

ENGLISH PRELIM: PAPER 1

SECTION I : LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1 (A1) Do as directed. (Any four)

(4)

1. Write two compound words of your own.
2. Make a meaningful sentence by using the given phrase.
life went out of him
3. Spot the error and correct the sentence.
When I was on the road, I began to ran.
4. Find out 2 hidden words of minimum 4 letters from -
development :
5. Arrange the following words in alphabetical order.
regional, career, legend, sparring



(A2) Do as directed. (Any two)

(4)

1. Direct and Indirect narration.
 - 1) Rewrite the following sentence into indirect narration/ speech.
"You are not tone-deaf" he said to me.
 - 2) The king went up to him and said, "I have come to you, wise hermit, to ask you to answer three questions."
2. Change the voice.
 - 1) Can you give up your abode?
 - 2) I first read the novel years ago.
3. Make two sentences of your own to show difference of Homograph/Homonyms:
Trip

(B) Do as directed. (Any One)

(2)

1. Use the given word as a noun and as a verb in two meaningful sentences.
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2. Convert the given sentences into Simple / compound / complex sentences.
I like songs that have words (Rewrite as simple sentence)

SECTION II : TEXTUAL PASSAGES

(Reading Skill, Vocabulary and Grammar)

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

1 A1) i) Complete the sentence.

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The essence of a happy life and a peaceful society lies in one sentence,

ii) Choose the correct alternative.

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- 1) What was most astonishing about 102 year old Swamiji?
 - a. He was a great speaker and orator.
 - b. He was a great scientist.
 - c. He was a great admirer of technology
 - d. He was as Steady and alert as any youngster.

- 2) What did Dr. Kalam gather while swimming in the silence to the shores of Mahaprayagji?
 - a. beautiful seashores.
 - b. tree lined beaches
 - c. sands of conscience
 - d. beautiful sunset

In April 2009, Dr Kalam was invited to attend the 102nd birthday celebrations of His Holiness Dr Sri Sri Shivakumara Mahaswamiji in the Tumkur district of Karnataka. Mahaswamiji is a remarkable person, who has dedicated his life to the service of humanity. His greatest contribution is the establishment of a free residential education system for more than nine thousand children in the ashram. The most astonishing aspect of the entire event of his birthday was that the 102 year old Swamiji stood on his feet without any support ! He looked as steady and alert as any other youngster present there. This display of inner strength touched Dr Kalam deeply.

A couple of days later, we were discussing this unusual birthday party. I said to him, 'Sir, do you know, only four out of 1 lakh people cross the age of 100 ?' I had googled the subject beforehand. He replied, 'But how many of these four would be able to stand tall for half an hour, give a wise discourse, and then go on to feed thousands of children ?' Of course nobody could know the exact answer to his question but the question itself led to many other relevant queries. 'I wonder what owers Mahaswamiji possesses that keep him so strong at such an advanced age ? Maybe it's a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle, or perhaps it's genetics ?' I asked.

Dr Kalam sat contemplating deeply.

He recollected the tenet of goodness of action from Pramukh Swamiji. Then, perhaps swimming in silence to the shores of Mahapragyaji, he gathered the sands of conscience to be our guide, our best friend. Deeper down in the space-time of memory, he must have heard Professor Brahma Prakash's words about the need of living pure and ethical life, and Father Pereira's and Dr Sarabhai's lesson of selflessness in service. Eventually his thoughts would have settled on Swami Sivananda of Rishikesh, in whom he saw great tranquility, and finally they must have come full circle with the memory of the life of simplicity of his father, who always espoused the value of giving back.

A2) Arrange in Chronological order.

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1. Eventually his thoughts settled on Swami Vivekananda in whom he saw great tranquillity.
2. He attributed this ability to the very spirit of ' what can I give?'
3. Dr. Kalam sat contemplating on the reasons for the powers shown by Maharishiji to keep him strong.
4. Maharishiji stood on his feet without any support, with steady and alert eyes

A3) i) Vocabulary Based Questions.

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Write four words from the passage which have prefixes to denote their opposites.

1. Steady

2. Relevant
3. Ethical
4. Balanced

ii) Write noun forms for the following word :

- 1) advance -
- 2) strong -

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A4) Grammar based questions :

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- 1) He looked as alert and as steady as any other youngster there. (Rewrite in comparative degree)
- 2) They must have come full circle with the memory of his father. (Identify the modal auxiliary and state its function)

A5) Personal response.

