Section I: Language Study

g. 1 (A)

A1. Do as directed:

(1) Pick out the infinitive from the following sentence:

Every child is free to grow.

Ans. to grow

(2) Write the collocations for the following:

ticket drizzle.

Ans. ticket office;

light drizzle

(3) Punctuate the following sentence:

dr kalam sat contemplating deeply

Ans. Dr. Kalam sat contemplating deeply.

(4) Write any two present participles in which the last letter is doubled.

Ans. running, swimming

(5) Find out any two hidden words of minimum four letters from the given word:

reverberated

Ans. brave, tread

A2. Do as directed:

(1) Identify the verb in the given sentence and state whether it is finite or non-finite:

He gave the reward to none.

Ans. gave - finite verb

(2) Make two meaningful sentences to bring out the difference between the given two homophones:

ware, wear

Ans. (i) The silver ware bowls I saw were beautiful.

(ii) I like to wear comfortable clothes.

(3) Rewrite the sentence using 'as soon as':

No sooner is the bill passed than it will become an act.

Ans. As soon as the bill is passed, it will become an act.

Note: In this Activity Sheet, few questions have options. However, here, the answers to all optional questions are given for the guidance of students. Some activities are open-ended. Students should write their own answers to such questions.

g. 1 (B) Do as directed:

(1) Use the given two words into one meaningful sentence:

Rest; routine

Ans. An hour's rest in the afternoon was a part of the old lady's routine.

(2) Change the following sentence into a compound sentence:

I awoke late next morning to find that Anil had already made the tea.

Ans. I awoke late next morning and found that Anil had already made the tea.

Section II: Textual Passages

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary and Grammar)

2. 2 (A) Read the following passage and do the given activities:

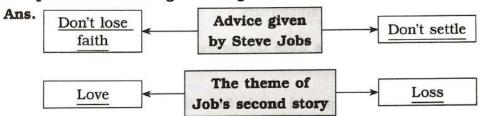
Read the passage in the Activity Sheet.

A1. Name the following with reference to the passage:

Ans.

Activity	Name
(i) The company started by the narrator and Woz.	Apple
(ii) The second company started by the narrator.	Next
(iii) An amazing woman the narrator fell in love with	Laurene
(iv) World's most successful animation studio.	Pixar

A2. Complete the following web diagram:



A3. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct phrases in their proper form from the brackets:

(to get fired, devastating, begin to dawn on)

Ans.

- (i) On committing persistent mistakes the employee got fired from his post.
- (ii) When the teacher explained the solution of the problems in Maths, it $\underline{\text{began}}$ to dawn on the students that the problems were easy.

A4. Do as directed:

(i) Identify the tense of the underlined verb:

If you haven't found it yet, keep looking.

Ans. haven't found - present perfect tense.

(ii) I found what I loved to do early in life. (Identify the main and subordinate clause.)

Ans. I found - main clause

what I loved to do early in life - subordinate clause

English (HL) - March 2024 (Solution)

A5. 'Failure is the key to success.' Explain in your own words.

Ans. 'Failure is the key to success'. When we make mistakes and fail, we leave future path. Failure helps us to gain be a leave future path. something, and can plan our future path. Failure helps us to gain knowledge It teaches us to be humble and develops our character. It also teaches us to

Q. 2 (B) Read the following passage and complete the activities:

Read the passage in the Activity Sheet.

B1. State whether the given statements are True or False:

Ans.

(i) The age of the girl was six.

(ii) The boy on the bed was fast asleep.

(iii) Pandit Ravi Shankar was a tabla maestro.

- False
- (iv) She had seen how the doctors had shaken their heads gravely.
- True

B2. Complete the following statements giving reasons:

Ans.

- (i) Anant was better than his sister in playing the sitar because he was already able to compose his own tunes.
- (ii) The girl was excited because Pandit Ravi Shankar was playing the next day at Shanmukhananda auditorium.

B3. (i) Find any two adverbs from the passage ending with 'ly'.

Ans. excitedly, actually

(ii) Find any two compound words from the passage.

Ans. newspaper, table-tennis

B4. Do as directed:

(i) "I've always wanted to hear him and see him," he said.

(Change into indirect speech.)

Ans. He said that he had always wanted to hear him and see him.

(ii) His mother sprang to his side. (Add a question tag.)

Ans. His mother sprang to his side, didn't she?

B5. Describe your experience of any musical concert that you have attended.

Ans. I once attended Shankar Mahadevan's concert. When I heard the first few notes being sung, I was thrilled. Never before had I heard such music of singing. I felt as if I were transported to a wonderland where only music reigned. Every beat, every note filled me with delight. I began wondering i I were in heaven!

Section III : Poetry

Q. 3 (A) Read the following extract and do the given activities:

Read the poem in the Activity Sheet.

A1. Identify the stages in man's life from the given description and complete the table:

Ans.

