewrite it using the noun form of the underlined word.)

(6) Find out the words from the extract which mean:

- (i) have a slight advantage over
- (ii) coming out

Solution: (1) This extract is about the merits of early rising and demerits of late wake-up. It explains the advantages of waking up early and the bad habit of the late - rising among the younger generations.

(2) Early risers have enough time for their morning rituals. They can enjoy long walks and breakfast. They have ample time to read the newspapers and make long-distance calls before the late risers wake - up.

(3) The young son's lifestyles reflected in the extract are.

(i) He is a late riser, with no time to do anything except, get ready for college and he is always busy in his world of the cell phone.

(4) Because of mobile phones, most youngsters spend their nights out late, chatting with friends through WhatsApp, Facebook messenger, etc. Having slept late at night then impossible to wake up early in the morning.

(5) (i) He has been going for a morning walk at 1 p.m.

(ii) It is they who live in different time zones. Or They live in time zones which are different.

(iii) The decision to take a day off from work is made by the man. OR
The man makes the decision to take a day off from work.

(6) (i) have a slight advantage over - have the edge

(ii) coming out - emerging.

Question 1.B:

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Fill in the blank with appropriate article

J.R.D. Tata was an amazing personality. He always helped _____ poor in the country.

Solution: J.R.D. Tata was an amazing personality. He always helped the poor in the country.

Question 1.B:

Do as directed :

They stood_____ silence as a mark honour to her._____

(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.)

Solution: They stood in silence as a mark of honour to her.

Question 1.C:

Do as directed :

"Where are you going?" he asked. "Pune, Sir, my husband is starting a company called Infosys and I'm shifting to Pune."

(Change it into Indirect speech.)

Solution: He asked me where I was going. I respectfully told him that I was going to Pune. I further told him that my husband was starting a company called Infosys and I was shifting to Pune.

Question 2:

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Question 2.A: Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: [11]

We commemorate so many special days such as Republic Day, Independence Day, Mother's Day and so on. Well, here is one day that deserves not only a commemoration but our total dedication - Earth Day, 22 April. At Sanctuary, we live our lives like every day is Earth Day, but we all believe that it would be, fantastic to remind our relatives, friends, neighbours, teachers, and elders on this day that protecting Mother Earth can end up making us both happy and safe.

Will you do something this Earth Day? Here's a handy list of things you can do-

(1) Cut Consumption: Consume as little as possible on Earth Day. This 'is a day when you call Refuse (to buy new things), Repair and Reuse (old stuff), Recycle (what you cannot reuse), Reject (stuff that is toxic or dangerous to the environment) and Renew (your purpose and resolve to protect the planet).

(2) Cut Energy: (a) Ditch the old incandescent bulbs and shift to CFLs or LEDs (Google both to find out more). (b) Walk or use public transport, try not to use private cars to save fuel. Carpool. Cut down on trips. Use Skype instead of traveling for meetings. (c) Switch off unnecessary gadgets. (don't just use the remote walk to the mains!).

(3) Cut Waste: Start a waste segregation system in your building, school or neighbourhood. Compost organic waste, sell what you can to the raddi-wallah and give him a small token of.. appreciation also for he is protecting your world. Collect unused papers from old notebooks and make new ones from them.

(4) Cut out plastic: Speak to at least five shopkeepers in your area and tell them you and your friends will only use their shops if they move away from wasteful plastic packaging, particularly thin plastic bags.

(1) What do you understand from this extract?

(2) What steps can we take to keep our environment clean?

(3) Why should we commemorate Earth Day?

(4) What is your opinion regarding shifting to CFLs or LEDs?

(5) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :

(i) Earth Day deserves a commemoration and our total dedication.

(Use 'not only - but also'.)

(ii) Start a Waste Segregation System in your building.

(Rewrite it beginning with 'Let'.)

(iii) You can sell waste to the raddi-wallah and give him a

small token of appreciation.

