

MT 16

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MT 16 - ENGLISH - SEMI PRELIM I - PAPER - II (FIRST LANGUAGE) (E)

Time : 3 Hours

(Model Answer Paper)

Max. Marks : 100

Q1. (A) Do as directed.		
1. The unattended bag at the railway station <u>caught my attention</u> .		1
2. We went to attend a live <u>concert</u> of Justin Bieber.		1
3. i. male ii. meat		1
4. She is preparing for her university applications.		1
5. attention : nature : earth : homework : kitten		1
6. Assertive Sentence		1
7. singing – Adjectival Present Participle		1
8. She is the only Indian representative at the conference.		1
Q1. (B)		
1. may – Blessing		2
2. Shashank greeted the manager and said that he had a reservation for two days.		2
3. A tiramisu was ordered by me for breakfast.		2
4. Both of them were surprised – Main Clause Because the results were revolutionary – Subordinate Adverb Clause of Reason		2
5. spirit / ritual / spiritual (Any two)		2
6. Noun : The <u>fight</u> between the two teams was worth watching. Verb : All animals <u>fight</u> for their survival.		2
Q2. (A)		
A1. i. The Grand Design		1
ii. The Big Bang		1
A2. Hawking is convinced that time travel is possible and that humans may indeed colonize other planets in the future.		2
A3. i. ancient		1
ii. destroyed		1
A4. i. What was Hawking's first major published work?		1
ii. The theory can combine cosmology with quantum mechanics, can't it?		1

A5.	I have the greatest respect for professor Hawking. I agree with this statement. Man's need for belief in and creation of God, was a way to explain a complex issue as for thousands of years people have believed that all this exists because it is part of God's plan. I believe that God created the universe if the universe did create itself. How do we know how far it's true? Even for science, the existence of the earth is an unsolved puzzle.	2
Q2. (B)		
B1.	i. False – The writer wanted to have a modest lunch.	1
	ii. True	1
B2.	The writer's friend is very tactful and she manipulates her invitation to an expensive restaurant with the writer. The writer has monetary constraints, but decides to take his friend to the expensive restaurant with a bit of calculations. But the story unfolds when the writer's friend places the order, one after another without bothering about the budget of the author.	2
B3.	i. mostly	1
	ii. impressively	1
B4.	i. I was addressed brightly by her.	1
	ii. Time does fly very quickly. Or Indeed time does fly quickly.	1
B5.	I would have politely stated that we could choose a more affordable restaurant. I don't believe there is any shame in accepting that one can not afford something. People should value people and not their monetary status.	2
Q3. (A)		
A1.	i. tries out every curse and blessing ii. summons the holy man to perform his rites iii. pours a little paraffin on the bitten toe and ignites it iv. tries every powder, mixture, herb, hybrid	2
A2.	This statement indicated that he was willing to try anything under the sun, reasonable or unreasonable, so long as it would make his wife feel better.	2
A3.	(a) Climax - ideas are arranged in ascending order. (b) Alliteration the sound of the letter 'h' is repeated.	1