Actions	Stage	
(i) Full of strange oaths	soldier	
(ii) Creeping like a snail	school boy	
(iii) Sighing like furnace	lover	
(iv) Having fair round belly	justice	

A2. Write down the similarities between the first and the 7th (last) stage of man's life:

Ans. In the first stage, man is an infant, crying weakly and unaware of what is happening around him. He is without teeth, without vision and without taste. In the last stage, man becomes senile and enters his second childhood. He is unaware of what is happening around him. He is once again without teeth, without vision and without taste.

A3. Choose the correct alternative to identify the figure of speech used in the following line:

All the world's a stage.

(a) Simile

(b) Metaphor

(c) Personification

(d) Alliteration.

Ans. (b) Metaphor

Q. 3 (B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it in a paragraph with the help of the given points:

Read the poem in the Activity Sheet.

Ans.

The Height of the Ridiculous

The poem 'The Height of the Ridiculous' is written by Oliver Wendell Holmes. The poet describes what happens when his servant reads a very funny poem he had written.

The rhyme scheme of the poem is abcb. There are many figures of speech, like Hyperbole, Tautology, Onomatopoeia, Alliteration, etc. but the one that stands out is Transferred Epithet. In the line 'Ten days and nights, with sleepless eye', the adjective 'sleepless' should be for the man and not for the eye.

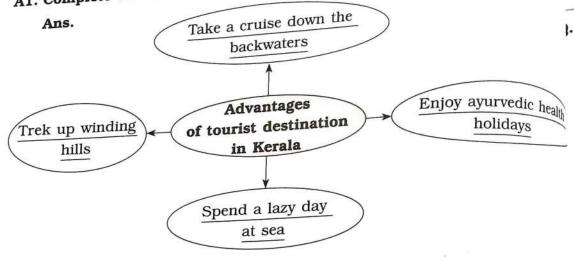
This is a humorous poem. The poet has used plenty of funny expressions in the poem. The main purpose of the poet is to simply entertain the reader.

Section IV: Non-textual Passage

(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar and Summary) Q. 4 (A) Read the following passage and complete the given activities;

Read the passage in the Activity Sheet.

A1. Complete the following web chart:



A2. Complete the following table:

Ans.

City	Speciality Old European built church, 16th century Je	
(i) Kochi		
(1) 1300111	Synagogue, a palace built by the Portuguese	
(ii) Thekkady	Charming town, close to Periyar Wildi	
(II) Themacy	Sanctuary, plantations of cardamom, tea and coll	
(iii) Thiruvananthapuram	Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Napier Museum, Put	
**************************************	Mallika Palace, beaches	
(iv) Alleppey	Backwaters, intricate network of canals	

A3. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B':

Ans. (i) charm

magical spell

(ii) craggy

steep

(iii) reflect

throw back light or heat

(iv) spellbinding - enthralling

A4. Do as directed:

(i) You can choose a place of your dreams.

(Use the modal auxiliary showing compulsion and rewrite the sentend **Ans.** You must choose a place of your dreams.

(ii) Kerala is the land of magic and ayurvedic massages.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'not only but also

Ans. Kerala is not only the land of magic but also ayurvedic massages.

A5. Why is the tourism industry important for the Indian Economy to flourish?

Ans. The tourism industry helps to create thousands of jobs. It brings in foreign money and provides a boost to the hospitality industry. It provides opportunities for small-scale businesses to flourish and develops the local infrastructure. It also helps to exchange ideas and understand different cultures.

3. 4 (B) Summary Writing:

Read the passage given in Q. 4 (A) and write its summary in a paragraph. Suggest a suitable title.

Read the passage in the Activity Sheet.

Ans. Kerala – a Unique Tourist destination

Kerala is a wonderful tourist destination. Places like Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Alleppey and Thekkady provide places where you can enjoy and chill out. Tourists can take a cruise down the backwaters, trek up winding hills or enjoy ayurvedic health holidays. Or they can simply spend some lazy days by the beach. There are temples, churches and palaces to visit. Tourists can also wander through plantations of cardamom, tea and coffee, to have a refreshing holiday in a unique land.

Section V: Writing Skills

2. 5 (A) Letter Writing:

Imagine you are Soham/Sohini Dargan residing at 208, Swarnadham, Hira Colony, Mumbai - 400 052.

Read the following snippet and write a letter based on it:

Read the remaining part of the question in the Activity Sheet.

Ans.

A1. Formal Letter

Soham Dargan,

208, Swarnadham,

Hira Colony,

Mumbai - 400 052.

6 March, 2024

The Editor,

The Hindustan Times,

Mumbai - 400 001.

Subject: Role of sports and games in a student's life

Sir,

b.

I just read an old newspaper report 'Hima Das wins five gold medals'. I was highly impressed by this, and I wish there were more youngsters like her.

Sports and games are very important in life and teach us many essential values team work, sportsmanship, humility, etc. They help us to reduce stress and mend exhaustion and make us capable of hard work. They improve blood circulation through the body, thus improving the physical and mental well-being of a person They make a person more capable with a high level of efficiency. Today, more the ever before, we need the help of sports to make our lives successful.