(Replace the modal auxiliary by another showing 'obligation'.)

(6) What do the following words in the extract mean?

(i) resolve

(ii) toxic

Solution: (1) The extract is about Earth conservation and saving it by not using man-made resources which can harm the environment and sacrificing the same on Earth Day.

(2) Our environment can be made clean by the following activities:

(i) Consume as little as possible and try to Repair, Reuse and Refuse to new things.

(ii) Replacing old bulbs with CFL's or LED's as well as using public transport to reduce pollution.

(iii) We can start a waste segregation system which can help to sell off the compost organic waste in the form of money.

(iv) Avoid using thin plastic bags or any other wasteful plastic packaging which can harm the environment.

(3) We live our lives like every day is Earth Day, but we all should believe the same because of the harmful effects that we as humans are contributing every day in the form of air pollution, water pollution as well as affecting flora and fauna. By commemorating Earth Day and following the environmental saving techniques of cutting consumption, saving energy, reducing waste and avoiding man-made materials of plastic.

(4) Regular bulbs release a lot of toxic chemicals in the air which makes them polluted as if such chemicals are inhaled by humans can contribute to severe mental disorders such as brain Haemorrhage. Using CFLs and LEDs firstly would help in less consumption of electricity and as it doesn't have health hazard chemicals it does not release any poisonous gaseous chemicals.

(5)

(i) Not only Earth Day deserves a commemoration but also our total dedication.

(ii) Let us start a Waste Segregation System in our building.

(iii) You must sell waste to the raddi-wallah and give him a small token of appreciation.

(6)

(i) to find a solution

(ii) dangerous / poisonous

Question 2.B: Read the following extract and complete the note with the help of the clues provided :

[4]

Vitamins are either fat-soluble (A, D, E, K) or water-soluble (B vitamins, including niacin, folic acid and riboflavin, and vitamin C). They consist mainly of the elements nitrogen, oxygen, carbon and hydrogen. Fat-soluble vitamins are stored in body fat, while water-

soluble vitamins are used or quickly excreted in the urine.

Vitamin A is essential for the eyes, skin, hair, and bones; the B vitamins help enzymes to function; C is essential for the formation of collagen; D helps the body absorb calcium; E prevents cell damage, and K helps blood clotting. Most vitamins cannot be produced by the body and so must be obtained directly from food.

VITAMINS

Vitamins are obtained from	
B Vitamins	Fat-soluble
Vitamins consist of	1. 2. Oxygen 3. 4. Hydrogen
Vitamin A B C D E K	Essential for eyes, skin, etc. Formation of collagen Prevents cell damage

Solution:

Vitamins are obtained from	Vitamins are obtained directly from food
Vitamin A, D, E, K	Fat-soluble
B Vitamin	B vitamins including niacin, folic acid and riboflavin, and helps enzymes to function.
Vitamins consist of	1. Nitrogen 2. Oxygen 3. Carbon 4. Hydrogen
Vitamin A B C D E K	Essential for eyes, skin etc. Helps enzymes to function. Formation of collagen. Helps the body absorb calcium. Prevents cell damage. Helps blood clotting.

Question 3: (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

[15]

Oil is one of the world's major sources of energy. We depend on it as fuel for heating, transport, and generation of power.

For centuries, animal and vegetable oils have been used for cooking and as a source of artificial light. But it is mineral oil which meets most of the world's needs today.

Crude mineral oil comes out of the earth as a thick brown or black liquid with a strong smell. It is a complex mixture of many different substances, each with its own individual qualities. Most of them are combinations of hydrogen and carbon in varying proportions. Such hydrocarbons are also found in other forms such as bitumen, asphalt and natural gas. Mineral oil originates from the carcasses of tiny animals and from plants that live in the sea. Over millions of years, these dead creatures form large deposits under the sea bed and ocean currents cover them with a blanket of sand and silt. As this material hardens, it becomes sedimentary rock and effectively shuts out the oxygen so preventing the complete decomposition of the marine deposits underneath. The layers of sedimentary rock become thicker and heavier. Their pressure produces heat, which transforms the tiny carcasses into crude oil in a process that is still going on today.

