



SECTION I : PROSE

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

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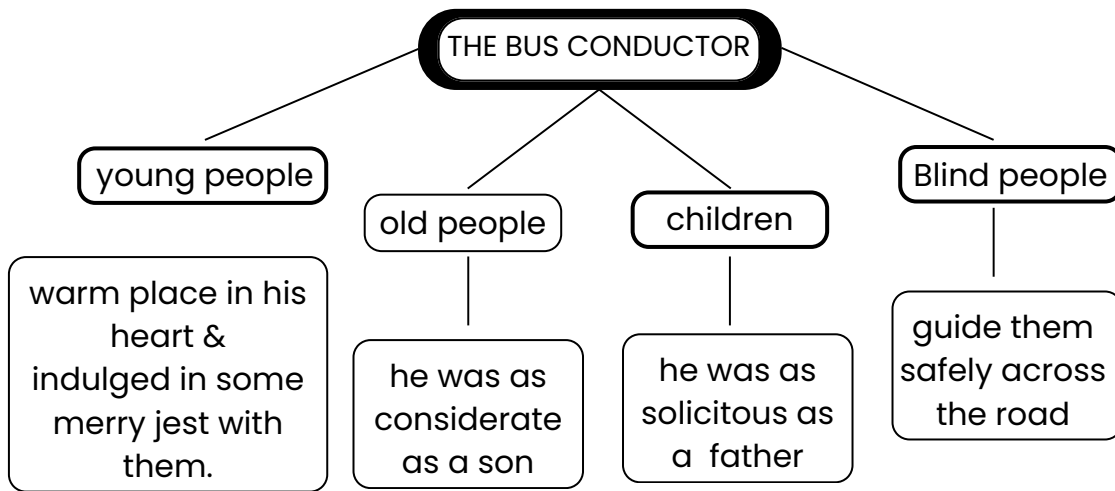
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- 4) The author missed seeing the bus conductor on **his route.**



A2. Why does the author wish the bus conductor's behavior to spread widely? (2)

Ans: The author wishes the bus conductor's behavior to spread widely because it brings kindness, good temper, and cheerfulness to those around him. His actions create a positive atmosphere, making everyday life more pleasant. If such behavior were more common, it could make the world a more harmonious and joyful place.

A.3. Complete the following diagram - whom and how the bus conductor would treat. (2)



Q.4. How do you think good manners and civility impact others? (2)

Good manners and civility positively impact others by uplifting their spirits and creating a friendly atmosphere. They encourage kindness, mutual respect, and inspire people to mirror such behavior. Simple acts of courtesy can strengthen relationships and contribute to a more harmonious and compassionate environment for everyone.

A5. Do as directed. (2)

1] His gaiety was not a wasteful luxury, but a sound investment. (Rewrite using "Though")

Ans: Though his gaiety was not a wasteful luxury, **it was** a sound investment.

2] Nothing clears up my spirits like a fine day (Rewrite as a Rhetorical Question).

Ans: Does anything clear up my spirits like a fine day?

A6. Find the words from the passage which mean

- 1] that cannot be finished **inexhaustible**
- 2] a person who is travelling in a bus **passenger**
- 3] to experience something **encounter**
- 4] a piece of writing or speech praising somebody **panegyric**

(B) Language Study (Non textual grammar) : (4)

B1. Do as directed. (2)

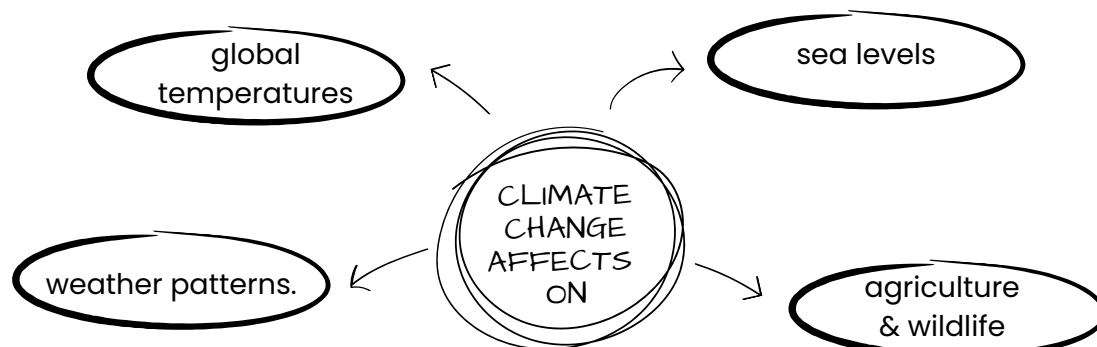
- 1) Mr. Deshmukh is **an** MP of my area. (Rewrite using 'proper article')
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- 3) **No sooner had** I reached the platform **than** the train left. (Use " No Sooner --- than)