A3.	(B)	10
<p>The title of the poem ‘A Thing of Beauty is a Joy For Ever’ has become one of the most widely used epigrams in English. It tells us how the pleasure derived from a beautiful thing lasts forever. John Keats was an English poet of the Romantic Era. He died at an early age of twenty-five but accomplished his place as one of the most loved poets of all times. His poems are characterised by perfection, vivid imagery, sensuous appeal and expression of spiritual ideas using classical legends. The poem is written in rhyming couplets. Hence, the rhyme scheme follows the aabb pattern. My favourite lines from the poem are: “Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness” The poem celebrates the importance of beauty – both physical and spiritual beauty, in providing happiness amidst the harsh realities of life. It states that beauty can be found everywhere and has the ability to cure and heal troubled minds. This forms the central idea of the poem. An Epigram, a short, witty statement giving a universal truth has been used in the very first line “A thing of beauty is a joy forever”. The poet uses many metaphors to symbolise things of beauty. He uses ‘simple sheep’ to symbolise humans. Also, beauty has been compared to the fountain of elixir (immortal drink). The bower refers to the feeling of peace and calm that a beautiful thing provides.</p> <p>The poem is the first stanza of the bigger poem – ‘Endymion: A Poetic Romance’. It glorifies beauty as something that has the ability to transform life. One special feature is that each line has five stressed syllables. The poet uses brilliant natural imagery to describe the different beautiful things in the world – sun, moon, trees, daffodils, musk rose blooms, sheep, flowery bands, clear rills, cooling covert and the endless fountain of eternal drink. He uses metaphors and symbols to express the different kinds of beauties of the world. He mentions that even human qualities like courage are beautiful. The poet says that beauty can remove grief, negativism and dark thoughts, thereby leading us to positivity and bliss. According to him, beauty has a spiritual connect and it is a gift from God. It flows from the heaven through an endless fountain. Thus, the poet elaborates on the idea that beauty is eternal. The tone of the poem is reflective and philosophical. I like the poem for its wonderful descriptions of beautiful things. It has a lovely, dreamy old world charm.</p>		
Q4.	(A)	
A1.	(i) False	1
	(ii) True	1
A2.	When Mashelkar’s father died, his mother became his everything. She had to do menial work to bring him up and finance his studies. She guided him at every step of his life and motivated him to continue his	2

	higher studies. She gave him all the noble values of life and encouraged him to do his best always. Because of the important role his mother played in his life, Mashelkar calls her his greatest guru.	
A3.	(a) challenging (b) insistence	1 1
A4.	(i) Menial work was done by my mother to bring me up. (ii) She has given me values of my life.	1 1
A5.	My greatest inspiration in my life is my aunt Neha. She is an independent, self-made woman. She is very positive and vibrant. Even when she is stressed, you will always find her happy. She is one of the happiest people I have ever come across. I wish I can be just like her.	2
Q.4. (B)	Super Saina's Long Rally The writer says Saina is a confident, attacking and consistently growing player. Be it the low serves or the dribble, her amazing game play results in weak returns from her opponents and a lot of points. She is patient and has a good hit. This helps her to wait for the right time to finish a rally. Long hours of tireless practice has made her a complete player, but she has a few drawbacks. She has a weak forehand side. When the opponents play a sharp drop on her backhand, she is unable to reach the net quickly. Her defence is weak and just like other Indian players, she is also uncomfortable playing with the wind. Working on these weaknesses will help her win more matches.	5
Q5. (A)		
A1.	A/22, Sapphire Apts, Cross Road, Shastri Nagar (E), Hyderabad – 500003. 22nd March, 2018 The H.R. Manager, Apple Development office, Nanakram Guda, Hyderabad - 500032. Subject: <u>Application for leave</u> Respected Sir, I, Ayaan Kapadia, am working in the engineering department. I am writing this letter to let you know that I would need leave for two	5

