

ENGLISH

PART - A

Activity -1

Score - 10

- (a) Some information regarding the famous writer and environmentalist Arundhati Roy is given below. Prepare a profile of Arundhati Roy based on the given facts.

Name	:	Arundhati Roy
Birth	:	24th November, 1961 Shillong, Meghalaya, India
Father	:	Ranjit Roy, Bengali Hindu, Teaplanter
Mother	:	Mary Roy, Malayali Syrian Christian
Husband	:	First Husband - architect Gerald da Cunha Second Husband - Pradeep Krishnan, Film maker
Education	:	School education Lawrence School, Kottayam Lovedale Nilgiri, Tamilnadu Higher Education - School of Architecture, Delhi
Occupation	:	Novelist, Essayist, Activist
Notable work	:	'The God of small things'
Notable award	:	'Man Booker Prize', 1997 Sydney, Peace prize, 2004
Contributions:		Anti nuclear movement Narmada Baches and other Social Issues

- (b) Given below are some hints about a book. Prepare a write up on the book.

Name of book	:	The Story of my experiments with truth
Author	:	Mohandas Karam Chand Gandhi
Original Language	:	Gujarathi
Translated to English	:	Mahadeva Desai
No of pages	:	464
Category	:	Autobiography
Published in	:	1927
Publisher	:	Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad
Price	:	Rs. 30/-

Activity -II

Score: 10

(a)



Have you noticed the above head lines? Waste management is a crucial problem. In this context, prepare a letter to the minister of health, to take necessary steps regarding this.

(b) Here is a call letter received by Rahul : Read it.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kerala State Basket Ball Association</u> <u>Kochi</u></p> <p>Sub : Selection to national basket ball tournament regarding : Ref: Letter no:112/12-state level basketball Tournament held on 05-11-2012</p> <p>Dear Rahul,</p> <p>It is with great pleasure to inform that you have been selected as one of the team members of the national basketball Tournament-2012, which would be conducted from 17th Dec 2012 to 21st Dec 2012 in New Delhi. You are requested to report the coaching camp at Kochi on Dec.1 without fail.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Four faithfully, Convenor Kerala state Basketball Association</p> <p>Kochi, 18-11-2012</p>

b) Rahul's Father is working abroad. He wants his father's permission to participate the tournament. Write, Rahul's letter to his father.

Activity-3

a)

Read the following information on state school games:

Venue

Kannur police parade ground, Indoor stadium, Govt.V.H.S.Kannur

About 1300 children from 14 districts

from 15th November to 17th November 2012

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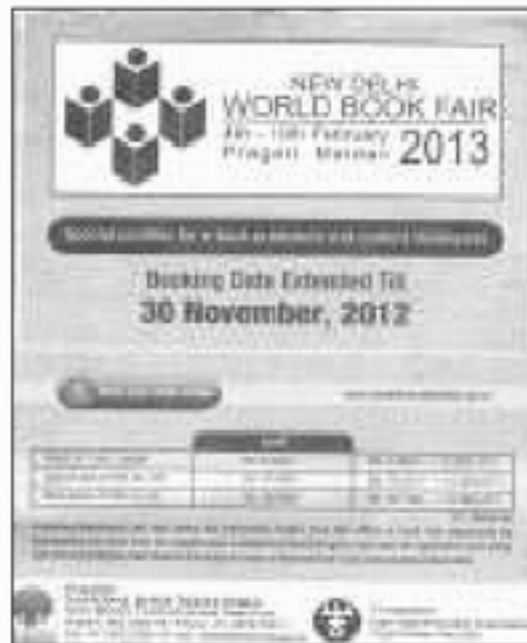
Football, batminton ,handball and khabady

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Secretary Organising Committee

Prepare a news paper report based on the information.

b) Read the given notice about "World Book Fair - 2013"

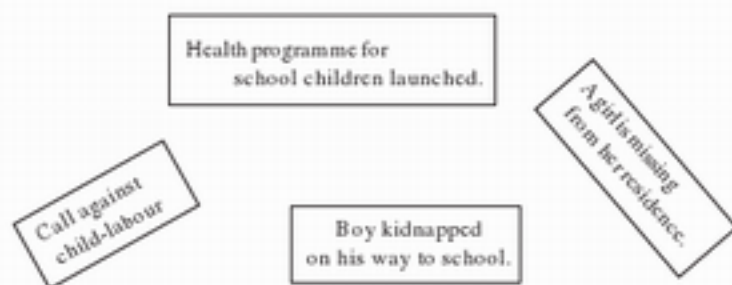


Prepare a newspaper report based on the above information.

