



## SECTION I : PROSE

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

### A1. Match the column 'A' with 'B':

A	B
1] 'Leopard'	c] Big cat
2] 'A fresh scat'	a] bluish-purple flies.
3] 'sanctum sanctorum'	d] the most sacred or protected area of the forest.
4] 'Pitezari,'	b] Raju Iskape

### A2. Why did Raju retreat from collecting logs? ?

(2)

**Ans:** Raju decided to stop collecting logs and retreated because he listened the alarm call of Langur indicating a signs of a Leopard nearby. Alarm calls from other animals confirmed its presence. Concerned about the danger, Raju retreat from collecting logs and leave the area for his safety.

### A.3. How did the narrator determine that the Leopard had moved away?

(2)

**Ans:** The narrator realized the Leopard had moved away when the alarm calls of the animals in the background started fading. This indicated that the Leopard had left the area, allowing the narrator to feel more at ease and continue walking along the trail.

### Q.4. Would you feel comfortable walking alone in a forest like the narrator? Why or why not?

**Ans :** I would feel uncomfortable walking alone in a forest due to the risk of encountering wild animals like Leopards, tiger, bears etc. Unaware about the trails of the forest, weather pattern and absence of safety measures would make it a frightening experience for me.

### A5. Do as directed.

(2)

1] I had apparently entered in the sanctum sanctorum of a miracle called Leopard.

**(Rewrite using "Present perfect tense")**

**Ans:** I **have** apparently entered in the sanctum sanctorum of a miracle called Leopard.

2] The bluish-purple flies were hovering over it.

**(What is the underlined word called? write its kind)**

**Ans:** *bluish-purple* is Compound adjective

Type- Adjective + Adjective (Noun)

**1] Bluish - Adjective**

**2] Purple - Adjective (can also be a noun)**

- Adjective: Describes a quality of a noun (e.g., "a bluish hue," "a purple dress").

- Noun: Refers to the name of a color or object (e.g., "Purple is my favorite color").

A6. Find out any four words from the passage which directly or indirectly mean "**Path**" (**रस्ता**)

**Ans:** Here are 4 similar words to "path" from the passage:

- 1] Trail
- 2] Route
- 3] Tiny track
- 4] Way

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

B1. Do as directed.

(2)

**1)The students gathered to protest against the new educational policy day ---- day.**

**(Rewrite using proper preposition)**

Ans: The students gathered to protest against the new educational policy day upon day. (repeated word day)

**2) The bookshop will offer rare editions of classic novels ---- very high prices.**

**(Rewrite using proper article)**

Ans: The bookshop will offer rare editions of classic novels ----\_very high prices. ( Explanation: No article is needed before "very high prices"

**3) "You have wronged not me now but the government," the officer said to the man.**

**(Rewrite indirect)**

Ans: the officer told the man that he had wronged not him then but the government.

**B2. Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence:**

(1)

**Ans: error-** nearly two decades. is the unclear time, use for instead of since

He has been working at the same company for nearly two decades.

**Q. 2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (12)**

**A1. Rewrite True or False and correct the false sentence.**

**a) Mental health problems are becoming less common nowadays.**

Answer: **False** (They are increasingly common)

**b) Burnout can affect both mental and physical health.**

Answer: **True**

**c) Schools have no role to play in mental health awareness.**

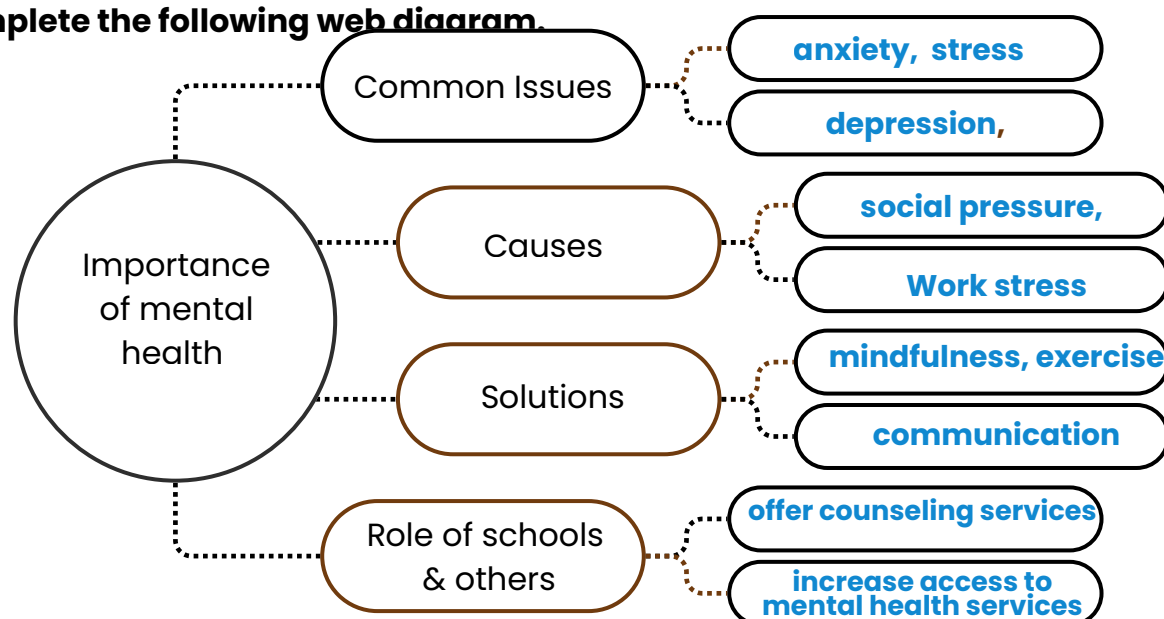
Answer: **False** (They can introduce mental health education and counseling)

