

Important instructions: (1) Each activity has to be answered in complete sentences. Answers written in One word will not be given credit. (2) Web diagrams/flow charts are to be presented exactly as told.. (3) Use of colour pen/pencils is not allowed. (4) Use blue/black pens. (5) Multiple answers to the same activity will be treated as wrong & will not be given any credit. (6) Maintain the sequence of the sections/Question numbers/Activities throughout the Activity Sheet.

Section I. PROSE ( Reading for comprehension, Language Study, Summary & Mind Mapping )

**Q I (A) Read the extract given below and complete the activity: (12 marks)**

**A 1. Describe the atmosphere when Soapy reached near the church: (2 marks)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

Passage : Seen ::

Here was an old church, quaint and rambling and gabled. Through one violet stained window a soft light glowed, where, no doubt, the organist loitered over the keys, making sure of his mastery of the coming Sabbath anthem. For there drifted out to Soapy's ears sweet music that caught and held him transfixed against the convolutions of the iron fence.

The moon was above, full and radiant, vehicles and pedestrians were few; sparrows twittered sleepily in the eaves or a little while the scene might have been a country churchyard. And the anthem that the organist played cemented Soapy to the iron fence, for he had known it well in the days when his life contained such things as mothers and roses and ambitions and friends and immaculate thoughts and collars.

The conjunction of Soapy's receptive state of mind and the influences about the old church brought a sudden and wonderful change in his soul. He viewed with rising horror the pit into which he had tumbled, the degraded days, unworthy desires, dead hopes wrecked faculties and base motives that made up his existence.

And also in a moment his heart responded thrillingly to this strange mood. A strong impulse moved him to battle with his desperate fact. He would pull himself out of the mire and would make a man of himself again; he would conquer the evil that had enslaved him. There was time; he was young yet; he would resurrect his old eager ambitions and pursue them without faltering. Those solemn but sweet organ notes had set up a revolution in him. Tomorrow he would go into the roaring downtown district and find work. A fur importer had once offered him a place as driver. He would be somebody in the world. He would.....

Soapy felt a hand laid – on arm. He looked quickly around into the impassive face of a policeman.

“What are you doin' here?” asked the officer.

“Nothin,' ” said Soapy.

“Then come along,” said the policeman.

“Three months on the island,” said the Magistrate in the Police Court the next morning.

**A 2. Complete the following: (2 marks)**

**After listening to the sweet and solemn organ notes, Soapy decides to :**

1 .....

2 .....

A 3. Guess the specific meaning of the word “ anthem “ in the context of the story. (2 marks)

A 4. Narrate an incident in which you did something wrong and repented for it later. Write your answer in Two or Three sentences ONLY. (2 marks)

A 5. Language Study : (2 marks)

Grammar..... Do as directed:

- (a) “What are you doing here,”? asked the officer. (Change to Indirect Speech and rewrite)
- (b) A revolution had been set up in him by those solemn and sweet organ notes.(Identify the tense)

A 6 Vocabulary... Match the following (2 marks)

- | (A)           | (B)   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. Quaint     | a. Strong wish/urge                         |
| 2. Transfixed | b. Restore to life                          |
| 3. Impulse    | c. To stand with complete focused attention |
| 4. Resurrect  | d. Unusual/old fashioned                    |
|               | e. to bring to views                        |

Q I (B) Grammar .. (Non-textual) Do as directed: (3 marks)

Use suitable articles :

- 1. COVID-19 is one of \_\_\_\_\_most hazardous diseases witnessed by\_\_\_\_\_world.
- 2. Heat can be used\_\_\_\_\_change water\_\_\_\_\_steam.(Insert suitable Prepositions)
- 3. Start a waste segregation system in your building/school or neighbourhood. (Rewrite using a Modal Auxiliary showing “compulsion”)

II Spot the error/s and rewrite: (1 mark)

- (i) She was taken with surprise when she saw the beautiful monument.