Activity - 4

Score :10

(a)



Have you read the newspaper highlights? Many programmes are implemented for the welfare of children. Yet, a lot of problems are facing by them. Prepare a speech based on this to deliver on Children's day celebration.

- b) Now a days mobile phones are inevitable. Even children are using it widely. This instrument changed the world a lot. But misusing of mobile phones take place simultaneously. In this context, prepare a short speech about the advantages and disadvantages of this new technology.

Activity-5

Score :10

- a) When the Headmaster announced about the picnic in the school assembly Veena became sad. She couldn't even think of a picnic with her friends, because of her family situation. Realising this the class teacher took effort for Veena's participation. Her friends also joined with the teacher. When Veena heard it, she couldn't believe her. It is her first picnic. Her happiness has no boundary. She scribbled her happiness in her diary.

Prepare Veena's diary

- b) Ansha loves her Kitty Minnu deeply. She can't even think of a day without Minnu. Ansha's mother often scolds her for spending too much time with Kitty. But Ansha didn't give ear to her mother.

'Heavy rain!' The bell rang..... How can I go home?

She thought about her Kitty.

When she reached home, her Kitty is not at the gate. Ansha became anxious and worried. Ansha, "Why are you crying"?

'Are you crying for your Kitty'?

'A cycle hit it and died'

Why mother is talking like this?

How much I loved my Sweet Kitty!

What would be Ansha's thought.

Part -B

Activity-1

Score-6

Read the Editorial page and answer the questions given below.

'FAITH AND TOIL'

Many of you would by now have joined new classes, new schools or new colleges to continue with your education. While your families, your teachers, and the institutions themselves would no doubt be doing their best to make sure you have the best possible environment, you've got to do your part, too. So put your best effort into everything you do and great things will follow. Don't let your family, school or country down. Most of all don't let yourself down.

Hardwork and dedication in all things pays off. Remember, success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration. As someone aptly remarked, "The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work." A well-known school in our country has the motto 'Faith and Toil'. Faith in God and faith in oneself is an essential ingredient for any endeavour to be successful. And to this, one must of course add hardwork. A combination of these two wonderful qualities will ensure ascendancy in all that you do.

Chief Editor


1. What do your family, teachers and institutions do for your education.
 - (a) Buy new clothes and books.
 - (b) Provide vehicle facility
 - (c) Ensure best possible environment
 - (d) Take efforts
2. Give another word for 'Toil'
 - (a) Understand
 - (b) Hardwork
 - (c) Faith
 - (d) Success
3. Name two essential ingredients of real success
 - (a) Hardworking and puntuality
 - (b) Regular study and punctuality
 - (c) Faith and toil
 - (d) Faith in God and faith in oneself
4. What will be the result, if you put your best effort into everything you do?
 - (a) Spoil your time
 - (b) Understand everything
 - (c) Great things will follow
 - (d) Your qualities enriched
5. "One" is for one self, "They" is themselves, What is for "I"?
 - (a) Metself
 - (b) I self
 - (c) My self
 - (d) Mine self

6. "The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work" what does the chief editor mean by this ?
- (a) Working hard is better for success
 - (b) Success is the result of work
 - (c) Success comes before work
 - (d) Success and work should go hand in hand


Activity - 2

Score-6

Rahul wants a new mobile phone. He got the following guide line. Read the guide lines carefully and answer the questions given below.



ATTENTION MOBILE CUSTOMERS!



Customers Applying for New Mobile Connection are mandatorily required to comply with the following Government of India Licensing Guidelines from November 9, 2012.

