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

Time : 3 Hours

(Model Answer Paper)

Max. Marks : 100

Q1. (A) Do as directed.	
1. i. won ii. eight	1
2. All the students were happy at the announcement.	1
3. The place was <u>good enough</u> to make two rooms.	1
4. The view from the mountain top was <u>indeed</u> worth the steep climb.	1
5. A slow internet connection was not as irritating as the lecture was.	1
6. swollen - Adjectival Past Participle	1
7. Roma was finally ready to move to Delhi.	1
8. round : dangerous : silent : tragic : careless	1
Q1. (B) Do as directed.	
1. Sansa said that they would be victorious.	2
2. Harry Potter was loved by Dumbledore.	2
3. can - Ability	2
4. drape, draught, drawer, drawl	2
5. Noun - The police sealed the accident <u>spot</u> . Verb - He <u>spotted</u> a red panda among the bushes.	2
6. Unless you believe it - Subordinate Adverb Clause of Condition you cannot achieve it - Main Clause	2
Q2. (A) Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.	
A1. i. Manolin ii. 1952	1 1
A2. The novel was published in 1952, when people were trying to recover from the mass destruction brought about by the two world wars, and this tale of endurance and ultimate triumph struck a chord with the readers.	2
A3. i. shrapnel ii. apprentice	1 1
A4. i. Although he hooks a marlin, it is too strong for him. ii. Hemingway's novel was based on real events. (Change to Simple Past Tense)	1 1

A5.	Yes, I agree that determination and endurance can help one to win in every struggle. If one is determined to accomplish something, he will continue to put in efforts despite all difficulties. And if one is really determined, he will be able to endure all kinds of pain. There is nothing impossible in the world, if one has a strong will to achieve it.	2
Q2.	(B) Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.	
B1.		
i.	Mary Kom said the given lines to Sportskeeda correspondent Taruka Srivastava.	1
ii.	Sportskeeda correspondent Taruka Shrivastava asked the above question to Mary Kom.	1
B2.	Mary Kom suggests that if more people took up sports as a full-time career, India would win more Olympic Gold Medals. More corporates should sponsor players, so that they don't have to worry about the finances and can concentrate on the game instead.	2
B3.	homework, thankfully counter-punch, full-time, proportionate, whenever (Any two)	2
B4.	i. I am really happy with my achievement, aren't I?	1
	ii. Just 6 medals in the 2012 Olympics were managed by India.	1
B5.	Playing organized sports can be a wonderful experience for a sportsperson. He / She can improve his skills and be an asset to the nation. Dodgy judging in sports kills the very life of a sport. It demotivates the players and hampers fair play. We get to hear many such cases wherein wrong judgments have been given in the field of sports. A strict action has to be taken against the wrong doers and keep sports a clean affair.	2
Q3.	(A)	
A1.	i. False ii. True	2
A2.	Beauty gets so attached to our souls that in both good and bad times it stays with us. If we would not have beauty in our lives, we would be dead inside while we are living, i.e. life would be depressing and meaningless. And hence, it is beauty that provides us with joy and happiness forever in our lives.	2
A3.	Antithesis – Two opposites shine and gloom have been used together in the same line.	1

Q3.	<p>(B)</p> <p>The title of the poem 'The Height of the Ridiculous' reflects the irony of the poem of how the poet says that he will never write a humorous poem, but the poem itself is humorous. Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. (1809 – 1894) was an American physicist and poet. He was one of the Fireside Poets and was famous as a comic lyricist. 'The Old Ironsides' and 'The Last Leaf' were his best known poems. He believed that poetry should be focused on the reader and not the poet and the main purpose of poetry was to entertain. The rhyme scheme of each stanza of the poem is abcb. My favourite lines from the poem are:</p> <p>“and since, I never dare to write, As funny as I can.”</p> <p>The poet’s ridicule about how he decided to never write a humorous poem again because he was extremely funny is the central idea of the poem. His attempt to write one proved to be outrageous as it was so funny that his servant laughed for almost ten days after reading it. The main figure of speech used is irony to create humour, including in the very title of the poem. The poet uses hyperbole like the devil paying, waistband splitting, five buttons bursting off, and being wretched for ten days and nights.</p> <p>The use of irony and wit to create a light-hearted humorous poem is the special feature of the poem. The poet boasts about his own ability to write a humorous poem which increases to the feeling of ridicule towards the poem. The clever use of the title adds to the funny mood. The poet uses an increasing effect of the poem on his servant to create a dramatic effect. The exaggeration at the end – of ten days of wretchedness, makes the poem all the more ridiculous. The contrasting idea that he decided never to write a humorous poem, because he wrote it so well, is also hilarious. I like the poem for its light-hearted humour and simple narration. It is a fun read and leaves a smile on the reader. The idea mentioned in the poem is truly the height of being ridiculous.</p>	10
Q4.	<p>(A)</p> <p>A1. State whether the following statements are true or false:</p> <p>(i) False</p> <p>(ii) False</p> <p>A2. The years were a period of growth and development for their child and the teacher shaped them well to excel. The child not only learnt to excel but also grew up and learnt life lessons. Hence, the parents felt that the years were amazing.</p> <p>A3. (a) seasonal (b) approachable</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>