**d) Simple practices like mindfulness and exercise can improve mental well-being.**

Answer: **True**

**A2. Complete the following web diaaram.**

(2)



**A3. What role do individuals play in mental health awareness?**

(2)

**Ans:** Communities play a vital role in mental health by organizing support groups, workshops, and awareness programs. They create safe spaces for individuals to share their experiences, provide emotional support, and educate people about mental well-being. Such initiatives encourage a sense of belonging and help reduce the stigma around mental health.

**A4. How do you think mental health awareness can be improved in your community?**

(2)

Ans: Mental health awareness in my community can be improved through workshops, support groups, and educational campaigns. Schools and workplaces can host sessions on mental well-being, while local organizations can offer counseling services. Encouraging open discussions and reducing stigma will help individuals feel supported and seek help when needed.

**A5. Do as directed.**

(2)

1] Mental health is as important as physical health. **(comparative degree)**

**Ans:** Physical health is not more important than mental health.

2) By working together, we can ensure that no one faces mental health struggles alone.  
(Frame a wh- question ).

Ans: How can we ensure that no one faces mental health struggles alone?

A6. Find out the passage which mean.

- 1) A negative perception or disgrace associated with something - stigma
- 2) A mental practice of being fully present and aware of the moment. - mindfulness

### (B) Summary Writing : (3)

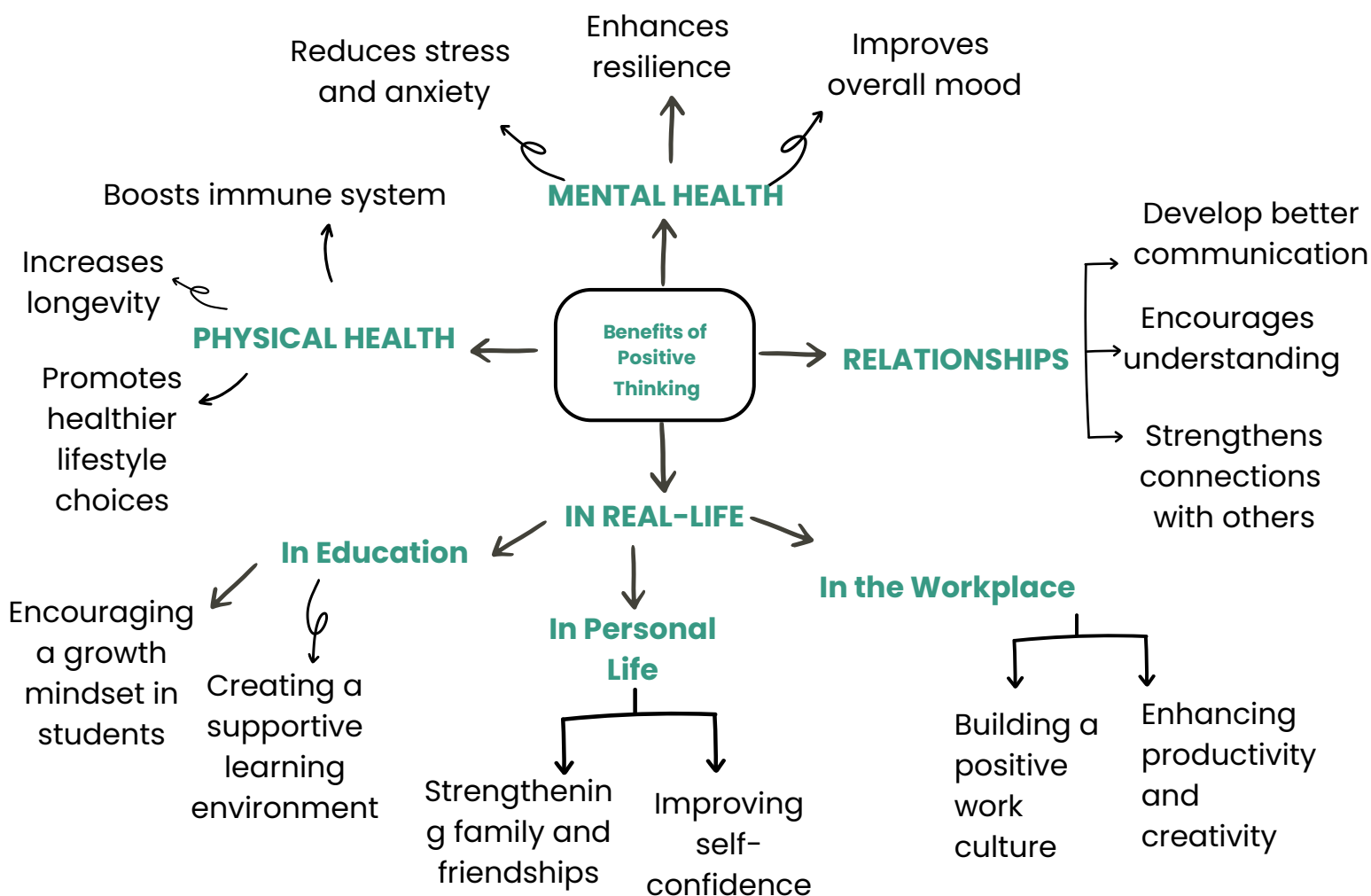
Write a summary of the given passage. Give it a suitable title.

