

ENGLISH PRELIM: SOLUTION 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

Ans. As he sat reading his favourite book, **life went out of him**.

3. Spot the error and correct the sentence.
When I was on the road, I began to ran.

Ans. When I was on the road, I began to run.

4. Find out 2 hidden words of minimum 4 letters from -
development :

Ans. development - **develop, elope, element, peeved**. (Any 4)

5. Arrange the following words in alphabetical order.
regional, career, legend, sparring

Ans. career, legend, regional, 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.

Ans. He said to me that I was not tone-deaf. Or He told me that I was not tone-deaf.

- 2) The king went up to him and said, "I have come to you, wise hermit, to ask you to answer three questions."

Ans. The king went up to the wise hermit and said that he had come to him to ask him to answer three questions.

2. Change the voice.

- 1) Can you give up your abode?

Ans. Can your abode be given up by you?

- 2) I first read the novel years ago.

Ans. The novel was first read by me years ago.

3. Make two sentences of your own to show difference of Homograph/Homonyms:
Trip

Ans. 1. We went on a **trip** to the mountains.
2. Someone will **trip** over that cable.

(B) Do as directed. (Any One)

(2)

1. Use the given word as a noun and as a verb in two meaningful sentences.



screen

Ans. The *screen* of the TV cracked when the bat hit it accidentally . - **Noun**
The producers plan to *screen* the movie in all the popular theatres of the city. - **Verb**

2. **Convert the given sentences into Simple / compound / complex sentences.**

I like songs that have words (Rewrite as simple sentence)

Ans. I like songs with words

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.**

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

Ans. The essence of a happy life and a peaceful society lies in one sentence, What can I give?

ii) Choose the correct alternative.

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.

Ans. 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

Ans. sands of conscience

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 Mahaprayaji, 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.

1. Eventually his thoughts settled on Swami Vivekananda in whom he saw great tranquillity.

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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

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 2. Dr. Kalam sat contemplating on the reasons for the powers shown by Maharishiji to keep him strong.
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 4. He attributed this ability to the very spirit of ' what can I give?'

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

- Ans.** 1. Steady - **unsteady**
 2. Relevant - **irrelevant**
 3. Ethical - **unethical**
 4. Balanced - **imbalanced**



ii) Write noun forms for the following word :

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- 1) advance -

Ans. advance - **advancement**

- 2) strong -

Ans. strong - **strength**

A4) Grammar based questions :

2

- 1) He looked as alert and as steady as any other youngster there. (Rewrite in comparative degree)

Ans. No youngster there looked alerter and steadier than him.

- 2) They must have come full circle with the memory of his father. (Identify the modal auxiliary and state its function)

Ans. Must - modal auxiliary
 Function - possibility

A5) Personal response.

2

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

Ans. All of us are born into a faith and we continue following that faith. We need to understand that all religions teach only peaceful coexistence. Interacting with people of other faiths will help us to understand their beliefs, customs and culture. This in turn will help us to accept others and their ways. Our attitude too will be influenced by this acceptance and thus our character and personality too will be moulded.

(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)

Ans. Reed College offered the best **calligraphy** instruction in the country.

- 2) He received priceless results from his (curiosity and sincerity, intuition and sincerity, curiosity and intuition)

Ans. He received priceless results from his **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

Ans. Attending calligraphy classes benefitted Steve in designing typefaces - **True**

- 2) Following curiosity and intuition gave a priceless result.



Ans. Following curiosity and intuition gave a priceless result. - True

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.

2

1) I could stop taking

Ans. I could stop taking **the required classes that didn't interest me and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.**

2) And much of what I had stumbled into

Ans. And much of what I had stumbled into **by following my curiosity and intuition turned out to be priceless later on.**

A3) Grammar based questions :

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1) I loved it. (Add a question tag)

Ans. I loved it, didn't I ?

2) If I had never dropped in on that course, Mac would never have had typefaces. (Identify the subordinate clause and its kind)

Ans. If I had never dropped in on that course-subordinate adverb clause of condition



A4) Grammar based questions :

2

1) I had to take a calligraphy class. (Identify the infinitive in the sentence.)

Ans. to take

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).

Ans. What I stumbled into by following my curiosity and intuition - Noun clause

A5) Personal response.

2

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

Ans. I had always wanted to participate actively in sports. The long hours in school, homework, exams, expectation of good marks from parents made me give up sports for a long time. I was very upset. I managed to convince my parents that I wish to participate in the school sports events. I promised that I will work hard without wasting time once I am back home. My parents finally agreed and I kept my promise. I was happy that I could play too and represent my school. I worked hard and scored good marks too. Thus my wishes came true.

SECTION III : POETRY

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

1 **A1)** Match the column :

'A' Column		'B' Column	
i.	Such are daffodils	a.	Sprouting a shady boon



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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

Ans.

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



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 ?

Ans. The poet says that anything beautiful is a joy for ever. It never goes into oblivion. It's value increases with time and elevates our mood.

A3) Poetic device.

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Give an example of imagery from the extract.

Ans. 'flowery band', 'daffodils with the green world' are examples of imagery.

(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.

- Rabindranath Tagore

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

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

Ans. The poem, "Where the mind is without fear....." is a widely read and admired poem by the nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The poem is a free verse without any rhyme scheme.

"Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection" is an example of 'Personification'. Tireless striving has been personified and given the human quality of stretching its arms.