The earth's crust is split into a few huge continental plates which move continuously rather like rafts on a sluggish tide. Geologists call this movement as 'continental drift'.

(1) What does the extract tell us about?

(2) In which form does crude mineral oil come out of the earth and from what does it originate?

(3) How is 'continental drift' formed?

(4) According to you, how can we stop the excessive use of energy?

(5) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :

(i) Oil is one of the world's major sources of energy.

(Rewrite it as a negative sentence without changing its meaning.)

(ii) As this material hardens, it becomes sedimentary rock.

(Make it a compound sentence.)

(iii) Geologists call this movement 'continental drift'.

(Frame a 'Wh-question' to get the underlined part as an answer.)

(6) Give the antonyms from the extract for :

(i) artificial

(ii) lighter

(B) Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title.

Oil as a source of energy – our dependence – types of oil – mineral oil origin of crude oil formation of crude oil – farming of sedimentary rocks – continental drift

Solution: (A)

1. The extract tells us about oil one of the world's major sources of energy.

2. Crude mineral oil comes out of the earth as a thick brown or black liquid with a strong smell. It originates from the carcasses of tiny animals and from plants that live in the sea.

3. The Earth's crust splits into a few huge continental plates which move continuously rather like rafts on a sluggish tide. This movement is called Continental drift.

4. We can stop the excessive use of energy:

(a) By walking to short distances with our feet instead of using transport.

(b) We should use public transport or carpooling instead of using our private individual transport.

(c) We should turn off the engine of a vehicle on traffic signals while waiting for the green light.

5. (i) None other than the oils is the world's major source of energy.

(ii) It becomes sedimentary rock when this material hardens.

(iii) What do geologists call this movement as?

6. (i) Natural.

(ii) Heavier

(B)

Title: Formation of Mineral oil

Oil is one of the world's major source of energy. We depend on oil as fuel for heating, transport and for the generation of power. Animal and vegetable oils have been used for cooking and for artificial light for centuries. But only mineral oil meets the world's needs today.

Thick brown or black liquid with a strong smell comes out the earth as crude mineral, Which is a complex mixture of many different substances each having its individual quality. They are mainly a combination of hydrogen and oxygen. Hydro-carbons are also found in bitumen, asphalt and natural gas mineral oil originates from the carcasses of tiny plants and animals that live in the sea. The dead creatures form large deposits under the sea bed over millions of years and ocean current covers them with a blanket of sand and salt. As the minerals harden it becomes sedimentary rock and shuts out the oxygen, preventing the complete decomposition if mineral deposits underneath. The sedimentary layers become thicker and heavier, the pressure produces heat, transforming the tiny carcasses into crude oil,

The earth's crust splits into few huge continental plates moving continuously like rafts called "Continental drift by geologist"

4. SECTION-B (Poetry)

[8]

Question 4.A: Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: [4]

If you crave not for praise when you win
And look not for sympathy while you lose
If cheers let not your head toss or spin
And after a set-back you offer no excuse.
You may be the person I am looking for.

If you accept counsel without getting sore
And re-assess yourself in the light thereof
If you pledge. not to be obstinate any more
And meet others without any frown or scoff.
You may be the person I am looking for.

- (1) How should you behave when you are a winner and a loser?
- (2) Do you agree with the poet's view about an ideal person? Justify your answer.
- (3) Pick out an example of Antithesis from the extract.
- (4) Pick out the words from the extract showing our stubbornness and expression of displeasure.

Solution: (1) We should not look for praise when we win, nor should we seek sympathy when we lose.