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How does interacting with people of different religious faiths help one in moulding one's personality?

(B) Read the following passage and do the activities.

1 A1) i) Fill in the blanks.

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- 1) Reed College offered the best instruction in the country. (animation, calligraphy, photography)
- 2) He received priceless results from his (curiosity and sincerity, intuition and sincerity, curiosity and intuition)

ii) Write whether the statements are true or false.

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- 1) Attending calligraphy classes benefitted Steve in designing typefaces
- 2) Following curiosity and intuition gave a priceless result.

Today I want to tell you three stories from my life. That's it. Just three stories. The first story is about connecting the dots. I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months before I really quit. Looking back, it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.

I didn't have a dorm room, so I slept on the floor in friends' rooms. I returned Coke bottles for the 5 cent deposits to buy food with, and I would walk seven miles across town every Sunday night to get one good meal a week at the Hare Krishna temple. I loved it. And much of what I stumbled into by following my curiosity and intuition turned out to be priceless later on. Here's one example : Reed College offered perhaps the best calligraphy instruction in the country. Because I had to take a calligraphy class, I learned about serif and san serif typefaces, about what makes great typography great.

Ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And we designed it all into the Mac. If I had never dropped in on that course in college the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or for that matter even proportionally spaced fonts.

A2) Complete the sentence.

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- 1) I could stop taking
- 2) And much of what I had stumbled into

A3) Grammar based questions :

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- 1) I loved it. (Add a question tag)
- 2) If I had never dropped in on that course, Mac would never have had typefaces. (Identify the subordinate clause and its kind)

A4) Grammar based questions :

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- 1) I had to take a calligraphy class. (Identify the infinitive in the sentence.)
- 2) What I stumbled into by following my curiosity and intuition, turned out to be priceless. (Identify the subordinate clause in the sentence and state its kind).

A5) Personal response.

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Have you ever had to go through difficulties to achieve any of your wishes? Elaborate

SECTION III : POETRY

Q.3 (A) Read the following poem and do the activities.

1 **A1) Match the column :**

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'A' Column		'B' Column	
i.	Such are daffodils	a.	Sprouting a shady boon
ii.	Trees old and young	b.	We are wreathing a flowery band
iii.	It will never pass	c.	With the green world they live in
iv.	On every morrow	d.	into nothingness

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever :
 Its loveliness increases; it will never
 Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
 A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet breathing.
 Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
 A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
 Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth

Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
 Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
 Made for our searching : yes, in spite of all,
 Some shape of beauty moves a way the pall

From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon,
 Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon
 For simple sheep ; and such are daffodils
 With the green world they live in ;

A2) Answer the following :

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How does the poet describe beauty ?


A3) Poetic device.

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Give an example of imagery from the extract.

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in paragraph format.

(5)

Where the Mind is Without Fear...	
Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high Where knowledge is free Where the world has not been broken up into fragments By narrow domestic walls Where words come out from the depth of truth Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit Where the mind is led forward by thee Into ever-widening thought and action Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.	 <p>Since-1989 BABU SIRS GROUP TUTORING</p>
- Rabindranath Tagore	

You can use the following points while appreciating the given poem.

- Title
- Poet
- Rhyme Scheme
- Figure of speech
- Theme/Central Idea

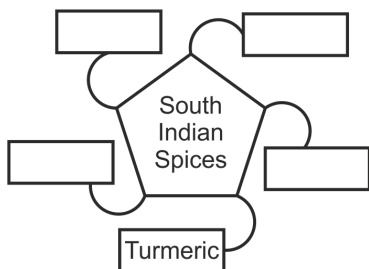
SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES

(Reading Skill, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

Q.4 (A) Read the given passage and do the given activities.

1 A1) Complete the web.

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India, particularly South India, is known for its spices : cinnamon, pepper, cardamom, turmeric, red pepper, among others. These aromatic spices have long been used to cure common ailments and are in fact, in Indian tradition, hailed as “medicines of the kitchen”. The West has woken up to this fact - some of these spices are now being sold in tablet form to help alleviate symptoms of many lifestyle diseases like diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol build-up. Super foods like kale and broccoli are not easily available in India - if you don't count supermarkets. To keep off weight, improve absorption of sugar into the bloodstream or reduce harmful cholesterol, adding or increasing the amount of these spices in your diet will go a long way in helping you feel light and energetic. However, do take note that a doctor's advice is of utmost importance before you increase your intake of these five spices. Excess intake might lead to other complications.