Q. II (A) Unseen Passage : (12 marks)

A 1. Read the following extract and complete the activity given below (2 marks)

Read the following sentences and write down the TRUE sentences:

- (i) Srikanth’s parents being wealthy decided to look after him, and educate him.
- (ii) Srikanth has been listed in the list of super achievers under the age of thirty from Asia by Forbes
- (iii) Srikanth missed a great chance because he could not take the Joint Entrance Examination for IIT.
- (iv) Srikanth has started a Support Service Platform to re-establish, nurture and integrate differently abled people from the society.

Unseen Passage :

When he was born everyone 'advised' his parents to get rid of the kid as he was blind. But his parents, who were not affluent by any counts, chose to take care of him, that too, to the best of their abilities and gave him education. Forbes has named him in the list of super achievers from Asia under the age of 30 but visually challenged Srikanth Bollah is in no mood to celebrate. His goal is to get into the Forbes list of richest persons – and he won't settle for anything else.

Such is the determination of the 25 year old, who was born blind and overcome all adversities to become the first international blind student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and now heads a 30 crore (84.6) million company.

Visiting manufacturing plants in different locations in Telengana and Karnataka, attending business meetings and, in between, troubleshooting over the phone, the CEO of Bollant Industries is a busy man.

Born in a family of farmers in Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh, life has been one long struggle for him. After passing his class 10<sup>th</sup> exam, he chose the science stream for the plus-two stage but was not permitted to write the Joint Entrance Exam for IIT – aspirants as he was blind.

"I said when IIT doesn't want me, I don't want IIT either. Let me find the best opportunity to the world-better than IIT. MIT being the top school in the world, I always wanted to go there and I went there," said Srikanth, who was B.SC. in management from MIT.

When his bachelor's course was ending, few questions hindered Srikanth. He decided to give up the 'golden opportunity,' in corporate America and came back to India in search of an answer to his question.

Srikanth Bollah set up a support system platform to rehabilitate, nurture and integrate differently abled people in society. Srikanth helped about 300 students in acquiring educational and vocational rehabilitations. Later, when he thought about their employment, he built this company which now employs 300 differently abled people. Srikanth's three most important life lessons are show- compassion and make people rich. Include people in your life and remove loneliness, and lastly do something good; it will come back to you. Srikanth Bollah, the guy who was born blind is now a new ray of hope for many people.

**A 2. Give a reason: 1) Srikanth decided to study in MIT because.....**  
..... **(2 marks)**

**A 3. Give evidence:-**

Srikanth Bollah wanted to do something different for the physically handicapped people from India, so he raised a platform for them to come up in life. Find out a proof from the extract to support it. **(2 marks)**

**A 4. Srikanth though blind started a platform for other disabled people. Write your own views in about three to four sentences as to what you would like to do when you grow up for the differently abled people in your area. (2 marks)**

**A 5. Find out antonyms for the following words from the extract and rewrite (2 marks)**

- (a) Poor/not rich (b) Prohibited (c) demolish (d) exclude

**A 5. Language Study :- (Do as directed) (2 marks)**

1. Srikanth helped about 300 students in acquiring educational and vocational rehabilitation. **(Change the voice and rewrite the sentence)**
2. When his bachelor's course was ending few questions hindered Srikanth. **(Rewrite the sentence by using "No sooner.....than.....")**

**Q II (B) Summary writing: (3 marks)**

Write a **short** summary of the above extract with the help of the given clues.

Bollah's family background---his blindness---adversities-----industrialist---helping other differently abled people---his lessons in life---- **Give a suitable title.**

**Q II (C) Mind Mapping**

**(3 marks)**

**Develop a mind mapping frame/design using your own ideas/thoughts/concepts to illustrate/develop on the topic: " Best sources of entertainment."**

**Q III (A) SECTION II..... Poetry and Appreciation" (10 MARKS)**

**Read the given extract and complete the activity given below"**

My father travels on the late evening train  
Standing among silent commuters in the yellow light  
Suburbs slide past his unseeing eyes  
His shirt and pants are soggy and his black raincoat  
Stained with mud and his bag stuffed with books  
Is falling apart. His eyes dimmed by age  
Face homeward through the humid monsoon night.  
Now I can see him getting off the train  
Like a word dropped from a long sentence.  
He hurries along the length of the grey platform  
Crosses the railway line, enters the lane,  
His chappals are sticky with mud, but he hurries onward.  
Home again, I see him drinking weak tea.  
Eating a stale chapatti, reading a book.  
He goes to the toilet to contemplate  
Man's estrangement from a man-made world.