(2) Yes, I strongly agree with his view of an ideal person. An ideal person should be able to keep a level head whether he wins or loses. He should be a person who can take responsibility for all his actions and not blame others for his mistakes and failures.

(3) If you crave not for praise when you win and look not for sympathy when you lose. 'Win' or 'loss' are contradictory words used together for poetic effect.

(4) Obstinate, frown.

Question 4.B: Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: [4]

The banyan tree was three times as tall as our house
Its trunk had a circumference of fifty feet
Its scraggly aerial roots fell to the ground
From thirty feet or more so first they cut the branches
Sawing them off for seven days and the heap was huge
Insects and birds began to leave the tree
And then they came to its massive trunk
Fifty men with axes chopped and chopped
The great tree revealed its rings of two hundred years
We watched in terror and fascination this slaughter

- (1) How does the poet describe the banyan tree?
- (2) According to you, how are trees important to maintain ecological balance?
- (3) Pick out an example of repetition from the extract.
- (4) Pick out the words in the extract which are related to the killing.

Solution: (1) The banyan tree is described as extremely huge, high and with the circumference of fifty feet.

(2) Trees give us oxygen. Trees are known to breathe out oxygen and intake carbon – dioxide. Thus supplying the atmosphere with sufficient pure air for human breath, they absorb all the carbon dioxide during the day and night. They provide shelter for both

birds and animals in the forest. Thus we can say that trees are the natural protector of our environment.

(3) Fifty men with axes chopped and chopped.

(4) Sawing, chopped, slaughter.

5. Section-C (Rapid Reading and Composition)

[8]

Question 5.A:

[4]

Read the extract carefully and rewrite as if you are the friend of the narrator :

[You may begin with: A couple of days later he was walking around]

A couple of days later, I was walking around the camp, around the barracks, near the barbed-wire fence where the guards could not easily see. I was alone.

On the other side of the fence, I spotted someone: a little girl with light, almost luminous curls. She was half-hidden behind a birch tree.

I glanced around to make sure no one saw me. I called to her softly in German, "Do you have something to eat?" She didn't understand. I inched closer to the fence and repeated the question in Polish. She stepped forward. I was thin and gaunt, with rags wrapped around my feet, but the girl looked unafraid. In her eyes, I saw life. She pulled an apple from her woollen jacket and threw it over the fence. I grabbed the fruit and, as I started to run away, I heard her say faintly, "I'll see you tomorrow. "

I returned to the same spot by the fence at the same time every day. She was always there with something for me to eat a hunk of bread or better yet, an apple. We didn't dare speak or linger. To be caught would mean death for us both. I didn't know anything about her, just a kind farm girl, except that she understood Polish. What was her name? Why was she risking her life for me? Hope was in such short supply, and this girl on the other side of the fence gave me some, as nourishing in its way as the bread and apples.

Solution: A couple of days later he was walking around the camp, around the barracks, near the barbed-wire fence where the guards could not easily see. He was alone. On the other side of the fence, He spotted someone: a little girl with light, almost luminous curls. She was half-hidden behind a birch tree. He glanced around to make sure no one saw him. He called to her softly in German, "Do you have something to eat?" She didn't understand. He inched closer to the fence and repeated the question in Polish. She stepped forward. He was thin and gaunt, with rags wrapped around his feet, but the girl looked unafraid. In her eyes, he saw life. She pulled an apple from her woollen jacket and threw it over the fence. He grabbed the fruit and, as He started to run away, he heard her say faintly, "I'll see you tomorrow. "

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Question 5.B | Attempt one of the following

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Question 5.B.1:

[4]

Read the following extract and convert it into a dialogue between Rosalind and Celia in about 120 words :

[You may begin with: Rosalind: There are many thieves]

The two girls made their plans. There were many thieves on the roads in those days, and it was dangerous for rich and beautiful young women to travel alone. So they stained their faces with a brown juice to make them look sunburned, and wore simple country clothes. Rosalind, who was much taller than Celia, dressed as a young man and took the name of Ganymede. Celia decided to call herself Aliena. They took with them a kind old servant called Touchstone, who served as Court jester, or "Fool", to Duke Frederick. (A Jester's duty was to keep the court amused with merry jokes and songs, and to make his master laugh when he felt sad or dull.)