#### Significance Mental Health

Mental health is often overlooked despite being as vital as physical health. Common issues like anxiety and stress arise from societal and workplace pressures. Raising awareness, offering counseling, fostering open communication, and practicing mindfulness can improve mental well-being. Collective efforts by schools, workplaces, communities, and governments ensure better support for all.

### B) Mind Mapping : (3)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to develop on the topic, "The Power of Positive Thinking."



## SECTION II : POETRY [Poetry and Appreciation]

Q. 3 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

(10)

A1. Complete the following about the father from the poem

(2)

In Journey	At Home
1] Travels in the late evening train 2] Stands among commuters 3] Suburbs slide past unnoticed 4] Mud-stained raincoat, soggy clothes	1] Drinks weak tea, Eats stale chapati 2] Reads a book 3] Sullen children refuse to share jokes 4] Listens to radio static before sleeping

**A2. What does the father dream of before sleeping? Explain in 50 words. (2)**

Ans: Before sleeping, the father dreams of his ancestors, his grandchildren, and the nomads entering the subcontinent through a narrow pass. These thoughts reflect his connection to history, family, and the struggles of humanity, showing his deep and reflective nature despite the challenges of his daily life.

**A3. What emotions does the poem evoke about the father's life? (2)**

Ans: The poem evokes feelings of sympathy and admiration for the father, portraying his hard work, sacrifices, and quiet resilience. It highlights his loneliness and the emotional gap with his family while also reflecting his deep, contemplative nature and connection to heritage, leaving a sense of both respect and melancholy.

**A4. Identify and explain the figure of speech in "Eating a stale chapati, reading a book.." (2)**

Ans: Synecdoche because here The part (chapati) refers to a whole (food).

**A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on "The father" (2)**

A father walks through endless rain,  
Bearing burdens, hiding his pain.  
His love shines, though words are few,  
A quiet hero, strong and true.

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

Ans: Poem /poet : The poem Indian weavers is written by Sarojini Naidu. The poem begins by asking questions. It consists of three stanzas with two rhyming couplets each. This poem is a metaphor for the three stages of human life - birth, youth and death. The poet depicts Indian weavers, who weave tirelessly at different times, the new- born baby's garments in the early morning, the queen's marriage veils in the evening and the dead man's shroud at midnight.

The central idea: The central idea of this poem is that human beings pass through different stages of life like joys, responsibilities & sorrow. This poem is a metaphor for the three stages of human life.

The style of the poem: The style used in the poem is simple and lucid, with each stanza beginning with a question to evoke the reader's interest. The rhyme scheme of the poem is aabb, ccdd, eeff. . The poem is in question & answer form. Means it has a conversational tone. .

The message/ why do you like? . The message being conveyed by the poem is that of the motion of life, where each stage, characterised by its unique emotions. I find this poem a good because it is short poem which is full with images. I like the poem for the colour-scheme that the poet has chosen for the garments.

### 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 :**

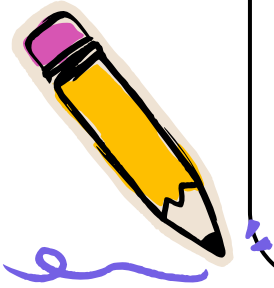
Your father have a call from your sister's School Office to inform him about the Parent-Teacher Meeting scheduled for Monday at 9 AM. Your father was not at home so your received the call. Now Draft a message in about 50 words, to convey the same to your father. Give your own reasons to support your message.

### Virtual Message

January 19th ,2026 .  
11.30 am.

Dear Dad,  
Radha's school office called to inform you, about the Parent-Teacher Meeting scheduled for Monday at 9 AM. It is important to attend as it will give insights into my sister Radha's academic performance and progress. Please plan accordingly to ensure you can discuss any concerns with her teachers.

Mansi



OR

### (2) Statement of Purpose :

You have to take an admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for a course in Artificial Intelligence. Write a statement of purpose explaining your interest and your dream.

#### Statement of Purpose

My interest in Artificial Intelligence stems from its potential to transform industries and improve lives. I aspire to develop intelligent systems that address critical issues like healthcare access and climate change, empowering communities worldwide.

Growing up in a family that values intellectual exploration, my parents instilled in me a passion for knowledge and problem-solving, guiding me toward a career in AI.