**A 1. Find out the things from the extract which intensifies father's agony and make his journey monotonous. (2 marks)**

**A 2. The poet Dilip Chitre deals with the theme of man's estrangement from a man-made world.**

**Comment on the theme.**

**(2 marks)**

**A 3. Many of you may be travelling by train or bus everyday. Describe your experience in about 30 to 40 words only. (2 marks)**

**A 4. Identify and explain the figure of speech in the following line:**

**" Fade homeward through the humid monsoon night."**

**(2 marks)**

**A 5. Compose the missing lines of the stanza and rewrite it.**

**(2 marks)**

Now I can see him getting off the train

Like a word dropped from a long sentence

.....

Crosses the railway line, enters the lane

.....

Q III (B) Appreciation :

(4 marks)

Write an appreciation of the poem, "Indian Weavers" based on the following aspects:

- About the poem, poet and title
- Poetic style, theme, language features and poetic devices
- Inspirational message/Values
- Your opinion about the poem

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.

Sarojini Naidu

SECTION III ..... (WRITING SKILL)

(16 marks)

Q IV I. Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:-

(A) Attempt any ONE of the following:

(4 marks)

Read the following telephonic conversation between Atharva and Sarika and draft a virtual message based on it. (Your message should not be more than 50 words)

Atharva : Hello, may I speak to Rohita?

Sarika : Extremely sorry, Rohita is not at home right now. May I know who is speaking?

**Atharva** : I am Atharva, her badminton coach from NIC Badminton Academy. Will you take a message for her?

**Sarika** : Why not sir. Please say what the message is?

**Atharva** : Please inform her that the academy will remain closed for sometime as two Positive cases are Here today in the academy. The academy will reopen on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

**Sarika** : No problem Sir, I will inform her about it. (As Sarika had to leave for her swimming class, she wrote a message to her sister and left it on the table) Draft a Virtual message without adding any additional information in about 50 words ONLY. You can mention the date and time.

OR

**II. Statement of Purpose:**

You wish to pursue your graduation/diploma at a reputed university in any of the streams of your choice, either arts, commerce, science, management, medicine, agriculture, engineering, law or any other degree you have in your mind. You have fixed your career goals and also have similar background to achieve your dreams. Taking help of the above points/information. Write a 'Statement of Purpose' in about 100 to 150 words as part of your application process to get admission at a university of your choice.

OR

**III. Group Discussion:**

There is an inter-college cricket match and your college is losing. You are the captain. Have a group discussion with your teammates during the tea-break about the strategy to be followed to save your college team from losing the match. Give at least FOUR to FIVE suggestions.

**Q. IV. (B) Attempt any ONE of the following:**

(4 marks)

**I. E-mail:**

Imagine that you are Ajit Sen/Sumeeta Deshpande working for ADM Company in Pune. You want leave of 15 days, in the month of January. (State your reason). Write an e-mail to the manager of the company for the same.

OR

**II. You are the Secretary of the NSS Unit of your college. Write a brief report of the Blood Donation Camp organized by your Unit, as per the points given below:**

Date and time of Camp----Place of the camp-----Number of participants and donors-----inauguration of the camp-----total blood bags collected-----experience of the group.

OR

III. Interview Questions:

Imagine that you are the Class Representative of your college. You are going to interview a very famous singer. Frame a set of 8 to 10 questions ONLY that you would like to ask him/her. Take the help of the following points: 1. Decision 2. Idols, 3. Support 4.education 5. Training 6.success 7. Dreams 8.goals/destination...finally message

Q IV (C) Attempt any ONE of the following: (4 marks)

I. Speech Writing :

Imagine you have to deliver a speech on the topic " Save Earth Save Life " on 'World Environment Day' in your Junior college. Draft a speech in about 100/150 words ONLY that you would wish to deliver before the audience.