Touchstone had always been very fond of Celia, and he gladly agreed to accompany her and Rosalind into the Forest of Arden. He still wore his Jester's clothes of red and black, with little bells hanging from his cap; and he was a great comfort to the two lonely girls, making them laugh with his merry jokes, and cheering them when they were tired or frightened.

As you can imagine, Duke Frederick was very angry when he was told that Celia had gone with Rosalind. He knew how much they had admired the young Orlando de Boys, and he suspected that the two girls had joined the young man and that they had all run away together. 'Send at once to Oliver's house,' he said angrily. 'and if Orlando is not there, bring his brother to me. I'll make him find him. Everything must be done to bring back these foolish runaways'.

Solution: Rosalind: There were many thieves on the roads in those days, and it was dangerous for rich and beautiful young women to travel alone.

Celia: So we stained our faces with a brown juice to make them look sunburned, and wore simple country clothes.

Rosalind: I was much taller than Celia and dressed as a young man, and I took my name as Ganymede. Celia decided to call herself Aliena.

Celia: We took with us a kind of old servant called Touchstone, who served as Court Jester, or "Fool". Touchstone had always been very fond of me and he gladly agreed to accompany me and Rosalind into the forest of Arden. He still wore his Jester's clothes of red and black, with little bells hanging from his cap; and he was a great comfort for both of us making us laugh with merry jokes, and cheering us when we were tired or frightened.

Rosalind: As we could imagine, Duke Frederick was very angry when he knew that Celia went with me. He knew how much we admired the young Orlando de Boys, and he

suspected that we had joined the young man and that we had all run away together.

Celia: Duke Frederick send at once to Oliver's house, he said angrily and if Orlando is not there, bring his brother to me. I'll make them find him. Everything must be done to bring back these foolish runaways'.

Question 5.B.2: Read the following extract and extend it by adding an imaginary paragraph of your own in about 120 words: [4]

[You may begin with: Mrs. Green: May I come in.....]

"May I come in?" asked the pink lady.

"Please come in," said my mother. "Do sit down. Do you require a room?"

"Not today, thank you. I'm staying with Padre Dutt.

He insisted on putting me up. But I may want room for a day or two – just for old time's sake."

"You've stayed here before."

"A long time ago. I'm Mrs. Green, you know. The missing

Mrs. Green. The one for whom you put up that handsome tombstone in the cemetery. I was very touched by it. And I'm glad you didn't add 'Beloved wife of Henry Green' because I didn't love him any more than he loved me."

"Then – then – you aren't the skeleton?" stammered my mother.

"Do I look like a skeleton?"

"No!" we said together.

"But we heard you disappeared," I said, "and when we found that skeleton –"

"You put two and two together."

"Well, it was Miss Kellner who convinced us," said my

mother. "And you did disappear mysteriously. You were missing for years. And everyone knew Mr. Green was a philanderer!"

"Couldn't wait to get away from him," said the pink lady.

"Couldn't stand him anymore. He was a lady-killer, but not a real killer."

"But your father can be looking for you. Didn't you get in touch with him?"

Solution: Mrs. Green: May I come in?

Mother: Please come in, Do sit down. Would you require a room?"

Mrs. Green: "Not today, thank you. I'm staying with Padre Dutt. He insisted on putting me up. But I may want a room for a day or two Just for old time's sake".

Mother: Have you stayed here before?

Mrs. Green: 'A long time ago. I'm Mrs. Green, you know. The missing Mrs.Green. The one for whom you put up that handsome tombstone in the cemetery. I was very touched

by it. And I'm glad you didn't add 'Beloved Wife of Henry Green' because I didn't love him any more than he loved me".