	<p>weeks as I have to undergo a surgery which cannot be delayed.</p> <p>A medical certificate is attached to confirm the same. Please grant me this much deserved leave. I would like to take leave for two weeks from the 25th of this month.</p> <p>I would appreciate your consent and consideration in this matter. This whole process according to the doctor needs two weeks. I will resume on the 9th of April.</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Ayaan Kapadia</p> <p>A2. D-203, Estate Garden, Sector -17, Vashi, New Bombay. 11th July, 2017.</p> <p>Dear Malina,</p> <p>I hope you are doing great in your life. As you know my result will be out within a month. I have done well in all my papers. I am confident of getting more than 90 per cent marks in all my subjects. But I was a little bit confused about what to choose as a profession - to be a doctor or an engineer and fortunately it reminded me of you and all my doubts were cleared as you have always been an inspiration in my life.</p> <p>You know I have great fascination for a career in medical science. I have been good in science since childhood. Besides, a doctor is the custodian of national health. All these factors helped me in deciding my career in the field of medical science and be a doctor. You being a doctor have gathered a lot of experience, received love and affection from your patients and their family. This is something that impressed me and helped me in taking my career decision.</p> <p>I trust your judgment more than my own. Please let me know your thoughts on this subject. You are someone who seems to know right from wrong. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for letting me express my concerns to you.</p> <p>Yours lovingly, Reena Mehra</p>	5
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Q5 B1.	<p>(B) (Raj and Ravi, both Class X students meet near a park.)</p> <p>Raj : Hi Ravi, how are you? Ravi : I am fine. So good to meet you here. Raj : Well, I haven't completed my project yet. So I thought I would get some picture post cards from the stationery shop. Ravi : All seven days of the week are hectic. I don't remember when I relaxed last. Raj : It is so stressful to attend school, complete the homework, go for tuitions for all the subjects, complete the homework given there too and now these regular projects. Ravi : I am losing interest in most of the subjects as I don't feel physically fit to cope with everything. Raj : The other day I went to the doctor as I keep getting a daily headache which didn't allow me to study at all. The doctor asked me to relax. Ravi : Wish he knew what we are going through! Raj : My parents feel sorry for me at times but they can't help it. Everyone is going through the grind. There is stiff competition all around. Ravi : You are correct. There is no time to feel sorry for ourselves, too. Anyway, go and buy the pictures before the shop closes. Raj : O.K. bye. Take care. (Both of them wave good-bye to each other and leave.)</p>	5
B2.	<p>Hello Sir! It is a great pleasure to meet such a genius legend like you.</p> <p>(i) From where did you do your schooling? (ii) What was your favourite subject in school? (iii) How did you acquire interest in this field? (iv) What is the most important aspect of your research? (v) How did it feel to receive India's highest civilian honour? (vi) What is your biggest goal in life? (vii) What was the most challenging aspect in your career? (viii) What was your proudest professional moment? (ix) Is there any inspirational incident that proved a turning point in your life? (x) What are your future plans? (xi) What is your advice to young scientist enthusiasts who want to research and establish a career in science and technology?</p> <p>It was an honour meeting you Sir. Thank you so much for giving your valuable time.</p>	5

Q6. A1.	<p>(A)</p> <pre> graph TD MI[Musical Instruments] --> W[Wind] MI --> P[Percussion] MI --> S[Stringed] W --- W_desc["(Played by blowing air)"] P --- P_desc["(Played by banging and striking)"] S --- S_desc["(Played by Plucking strings)"] W --> WW[Woodwind] W --> O[Others] WW --> F[Flute] WW --> C[Clarinet] WW --> H[Horn] O --> MO[Mouth Organ] O --> B[Bagpipes] S --> Harp S --> Guitar S --> Violin S --> Cello </pre>	5
A2.	<p>There are various rules that we should follow in the school. We must keep the place clean. We must not spit on the walls or scratch on them. We must avoid plucking flowers or drawing over the walls and blackboards. We should ensure that we move about in an orderly manner in the corridors, making way for the teachers, avoiding bad language and speaking English in the school premises. We should park the vehicles in the parking place and maintain punctuality.</p>	5
Q6. B1.	<p>(B)</p> <p>No doubt animals are loyal and possess several virtues that ideally human are supposed to have, yet ever coin has two sides.</p> <p>Firstly, only animals know what they go through. They have to wait for procuring their food and take considerable trouble to hunt for their food. At times, their basic needs of food, shelter and intimacy may not be satisfied as a result of which they may become irritable and dissatisfied. Yes, they do not give in to the craze of owning things, but as a result, they have to migrate in uncertainty for satisfying their basic needs. Also they are unable to comprehend complex emotions such as guilt, shame, pride etc. Living in the present is fine, but things will take an ugly turn if the animal grows old or is sick in order to obtain food, shelter etc. Animals follow the rule of the jungle which may be severe on other animals there. Also along with virtues, animals also can be savage and may often breed a herd mentality.</p>	5
B2.	<p style="text-align: center;">TREE PLANTATION</p> <p>Respected Principal, teachers, members of the staff and fellow students, today I am here to speak on 'Tree plantation'. You know how greatly beneficial trees are! They, in fact, sustain our lives. Just imagine, if they had not provided us with oxygen or with food, fuel, furniture, fruits, herbs, houses for birds, what kind of life it would have been?</p>	5