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

The teacher asked each of the students to complete their homework.

Error: With the singular subject "each of the students" using the pronoun "their" is wrong

Correct: The teacher asked each of the students to complete **his** (or her) homework.

Q. 2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (12)**A1. Complete the following diagram.****(2)****A2. What are the main causes of climate change?****(2)**

Ans: The main causes of climate change include burning fossil fuels for energy, deforestation that reduces the planet's ability to absorb carbon dioxide, and industrial emissions that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. These activities contribute significantly to global warming and disrupt the natural balance of the Earth's climate system.

A3. How does climate change affect agriculture?**(2)**

Ans: Climate change affects agriculture by reducing crop yields and increasing food insecurity, due to extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods, and heatwaves. It also disrupts growing seasons, decreases soil fertility, and increases the prevalence of pests and diseases.

A4. What actions would you take to face the problem of climate change?**(2)**

Ans: I can help to face climate change by reducing carbon using public transportation, conserving energy at home, recycling and avoiding single-use plastics. These small, consistent steps can collectively make a big difference in protecting our environment for future generations.

A5. Do as directed.**(2)**

1] Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. (comparative degree)

Ans: Climate change is more pressing than most other issues of our time.

2] Addressing climate change requires collective effort and long-term commitment from every sector of society. (Rewrite using "Not only ----- but also").

Ans: Addressing climate change requires **not only** collective effort **but also** long-term commitment from every sector of society.

A6. Find out the passage which mean.

