



SECTION I : PROSE

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

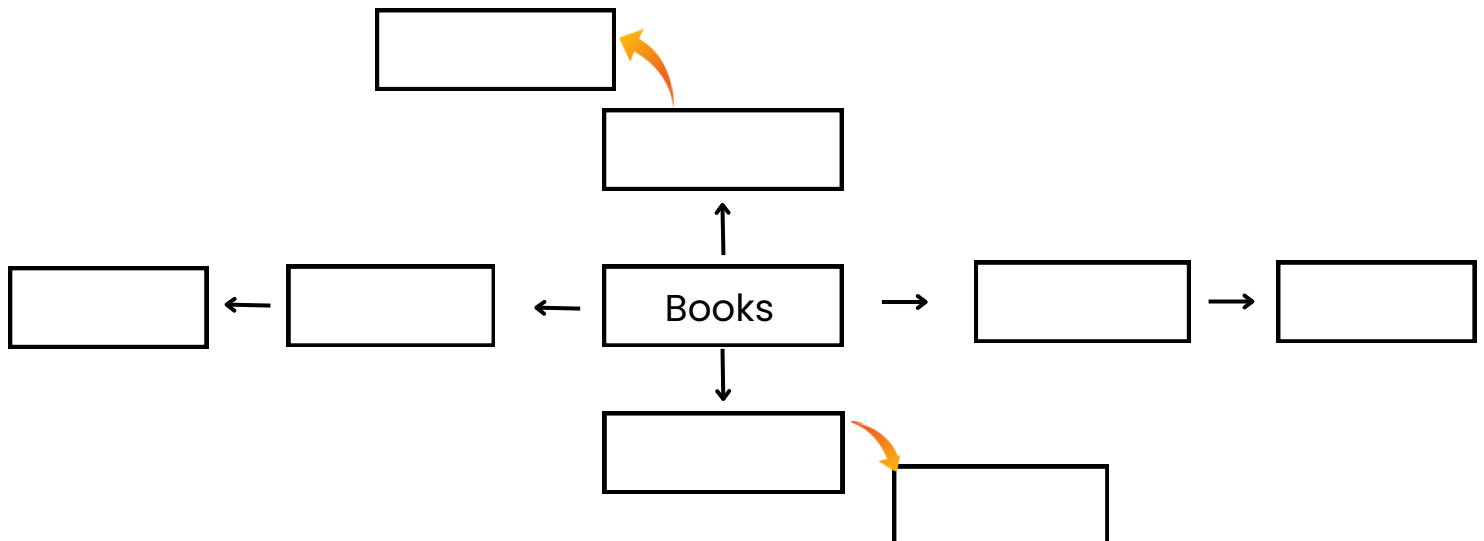
After this, I have written about 34 books in Marathi. Most of them have become bestsellers with tens of thousands of copies sold for each. However, it is not the sales or the money that is important to me as much as the fact that these books have brought about very good changes in the lives of thousands 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. Match the column 'A' with 'B':

A	B
1] 'Musafir'	a] Economics and financial understanding
2] 'Kimayagar'	b] Inspired 20 successful entrepreneurs
3] 'Boardroom'	c] Theory of relativity and Big Bang
4] 'Arthat'	d] Helped readers overcome depression

A2. What is the main motivation for the author to keep writing? (2)

A.3. Complete the following diagram about books and their impacts on the readers. 2



A4. How do you think books can bring about a change in someone's life? (2)

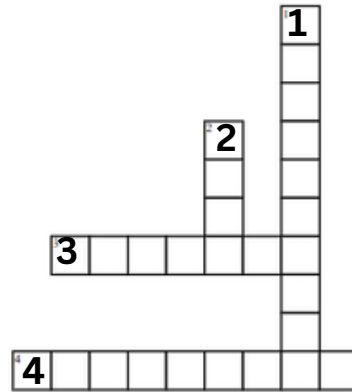
A5. Do as directed. (2)

1] I have written **about 34** books in Marathi. (**Frame Wh-Question**)

2] I am touching the hearts of thousands. (**Add a Question Tag**).

A6. Go through the passage to find the antonyms of the words given in the grid and fill the boxes. : (2)

1. Happiness
2. Buy
3. failure
4. Unimportant



Q.1 B. Mind Mapping : (3)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to illustrate/develop on the topic, '**Importance of English Language**'.

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

When I had money, money, O!
I knew no joy till I went poor;
For many a false man as a friend
Came knocking all day at my door.

Then felt I like a child that holds
A trumpet that he must not blow
Because a man is dead; I dared
Not speak to let this false world know.

Much have I thought of life, and seen
How poor men's hearts are ever light;
And how their wives do hum like bees
About their work from morn till night.