MIT was my clear choice for its exceptional research environment and focus on real-world solutions. I look forward to collaborating with esteemed faculty and engaging in innovative projects at CSAIL.

Admission to MIT would provide me with the knowledge and skills to thrive in AI and allow me to contribute to its vibrant academic community, advancing socially responsible AI. I am eager to engage in meaningful research, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and bring my vision of socially responsible AI to fruition.

OR

### (3) Group Discussion :

Imagine that you have recently discussed with your friends on '**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his work for the people**'. Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her opinion on the given topic.

- Evaluator: You've all been given a few minutes to think on your topic for today's group discussion, which is "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his work for the people",
- Dev: Shivaji Maharaj was a visionary leader and warrior who established a just administration, promoted local languages, and introduced Swarajya (self-rule). What do you think, Raju?
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- Raju: His military strategies, including a strong navy and guerrilla warfare, helped him defend his kingdom. His forts remain architectural marvels.
- Mohan: He emphasized justice and equality, appointing officials based on merit rather than birth and treating all communities fairly.

Sachin: Shivaji Maharaj empowered women, ensuring their dignity and encouraging their participation in administration and society.









Evaluator: Please conclude.

Dev: His leadership and values remain an inspiration. We should honor his legacy by following his principles.

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

**(1) E-Mail :**

Draft an E-mail in a proper format to be sent to To a Popular Singer: Invite him to perform at the Annual Cultural Evening organized by the college.

E- Mail	+ New Mail   
<b>Inbox</b>	From : rahul2025@gmail.com To : arijitsingh@gmail.com Date : 11th February2026 , 11.30 am Subject : Invitation to Perform at Our Annual Cultural Evening
<b>Compose</b>	<p>Dear Arijit Singh,</p> <p>I hope you are doing well and feeling great! I'm excited to reach out on behalf of Yavatmal Jr. College, Yavatmal to invite you to perform at our Annual Cultural Evening on 25th February at college auditorium.</p> <p>Sir, you are a top Bollywood singer with multiple Filmfare Award winner. Your amazing talent and music have touched so many lives, and it would be a true honor to have you perform on our stage. This event is all about celebrating art, culture, and creativity, and having you with us would make it an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.</p> <p>Please let us know if you're available and if there's anything you need from us. Thank you for considering our invitation!</p> <p>Best wishes, Rohan patil Cultural Secretary Yavatmal Jr. College, Yavatmal</p>
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## (2) Report Writing : (4)

Your college recently organized “Tree Plantation Campaign”. Write a report in about 100–150 words, adding details of the tree plantation count, participation by faculty and students, and its significance for the environment.

Ans:

**Tree Plantation Campaign Report**

Rahul Patil,  
Class Representative 12th (A)  
26th January 2026

“Tree Plantation Campaign” was held in Yavatmal Jr. College, Yavatmal on 26 January 2025 on the occasion of Republic Day to show our dedication to protecting the environment. The event was a huge success, with more than 200 students and 30 faculty members together planted 250 saplings around the campus and nearby areas. We focused on planting a mix of native trees like neem, peepal, and banyan to help support local biodiversity.

The main goal of the campaign was to spread awareness about how important trees are in climate change, cleaning the air, and keeping our ecosystems balanced. We also highlighted how vital it is for young people to take part in environmental protection. Our teachers taught us the right techniques for planting and how to care for the saplings as they grow.

This event not only helped to make our campus greener but also encouraged us to take care of the environment.

**OR**

## (3) Interview :

**(4)**

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of **an IAS Officer**. 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)	<b>Vikas Meena</b> , Collecto of Yavatmal
Area of Success	Civil Services, Public Administration
Date/Venue/Time	26th January 2026 College auditorium, 10 am
Duration of Interview	45 Min.
Question based on	
1) Inspiration	What inspired you to join the Indian Administrative Services?
2) Challenges	What challenges did you face during your IAS journey?
3) Failure Lessons:	Have you ever failed, and what did you learn from it?
4) Work-Life Balance	How do you balance job with personal life?
5) Essential Skills	What skills are needed to excel in the IAS exam?
6) Future Vision	What improvements do you aim in administration?
7) Service or money:	Why did you choose this profession for Service or money?
8) Tips and guidance	What study techniques would you share to UPSC aspirants?

**(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 '**Anti-Drug Awareness Programme**'. You can use the following points.

- 1) Introduction.
- 2) The dangers of drug.
- 3) Overcoming the problems.
- 4) Add your own points.

Ans: **Speech on Anti-Drug Awareness Programme'**

Good Morning, honorable guests, respected teachers and my dear friends. As a class representative Today, I want to talk about something very important—the dangers of drugs.

Friends, drugs may seem exciting or cool, but they are extremely harmful. They can ruin your health, destroy your future, and hurt your family. Many people get addicted to drugs and find it hard to come out.

But there is hope. We can overcome this problem by staying strong and saying no to drugs. Focus on your goals, hobbies, and positive activities like sports or art. If you ever feel troubled, talk to your parents, teachers, or friends. They can help you stay on the right path.

Remember, your life is precious. Stay away from drugs and inspire others to do the same. Together, we can create a healthier, happier world. Thank you very much friends for listening me. . **Jai Hind!**

**OR**

**(2) Compering :**

Imagine that you are a compere of **Cultural Fest** '. Prepare a script for the same with the help of following points.