My Mother: Then-then you aren't the skeleton?

Mrs. Green: Do I look like a skeleton?

(No, writer and his mother both said together. But we heard that you disappeared & When we found that skeleton you two & two together)

Mother: Well, it was Miss Kellner who convinced us. And you did disappear mysteriously. You were missing for years. And everyone knew Mr. Green was a philanderer.

6. SECTION-D (Written Communication)

[12]

Question 6.A: Letter Writing: Write any ONE of the following letters: [4]

Question 6.A.1: Read the following advertisement and prepare a letter of application in response to it by using the information given in the C. V. (Resume) that follows : [4]

SITUATION VACANT	
<u>Wanted</u> Civil Engineer The candidate should be B.E. (1st Class). Experience preferred. Ready to work abroad. Good salary offered. Write: To, The Manager, Kumar Construction Company, Andheri (E), Mumbai.	
CV (Resume)	
Name:	Ajinkya J. Sharma
Address:	East Shri Nagar Colony, Solapur Road, Hadapsar, Pune.
Age:	26 years
Education:	B.E.(1st Class)
Experience:	2 years as a Civil Engineer
Interests:	Reading, Travelling, Photography

Solution:

Ajinkya J. Sharma,
East Shri Nagar Colony,

Solapur Road,
Hadapsar,
Pune.

Date: 28th Feb, 2017.

To,
The Manager,
Kumar Construction Company,
Andheri (E),
Mumbai.

Sub: - Application for the post of Civil Engineer in your company.

Ref: - As per the advertisement printed in Times of India.

Respected Sir/Madam,

With reference to your advertisement in the Times of India, Mumbai Edition for the post of Civil Engineer, I apply for the same for your kind perusal.

I graduated in B.E. (1st Class) from Pune University in the year 2014, I have been working as a Civil Engineer since last 2 years with Tata Group of Companies. The NOC, enclosed with this covering letter will prove my integrity with the current organisation. I have rich experience not only engineering but also in photography through which I have captured important pictures relating to many of the industrial heavy machinery and tools which has given exposure to current and next-generation equipment in our industry.

I hope to be granted an interview call from your office. Looking forward to your reply.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,
Ajinkya J. Sharma

Enclosures:

- (1) NOC
- (2) Resume
- (3) Photocopied mark sheets of my qualifications and achievements.

Question 6.A.2: Your locality is facing the problem of irregular water supply. Write a letter to the concerned authority about it. [4]

Solution: East Shri Nagar Colony,

Solapur Road,
Hadapsar,
Mumbai.

Date: 28th Feb, 2017.

To,
The Commissioner of Municipal Corporation,
Mumbai.

Sub: - Complaint regarding irregular water supply.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I the resident of East Shri Nagar Colony, would like to draw your attention towards the irregular water supply in our locality. We are facing this problem, since the time the new building has been constructed in our locality, due to which the water supply has been disrupted.

Due to the construction of the new building, the water supply has been portioned and now the supply has been interrupted as earlier the regular water supply used to be 3 hours in the morning and the same in the evening, but now the same has been reduced to just an hour as it needs a new water supply unit for individual building.

I hope for your contribution in solving this problem. Looking forward to your reply.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

X.Y.Z

Question 6.B: Write on any ONE of the following items : [4]

Question 6.B.1: [4]

Read the following Intros of news items. Choose any ONE of them and write the headline, the dateline and a short continuing paragraph for it.

(i) A shortage of onions in Maharashtra has surged prices by 30 percent. It forced the authorities to import onions from abroad.

(ii) The birth anniversary of the late President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was celebrated yesterday in Saraswati Kanya Pathshala as Teacher's Day.