So, when I hear these poor ones laugh,
And see the rich ones coldly frown
Poor men, think I, need not go up
So much as rich men should come down.

When I had money, money, O!
My many friends proved all untrue;
But now I have no money, O!
My friends are real, though very few.

A1. Write True or False of the following. (2)

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

A2. How does the poet describe the wives of poor men? (2)

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

A4. And how their wives do hum like bees (Find and Explain the figure of speech) (2)

A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on **"the Real Friend"** (2)

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.
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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.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 D. Gukesh, 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.

OR

(2) Report Writing : (4)

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

(3) Interview :**(4)**

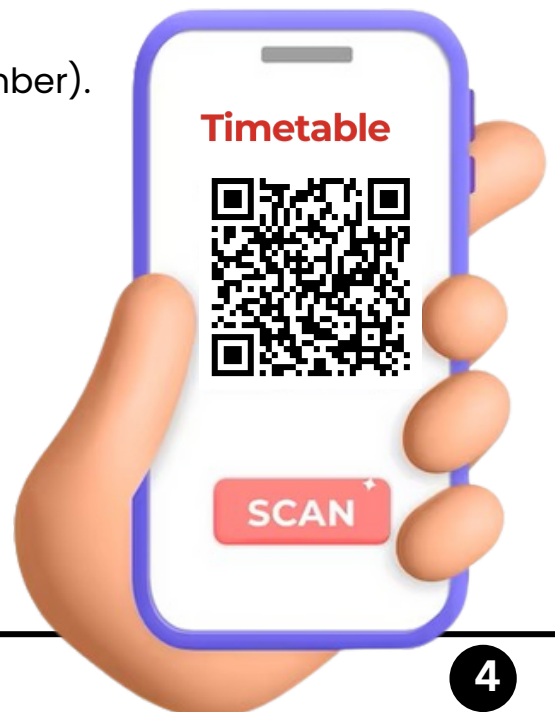
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Answers

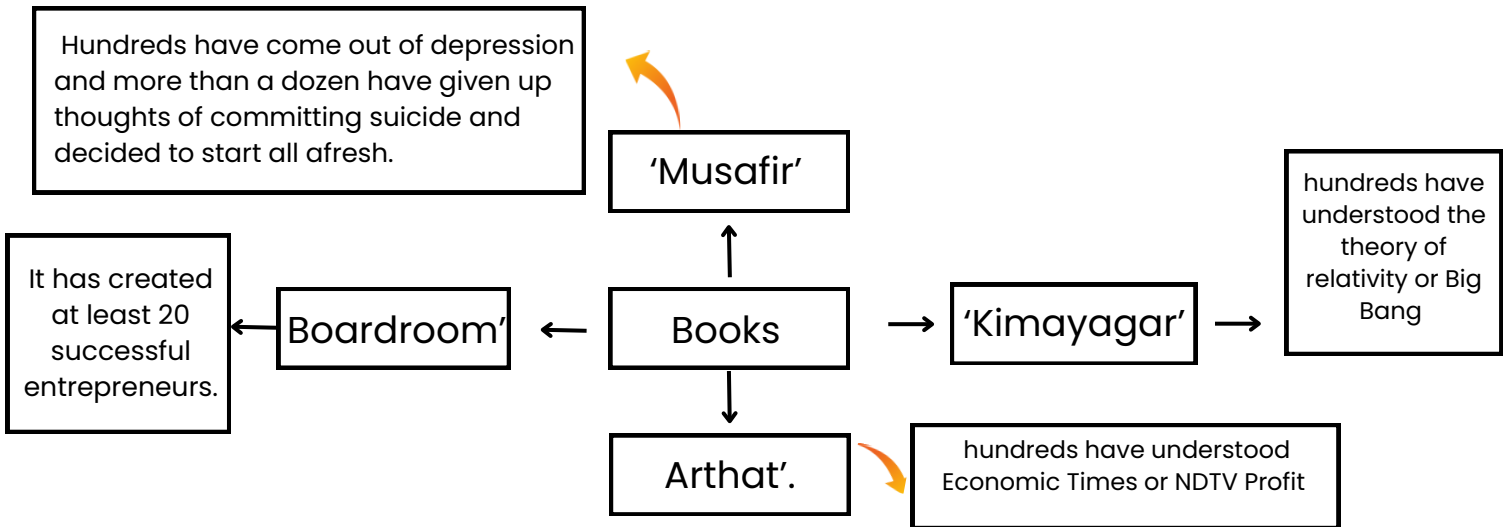
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A2. What is the main motivation for the author to keep writing? (2)

Ans: The main motivation for the author to keep writing is that his books having positive impact on readers' lives. His works have helped people overcome depression, understand complex topics like science and economics, and even inspired new entrepreneurs. Knowing that his writing touches the hearts of thousands and brings meaningful changes keeps the author inspired to continue.

