



SECTION I : PROSE

[Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping]

After this, I have written about 34 books in Marathi. Most of them have become bestsellers with tens of thousands of copies sold for each. However, it is not the sales or the money that is important to me as much as the fact that these books have brought about very good changes in the lives of thousands of readers. After reading my autobiography 'Musafir' and a book on Psychology 'Manat', hundreds have come out of depression and more than a dozen have given up thoughts of committing suicide and decided to start all afresh. There are hundreds who tell me that they understood the theory of relativity or Big Bang after reading my book on Science 'Kimayagar'. My book 'Boardroom' on Management has created at least 20 successful entrepreneurs. Then there are hundreds who tell me that they now can understand Economic Times or NDTV Profit after reading my book on economics 'Arthat'. Many have turned to Mathematics after reading my book on Mathematics 'Ganiti'. The same is true about my books on Indian Music (Nadvedh), English Literature (Zapoorza), Painting (Canvas), Western Films (Limelight) and Western Music (Symphony) or books such as 'Genius' series, 'Rakta' or 'Vitamins' or 'Anartha'. It is these reactions of thousands of readers and the feeling that I am touching the hearts of thousands, if not lakhs, of my readers that keeps me going.

A1. Complete the following sentences using proper answer from the passage. (2)

a) The writer is proud that his books have brought positive changes in the lives of -----

Ans: The writer is proud that his books have brought positive changes in the lives of **thousands of readers**.

b) The book 'Manat' helped hundreds to stop many from attempting -----

Ans: The book 'Manat' helped hundreds come out of depression and even stopped many from attempting **suicide**.

c) Many people understood ----- after reading 'Arthat'.

Ans: Many people understood **Economics** after reading 'Arthat'.

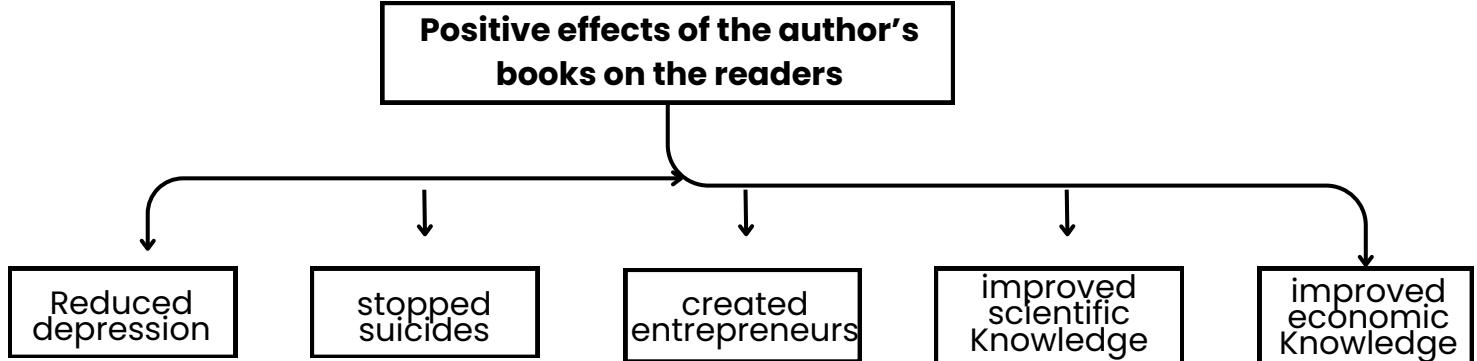
d) The writer continues writing because he feels he is touching -----

Ans: The writer continues writing because he feels he is touching the hearts of **thousands of readers**.

A2. What examples from the passage show that the author's books have educational value?

Ans: The author's books have helped readers understand many complex subjects. Kimayagar made science topics like relativity and the Big Bang easy to understand. Arthat helped readers follow economic news on channels like NDTV Profit. Ganiti inspired many to develop an interest in mathematics. Zapoorza, Canvas, Limelight, and Symphony helped readers understand literature, painting, Western films, and Western music. These examples show that the author's books have educational value.

