

Time : 3 Hrs.

Marks : 80

SECTION I : LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1 (A1) Do as directed. (Any 4)

1. The old mother broke down at the sight of her dead son.
2. On an average, people in cities earn more money than those living in villages.
3. earth, death, heat, dear, tear, hear (Any 4 are approved)
4. Imperative Sentence.
5. roaming – Gerund

(A2) Do as directed. (Any 2)

1. i) would – request. ii) might – possibility
2. (i) Main clause – It's the only thing.
Subordinate clause – that can save the city.
Type – Adjective clause qualifying the noun 'thing' in the main clause.
3. i) enjoy, ii) enquire iii) enrich iv) enlighten

(B) Do as directed. (Any 1)

1. Noun – Walking is the best exercise for everyone
Verb – Daily I walk home from school.
2. When I was in town recently, I took a ride in a taxi with my friend.

SECTION II : TEXTUAL PASSAGES
(Reading skill, Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.2 (A) Read the extract carefully and do the activities.

- A1.** Greedy – fear; Rich man – anger;
Poor man – acceptance; Anil – sadness.

A2. Fill in the blanks with phrase or a word from the extract.

1. he had never bought a ticket in his life.
2. Standing alone on the deserted platform.
3. They had lost their goods.
4. Turned on his side towards the author.

- A3.** i) ticket office ii) platform iii) Lucknow Express iv) carriage station

A4. Do as directed.

1. Anil was asleep, wasn't he?
2. I slipped out of the blanket and crept up to the bed

A5 I feel that Hari did not have the heart to take Anil's hard earned money and run away. Anil was the most trusting person Hari had ever met in his life. Hari could not explain the reason why he hesitated, but I am sure, it was Anil's trust in him and all the help that Anil had given him that made him hesitate. Anil had taught him to write his name and was now going to teach him to write sentences. Anil knew of Hari's cheating, but continued to trust him. This is what made Hari hesitate and he missed his train.

Q.2 (B) Read the extract carefully and do the activities.

B1.	i)	Kom's coach	did not accompany her
	ii)	Judges	wrong decision
	iii)	Corporate	Sponsor players
	iv)	Interest in boxing	Will increase in the coming years

B2. Kom was the only female representative from India in boxing. Besides this her coach Charles Atkinson was not allowed to accompany her to the Olympics. The dodgy judges gave a wrong decision and she lost the semi finals.

B3. Write noun form for the following word

1. complete – completion
2. favourite – favouritism
3. require – requirement
4. prepare – preparation

B4. Grammar based questions

1. should – Suggestion
2. In spite of my scoring, the judges were not pressing the buttons

B5. Yes, I strongly believe India has many talents waiting to be discovered. The right kind of coaches who can identify such talents and encourage them could be the first step towards success. If they get better facilities for practice, they can bring laurels to the country. More and more sponsors should come up to encourage them and help them by financing their needs as a sportsperson so that they can take up sports.

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

A1. Complete the following:

- i) pours unto us from the heaven's brink.
- ii) as dear as the temple itself.
- iii) Till they become a cheering light unto our souls.
- iv) where there is shine or gloom or o'ercast.

A2. The 'immortal drink' refers to the endless blessings of God bestowed upon us with all his beautiful creations. This helps us to live despite of the sad, gloomy aspects of life.

A3. Poetic Device Questions:

Metaphor: Gods blessings are indirectly compared to a fountain of immortal drink.

Q.3 (B)

1) The poem "The Pulley" is written by the great poet George Herbert who was a priest by profession.
2) God gives so many blessings to His devotees. God created man and showered His blessings on him. God realised that if he gave man all his blessings and gifts, man would very soon forget Him. The least man can do is thank God for the gifts showered upon him. Man will be so happy with what he has that he will forget God completely. God realised this; hence, He decided to keep back the most important blessing-namely, rest and peace of mind. When man realises that he needs this peace of mind desperately, he turns to God and prays. This withheld gift is the pulley that God uses to pull us towards Him.

3) Rhyme scheme of the poem is ababa. This rhyme scheme is the same throughout the poem.

4) There are several figures of speech in the poem such as paradox, inversion, metaphor, pun etc.

The title itself is a metaphor — Weariness is called a pulley that draws us towards God. (a) Rest in the bottom lay — **Paradox, Inversion**

(b) Having a glass of blessings standing near — **Metaphor**

(c) Keep them with repining restlessness — **Alliteration.**

5) Central Idea here is, we are made aware of a relationship between God and man, who is God's creation.

SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES

Q.4 A] Read the following passage and answer the questions:

A1. Complete

- i) Rangolis
- ii) the drawing of intricate patterns of rangoli in the courtyard or just outside the threshold of the entrance door.