OR

II. Compering:

Imagine that you are going to comper a felicitation programme of the meritorious students in the HSC Board Examination of your Junior College. As the compere prepare the whole programme script considering the sequence and details of the overall programme. You may take the help of the hints (Welcome song, Introductory speech, Presentation of the result, Felicitation of meritorious students, Representative talks/speeches by meritorious students and their parents, small interview session, Chairperson's address, Vote of thanks)

OR

III. Expansion of Ideas:

Expand any ONE of the following ideas inherent in the following Proverbs in 100/ 150 words only)

An apple a day keeps the doctor away OR

Empty vessels make the most sound OR

A bad workman always blames his tools

Q IV (D) Attempt any ONE of the following : (4 marks)

I. Review:

Write a review of any film that you have recently seen based on any 4 (FOUR) of the following points:

1. Names of the characters, main and supporting roles
2. About the story/theme of the film
3. Special features/novelties/novel ideas
4. Music, dance, songs, action and duration
5. Why did you like/not like this film
6. Should others watch this film/how many stars would you give this film.

OR

II. Blog Writing :

Write a Blog in the proper format on 'Yoga-----A practice for better living' with the help of the following points in 100/150 words. 1) Importance of Yoga in Life 2)Refreshes soul and mind 3)Meditation helps in focusing 4) Keeps body fit and healthy 5) Stress buster OR

III. Appeal Writing:

Prepare an appeal on the topic ' Save Paper, Save Trees ' with the help of the following points in about 100/150 words ONLY. \* convincing appeal \* Need \* Information/facts \* Famous personality/Guest \*Venue/date and time.

Q V. SECTION IV : Literary Genre.....NOVEL (16 marks)

(A) I. Complete the activities given below: ( 2 marks )

Choose the correct alternatives and fill in the blanks:

i). a) The novel as a literary genre has a history of about \_\_\_\_\_years (two thousand, five hundred, two thousand five hundred)

b) The new literature written in the 18<sup>th</sup> century was characterized by \_\_\_\_\_(mystery, fantasy, spirit of realism.

c) In \_\_\_\_\_novel, the surface meaning is different from the symbolic meaning.(Allegorical, Dystopian, Gothic)

d) \_\_\_\_\_ has coined the phrase ..'Stream of Consciousness' ( Jane Austen, Virginia Woolf, William James)

II. State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Correct the FALSE statements: (2 marks)

- a) Novel makes life easier to understand than in drama and poetry.
- b) Agatha Christie wrote many novels based on politics.
- c) Plot is essentially the story or the course of events that make up the theme.
- d) The realistic novel is a fiction that gives the effect of fantasy.

Q V (B) Answer in about 50 words the questions given below:

- i) Explain in brief the theme of the extract from the novel " To Sir with Love"(2 marks)
- ii) Give the character sketch of Denham from the extract " To Sir with Love: ( 2 marks)

Q V (C) a. Give TWO traits of the following characters from the extract "Around the world in Eighty days' (2marks)

Name of character	Trait
a) Aouda	.....
b) Detective Fix	.....

Q V b. We can go around the world in less time by journeying eastward. Justify it with Fog's journey from the extract..'Around the world in eighty days" . Write your answer in about 50 words ONLY. (2 marks)

Q V (D) a) Arrange the following incidents in correct sequence as per their occurrence in the extract from the Novel 'The Sign of Four' (2 marks)

- (a) Miss Morstan showed Holmes the pearls and letter.
- (b) Miss Morstan discussed her problem with Holmes and Watson
- (c) They planned to meet the writer of the letter.
- (d) Miss Morstan met Holmes and Watson at their house.

Q V b) Attempt a character sketch of any ONE of the following: (2 marks)

- 1) Sherlock Holmes OR 2) Mary Morstan



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