A.3. Complete the following diagram about Positive effects of the author's books on the readers. (2)



A4. What book has influenced you personally? Describe briefly. (2)

Ans: The book influenced me a lot is "Rich Dad Poor Dad" written by Robert T. Kiyosaki which changed my way of thinking about money and success. The book taught me the value of financial education and the proper use of money. I also learn from this book new skills, how to take opportunities, and build a confident for my bright future.

A5. Do as directed. (2)

- 1] I have written about 34 books in Marathi.
(Begin the answer with "About 34 books ---")

Ans: About 34 books in Marathi have been written by me.

- 2] It is not the sales or the money that is important to me.

(Rewrite as a simple sentence)

Ans: The sales or the money is not important to me.

A6. Go through the passage to find the antonyms (opposite) of the words. (2)

1. Happiness **x depression**
2. Buy **x Sale**
3. failure **x Success**
4. Unimportant **x important**

Q.1 B1. Do as directed/ Transformation of the sentences.

- 1) The labeling of human beings in terms of their interests should not be overdone.
(Rewrite using modal auxiliary showing obligation) (1)

Ans: The labeling of human beings in terms of their interests **must** not be overdone.

- 2) I will teach you this lesson next week. **(Question Tag)**

Ans: I will teach you this lesson next week, **won't I?** (1)

- 3) Young people should be considered for employments. **(Frame a wh Question)** (1)

Ans: **Who** should be considered for employments?

B2. Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence: (1)

He was not unable to see the colour of skin.

Ans: He was unable to see the colour of skin. or

He was not able to see the colour of skin.

Q. 2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (10)

She walks in beauty, like the night
 Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
 And all that's best of dark and bright
 Meet in her aspect and her eyes;
 Thus mellowed to that tender light
 Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

 One shade the more, one ray the less,
 Had half impaired the nameless grace
 Which waves in every raven tress,
 Or softly lightens o'er her face;
 Where thoughts serenely sweet express,
 How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.
 And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,

 So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
 The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
 But tell of days in goodness spent,
 A mind at peace with all below,
 A heart whose love is innocent!

Q. 2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

(10)

A1. Write True or False of the following.

(2)

- 1) When the poet had money, he experienced real joy. - **False**
- 2) The poet felt the world around him was false when he was wealthy. - **True**
- 3) The poet admires the cheerful and hardworking nature of poor people. - **True**
- 4) The poet believes poor people should strive to become like the rich. - **False**

A2. How does the poet describe the wives of poor men?

Ans: The poet describes the wives of poor men as hardworking and cheerful. He compares them to humming bees, finding joy in their daily tasks. They work from morning till night. They are satisfied although they are poor.

A3. Have you ever experienced a situation where someone's behavior changed because of money? How did it feel? (2)

Ans: Yes, I've experienced this situation with my friend. When he didn't have much money, he was kind and generous. He would always give time to all our friends and support us. But his attitude changed as soon as he had money. He began to keep distance from us and unwilling to share things with us. It was really disappointing to see how money could change our relationship. True friendships, I believe, shouldn't be based on material things, but care for each other.

A4. And how their wives do hum like bees (Find and Explain the figure of speech)

(2)

Ans: Onomatopoeia because here the word 'hums' suggests the sound

Ans: Simile because here is a direct comparison between the 'wives' and the 'bees' using the word 'like'.

A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on "the Real Friend"

(2)

A real friend stays near,
 Through every joy and tear.
 In storms or sunny skies,
 His friendship never dies.

B1. Read the given extract and write the appreciation of the given poem based on the following aspects. (4)

- 1) About the poet and the title
- 2) The theme
- 3) Poetic style, Language, poetic devices.
- 4) Special feature 5) Message
- 6) Your opinion about the poems

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Ans: George Gordon Byron known simply as Lord Byron was a famous English Romantic poet and also a satirist. (व्यंगकार) At the age of 21, he started a tour of Europe and the Orient (East) after which he composed 'Childe Harold's Pilgrimage' which made him very popular in England.

'She Walks in Beauty' is a short lyrical poem celebrating female beauty. The poet describes an unnamed woman who is exceptionally striking. The poet describes not only her external appearance but also her inner goodness. Byron compares her to the night sky describing her serene (calm) and perfect beauty.