A2. Complete the following:

- i) the deities, peace and harmony.
- ii) the entrance to the house, ward off evil spirits.

A3. Rearrange letters:

Rearrange the letters to make words from the passage:

- i) ancient
- ii) prosperity
- iii) hearth
- iv) threshold

A4. Complete the table with words from the given sentences:

Infinitive	Participle
i) to make	surroundings
ii) to ward off	drawing

A5. One occasion is the festivals of Holi and Diwali. Another is when the son of my next-door neighbor got married. One of my friends had a rangoli drawn outside her house on her birthday.

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

Summary writing

Rangoli – Art of the moment

Rangoli is an ancient Indian art form, drawn at the courtyard is just outside the threshold of the entrance to ward off evil spirits and usher peace and prosperity. Traditionally down the ages in India, rites and rituals to propitiate the deities and bring peace and harmony. One such ritual is the drawing of Rangolis on the floor at the entrance of the house. These are intricate patterns drawn first thing in the morning after a bath. It is an ephemeral art like street paintings of the west. Rice flour – wet and dry is preferred medium in south elsewhere, powdered limestone is used for basic outline in white. The fine powder is pinched between the thumb and index finger, sprinkled delicately. When the powder is released more freely, a layered colour is filled in.

SECTION V : WRITING SKILLS

Q.5 A] Letter writing: Attempt any of the following activities.

A1 Formal letter.

Rakesh Shukla,
Vidya Niketan School,
M.G. Road, Worli,
Mumbai – 400018
30th January, 2023

To,
Mrs. Mohini Naik,
3rd Floor, Poplar House,
Vijay Vihar, Goregaon,
Mumbai – 400060

Subject: Invitation to preside over the school photography exhibition

Respected Madam,

As the student representative, I would like to formally invite you on behalf of everyone at VidyaNiketan School to join us on the occasion of World Photography Day. We have organized a photography exhibition on the 10th February 2023, that will feature pictures clicked by our students. We understand that you must have a full calendar; however it would be great if you could spare two hours of your time for us. It would be an honour for us to hear you speak and have you as our Chief Guest.

As a leading photographer of the present era, your guidance and expertise will be extremely useful to all the participants. We'd love you to initiate the exhibition with a short talk about photography and the techniques you use in your work. The inauguration ceremony is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. in the school auditorium and the event ends at 1:00 p.m. Kindly let us know about your schedule and if you could manage to fit this event within it.

We look forward to a positive response from your end.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,
Rakesh Shukla

(OR)

A2 Informal letter.

Amit House,
Mahalaxmi,
Jacob Circle,
Mumbai 400011.
3rd November, 2022.

Dear Ralph,

Hope you are doing well. I am fine here and am very busy getting ready for my second Semester examination.

You wrote to me telling me that you had fared badly in your examination and that you are very depressed. The failure has really affected you very intensely. Remember that failure is the stepping stone to success. If you did not do well in this examination, it does not mean that you will continue to fare badly. We all know you were down with typhoid and to recover from this disease is no mean feat. Failure is not the end of everything. Victory and failure are the two sides of the same coin. I know you are full of courage and you have that 'never-say-die' attitude. Why has this failure affected you so much? Come on, my dear friend, all of us look up to you, when we lose our courage. All of us know that you are going to do well in the coming examination. Now, don't get depressed, but aim for the stars. Your tenacity and hard work is going to reward you with a very high score. All the best!!!

Give my regards to all at home.

Hope to see you soon.