1) a mass of ice that moves slowly down a valley. - **glaciers.**

2) cutting down trees over a large area. - **deforestation**

3) The land near or bordering the sea. - **coastal**

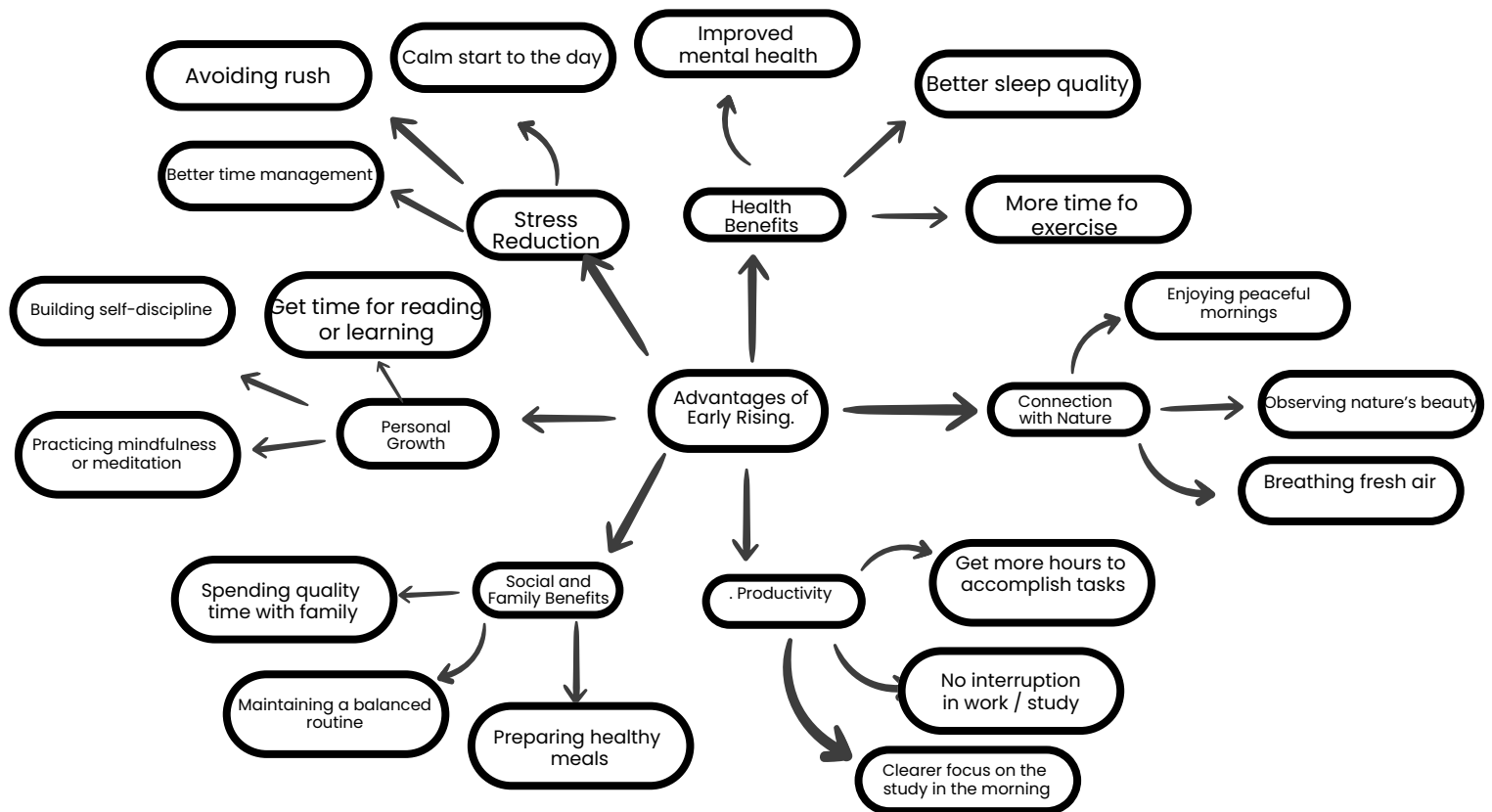
4) all the plants and animals in a particular area considered together with their surroundings. - **ecosystems**

B) Summary Writing : (3)**Combating Climate Change**

Climate change is a big problem caused by things like burning coal and oil, cutting down trees, and pollution from factories. This makes the Earth warmer, causing sea levels to rise and hurting nature. It can harm our food, animals, and places by the coast. Governments promote renewable energy and tree planting, while individuals can reduce waste and support sustainability. Collective action is essential to mitigate its effects.

B) Mind Mapping : (3)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to develop on the topic, "Advantages of Early Rising."



SECTION II : POETRY [Poetry and Appreciation]

Q. 3 A1. Complete the following in your words according to the poem.

(2)

- 1) The waves flowed over the Inchcape Rock without either **sign or sound**.
- 2) The Abbot of Aberbrothok placed the bell on the Inchcape Rock **to warn sailors of danger during storms**.
- 3) The waves rose and fell so little that they did not **move the Inchcape Bell**.
- 4) The Inchcape Bell was placed on **the Inchcape Rock**.

A2. How does the poet create a sense of tranquility in the first stanza?

(2)

Ans: The poet creates a tranquil atmosphere by describing the stillness of the air and sea. The ship is motionless, with its sails receiving no wind, and the ocean remains steady, showing the calm and serene mood.

A3. What was the significance of the Inchcape Bell for sailors? Have you done any work to help other people? Explain.

(2)

Ans: The Inchcape Bell warned sailors of the hidden danger of the rock, especially during storms, saving lives. I once was cycling to school. Suddenly, my cycle hit something, and I somehow managed to balance myself. I looked around and saw a large stone in the middle of the road. I stopped, parked my cycle to the side, and pushed the stone off the road. In this way I helped the people, preventing from getting hurt.

A4. Identify and explain the figure of speech in "Her sails from heaven received no motion."

Ans: Personification because here the ship is given human-like qualities,

A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on "The Abbot of Aberbrothok":

The Abbot placed the bell with care,
To guide the sailors unaware.
A beacon of hope in the stormy tide,
His wisdom saved lives far and wide.