A4.	(i) You learned his name, didn't you?	1
	(ii) You had a whole team of kids to mentor still you took time for individual instruction where needed.	1
A5.	I firmly believe that a good teacher inspires a desire to learn. Knowledge is not just knowing something, but learning, understanding it. In this information age, it is very easy to get information. But the desire to learn, the thirst for knowledge can only be instilled by a good teacher. And it will always remain within the student. He / she would continue to learn even in the teacher's absence.	2
Q4.	<p>(B) Mehendi - A Beautiful Tradition</p> <p>Mehendi has ritualistic importance in both Indian as well as Arabic traditions. There is a special day assigned for the ceremony of applying Mehendi on the bride's hands and there are various rituals associated with it. The colour of the henna on the bride's hands is believed to depict the husband's love for her. Over the years, the importance of the day has evolved and has changed into a grand celebration in the present times.</p>	5
Q5.	<p>(A)</p> <p>A1. 8, Mahalaxmi Apts, Sachivalaya Road, Veer Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021 10th March 2018</p> <p>Mr. Swaminathan, The Green Friends Fort-Mumbai - 400001</p> <p>Subject: <u>Protection of World Heritage Sites</u></p> <p>Sir, I have been inspired by your latest campaign to save our natural World Heritage Sites. After seeing your interview, my interest in this cause has increased.</p> <p>I have a few concerns about the protection of these sites. They are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can I as a student contribute towards the protection of these sites? 2. Is there sufficient funding available for the same? 3. What is the legal protection given to these sites? 4. What is the biggest obstacle in this mission of yours? 	5

	<p>5. Is it sufficient that a site is included in the World Heritage List or any additional measures need to be taken?</p> <p>I would also like to humbly add a suggestion that it would be wonderful if the locals were included in the conservation.</p> <p>I would eagerly wait for your reply and would love to help you and your organisation.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Ajay Rawat</p> <p>A2. 48, Mehra Mansion, S.V. Road, Worli-Mumbai 400030. 26th January 2018</p> <p>Dear Edna, Hello, how are you? Hope everything is well at home. It's been a long time, since we have met; so I thought, why not have a get-together at my home for Diwali. I would like you to come over to my place to celebrate this auspicious and joyous occasion.</p> <p>We will have a great time as all my other friends will also be coming. We have planned games and snacks for everyone. There will be events like musical chairs, a treasure hunt and lighting the diyas. There will also be music and dancing and other fun activities.</p> <p>My mother has made delicious sweets and snacks like karanji, mathri, ladoos, coconut barfi and sweet biscuits. Everything else will be freshly cooked at home. I invite you and your entire family to come and join in to celebrate this Diwali together with all family and friends. Hope to see all of you soon. Give my regards to everyone at home.</p> <p>Your loving friend, Sohan</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Q5. B1.</p>	<p>(Mr. Patil and Mr. Sawant meet regularly in their neighbourhood garden for a walk and a chat.) Mr. Patil : Good morning, isn't the weather lovely today? Mr. Sawant : Hello, good morning. It is indeed. Mr. Patil : How wonderful to begin one's day with a walk!</p>	<p>5</p>