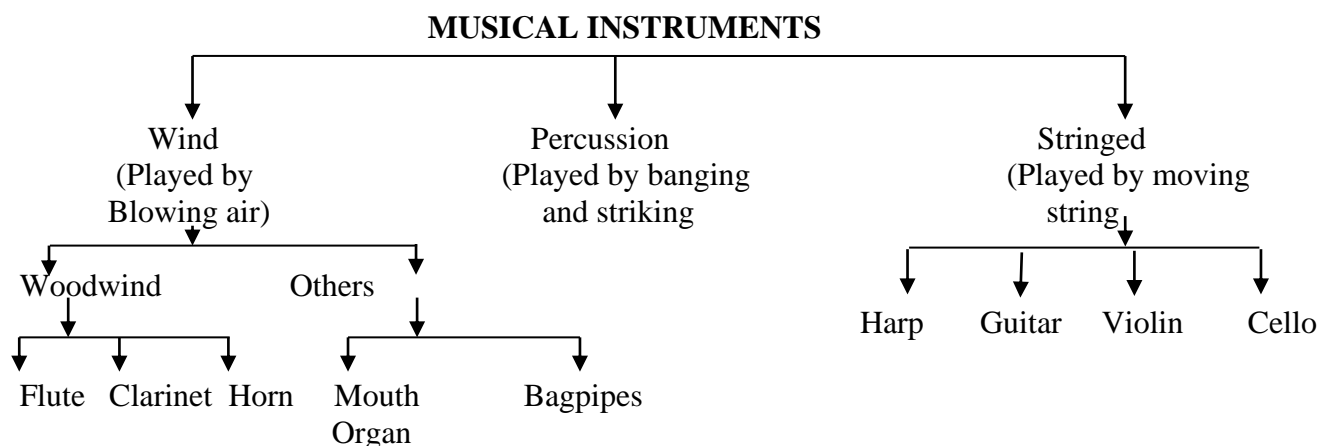
Your loving friend,

XYZ

Q.6 A] Information Transfer: Attempt any one of the following activities.

A1. Verbal to Non-verbal

Read the following paragraph about 'Kinds of musical instruments' and draw a tree diagram to represent the following:



(OR)

A2. Non-Verbal to Verbal :

Observe the following diagram carefully and write a short paragraph of 'Activities of Birds' with the help of the given points.

Activities of Birds

There are many activities of birds. One of the activities of birds is singing on the branches of trees. Early in the morning you hear the sweet note of birds singing. Some birds respond to the whistling of other birds. Many birds sing good notes. Birds like to sing fully especially during the Rainy Season. Some birds like the peacock, the cuckoo, sing before the Rainy Season, predicating the arrival of the season.

Another activity of birds is building nests. They choose safer places to build their nests. They collect the grass, twigs, cotton and leaves as their building material. Some birds like 'Sugaran' are very good at the art of weaving. Different birds have the nests of different sizes and shapes. Their position also differs. Some birds choose branches to build their nests. Some hang it to the branches. After giving the finishing touches they take great care of their eggs in the nest.

The third activity of birds is hatching eggs. The female birds lay eggs and the male birds take care of them. Then the female bird broods over the eggs for a few days. The young birds come out after the hatching of the eggs.

Q.6 B] Views/CounterViews (or) Drafting a Speech:
Attempt any one of the following activities.

B1. Prepare a speech for, 'Conservation of conventional resources' which is to be submitted in an interschool competition.

Conservation of Conventional Resources

Good morning, respected Principal, teachers and all my dear friends. I, Master Arun Mahajan, stand before you today to talk about the need for conservation of conventional resources.

Let us first understand what is meant by the words, 'conventional resources'. Conventional resources fall under the category of non-renewable resources. A few examples are coal, natural gas, petroleum, firewood, oil and so on.

These resources are mainly acquired through various human activities such as mining, cutting down of trees, drilling in the ocean etc. They make up the major part of the resources by us required for infrastructural development of our world. Many of these resources are the fuel for factories, machines, companies and related activities.

While these resources can renew themselves, it takes a long time, almost centuries to do so. Today, humans are using these resources at a rapid rate, which results in their rapid depletion. Similarly, burning of fuel in factories, releasing industrial waste in sources of water and cutting down trees to clear more land results in pollution of air, water and land. If this continues, soon there may come a time when we will run out of these resources.

In order to avoid this, we must take up the responsibility of conservation of conventional resources and remember that even a small effort can go a long way. For example, one should opt for public transport, use electricity judiciously, and switch to the usage of renewable energy resources such as solar energy and tidal energy. I would like to take this opportunity to urge all of you to conserve our conventional resources in order to help protect and conserve our environment.

Thank You.

(OR)

B2. VIEW - COUNTERVIEW

Prepare a counterview of the following topic:

“Making a New-Year resolution is pointless”. Counterview: We make New Year resolutions such as 'I will exercise more and eat healthy food', 'I will keep my room clean.', 'I shall score high marks in my examination'. There are very good chances that these resolutions that we make will be broken within twenty-four hours or may be even earlier. What we are left with, would then be a brand new year with broken resolutions and a sense of guilt for having broken them. We don't require these resolutions to change our lives. Changing ourselves, living a better life and taking the turn for a better tomorrow depends on ourselves and not on the resolutions we make. Finally we have to change ourselves and not wait for the new Year resolutions; to do so.

SECTION VI : CREATIVE WRITING

Q.7 A) Expansion or News Report: Attempt any one of the following activities.

A1. Expand any one of the following ideas into two paragraphs.

i) **“An early bird catches the worm”.**

Birds are among the first ones to wake up In the morning, chirping in their melodious voice to wake up the world around them. They start their day by getting busy with their search for food and feeding their hatchlings. The quote 'An early bird catches the worm' denotes that, the bird that wakes up late in the morning would be unable to find food.