- 1) Warm welcome and introduction to Cultural Fest, Lighting lamp. .
- 2) Performances (dance, music, skits, etc.).
- 3) Participation certificate distribution.
- 4) Speech by the chief guest
- 5) Vote of thanks.

Ans: **Script for Compering Cultural Fest**

Warm Welcome and Introduction:

Good morning, honourable chief guest Dr. Anil Patel Sir, respected principal Sir, teachers and my dear friends!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to our annual Cultural Fest. Today, we celebrate the rich diversity of art, music, and culture. To begin this auspicious event, let us invite our respected chief guest and principal sir to light the lamp, symbolizing the removal of darkness and the arrival of knowledge and joy.

(After the lamp lighting)

Thank you! Let the festivities begin!

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Performances:

Our talented students have prepared amazing performances to showcase their creativity. First, we have a short drama on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his vision for the farmers. I would like to call the students of 11th to perform it.

(After performances)

Really incredible ! A huge round of applause for all the performers!



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After that, get ready for classical dance, musical concert and laugh and . Let's give them a big round of applause!

(After performances)

Wasn't that incredible? A huge round of applause for all the performers!

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Participation Certificate Distribution:

Now, it's time to honor the hard work and dedication of our participants. We request our chief guest and principal to distribute the participation certificates.

(After distribution)

Congratulations to all the participants! Your efforts have made this event truly special.

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Speech by the Chief Guest:

Next, we are honored to have our chief guest, Dr. Anil Patel Sir, share a few words of wisdom. Let's welcome him with a big round of applause!

(After the speech)

Thank you, sir, for your inspiring words!

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Vote of Thanks:

Finally, I would like to invite our vice principal sir extend a heartfelt vote of thanks .

Thank you, and have a great day!

**OR**

**(3) Expansion of an Idea:**

**Expand the idea "Hard Work is the Key to Success" with the help of the points given below:  
(100-150 words)**

**1) Meaning of the phrase.**

**2) Importance in achieving goals.**

**3) Give an examples of successful people who worked hard.**

**4) Message**

**Ans:**

### **Hard Work is the Key to Success**

The phrase "Hard work is the key to success" means that success cannot be achieved without consistent effort and dedication. It emphasizes that talent and opportunities are important, but without hard work, they are not enough.

Hard work plays a vital role in achieving goals. It helps us overcome challenges, learn from failures, and stay focused on our dreams. Whether it's studying for exams, building a career, or mastering a skill, hard work ensures progress and growth.

Many successful people have proven this. For example, Thomas Edison tried thousands of times to invent the light bulb, facing failure each time. When asked how he kept going, he said, "I didn't fail; I found thousands of ways that didn't work." His perseverance paid off, and he finally succeeded, lighting up the world and proving that hard work conquers all.

The message is clear: success doesn't come easy. It requires patience, discipline, and a never-give-up attitude. So, let's work hard, stay determined, and turn our dreams into reality. Remember, hard work never goes to waste!

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

(1) Review :

Write a review of any film that you have watched recently . Give details using following supporting points.

1) Name of the film.

2) short story.

3) why do you like this film / Message

**Ans: Ans: Science Film: 'Mission Mangal'**

The film Mission Mangal, directed and written by Jagan Shakti, is a blend of history, science fiction, drama, and thriller. Produced by R. Balki with music by Amit Trivedi, it released on August 15, 2019. Starring Akshay Kumar as Rakesh, the determined ISRO scientist, and Vidya Balan as Tara, the Mangalyaan project director, the film tells the inspiring true story of India's Mars mission. With a review rating of 3.0/5.

The film's dialogues are melodramatic, catchy, and patriotic, such as:

- "A dream is not what you see in sleep... a dream is something which does not let you sleep."
- "There's no science without experiments."
- "Mere scientist ban'ne ka koi matlab nahi hai... agar mera science mere desh ke kaam na aaye."
- "Poori duniya se kaho copy that."

The story follows Rakesh, who leads a team of scientists, including five women, to achieve the impossible—sending a satellite to Mars. Using creative solutions like frying puris to explain rocket science, the team overcomes challenges, including a solar radiation wave that damages the satellite. Their determination and teamwork make the mission a success.

The film delivers a powerful message: never lose hope, as anything is possible. It's highly inspiring, especially for students. They must-watch this science and patriotic film.

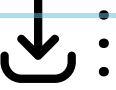
**OR****(2) Blog Writing :**

Write a 'Blog' in a proper format on '**Digital Learning: The New Era of Education**', with the help of the following points. (100-150 words).

- 1) Growth of online learning platforms.
- 2) Benefits of digital education
- 3) Tips for effective online learning.
- 4) Add your own points.

Ans: on the next page



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### (3) Appeal :

Prepare an 'Appeal' on the topic '**Anti-Tobacco Campaign**' with the help of the following

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

## Say No to Tobacco, Say Yes to Life!

Your Health is Your Wealth  
Don't Let Tobacco Steal It!"



Tobacco is not just a habit; it's a slow poison.