Please ensure that you get a sealed SIM card from the POS.

New Customers

Step 1:
You will need to fill up and sign a Customer Acquisition Form (CAF) along with the date.

Step 2:
Paste your passport size colour photograph on CAF with cross signature on the photograph.

Step 3:
Please carry your original Proof of Identity & Proof of Address* with you. A copy of the same will need to be self-attested across the document by you and certified by Retailer/POS as original seen & verified.

Step 4:
Take counterfoil receipt from POS, having details duly filled in and signed with stamp of POS.

Important: A customer cannot hold more than 9 connections from all the service providers in a single name in a service area. Customer has to declare in the CAF number of mobile connections held in his/ her name with other operators (operator wise).

Post fulfillment of all the documentary requirements, it is the customer's responsibility to call the operators to complete the process of tele-verification. Only after positive tele-verification, the mobile number will be activated.

- (1) What should the customers take care of when getting a new mobile connection.
- (a) Should comply the licensing guidelines
 - (b) Should bring the address proof
 - (c) Should produce the photograph
 - (d) Should receive the sealed sim card

- (2) Find out a word which means "a piece of written printed or electronic material that provides information or evidence!"
(a) Customer (b) Proof (c) Identity (d) Document
- (3) There are four steps being referred to in the passage. What are they about?
(a) To read and understand before taking a mobile connection
(b) To tell others before taking a mobile connection
(c) To follow before taking a mobile connection
(d) To fill up before taking a mobile connection
- (4) What does "CAF" means ?
(a) Catching attractive function
(b) Customers authentic form
(c) Customers acquisition form
(d) Catching acquisition form
- (5) "Only after positive tele verification the mobile number will be activated"
find out a sentence which convey this message.
(a) Through tele verification the mobile number activates
(b) Televerification is needed after activating the mobile number
(c) To activate the mobile number televerification is needed
(d) Nothing given above
- (6) What is the responsibility of a customer to complete the process of tele verification?
(a) To receive the SIM card
(b) To call the operators.
(c) To fill the forms
(d) To verify the priority

Activity - 3

Score - 6

Read the paragraph about communication and answer the following questions.

The advancement in the field of communication has brought about an information revolution in the world. Different modes of communication are used to provide information to educate as well as to entertain. Through newspaper, radio and television we can communicate with a large number of people. They are therefore called **mass media**. The satellites have made communication even faster.

Satellites have helped in oil exploration, survey of forest, underground water, mineral wealth, weather forecast and disaster warning. Now we can send electronic mails or e-mails through Internet. Wireless telephonic communications through cellular phones have become very popular today. Internet not only provides us with worldwide information and interaction but has also made our lives more comfortable. Now we can reserve tickets for railways airways and even cinemas and hotels sitting at home.

- 1) What is mass media
 - (a) Communicating with large number of people
 - (b) Large number of people messaging
 - (c) Using internet.
 - (d) Using mobile phone
- 2) Find out the word which means "Share or exchange information or idea"
 - (a) Message
 - (b) Information
 - (c) Communicate
 - (d) Media
- 3) Find out the sentence which convey the message "Sattelite have made communication even faster. Sattelite help us for disaster warning."
 - (a) Sattelite helps communication and disaster warning
 - (b) Sattelite developed communication and disaster warning
 - (c) Sattelite made faster the communication and helps disaster warning
 - (d) Beware of disaster warning
- 4) Which is the most suitable title for the passage
 - (a) message
 - (b) media
 - (c) communication
 - (d) internet
- 5) Find out a difference between mass media and internet
 - a) Mass media for all and internet for selected people
 - b) Mass media can be read again and again but internet can't
 - c) Both communicate with large number of people, but internet makes our life more comfortable
 - d) Nothing given above
- 6) Find the abbreviation for 'International computer network'
 - a) media
 - b) newspaper
 - c) television
 - d) internet

Activity - 4**Score - 6**

(A) Given below are the terms and conditions of an exclusive interactive quiz. Read it and answer the questions.