We should put ourselves in the place of the bird and our tasks in the place of the worm. If we aren't able to begin our task on time, we won't be able to complete them. The quote lays great emphasis on the ideal of punctuality. We would reach a place within time, only if we begin early. Someone who misses their train at the last minute, takes care to be punctual, the next time there is a train to catch. There is a famous incident of a man who went to visit Mahatma Gandhi who was a very punctual man. His meeting was scheduled with Gandhiji at 3.00 pm, but due to a delay he reached ten minutes late and enquired for the Mahatma. However he was informed that it was time for Gandhiji's mid-day bath and hence denied access. Had the man come within the specified time, he would have been able

to avoid this mishap. This incident tells us that most of the successful people in history valued time and punctuality.

Cultivating a habit of being present before the time has its benefits and we would stand to lose if we fail to be punctual. Just like the bird, we should imbibe the habit of being prompt if we wish to achieve success.

ii)

Importance Of Women In The Family

A wise man once said, 'The hand that rocks the cradle. Rules the world'. This is especially true when it comes to our mothers. We should acknowledge the massive roles that the female members in our family play for our overall development. Our mother does not just cook and clean for us, she also plays the role of a manager, a health officer, a leader as well as an administrator in the house.

A mother is the first person that a child connects with as it enters the world. She not only provides the child with nutrition and care but also actively participates in its growth process, physically as well as intellectually. She takes care of the health of the family members, manages finances and keeps the house in order. The ones blessed with a sister find a great confidante and a life-long friend in her. Our grandmothers enrich us with valuable wisdom that they've attained through the course of their life. Most of us would have an aunt who has introduced us to interesting experiences, such as cooking, gardening, travelling, etc.

The natural instincts of a woman being a good administrator and organizer have helped her significantly to climb the career ladder as well. We can hence safely conclude that a woman is not just an important member of the family but also of the society.

(OR)

A2. News Report based on the given Topic.

Choose to Reduce and Reuse

Sakshi Sharma, Student Reporter

Navi Mumbai, 24th December, 2022

The New Horizons School successfully conducted an arts and crafts workshop on 23rd December, 2022 to celebrate Earth Day. This year's theme was 'Save Paper, Save Nature', with a special focus on reusing used and waste paper.

A total of 150 students from the higher secondary section participated in the event. The special guest, Ms. Roshni Rao, is an independent artist who specialises in making unique recycled art. The workshop started at 10 am with Ms Rao explaining her work and talking about what inspires her. She also talked about how she makes unique art installations from used paper and what motivated her to do so. Her speech was complemented by a video that showed the production process of paper and how recycling helps save the environment. It was followed by a general discussion about the benefits of repurposing paper and how it can reduce global warming.

The first event was an hour long session on origami that used recycled handmade paper. The students learned how to make beautifully crafted animals and birds using just one sheet of paper. After this, Ms Rao gave a presentation on how to make papier-mache at home using old and create sculptures as well as household objects. The last event of the day as a demonstration on the art of paper quilling, which can be used to turn even the smallest pieces of paper into great works of art. The workshop educated the students on the environmental effect of paper wastage. It also sent a message that reducing, reusing and recycling paper can save trees from being cut down. The students took home the lesson that things which appear to be worthless can be used to create priceless works of art.

Q.7 B] Story or Narrating an experience: Attempt any one of the following activities.

B1. Story writing.

Meeting a Childhood Friend

'All alone on a winter evening, sitting near the beach, I felt a tap on my shoulder. When I turned to see' saw a young man of almost my age standing there and smiling at me. At once I got up and asked him what I could do for him. He said he was new to the place and wanted to go to Tilak Nagar but didn't know how to reach there. Since I, too, live in Tilak Nagar, I offered to lead him to the said colony. On the way, I asked him whose house he was to go to there. To my surprise, the house he

named was just opposite to ours. All the time he was talking to me, his light ringing voice indicated he was feeling very happy. And when we reached Tilak Nagar, he did not go into the house he had mentioned. Instead, he took me by my hand and walked into our house, saying he had a friend who lived there and he wanted to meet him first. I immediately withdrew my hand from his hand and looked at his face in surprise. He let out a loud guffaw and took me in his embrace. "O, dude, I am Nitin, your childhood friend, your classmate in the fifth standard. Don't you remember ?" I was too wonderstruck to say a word. My mother had at once recognised him when he came an hour earlier, and it was she who had told him that I had gone to the beach. Nitin used to live in the house opposite to ours, around ten years earlier. And then his father sold the house and settled in Mumbai. What a pleasant surprise it was for me to meet my childhood friend after so many years!