Every puff you take brings you closer to Death.

Quitting tobacco and Cigar is a responsibility towards  
yourself and your loved ones.

Let's pledge to live tobacco-free life today!



#### Side Effects:

Increases the risk of cancer, heart and lung disorders.

- Harms not just you but also those around you
- Affects mental health, causing stress and anxiety.

#### What to do:

1. Seek help from support groups or counseling.
2. Spread awareness about the dangers of tobacco.
3. Choose healthier alternatives like exercise or hobbies.



Come Together, Join Us!  
we can create a tobacco-free world.

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**Q.5 (A). Answer the following questions**

(8)

**(1) Match the following:**

(2)

A	B
1] 'Don Quixote'	b] The First European novel.
2] Chaucer	a] The Canterbury Tales
3] Kazuo Ishiguro.	d] Immigrant author
4] Virginia Woolf	c] Stream of Consciousness

**(2) Write true or false.**

(2)

(a) The first novel in English written by an Indian - 'Rajmohan's Wife' - **True**

(b) Theme is created by the conflict either internal or external - **False**

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

(4)

(1) Describe the question-answer session that took place at the end of the extract.

**Ans:** After the students finished their report presentations, the a question-and-answer session began. The teachers had to answer the students' questions. Miss Euphemia Phillips answered in a calm and honest way, which was different from how the other teachers responded. P.T. was a big topic of that session. Fernman asked some really good questions, while Denham said that P.T. and games were just a waste of time. Miss Phillips explained that the schedule, which included P.T., was made to help students after leaving the school, and by the end, Denham seemed agreed.

**(2) Give a brief character sketch of "the Writer"**

**Ans:** The narrator, E.R. Braithwaite, is the author and protagonist of the novel, which is based on his real-life experiences. He is a British black man, who faces racial discrimination as a teacher at Greenslade School in London after serving as an engineer and in the Royal Air Force during World War II. Despite the school's notorious, unruly students, he transforms them through dedication and innovative teaching methods, proving himself as a great and inspirational teacher. His perseverance and commitment make him a role model for educators.

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

**(1) Mr. Fogg was a member of the ..... (Select the correct one)**

1] **Reform Club** 2] Retro Club 3] Parliament 4] Theater Club

**(2) Is Phileas Fogg the bank robber? Explain by giving some lines and relevant examples from the extract.**

**Ans:** No, Phileas Fogg is not the bank robber. The actual robber of the Bank of England is finally arrested on 17th December in Edinburgh and Mr. Fogg is finally released, who has been wrongfully imprisoned,.

**The line -** "Sir-forgive me-most- unfortunate resemblance-robber arrested three days ago - you are free!" shows that Phileas Fogg is not the bank robber.

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

**(1) "The letter speaks of giving justice to Mary Morstan". What justice can she have?"**

**Ans:** It is said by Dr. Watson when Holmes shares his information with Watson. He is curious to know what justice the letter sent by the anonymous person could be referring. Holmes explains the justice is that Miss Morstan has been receiving the pearls as compensation for the deprivation of her father,

**(2) Describe in brief the importance of Lyceum Theatre.**

**Ans:** The Lyceum Theatre is important in the extract because the anonymous sender of the pearls requests Miss Mary Morstan to meet with him at the third pillar from the left of the Lyceum Theatre. This is the place that promises to unfold the mystery of the anonymous sender and reveal the story of how Mary is a "wronged woman". It is a fashionable club in London where wealthy people frequently visit.





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I stayed put. Gauged the leader Langur's target sight and scanned the area visually. Took some steps. Stopped again. A fresh scat was lying before me on the trail. The bluish-purple flies were hovering over it. I was sure that the Leopard was somewhere near. The distant alarm call of four-horned antelope was adding to the chaos. I barely walked around 15 metres and stopped. I had apparently entered in the sanctum sanctorum of a miracle called Leopard. But the big cat was not visible. It is an elusive animal. The surroundings were reminding me that I was all alone time and again. As I moved forward on the trail to Pitezari, the fading alarm calls were still heard in the background. I could tell instinctively that the Leopard had moved away.

Meanwhile, I saw a man standing at a distance with a stick in his hand. As I approached, he appeared spooked due to alarm calls of the Leopard. We greeted each other. He was Raju Iskape from Pitezari. He had come to collect logs but retreated due to the Leopard's movement. Raju was amazed at my regular solitary visits to Umbarzara, the haven for Tigers, Leopards and Sloth Bears. We stopped under a Kusum tree to take a break. We both felt a bit relaxed. Now we were four eyes, four hands with a stick. Then we both resumed our walking tour

There was one tiny track that broke out of the main trail. "I will take this route, you go straight," said Raju and turned right. I kept walking straight until I climbed a familiar hillock. I crossed the cement pillar and stones stacked by Forest Development Corporation to mark the boundary of the forest compartment.

#### A1. Match the column 'A' with 'B':

A	B
1] 'Leopard'	a] bluish-purple flies
2] 'A fresh scat'	b] Raju Iskape
3] 'sanctum sanctorum'	c] Big cat
4] 'Pitezari,'	d] the most sacred or protected area of the forest

A2. Why did Raju retreat from collecting logs? ? (2)

A.3. How did the narrator determine that the Leopard had moved away? (2)

Q.4. Would you feel comfortable walking alone in a forest like the narrator? Why or why not? 2

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

1] I had apparently entered in the sanctum sanctorum of a miracle called Leopard.