Solution: Shortage of Onions in Maharashtra

Press Trust of India

Mumbai, 28/02/2017 at IST: 12:45 pm

Shortage of onions in Maharashtra has surged prices by 30 percent and it has forced the authorities to import onions from abroad and this has created a difficult situation in the state as onions contribute to majority of our diet and shortage of the same will effect to all walks of life. This shortage strike due to few wholesalers who actually already stock the onions from the farmers and instead of forwarding them to customers they over stock them. They did this activity in order to get more profit for the over stock goods but due to improper handling and incorrect ways of stocking it resulted in corrosion of the onions which in turn impacted the wholesaler and customer and this resulted in price hike from 25 Rs. to 75 Rs. per kg. By looking at this activity the food and the drug minister have communicated with other states, so that the high demand of the people of Maharashtra can be met. As per the meeting yesterday the minister will be making the goods available by the end of this week and as per the promise this can also help in reducing the price back to what it was.

Question 6.B.2: Your College is going to arrange a rally to raise funds to help drought affected farmers. Prepare a short appeal for people to join the rally with the help of the following points: [4]

- (i) Use slogans.
- (ii) Make a persuasive appeal for generous donation.
- (iii) Time and place of the rally.
- (iv) Famous personality to lead the rally.
- (v) Add your own points.

Solution: Drought affected farmers

Jai Jawaan Jai Kisaan

Water forms an important part of life

No Rain No Gain !

Let's fight together, help each other and donate the best possible we'll gather on 3rd March, 2017 at 10 am at Azad Maidaan, Mumbai.

Anna Hazare will be joining us and leading the rally.

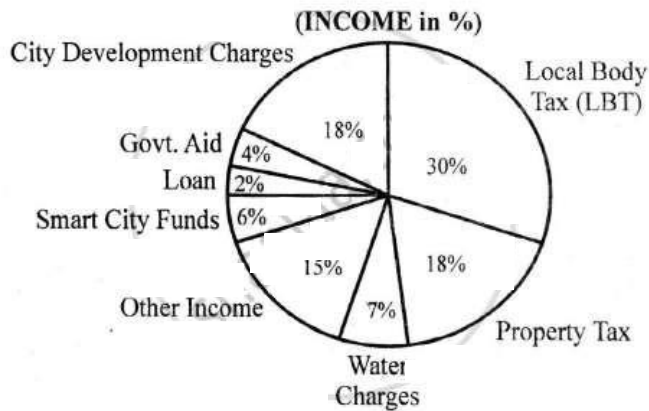
This is the time to understand, support and help each other If not do it now, then is there a use of being called Indian? It's time to live, it's time to breathe, and it's time of togetherness.

- Students Council

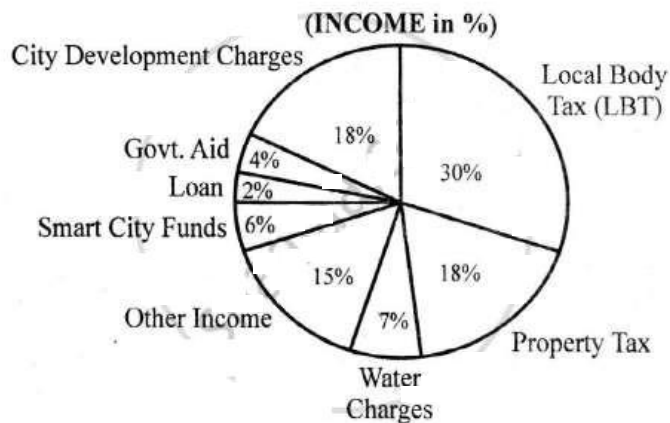
- General body Council

Question 6.C | Write on any ONE of the following items: [4]

Question 6.C.1: Study carefully the following pie-chart about the Income Sources of a City Budget and write a short continuing paragraph based on it in about 120 words: [4]



Solution:



The above pie chart is about the city budget through the income sources of 100% which is divided firstly with the local body tax [LBT] of 30% which follows with an equal contribution of city development charges as well as Property Tax at 18%. Other income contributes to 15% of the total followed by water charges at 7% while the smart city funds remain at 6% with the least percentage contribution of the Govt. Aid and Loan services which remain at 4% and 2% respectively.