	<p>Mr. Sawant : That is right but I am a bit upset. On my way, I saw a young man in his early twenties speaking very rudely to an aged person. On hearing their talk, I gathered that old gentleman had requested him to lower the volume of the blaring music system in the young man's car so that peace isn't disturbed.</p> <p>Mr. Patil : These young chaps have not been taught any morals by their parents so I don't blame them at all.</p> <p>Mr. Sawant : We can't always blame parents. Most of the time, they turn out to be well educated and decent humans. Today's youth only worship money. Kindness and politeness doesn't appeal to them at all.</p> <p>Mr. Patil : What respect we showered on our parents, elders and teachers!</p> <p>Mr. Sawant : That is correct but today's youth are very unfortunate. They don't have ideal role models to follow. Their parents themselves make fun or criticize the elders or their teachers.</p> <p>Mr. Patil : It is indeed very sad.</p> <p>Mr. Sawant : Oh! Look, Mr. Gupta has come after very long. Let's go meet him.</p> <p>(Both of them go and meet their friend and continue their walk.)</p>	
<p>B2.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p> <p>(6)</p> <p>(7)</p> <p>(8)</p> <p>(9)</p> <p>(10)</p>	<p>Congratulations, Captain Kanad. Welcome to our Alma Mater. We are glad to have you in our midst today.</p> <p>How is life in the Indian Navy?</p> <p>What is the difference between the Indian Navy and Merchant Navy?</p> <p>Who inspired you to join the Indian Navy?</p> <p>What were your educational qualifications when you joined the Indian Navy?</p> <p>What are the prospects in the Indian Navy?</p> <p>How do they recruit youth into the Indian Navy?</p> <p>How supportive were your parents to your idea of joining the services?</p> <p>What were the academic and personal preparations you had to make to take this big leap?</p> <p>How is excellence in sports an asset in the Indian Navy?</p> <p>What is your message to the students?</p> <p>Thank you, Captain Kanad. It was a pleasure talking to you.</p>	<p>5</p>

Q6. A1.	<p>(A) Important Events in the life of Jawaharlal Nehru :</p> <pre> graph TD A[Born on 14th November 1889] --> B[Went to England at the age of 16] B --> C[Educated at Harrow School and at the University of Cambridge] C --> D[Returned to India in 1912] D --> E[Practised law] E --> F[Joined the Indian National Congress in 1919] F --> G[Became a leader of the nationalist movement- arrested 9 times] G --> H[President of Congress Party from 1929 - 1931] H --> I[Elected as the Prime Minister of Free India in August 1947] </pre>	5
A2.	<p>The given pie chart highlights the modes of transport used by children coming to school.</p> <p>It is observed that maximum children i.e. 50% of the children come to school by bus. 21% of the children are picked and dropped by their parents whereas 17% come to school walking.</p> <p>The percentage of children coming by cycles is very less. Only 8% children prefer the option of cycling and only 4% of the children use personal motorized vehicles to come to school.</p>	5

Q.6. B1.	<p>(B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The mobile phone – a hidden enemy</p> <p>The mobile phone has become an addiction. People have begun to depend on it psychologically. They feel restless without it. It is a distraction. Students cannot concentrate on their studies. People cannot even concentrate on a movie in a theatre as they keep checking their mobile sets every now and then. It is corroding the intellect. People rely on it more and more even for tasks like simple calculations. People prefer mobile phones over other activities like face-to-face communication with family members or physical exercise. It is affecting linguistic capacity; the short forms of words, and abrupt contracted sentences are becoming the order of the day. They are thus ruining the English language. The mobile phone is useless for communication if you are out of the coverage area.</p>	5
B2.	<p>Respected teachers and my dear friends, today I will be saying a few words about the importance of small creatures in our world and how important they are for our existence.</p> <p>Today, we live in a world which is full of competition. Everyone is busy doing their own work. We have become so careless that we don't care anymore about the existence of small creatures around us and trample many of them unknowingly every time. Well, I understand that we have our own work and don't have time to carefully observe the path that we're walking upon, however, the creatures that we destroy, also deserve to live just the way we do.</p> <p>They're important for our existence. The earthworm, for example, helps to make the soil more fertile, which in turn, results in better agricultural production from that farmland. Vermiculture is a crucial practice today, which helps us to get a natural and an organic fertiliser. Not just an earthworm, a caterpillar, gives us the precious silk thread. The silk industry is really a blooming industry at present. Many other insects and worms eat deadly entities that can harm our lives. So we must be thankful to them for protecting us since all these years.</p> <p>I hope you've understood the significance of such small creatures now. So as a humble request, may I please take a promise from each one of you that you won't deliberately kill any insect or worm at least? Thank you for lending your ears to me for all this while. Good day!</p>	5
Q7. A1.	<p>(A)</p> <p>Self-satisfaction and the feeling of achievement are of utmost significance in life. Hard work will lead to success, which will bring in a lot of materialistic pleasures but the latter will give only a temporary sense of satisfaction. The ultimate pleasure is the satisfaction of body, mind and the soul which can be achieved only through hard work.</p>	5