The theme of the poem is beauty, the outer beauty and inner beauty. The woman's eyes, her black tresses, her soft cheek, her clam brow and the lovely colour of skin describe outer beauty. The peaceful mind, winning smile, loving heart, and glowing tint describe inner beauty. Using the word heaven, he gave a divine touch to a beauty.

The poet uses here many poetic devices like simile, alliteration, metaphor, personification, antithesis, inversion, repetition, tautology etc. There is rhyme scheme ababab used in all the stanzas. Imagery such as, "night"; "starry sky"; "cloudless climes"; glowing tint "cheek" and "brow." make the poem effective and beautiful.

The poem "She Walks in Beauty" is a short lyrical poem consisting of three stanzas of six lines each which has a steady rhythm and the language is rich with poetic devices. Though the poet does not name the woman, or give any details of her age, it does not affect the poem.

This poem gives us a message about the importance of inner beauty, which is almost a divine thing that will make external beauty possible because if a person is sinless his mind is pure and calm.

I like this poem because it makes us realize that one should look inner beauty than just outer appearance.

Q.3. Complete the activities as per instructions given below: Attempt **any two** of the following :

(8)

(1) E-Mail :

(4)

Draft an E-mail in a proper format to be sent to **Divya Deshmukh**, World Chess Champion in order to invite him for the "Annual Sports Day" programme organized by your college Give complete programme schedule and details about the event.

E- Mail		+ New Mail	—	□	X
Compose	Inbox	From : principal.jjc@gmail.com To : divyadeshmukh@gmail.com Date : 11th February, 2026, 11.30 am Subject : Invitation to the "Annual Sports Day" Programme as Chief Guest			
	Draft	Respected Divya Deshmukh Madam I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of my college, it is my great honor to invite you as the Chief Guest for our Annual Sports Day programme, scheduled to be held on 25th February, 2026 at 10:30 am, in the college auditorium. Your inspiring achievements as the World Chess Champion and your dedication to excellence make you an ideal role model for our students. Your presence would greatly motivate and encourage our young sports enthusiasts and budding minds.			
More	Sent	During the program, you will kindly distribute prizes and certificates to successful students. The entire program will last about two and a half hours. The date and time can be adjusted as per your convenience. Your presence will make the occasion truly special. Please let us know if you need any information or assistance. Thank you. Yours faithfully, Ram Pakhale Students' Representative, Jagdambha Junior College			
	Thrash		▶	◀	Reply

(2) Report Writing :**(4)**

Your college recently organized an awareness programme on "Tree Plantation Drive". Write a report in about 100-150 words.

Ans:

Report on Tree Plantation Drive Awareness Programme

Ajay Shiwarkar

10 February 2026

Our college recently organized an awareness programme on the "Tree Plantation Drive" to promote the importance of environmental conservation. The event was held on 10 February 2026 in the college auditorium, with participation from students, staff, and Prayas, local organization.

The programme began with an important speech Dr. Vijay Kawalkar, head of Prayas, , who highlighted the need of plant trees to balance climate. Students presented posters highlighting the benefits of tree plantation.

Following the session, participants planted over 500 saplings in the college premises, marking the beginning of our commitment to our city green city.

This event inspired everyone to take responsibility to save the earth and decided every year celebrate the birthday by planting a tree. Finally, the head of Green Club Miss. Mitali Rane presented the vote of thanks.

(3) Interview : (4)

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of a distinguished personality in the field of Education. With the help of the given table and points draft questions on the given fields associated with the personality

Name of the interviewee (distinguished personality)	Dada Bhuse, Education Minister of Maharashtra
Area of Success	Education and politics
Date/Venue/Time	10 th February 2026, College auditorium / 10.30 am
Duration of Interview	45 Min.
Question based on	
1) Student life	Can you share some memorable experiences from your student life that shaped your journey?
2) Interest / aim / goal	What inspired you to choose politics as your field, and what has been your ultimate goal?
3) Role Model	Who has been your role model, and how have they influenced your career in education?
4) Inspiration	What has been your biggest source of inspiration throughout your journey?
5) Awards	Could you tell us about awards you have received for your work?
6) New education Policy	What are your views on the New Education Policy?
7) Present education system	How do you think about the present education system in Maharashtra?
8) Message	What message would you like to give to students and the teachers?