Well, there wouldn't have been life at all. Besides this, trees cause rains which are as necessary as air. They give us a beautiful landscape and help in the ecological balance of nature. You can imagine the surface of the moon. Our earth would be like that without trees – lifeless, colourless, lustreless. We are here because of them. We must therefore start valuing them. In the past trees were planted by kings and nawabs on roads, around palaces and in gardens. In the modern times local governments have been planting them on roads and in parks. In the future people shall plant them almost everywhere on vacant spaces. Our disregard for trees has borne us with sour fruits. See the effects of deforestation and increasing urbanization. Environmental pollution is their result. Global warming, or the Green House effect have caused drought conditions in many parts of the world. Undoubtedly many states in our country are reeling under scanty rainfall. If we are really serious about the value of tree plantation, it becomes our urgent duty to plant more and more trees on every available inch of land. It is the need of the hour that something should be done to restrain the increasing environmental degradation by planting more trees and implementing various laws to check tree felling. If something is not done soon, the damage to our biosphere will be difficult to repair.

So let us all come together and decide to plant at least one sapling every year.

Q7. (A)

A1. In an age where man does not find time to think about himself, laughter can be considered as a good agent of relaxation. In today's mechanized and busy life, people don't get enough time to socialize. As a result there is no relaxation.

Laughter serves as a stress-buster as it releases positive energy. It fills the person with enthusiasm and zeal and he is ready to face the world again. Nowadays, we can see many laughter clubs coming up in big cities. These clubs function mainly because of the drudgery of human life in today's world. People take anti-anxiety drugs for relaxation. These drugs have far-reaching effects which are damaging for the kidneys and other organs of the body. Instead of taking these medicines, if people interact with their family members and friends and have a hearty laugh, they will be more relaxed. They will get renewed energy for their work and it will enhance their performance. Laughter is certainly the best medicine which has only favourable effects. When a person cracks a joke, we laugh. When we laugh, the blood circulation within our body improves and as a result, our face glows with radiance.

So, the next time, you feel low, have a hearty laugh and feel the difference. You'll feel refreshed and replenished with new vigour and enthusiasm.

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A2.	<p style="text-align: center;">Nature is the best Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-By Staff Reporter</p> <p>Mumbai, 27th December 2018</p> <p>The Eco – club of ‘Nisarga Foundation’ school organized a social-cum environment camp at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park. This was the first year of the Eco-club. As part of the school completing ten years of academic excellence this activity was conducted.</p> <p>The camp started with a trek around the Astral Botanical garden, followed by a warm cup of herbal tea. The next activity was two environment games which depicted the human being as a part of the environment and not apart from the environment. The ‘face to face’ experience with the flora and soils, carbon compounds, the posters, pictures and the agro progress for the country’s development was simply mind blowing. A small stint of training in photography was presented.</p> <p>The surprising element of this field visit was the digital library with books on literature, poetry and plays only on environment. That was really educational.</p> <p>The one day camp activity ended with a small badge of Eco-club presented to all the students, and the title of ‘Amateur Environmentalist’ bestowed on the students.</p> <p>The activity which marked the decade of academic excellence was truly great and meaningful.</p>	5
B1.	<p style="text-align: center;">‘The Magic Glasses’</p> <p>After ten years of diligent experimenting on ‘light’, Jayant, a brilliant scientist, created a pair of eye-glasses which would enable him to see through all opaque objects, doors, walls, metal structures etc.</p> <p>On Monday, he put on his ‘magic’ glasses and stepped into the busy street outside...</p> <p>He could easily see through any thick wall and get a clear view of whatever was happening on the other side. Brick, mortar or metal, everything became see-through for him. If he wished to, he could even look through flesh and bone. He simply had to change the settings on his high-tech wristwatch. It was wirelessly connected to his special glasses and acted as a remote control. Be it x-ray vision, night vision or just seeing through dense objects, everything was a simple click away. But this was still a prototype, the first model of his great invention. The glasses were soon going to evolve into something truly marvellous. All he had to do was apply the upgrades he had in his genius mind. He was also planning to build a ‘suit of invisibility’. It would make use of the same technology he used to make these unique specs. But that was for later, he was just going to enjoy the</p>	5

'clear vision' his magic glasses were providing him with for now. All he needed was 'heat vision', and he could be just like his favourite superhero, Superman.