A.3. Complete the following diagram about books and their impacts on the readers. 2



A4. How do you think books can bring about a change in our life? (2)

Ans: Books can bring about a change in our life by inspiring us with a new goal. Books gives us knowledge, and emotional support. They can help readers overcome challenges, learn new skills, or find motivation to start afresh. A powerful book can guide, comfort, and even change our way of thinking as well as living.

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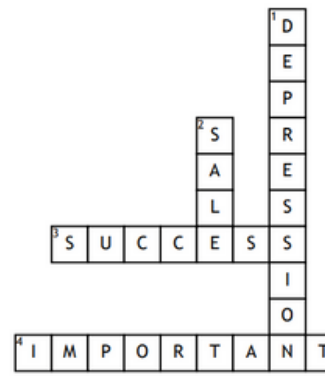
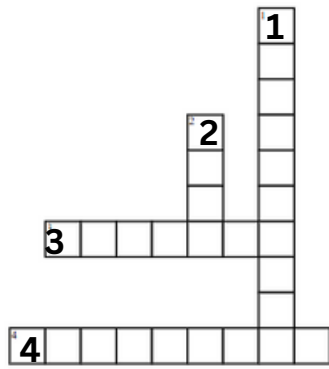
Ans: How many books have I written in Marathi?

2] I am touching the hearts of thousands. (Add a Question Tag).

Ans: I am touching the hearts of thousands, aren't I?

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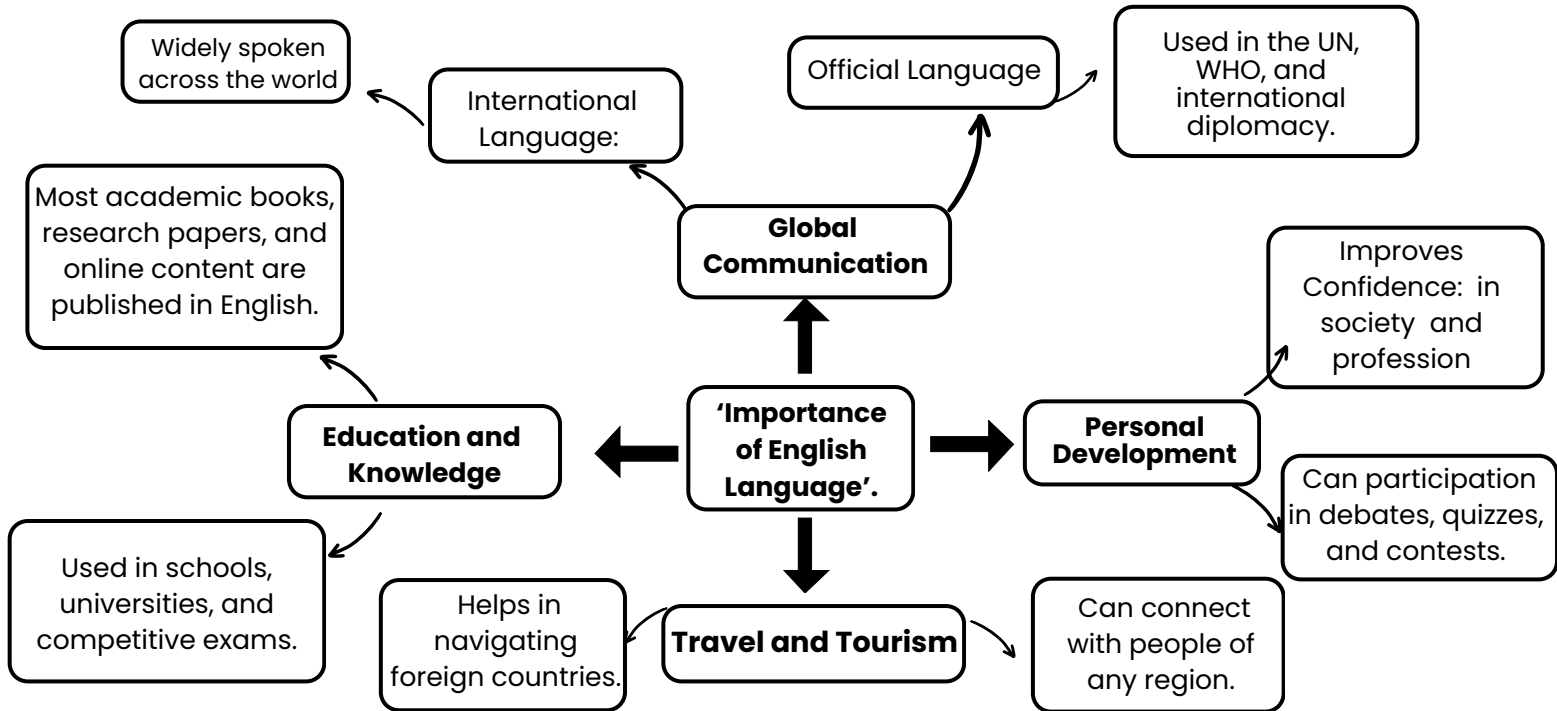
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A2. How does the poet describe the wives of poor men?