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

Ans: About the poem and poet: 'Money' is a reflective poem written by W.H. Davies. He was a Welsh poet, known as the 'Tramp poet'. Through this poem, the Poet has described his self-experienced about money and personal happiness.

Poetic device and language: The poem consists of five stanzas of four lines each. It has a simple narrative style. Alliteration, Antithesis, Inversion, Simile, Onomatopoeia and Repetition are the figures of speech used in this poem. The poet has made use of vivid imagery. For example, 'wives hum, like bees' or 'came knocking all day at my door' and 'Then felt I like a child that holds / A trumpet that he must not blow', these lines effectively present the visuals. The rhyme scheme of the first four stanzas is a b c b and of the last stanza is a b a b.

The theme: The theme of the poem is the disadvantage of money. A rich man has many false friends and he lacks true happiness whereas a poor man has few friends, but they are true and real. Thus, he is full of goodness and happiness.

The message: The message of the poem is that to experience true joy and happiness one need not to be rich and wealthy. It is not necessary for the poor to become rich, but the rich must become poor to enjoy true happiness.

I like this poem: I like this poem because it shows the real value of money. It also describes the false and fake beliefs of being rich. This poem certainly teaches a valuable life-lesson to all that "prosperity makes friends and adversity tests them."

SECTION III : WRITING SKILLS

Q.4. Complete the activities as per instructions given below:

(A) Attempt any ONE of the following : (4)

(1) Drafting Virtual Message :

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Virtual Message

January 3rd , 2025.

11.30 am.

Dear brother,

Mr. Sharma from New Era Computers called to inform you that your laptop repair is complete. He said that it can be collected tomorrow before 6 PM. Please take the repair receipt and pick it up before time.

Mohan

SECTION IV : LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL

Q.5 (A). Answer the following questions

(4)

(1) Match the following:

A	B
1] Novella	d] NEW
2] Greek Romances	a] Poetry form
3] the upper class.	b] romances and tragedies,
4] Middle class	c] the newly educated

(2) Fill in the blanks by choosing correct alternative. (2)

- (a) **A period earlier than the writing** is the primary focus of a historical novel
(b) **Gothic** novel includes elements like terror, mystery, and horror.

(B). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

(1) What is the purpose of organizing the Students' Council half-yearly report program?

Ans: The half-yearly report programme was an important event for the Students' Council. In this report, the students would present what they studied, to the teachers and other students. The main purpose of the event was to discuss the academic progress of the students through which the teachers get a clear picture of the students' understanding. Another significant aspect of the report was the panel discussion in which students can clear their doubts by asking the questions directly about the reports to a panel of teachers. This type of programme provides a platform to develop the organization skills and confidence among the students. Denham's blunt criticism of the P.T. class is a perfect example of how such programmes can help the students to raise their voice.

(2) Give a brief character sketch of "Denham"

Ans: Denham is one of the rude and disrespectful boys in Braithwaite's class. But Braithwaite's politeness and patience changed Denham into a responsible, respectful, mature, young man. This can be seen from his ability to host the Students' Council and giving respect to the senior girls as 'Miss'. He is a trained boxer. When he criticized the P.T and games, he receives the support from the other boys who cheer him from the audience. He confidently and respectfully question on the need for the P.T. class. to Miss Phillips.

(C). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

(1) Detective Fix could not fix the charge of robbery on Fogg. Why?

Ans: Detective Fix suspects Phileas Fogg of robbing the Bank of England. Phileas Fogg is traveling around the world in eighty days ,so Fix decides to follow him, but he can only legally arrest Fogg on British land. Fix arrests him when they reach Liverpool, England on the last day of the wager, but he has to release Fogg when he learns that the real bank robber was arrested three days before and so he could not fix the charge of robbery on Fogg.

(2) Which of the following is an appropriate reason for Phileas Fogg starting his journey around the world? (Rewrite any one)

Ans: (a) Fellow members bet Fogg.

(D). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

(1) Describe the character of "Mary Morstan" in brief.

Ans: Mary Morstan is a young and attractive woman with a sweet and friendly expression. Her large blue eyes reflect a spiritual and sympathetic nature. Modestly dressed in a pale, simple grey outfit with a dull turban and white feather, showing her limited means. Despite her emotional agitation, as seen in her trembling lip and quivering hands, Mary maintains remarkable self-control and composure, even in unfamiliar and tense situations, showcasing her strength of character.