	<p>Material achievement is temporary and can give rise to insecurity. However, the fruits of labour are permanent.</p> <p>A student who has worked very hard all year long will find immense happiness in his excellent results, but a student who has not really worked hard but through sheer fluke is blessed with an excellent result will not know how to derive pleasure from it. As is said 'Failures are stepping stones to success', we must learn from failures consistently. Saurav Ganguly was written off by everyone but he kept his cool and regained his form. Amitabh Bachhan gave several flops at the beginning of his career but he didn't give up. Today, he is one of the most successful actors. Our own parents and grandparents move ahead so positively in life despite their ill-health at times. Isn't that inspiring enough?</p> <p>Remember, we control our destiny. Let us emerge stronger and control our lives instead of letting our lives control us. Let's be people of substance.</p>	
<p>A2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">'Be Fit and Healthy'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- By School Reporter</p> <p>Arya Vidhyalaya, 12th May, 2018 :</p> <p>A yoga workshop for the std. IX of Arya Vidhya Mandir was conducted for two days on 5th and 6th August 2017. The workshop was inaugurated by the chief guest Mrs. Bhatia, the Secretary of the school.</p> <p>The class was conducted from morning 7.00 am to 10.00 am under the guidance of expert yoga instructor Mrs. Pallavi Kahane and Mrs. Sunita Pawar the yoga teacher.</p> <p>The workshop began with recitation of shlokas, continued through the day with the various yoga 'Asanas' and the workshop also highlighted the diet program. The students were enlightened on the importance of yoga in order to keep themselves physically fit and mentally stable. They were taught asanas like 'Surya namaskars', 'Parvatasan', 'Pranayama', 'Vakra asan', 'Trikon asan'.</p> <p>All the students attended the workshop punctually and with deep interest. They said they felt relaxed after every session. Many said that they would continue to practice it every day while some even toyed with idea of taking up yoga as a career.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>B1.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Strange Order</p> <p>It was a dark and stormy night. A man was riding a horse through the forest. Strong wind and heavy rain lashed all around. "If only I could find a place to rest and keep warm!" he kept saying to himself as he continued his journey.</p>	<p>5</p>

	<p>Suddenly he spotted an inn. Without wasting a moment he turned his horse towards the inn. But as he entered he realised that it was already very crowded. Several people crouched near the fireplace where it was comfortably warm. "It looks like I'll have to spend the entire night shivering!" thought the man.</p> <p>Then he had an idea. He rose and went to the inn-keeper. "Can you do me a favour, please? he asked. "Can you take some fish to my horse outside?"</p> <p>"A fish for a horse? But a horse doesn't eat fish!" Said the inn-keeper incredulously. "Believe me, Sir! Do just as I tell you to!" replied the man. "How strange!" said the people at the inn.</p> <p>As the inn-keeper walked out carrying some fish many others followed him. The room became empty in no time. Triumphantlly the rider walked towards the empty fire-place and sat down very close to the fire. There he enjoyed warmth and a sound sleep all through the night!</p>	
B2.	<p style="text-align: center;">Strange encounters in the dark</p> <p>It was late one night when I heard a loud thud. I was sleeping in my bedroom alone when this happened. It was absolutely dark; I panicked before somehow managing to switch on the lights. I was sweating all over, in shock and surprise. There was no one in the room; however, I felt I was not alone. I realized that the wind had slammed open the windows, shattering the panes. It was raining heavily outside. It was then that I heard a loud moaning sound. Although I was very scared, I felt too embarrassed to go to my parents' bedroom. "What would they think if I tell them I'm scared?" I thought. After all, I wasn't a little girl anymore, to be afraid of the bogeyman in the closet or monsters in the dark. But then, alone in the room, I was scared, very scared.</p> <p>Suddenly the lights went off and in the distance the clouds thundered furiously.</p> <p>Fear had gripped me completely and I almost had tears in my eyes; yet, I did not scream. Something still kept me from going to my parents' bedroom. I became restless and anxious not knowing what to do. Just then I heard the moaning sound again, it was closer now, I realized. Somehow, there was a lot of pain in the sound and I could feel it. It was not a terrible wild beast or an evil spirit from hell. My instincts told me something was wrong and I decided to find out for myself. I was surprised by my own courage even as I opened the door and stepped out of the house alone, without bothering to wake my parents. "I am a grown up girl after all" I said to myself.</p> <p>In no time I was completely drenched for it was pouring heavily. Suddenly I saw two glowing eyes staring at me from the darkness. I was paralyzed by the way they looked at me. I was foolish after all to come out in the dark, alone. The glowing eyes were nearing me. A</p>	5

ferocious beast from hell had come to take my soul away. I went down on my knees and closed my eyes in fear. I was expecting monstrous jaws to rip me apart any moment now. I started crying, this was a nightmare come to life. Just then I felt a warm tongue licking my face. Confused, I slowly opened my eyes only to find a stray dog looking at me with curiosity and affection. Feeling stupid I realized it was no monstrous beast and those were no monstrous eyes. It was just a lonely little creature like me, scared by the darkness, yearning for warmth and love. And I finally heaved a sigh of relief.

[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.]