(Rewrite using "Present perfect tense")

2] The bluish-purple flies were hovering over it.

(What is the underlined word called? write its kind)

A6. Find out any four words from the passage which directly or indirectly mean "Path"

#### (B) Language Study (Nontextual grammar) : (4)

#### B1. Do as directed. (2)

1)The students gathered *to protest* against the new educational day ---- day.

(Rewrite using proper preposition)

2)The bookshop will offer rare editions of classic novels ---- very high prices.

(Rewrite using proper article)

3) "You have wronged not me now but the government," the officer said to the man.

(Rewrite indirect)



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

He has been working at the same company since nearly two decades.

**Q. 2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (12)**

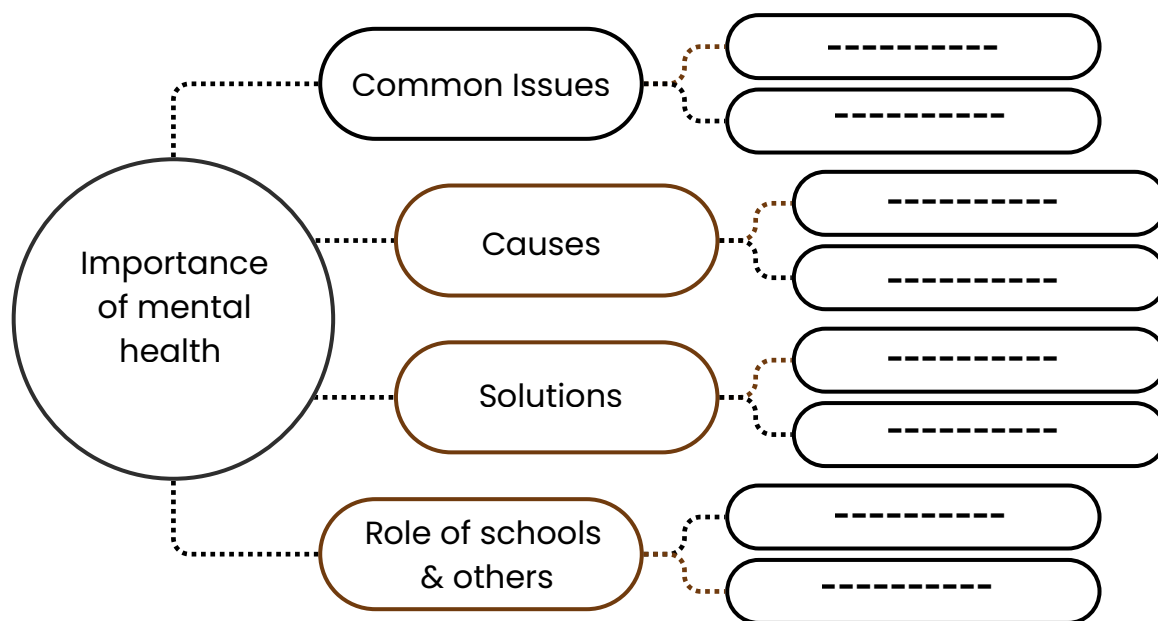
Mental health is as important as physical health, yet it is often neglected. Issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress are increasingly common, fueled by factors like social pressures, work-related challenges, and personal struggles. For example, a young professional under constant pressure to meet deadlines might experience burnout, leading to both mental and physical exhaustion.

Raising awareness about mental health is crucial to reducing stigma, which often prevents individuals from seeking help. Schools can play a vital role by introducing mental health education and offering counseling services. Workplaces can promote mental well-being by fostering open communication, reducing excessive workloads, and encouraging work-life balance. Communities can organize support groups and workshops to address these issues collectively.

Simple practices like mindfulness, exercise, and sharing feelings can greatly improve mental well-being. Governments and organizations are also increasing access to mental health services. By working together, we can ensure that no one faces mental health struggles alone.

**A1. Rewrite True or False and correct the false sentence.**

- Mental health problems are becoming less common nowadays.
- Burnout can affect both mental and physical health.
- Schools have no role to play in mental health awareness.
- Simple practices like mindfulness and exercise can improve mental well-being.

**A2. Complete the following web diagram.****(2)**

A3. What role do individuals play in mental health awareness?

**(2)**

A4. How do you think mental health awareness can be improved in your community?

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

1] Mental health is as important as physical health. (comparative degree)

2] By working together, we can ensure that no one faces mental health struggles alone. (Frame a wh- question).

A6. Find out the passage which mean.

1) A negative perception or disgrace associated with something -

2) A mental practice of being fully present and aware of the moment. -

**(Q2. B) Summary Writing :****(3)**

Write a summary of the given passage. Give it a suitable title.

**Q2. C) Mind Mapping:****(3)**

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to develop on the topic, "The Power of Positive Thinking."