- The competition bearing the slogan
‘Read win a lakh’ is a Mega Quiz exclusively based on the contents of daily news on Indian news paper. The contest will take place from August 2012 - March 2012
 - The competition is absolutely free. There is no registration or participation fee.
 - All the contest are based of all newspapers on first fridays. There will be a special coupon, Readers should cutout and safely keep these coupon. To be eligible to participate in the final contest, these monthly coupons should be sent along with the answers to the questions of the Mega Quiz being published in March 2013.
 - Completed answer sheet of the contest -
‘Read, Win a lakh’ Mega Quiz being published in March 2013, along with the coupons should reach ‘Win a lakh’ Indian Newspaper, Trivandrum office by April 15-2013.
 - The selection committee appointed will enjoy total discretion and their decisions will be treated as final and binding on all matters. Pertaining to the quiz. No disputes will be entertained there after.
 - Legal disputes if any, would be exclusively subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Kerala.
- 1) What is the name of the competition ?
(a) Win the quiz (b) Mega quiz
(c) Quiz competition (d) Read win a lakh
- 2) What is the duration of the competition ?
(a) Six months (b) 8 months
(c) 9 months (d) 1 year
- 3) Find out a word which means ‘‘Pertaining’’
(a) connected (b) bearing (c) issuing (d) discretion
- 4) ‘‘Simply fill in the correct answers on the prescribed sheet, sent to us for assessment’’
What does it mean?
(a) Coupons are sent us for final competition
(b) Assessment based on these coupons are final
(c) For assessment sent the coupons to Kerala.
(d) You should send the filled in coupons to us for assessment.

- 5) Whose decision will be treated in final and binding in all matters pertaining to the quiz.
 - (a) Employees of the news paper
 - (b) Chief editor of the news paper
 - (c) The selection committee
 - (d) The legal experts
- 6) Which instruction tells you, you can proceed with legal procedures if you have complaint.
 - (a) The selection committee appointed will take the decision
 - (b) No disputes will be entertained thereafter
 - (c) If any disputes it will be subject to the decision of courts.
 - (d) Nothing given above.

Activity - 5

REWARDING FARM LESSON

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Thiruvananthapuram - The students watched eagerly as R. Raveendran, a farmer, set about pulling out a giant African yam from his garden at Ulloor in Thiruvananthapuram. Beside him, Agriculture Minister K.P. Mohanan also did not spare any effort in helping pull out the tuber. Encouraging the duo were the children who whistled and clapped and with a final hurrah, gathered around Mr. Raveendran and Mr. Mohanan for a lesson or two on farming. As part of outside classroom learning, the children got a fair idea of harvesting yam under the guidance of Mr. Raveendran who had made it to the Limca Book of Records in 2011 for harvesting a massive African yam weighing 275 kg. The venue proved to be the perfect occasion for heralding the 'Bala Krishi Sastra Congress' (Children's Agriculture Science Congress) to be held in the city on January 24 and 25.

Read the news and the questions given below

1. What is the news about?
 - a) Inauguration of food festival
 - b) Congratulating Mr. Raveendran
 - c) An occasion for heralding children's Agriculture Science Congress
 - d) Farming African yam
2. The minister who attended the function
 - a) Education minister
 - b) Agriculture minister
 - c) Health minister
 - d) Home minister

3. Find out a phrasal verb which means 'withdraw'
 - a) put down
 - b) set about
 - c) pull out
 - d) effort in

4. Find out a word which means "a sign of something is about to happen or arrive."
 - a) eagerly
 - b) encourage
 - c) gather
 - d) herald

5. Mr. Raveendran's name in the 'Limca book' of record is for
 - a) best farmer of 2011
 - b) Giving more help for children
 - c) Expert in harvesting yam
 - d) for harvesting a massive African yam.

6. Children expressed their happiness
 - a) By smiling each other
 - b) By gathering around
 - c) By pitching and pulling each other
 - d) By whistling and clapping

PART B - ANSWER KEY

Activity I

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. C
6. C

Activity II

1. D
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. B

Activity III

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. C
6. D

Activity IV

1. D
2. B
3. A
4. D
5. C
6. C

Activity V

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. D