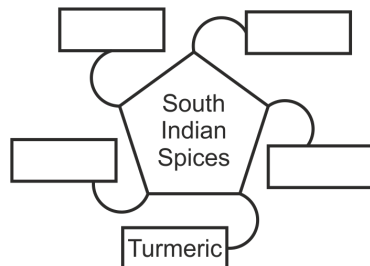
The theme or the central idea of the poem is freedom from colonization and what it takes to achieve that.

SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES

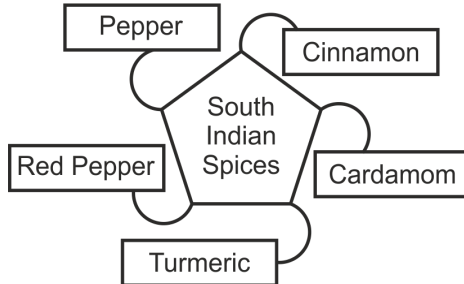
(Reading Skill, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary)

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

1 **A1) Complete the web.**



Ans.



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 :

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

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Ans. i. Indian spices long being used to cure common ailments.
ii. Indian species being hailed as 'medicines of the kitchen'.

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



Ans.

i) Aromatic	Spices
ii) Super	Markets
iii) Tablet	Form
iv) Blood	Stream

A4) Grammar based questions :

2

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

Ans. Superfoods are not available in India, are they?

A5) Personal response.

2

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

Ans. Yes, though the spices has medical significant their consumption should be counted. If any thing is taken in excess it can be harmful and may have certain side effects. So though home remedies are not dangerous as chemical based medication. They should be taken in prescribed manner with the advice of experts.

(B) Read the comprehension passage given in Q.4 (A) and write the summary of it. Suggest a suitable title : (5)

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.

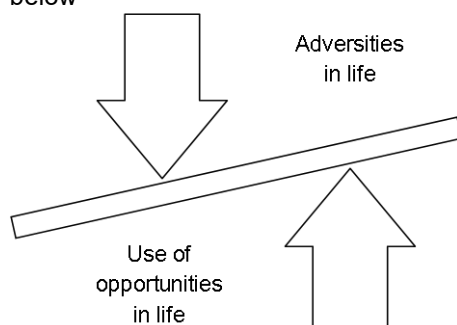
Ans. .

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-



Ans. .

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.

Ans. .

(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.

Ans.

Dogs: Today's Greatest Concern

A dog is commonly referred to as 'man's best friend'. They are supposedly honest and faithful to their masters. Certainly, dogs make for wonderful companions. Playing with them relieves stress. In most instances, a dog is considered a part of the family. All these factors may be true to a certain extent. Unfortunately, a dog can also be a great cause of concern. The statistics involving dog related attacks and injuries are quite frightening. There have been instances where even pet dogs have caused serious injuries leading to death of humans. They are carriers of fleas and ticks that can cause respiratory issues. We have heard about incidents of rabid stray dogs biting or chasing children and senior citizens. They damage properties, bark at odd hours and create an unhygienic environment with poop all around. Senior citizens find it difficult to go for morning walks and late-night strolls because of the stray dog menace. Disturbed sleep due to constant barking is another big issue. Newspaper vendors, milkmen, delivery boys and housemaids have had close encounters with stray dogs on numerous occasions. Despite all these pressing issues, the so-called animal activists and animal lovers support these strays. It is very difficult to live in an environment surrounded by too many dogs. I would like to end my speech by saying 'Do listen to our voice, not their noise'.

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)

Ans. .

SECTION VI: CREATIVE WRITING**Q 7 Expansion or News Report : Attempt any one of the following activities.****(A)****(A1) Expansion of theme****(5)**

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

Ans. .

OR

(A2) News Report based on the given headline:

News Report

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



Ans. Air Pollution – a Question of Life and Death

By Times Correspondent

Delhi, 28 February: After studying the report on increase in death rate in the NCR-Delhi prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Supreme Court of India on Tuesday very strongly stated that air pollution is a question of life and death for Delhi. The CPCB, a statutory organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) surveyed the National Capital Region (NCR) covering the whole of NCT-Delhi and certain districts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The CPCB which is entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 brought to light the environmental problems in Delhi that are a threat to the well-being of the people as well as the flora and fauna. Delhi is one of the heavily polluted cities in India.

The air quality index of Delhi is generally good between March to September and then it drastically deteriorates between October and February, due to various factors including stubble burning, burning of effigies during Vijaydashami, bursting of firecrackers during Diwali and the cold weather. During the autumn and winter months, some 500 million tons of crop residue are burnt, and winds blow from India's north and northwest towards east. This annual crop burning results in smoke and air pollution over Delhi and adjoining areas. Vehicles and industry are the predominant sources of air pollution while solid fuel combustion also contributes a small amount to air pollution. Solid fuels include fuel woods, cow dung cakes, crop residues and municipal solid waste. Another known cause of pollution is road dust and slow-moving traffic due to frequent pedestrian crossings. South-Delhi has an increasing number of planes landing and taking off at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. This too adds to the air pollution as jets expels huge amount of pollutants. The Supreme Court ordered the NCR- Delhi ruling party to work for the welfare of the people. It insisted that strict actions will be taken if the ruling government does not immediately take measures to curb stubble burning and reduce air pollution. It ordered various agencies working under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to come together as one body to combat air pollution.

(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.

Ans. .

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
.....

Ans. .