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 content 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 situations 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.

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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 clam.

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

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E- Mail	+ New Mail	— □ ×
Inbox	From : principal.jjc@gmail.com To : d.gukesh.ytl@gmail.com Date : 21st December 2024, 10.30 am Subject : Invitation to the "Annual Sports Day" Programme as Chief Guest	
Compose		
Draft	Dear Mr. D. Gukesh, 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 December 2024 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. 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	
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(2) Report Writing :

Your college recently organized an awareness programme on "Tree Plantation Drive". Write a report in about 100-150 words. **(4)**

Report on Tree Plantation Drive Awareness Programme

Date: 27 December 2024

Reported by: Ram Patil

Our college recently organized an awareness programme on the "Tree Plantation Drive" to promote the importance of afforestation and environmental conservation. The event was held on 26 December 2024 in the college auditorium, with participation from students, staff, and local environmentalists.

The programme began with a keynote speech by Ganesh Mane, an environmentalist, who emphasized the need to combat deforestation and climate change. Students presented skits and posters highlighting the benefits of tree plantation. A demonstration on planting and caring for saplings was also conducted by experts.

Following the session, participants planted over 500 saplings in the college premises, marking the beginning of our commitment to a greener future.

The event successfully inspired everyone to take responsibility for preserving nature and left participants motivated to contribute towards a sustainable environment.

(3) Interview :

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Name of the interviewee (distinguished personality)	Dada Bhuse, Education Minister of Maharashtra
Area of Success	Education and politics
Date/Venue/Time	25 th December 2024, 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 to help them excel?

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Ans: Family/Educational /children movie ' Taare zameen par'

The movie Taare zameen par was directed by Aamir Khan and Amol Gupte and also was written by Amol Gupte. Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy gave beautiful music to the film. Taare zameen par' was released on 21 December 2007 which is a typical Family/Educational/ children movie. It has a best rating that is 4.5/5 stars.

Cast :

Amir Khan as Ram Shankar Nikumbh, an art teacher
Darsheel Safary as Ishaan Awasthi, who is an eight-year-old child.
Tisca Chopra as Maya Awasthi, Mother of Ishaan Awasthi
Vipin Sharma as Nandkishore Awasthi father of Ishaan Awasthi.

Best dialogue: All the dialogues are inspirational and famous in Taare zameen par'.

1] Duniya mein aise aise heere paida huye hai, jinhone sari duniya ka naksha hi badal diya ... kyun ki yeh duniya ko apni alag nazar se dekh paaye

(There are various diamonds that have been born in this world, who have changed the map of this whole world ... because they were able to see this world from a different angle)

2] Har bachche ki apni khoobi hoti hai, apni kaabiliyat hoti hai, apni chahat hoti hai
(Every child has their own speciality, their own potential, their own likings)

3] Apni ambitions ka wajan apne bachcho ke nazuk kandhon pe daalna ... it's worse than child labour

(Putting the weight of your ambitions on the delicate shoulders of your child ... it's worse than child labour)

4] Bahar ek beraham competitive duniya basi hai ... aur is duniya mein sabhi ko apne apne gharon mein toppers aur rankers ughaane hai

(There is a ruthless competitive world outside ... and in this world everyone wants to grow toppers and rankers in their house)

Story line /Theme:

Taare zameen par is a story about a child who suffers from dyslexia. Everything about him is negative. He makes mischief with other students. His teachers always complain to the principal and suggest to throw him out. Finally, his parents enroll him into, "The New Era" boarding school, Panchgani, where a teacher, Aamir Khan improves his life.

The most powerful scene:

when Ishaan's parents start to leave the school, then a song starts "Main Kabhi diklatha nahi...par andhere se Darta hu main maa.." Every bodies heart felt heavy during this scene.

Film Message: (Reason for your likeness)

Taare Zameen Par movie gives lesson that every kid has a different and unique potential. They need only encouragement from the teachers and parents at every step. I like this move because it teaches me how to deal with such children.