"I'll keep that in mind while working on the upgrades. Superman would be so proud of me," he thought to himself with a chuckle. He knew his invention was the next big thing in the world of science and technology. He knew he would go down in history as one of the greatest minds to have walked the Earth. His name would be taken in the same breath as Einstein and Newton. In his mind he was already seeing himself as The World Ambassador of Science, a pioneering genius who would usher in a new age of next generation technology. As wild as his imagination went, his invention was nothing short of magical. He was clearly able to see through the walls of the building in front of him. Everything was transparent. He could see the people inside the apartments.

It was just then that his glasses showed him something that stunned him. He stood there jaw dropped, as if being able to see through a concrete wall wasn't stunning enough already.

In one of the rooms on the third floor of the building, he could see that an old woman was being held hostage by three men. She was tied to a chair and one of them was threatening her while the other two vandalised the house. He guessed they were burglars as he could see the two men ransacking the place possibly searching for money and other valuables.

Although a shiver ran down his spine, but Jayant did not allow the panic to paralyze him. As fate would have it he saw a traffic cop nearby, drenched in sweat and dealing with the terrible rush of vehicles in the middle of the road. He rushed to him seeking help and almost dragged him to the building.

Jayant's weird behaviour kind of confused the officer but before he could say anything, Jayant requested him to put on his glasses. He pointed at the 3rd floor of the building where the crime scene was taking place.

The officer was astonished, perplexed and utterly overwhelmed by what he saw after putting on Jayant's glasses. As if the shock of being able to see through the wall wasn't enough, he panicked at the sight of the old woman tied to a chair being threatened by three men.

The officer was dumbstruck, and he felt he was dreaming. He was in a daze but then the spell was broken when Jayant removed the specs from his face. He saw terror and awe in his eyes. Violently shaking the officer, Jayant urged him to call for backup.

The cop nervously spoke on his walkie-talkie and did as Jayant instructed. The police soon arrived at the scene and the burglars were caught before they could cause any serious harm to the old lady. This was truly turning out to be an extraordinary Monday for Jayant.

While news of his Magic Glasses spread far and wide turning him into an overnight sensation across the globe, he was being hailed as a hero in his hometown. His act of courage and bravery had saved the life of an old lady. All the national and international awards in the field of science were definitely going to be his soon but right now the State was going to honour him for his heroic act. It was a big event, for among other prominent personalities, all the world leaders and international scientists also graced the occasion. "Superman would be so proud of me", he thought to himself again with a chuckle even as he stood next to the Prime Minister of India. And so, Jayant received the 'State Award for Brave Citizens'.

B2.

A Valuable Lesson

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Velan was a carpenter who lived in a small village. His father Kuppan lived with him. Kuppan was very old and weak. Velan did not look after his father well, "Here, father, you will eat only so much rice! And don't ask for more!" he would say, giving him food in a small earthen plate. Muthu, Velan's son watched this scene everyday. He felt sorry for his grandpa, he did not like how his father behaved with his grandpa.

One day Velan brought lunch for Kuppan as usual. But poor Kuppan felt so weak that he could hardly hold the plate. As he tried to take the first morsel, the plate fell down and smashed to pieces. Velan was furious, "Why can't you hold the plate properly?" he roared at his father "You've broken the plate and wasted the rice! Now stay hungry!" He continued scolding his father, for a long time. In the meantime Muthu quietly went into his father's room and got out his father's tools. He took a piece of wood and immediately set about to make a plate out of it. Velan saw him and was surprised. "What are you doing, Muthu?" he asked. "Oh father," replied Muthu "I realised that you too will soon grow old like grandpa. I will then start giving you rice in a small earthen plate. But if the earthen plate breaks, I too will have to scold you, isn't it? So I am making a wooden plate for you. It won't break so easily!

And then I won't have to scold you and you won't have to feel so bad as grandpa is feeling today!" Velan was dumb-founded. With tears in his eyes he fell at his father's feet, asking for forgiveness. He had learnt a lesson from his son.

[Note: The answers to the writing skills are sample answers. The students' answers may vary. Marks to be allotted according to the format, content and grammar.]

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