(2) Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel, "The Sign of Four".

Ans: The central idea of "The Sign of Four" moves around justice and compensation. The story begins with Miss Mary Morstan receiving an anonymous letter requesting a meeting. Holmes thinks that it may be an attempt to compensate her for past injustices. As the story unfolds, themes like the pursuit of justice and reveals





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What struck me particularly was the ease with which he got through his work. If bad manners are infectious, so also are good manners. If we encounter incivility most of us are apt to become uncivil, but it is an unusually uncouth person who can be disagreeable with sunny people. It is with manners as with the weather. "Nothing clears up my spirits like a fine day," said Keats, and a cheerful person descends on even the gloomiest of us with something of the benediction of a fine day. And so it was always fine weather on the polite conductor's bus, and his own civility, his conciliatory address and good-humoured bearing, infected his passengers. In lightening their spirits he lightened his own task. His gaiety was not a wasteful luxury, but a sound investment.

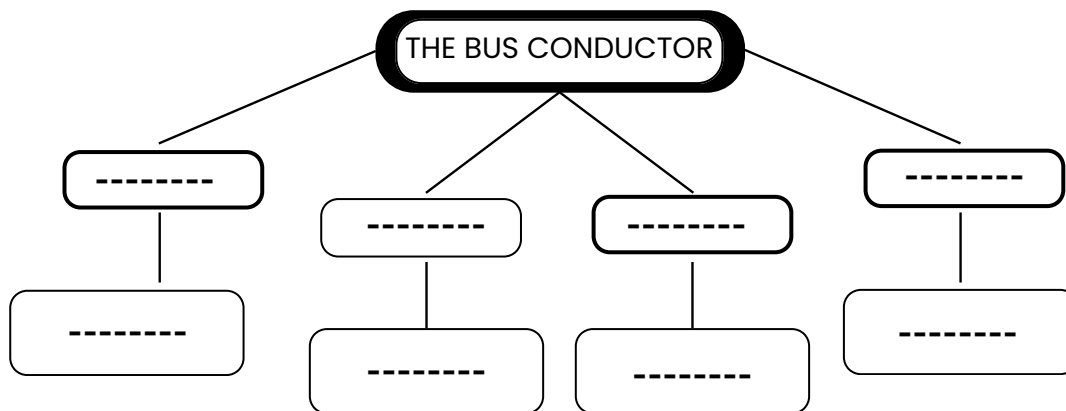
I have missed him from my bus route of late; but I hope that only means that he has carried his sunshine on to another road. It cannot be too widely diffused in a rather drab world. And I make no apologies for writing a panegyric on an unknown bus conductor.

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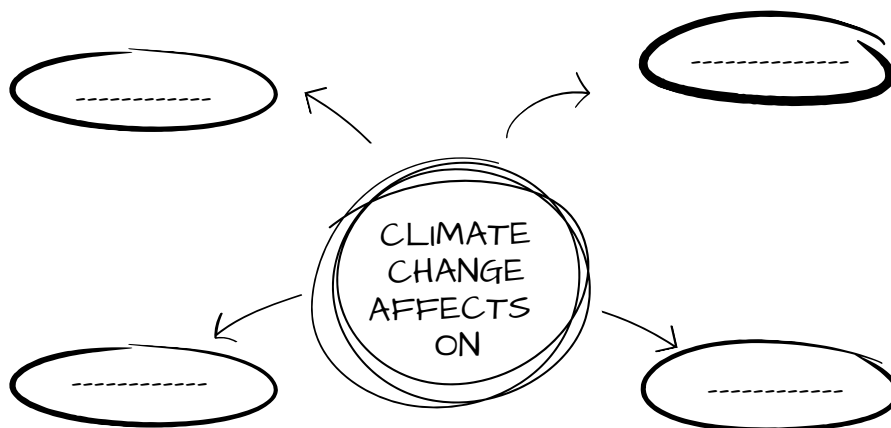
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Governments and organizations worldwide are taking steps to address this crisis, such as promoting renewable energy, planting trees, and reducing carbon emissions. Individuals can also contribute by using energy-efficient appliances, minimizing waste, and supporting sustainable practices. Addressing climate change requires collective effort and long-term commitment from every sector of society.