A2) Answer the following :

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The West was woken up to this fact. In this sentence, 'this fact' refers to ?

- i.
- ii.

A3) Match the column :

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Column 'A'	Column 'B'
i) Aromatic	a) Stream
ii) Super	b) Form
iii) Tablet	c) Spices
iv) Blood	d) Markets

A4) Grammar based questions :

Supply suitable question tags to the following sentences:
Superfoods are not available in India.



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A5) Personal response.

Why, do you think, has the writer put in a word of caution at the end of the passage?

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(B) Read the comprehension passage given in Q.4 (A) and write the summary of it. (5)

Suggest a suitable title :

SECTION V : WRITING SKILLS

Q.5 Letter Writing : Attempt any one of the following activities. (5)

Traffic accidents can cause physical, financial and mental effects for everyone involved. Drivers and passengers can suffer from minor cuts and bruises to broken limbs, whiplash, back and spinal injuries, paralysis and even death. Vehicles in traffic accidents are damaged and may be in need of minor or costly repairs or may even be completely totalled and no longer drivable.

You are Rudra/ Ruhani, staying at 3, Kailash, Mukti nagar, Ahmedabad. Write a letter to your friend who has met with an accident and cannot attend school for a few days. Write a letter to him/her.

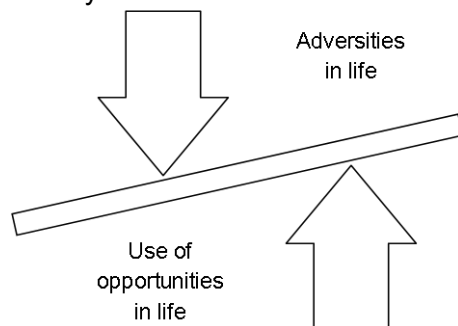
OR

You are Rudra/ Ruhani, staying at 3, Kailash, Mukti nagar, Ahmedabad. Write a letter to the editor telling him about the increase in accidents on the highway and ask him to find ways to reduce them.

Q.6 (A) Information Transfer : Attempt any one of the following activities. (5)

(A1) Non-Verbal to Verbal :

Life is full of ups and downs. To remain stress free one needs to strike a balance in life. Observe the illustration given below and write a paragraph of 100 words to explain the concept conveyed below-



OR

(A2) Verbal to Non-verbal :

The tulsi plant is a close relative of culinary basil but it is differentiated by its medicinal properties and some physical characteristics. There are three main types of tulsi plants:

- **Rama Tulsi** (also known as Green Leaf Tulsi) - A green tulsi with light purple flowers and an aromatic, clove-like scent (thanks to its chemical component of eugenol, which is the main aroma in cloves) and mellower flavor.
- **Krishna Tulsi** (also known as Shyama Tulsi or Purple Leaf Tulsi) - A purple plant with a clove-like aroma and peppery flavor.
- **Vana Tulsi** (or Wild Leaf Tulsi) - A bright, light green tulsi plant that grows wild and is indigenous to many areas of Asian and North/East Africa; it has a more lemony aroma and flavor.

(B) View/Counterviews (or) Drafting a speech : Attempt any one of the activities. (5)

(B1) View/Counterviews :

Dog: Man's Best Friend

Prepare a paragraph of counterviews on the given topic. Use the following viewpoints to express your counterviews:

Viewpoints:

- Friendly and playful.
- Safeguard our homes.
- Stress busters.
- Honest and faithful to their masters.
- Create liveliness in the family.
- Add your own points.



OR

(B2) Drafting a speech :

All students be required to learn an instrument in school. (strengthens abstract reasoning skills - increases comprehension and math skills - better coordination - greater capacity for memory - strengthens a person's self-expression)

SECTION VI: CREATIVE WRITING

Q Expansion or News Report : Attempt any one of the following activities.

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(A)

(A1) Expansion of theme (5)

Do not put off until tomorrow, what you can do today.

OR

(A2) News Report based on the given headline:

News Report

“Air pollution is question of life and death,” says Supreme Court, Delhi.



(B) Story or Narrating an experience : Attempt any one of the following activities.

(B1) Writing a story :

(5)

Develop a story in about 80 - 100 words with the help of the following ending. Suggest a suitable title for it.

..... Thank God, I reached the stadium on time.

OR

(B2) Narrating an experience :

Narrate an experience in about 80 - 100 words with the help of the following beginning. Suggest a suitable title for it.

I was standing at the signal to cross the road when a blind man came and sought my help

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