Question 6.C.2: Prepare a paragraph with an appropriate title to be used for the Counter-View Section on the following topic in about 120 words: [4]

"Can the use of Internet enhance students' learning?"

You can take the help of the following points from the View Section.

View Section
It's easier to find all the information.
It makes learning interesting.
It provides easy access to resource material.
It gives various explanations / viewpoints about any topic.

It gives the latest updated knowledge.
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Solution: Advantages of the use of the Internet to Enhance Students' Learning

VIEW:

Internet helps students to find out all the possible information easily at one go such as finding similar or opposite words in the form of Synonyms or Antonyms. Internet helps creative learning where a student tries to learn and understand the information independently which helps in boosting self-confidence and interesting learning. Internet helps in quicker accessing of information which helps in solving problems much quicker without waiting for someone to actually teach you. With the internet there's something that has started which is known as virtual learning where a teacher doesn't need to be physically available and still a detailed explanation about various subjects and topics can be found in the form of video lectures, saved videos and interactive sessions. Internet is such a mode of technology that gets updated every day, every hour, every minute and this helps the world to be connected together and transfer knowledge without relying on a few.

Disadvantages of the use of the Internet to Enhance Students' Learning

COUNTER VIEW: -

Though the Internet helps in finding out the words easily it makes the students a bit lazy to even find the same by using Dictionary. Internet though makes learning interesting but there're certain precautions that need to be taken before handing over the charges to students as some of the content won't be acceptable as viewable. As much of the material is available on the Internet students don't feel like reading the basic details by reading textbooks which makes them jump to the marks without reading the exact content. Though the internet helps in explanations without the proper guidance of a teacher it'll be really difficult for a student to figure out what is true and what isn't. Yes, the internet helps to update the latest knowledge but it isn't true always so the person reviewing the same should take proper care.

Question 7:

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Question 7.A: Answer the following questions as per instructions: [4]

Imagine that you are a journalist and you have been assigned the task of interviewing a film actor/actress. Frame a set of 8 to 10 questions to interview him/her.

Solution: Introduction: - Today I am going to meet one of the legends of Indian cinema who needs no introduction, his name is Mr. Amitabh Bachhan.

- (i) What was your motivation behind a successful actor?
- (ii) How do you manage your personal and professional life?

- (iii) When you decided to be an actor, did your family support you?
- (iv) Apart from your acting career, what other professions would you have like to opt, if you would not be an actor?
- (v) How did you tackle the tough phase of your life?
- (vi) What phase of life do you enjoy the most, being a son, being a father or being a grandfather?
- (vii) What is your reaction to the people, who mimic you?
- (viii) How you select films?
- (ix) Which is your dream role?
- (x) What advice you would like to give the youngsters who follow you?

Question 7.B: Prepare a speech on 'Father's Day' with the help of the following points: [3]

- (1) Man of practical attitude.
- (2) Thinker of the future.
- (3) Pillar of family.
- (4) Greatest family support.

Solution: Good morning to all present here, I would like to take an opportunity to share my views and feelings towards my beloved father who has always been a strong moral and physical support of my life. Because of his practicality, I have always been able to take wise decisions during confusing situations.

Due to my father's future thinking and a focused attitude, I was able to select the correct path of life and develop my career. My father has always stood by me as a guide, philosopher and pillar during my tough times as he always believes that strong support leads to achievements and enhances positivity in life. I always believed the word family, creates an atmosphere of unity, support, and equality but my father made me understand the most important part which is love which comes from within and he always kept my expectations ahead without thinking about himself which is a sacrifice not all can go ahead with and I consider him as the greatest family support, due to his never-ending love and passion for making me who I am.
Thank you.