**SECTION II : POETRY**

[Poetry and Appreciation]

**Q. 3 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:****(10)**

My father travels on the late evening train  
Standing among silent commuters in the yellow light  
Suburbs slide past his unseeing eyes  
His shirt and pants are soggy and his black raincoat  
Stained with mud and his bag stuffed with books  
Is falling apart. His eyes dimmed by age  
Fade homeward through the humid monsoon night.  
Now I can see him getting off the train  
Like a word dropped from a long sentence.  
He hurries across the length of the grey platform,  
Crosses the railway line, enters the lane,  
His chappals are sticky with mud, but he hurries onward.

Home again, I see him drinking weak tea,  
Eating a stale chapati, reading a book.  
He goes into the toilet to contemplate  
Man's estrangement from a man-made world.  
Coming out he trembles at the sink,  
The cold water running over his brown hands,  
A few droplets cling to the greying hair on his wrists.  
His sullen children have often refused to share  
Jokes and secrets with him.  
He will now go to sleep  
Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming  
Of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking  
Of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow  
pass.

**A1. Complete the following about the father from the poem****(2)**

In Journey	At Home
1 ] -----	a] -----
2 ] -----	b] -----
3 ] -----	c] -----
4 ] -----	d] -----

A2. What does the father dream of before sleeping? Explain in 50 words.

**(2)**

A3. What emotions does the poem evoke about the father's life?

**(2)**

A4. Identify and explain the figure of speech in "Eating a stale chapati, reading a book.."

**(2)**

A5. Compose four poetic lines of your own on "**The father**"

**(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.
- 4) Special feature
- 5) Message
- 6) Your opinion about the poems

Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
Why do you weave a garment so gay?.....  
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,  
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,  
Why do you weave a garment so bright?.....  
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,  
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,  
What do you weave in the moonlight chill.....  
White as a feather and white as a cloud,  
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud

### 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 :

Your father have a call from your sister's School Office to inform him about the Parent-Teacher Meeting scheduled for Monday at 9 AM. Your father was not at home so your received the call. Now Draft a message in about 50 words, to convey the same to your father. Give your own reasons to support your message.

OR

##### (2) Statement of Purpose :

You have to take an admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for a course in Artificial Intelligence. Write a statement of purpose explaining your interest and your dream.

OR

##### (3) Group Discussion :

Imagine that you have recently discussed with your friends on '**Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his work for the people**',. 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 To a Popular Singer: Invite him to perform at the Annual Cultural Evening organized by the college.

OR

##### (2) Report Writing : (4)

Your college recently organized "Tree Plantation Campaign". Write a report in about 100-150 words, adding details of the tree plantation count, participation by faculty and students, and its significance for the environment.

OR

**(3) Interview :**

**(4)**

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of **an IAS Officer**. 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) Service or money:	
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 '**Anti-Drug Awareness Programme**'. You can use the following points.

- 1) Introduction.
- 2) The dangers of drug.
- 3) Overcoming the problems.
- 4) Add your own points.

OR

**(2) Compering :**

Imagine that you are a compere of **Cultural Fest** '. Prepare a script for the same with the help of following points.

- 1) Warm welcome and introduction to Cultural Fest, Lighting lamp. .
- 2) Performances (dance, music, skits, etc.).
- 3) Participation certificate distribution.
- 4) Speech by the chief guest
- 5) Vote of thanks.

OR

**(3) Expansion of an Idea:**

Expand the idea "**Hard Work is the Key to Success**" with the help of the points given below:  
(100-150 words)

- 1) Meaning of the phrase.
- 2) Importance in achieving goals.
- 3) Give an examples of successful people who worked hard.
- 4) Message

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

**(1) Review :**

Write a review of any film that you have watched recently . Give details using following supporting points.

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

OR

**(2) Blog Writing :**

Write a 'Blog' in a proper format on '**Digital Learning: The New Era of Education**', with the help of the following points. (100-150 words).

- 1) Growth of online learning platforms.
- 2) Benefits of digital education
- 3) Tips for effective online learning.
- 4) Add your own points.

OR

**(3) Appeal :**

Prepare an 'Appeal' on the topic '**Anti-Tobacco Campaign**' 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)**  
**(2)**

**(1) Match the following:**

A	B
1 ] 'Don Quixote'	a] The Canterbury Tales
2] Chaucer	b] The First European novel.
3] Kazuo Ishigura.	c] Stream of Consciousness
4] Virginia Woolf	d] Immigrant author

**(2) Write true or false.**

**(2)**

- (a) The first novel in English written by an Indian - 'Rajmohan's Wife'
- (b) Theme is created by the conflict either internal or external

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

**(4)**

- (1) Describe the question-answer session that took place at the end of the extract.
- (2) Give a brief character sketch of "the Writer"

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

- (1) Mr. Fogg was a member of the ..... (Select the correct one)
  - 1] Reform Club
  - 2] Retro Club
  - 3] Parliament
  - 4] Theater Club
- (2) Is Phileas Fogg the bank robber? Explain by giving some lines and relevant examples from the extract.

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

- (1) "The letter speaks of giving justice to Mary Morstan". What justice can she have?
- (2) Describe in brief the importance of Lyceum Theatre.