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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.

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OR

(2) Statement of Purpose :

You have to take an admission to the School of Architecture at CEPT University, Ahmedabad.

Write a statement of purpose explaining your interest in architecture and your dream of designing sustainable spaces.

OR

(3) Group Discussion :

Imagine that you have recently discussed with your friends on '**Use of Technology in Education**:',. Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her opinion on the given topic.

(B) Attempt any ONE of the following : (4)

(1) E-Mail :

Draft an E-mail in a proper format to be sent to an "Environmentalism" in order to invite him/her to deliver a keynote speech for a Tree Plantation Drive and Environmental Awareness Campaign.

OR

(2) Report Writing : (4)

Your college recently organized "Blood Donation Camp". Write a report in about 100-150 words, adding all information on the collaboration with a local hospital, the number of donors, and the impact created by student volunteers

OR

(3) Interview :

(4)

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of **a Successful Entrepreneur**. 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)	
Area of Success	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	
Question based on	
1) Inspiration	
2) Challenges	
3) Failure Lessons:	
4) Work-Life Balance	
5) Essential Skills	
6) Future Vision	
7) Risk Management:	
8) Tips and guidance	

(C) Attempt any ONE of the following :

(4)

(1) Speech :

Prepare a short speech in about 120 words to be delivered before your class on '**Practice Makes a Man Perfect**'. You can use the following points.

- 1) The importance of regular practice.
- 2) Examples from sports, art, and education.
- 3) Overcoming obstacles through practice.
- 4) Add your own points.

OR

(2) Compering :

Imagine that you are a compere of **International Yoga Day**. Prepare a script for the same with the help of following points.

- 1) Warm welcome and introduction to Yoga Day, Lighting lamp. .
- 2) Demonstration of yoga postures by the students.
- 3) Participation certificate distribution.
- 4) Speech by a yoga guru or fitness expert.
- 5) Vote of thanks.

OR

(3) Expansion of an Idea:

Expand the idea "**Time and Tide Wait for None**" with the help of the points given below: (100-150 words)

- 1) Meaning of the phrase.
- 2) Importance of time management.
- 3) Examples of missed opportunities.
- 4) Message - Value of punctuality and discipline.

(D) Attempt any ONE of the following : (4)

(1) Review :

Write a review of any book you read recently . Give details using following supporting points.

- 1) Name of the book.
- 2) short story.
- 3) why do you like this book / Message

OR

(2) Blog Writing :

Write a 'Blog' in a proper format on '**Climate Change and its Impact on Daily Life**', with the help of the following points. (100-150 words).

- 1) What is climate change?
- 2) Effects on weather, agriculture, and health.
- 3) Steps to save the earth.
- 4) Add your own points.

OR

(3) Appeal :

Prepare an 'Appeal' on the topic '**Digital Detox Day**' with the help of the following points.

- 1) Slogan
- 2) Logo / image
- 3) persuasive appeal
- 4) side effects
- 5) Add your own points

SECTION IV : LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL

Q.5 (A). Answer the following questions

(8)

(1) Match the following:

(2)

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2] Greek Romances	b] romances and tragedies,
3] the upper class.	c] the newly educated
4] Middle class	d] NEW

(2) Fill in the blanks by choosing correct alternative.

(2)

- a) ----- is the primary focus of a historical novel
(Futuristic setting / Adventures of a rogue / A period earlier than the writing / Growth of the protagonist.
- b) ----- novel includes elements like terror, mystery, and horror.
(Realistic novel / Psychological novel / Gothic novel / Detective fiction)

(B). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

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(C). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

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- (2) Which of the following is an appropriate reason for Phileas Fogg starting his journey around the world? (Rewrite any one)
 - (a) Fellow members bet Fogg.
 - (b) Fogg wants to earn more money.
 - (c) Fogg wants to marry Aouda.
 - (d) Fogg committed robbery.

(D). Answer the following questions in about 50 words: (4)

- (1) Describe the character of "Mary Morstan" in brief.
- (2) Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel, "The Sign of Four"