However, many students are not aware of all these benefits. I earnestly $request_{y_0}$ newspaper to create awareness about the role of sports and games in a $student's_{|y|}$ This will greatly benefit society.

Thanking you, Yours truly, Soham Dargan

OR

Ans.

A2. Informal Letter

Soham Dargan, 208, Swarnadham, Hira Colony, Mumbai – 400 052. 6 March, 2024

My dear Nishant,

Hi! How are you? I just read an old newspaper report 'Hima Das wins five g_0 medals'. I was highly impressed by this, and I thought I would share my views ab_0 sports with you.

Sports and games are very important in life and teach us many essential values in team work, sportsmanship, humility, etc. They help us to reduce stress and ment exhaustion and make us capable of hard work. They improve blood circulation through the body, thus improving the physical and mental well-being of a person they make a person more capable with a high level of efficiency. Today, more that ever before, we need the help of sports to make our lives successful.

I have neglected my physical health this past year and I am now planning to join local sports club. What about you? What do you plan to do during the vacation Why don't you join me? Let me know. Bye for now.

Your loving friend, Soham

6 (A) Information Transfer:

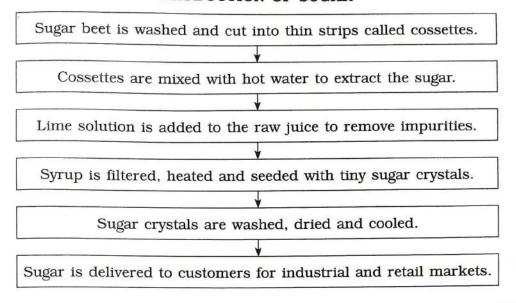
A1. Verbal to Non-Verbal:

Read the following information and complete the flowchart for the same and give a suitable title:

Read the information in the Activity Sheet.

Ans.

PRODUCTION OF SUGAR



OR

A2. Non-Verbal to Verbal:

Transfer the given information into a paragraph. Suggest a suitable title:

Read the information in the Activity Sheet.

Ans. Natural and Man-made Problems and their Solutions

Droughts, floods and forest fires are disasters caused by nature. Man cannot do very much to stop these completely. However, many man-made problems are caused due to over-population. There are just too many people on our earth, and more and more land is used for agriculture to meet the needs of this evergrowing population. To add to this, man harms the environment by cutting down forests for wood and other needs. Poaching by hunters causes an imbalance in animal life. The solutions to these problems are clear. There must not only be stricter laws to control population but also a proper execution of all the laws. One can try to find alternative products to save wood. Poaching can be stopped by reducing demand for illegal wildlife parts and by not purchasing products made from these items.

g. 6 (B)

B1. Drafting a speech:

Prepare a speech to be delivered in your school assembly. The topic given you is:

'Nothing is more important than self-study.'

You may use the following points:

- Learn more efficiently
 Learn at your own pace
- Encourages curiosity
 Boosts student's self-esteem.

Nothing is more important than self-study Ans.

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends,

Good morning. Our topic for this week's assembly is - 'Nothing is more importa than self-study', and I, XYZ, will share my views on this topic with you.

We are all different and have our own pace of studying. If we study with other we may find that they are either slower than us or faster than us in understand the topics. Self-study helps us to learn more efficiently and understand the less before us at our own pace. We can spend more time on topics that we find diffic and go quickly through the easier topics.

Self-study also helps us to retain the information that we have gathered. If find a topic interesting, we can delve deeper into it. It helps us to develop analytic and thinking ability. It encourages curiosity and boosts the self-esteem of studen It reduces stress and helps us to organize our schedule in a way that suits us. This I will conclude my speech by reiterating that nothing is more important than se study, and we must all accept this. Thank you.

OR

B2. View/Counterview:

Write your counterview in a paragraph on the following views:

"Social networking sites are not a necessity."

- There are other ways of connecting and staying in touch.
- People may resort to dishonesty.
- Cyber crimes are on the rise.
- Vital personal information may be misused.

Social Networking Sites - a Boon Ans.

We have to accept the fact that we live in a fast world today. Everybody is in hurry. The days when we had to wait for the postman to bring us a letter are in the distant past. It is a busy world, and social networking helps us to keep in touch will friends instantly, even those with whom we had lost contact. This was evident durit the recent Covid epidemic, when these very sites helped us tremendously. Yes. peop may resort to dishonesty and cheating. Privacy is an issue, and cyber crimes & unfortunately on the rise. The criminals may use vital personal information again-

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us. However, isn't cheating prevalent in any area, and isn't it up to us to be careful? Just like we have learnt to be careful while opening the door of our home, so too we have to be careful about the way we use these sites. Social networking sites are certainly a necessity – to be used prudently and with care.

Section VI: Creative Writing

. 7 (A) Attempt any one of the following:

A1. Expand the theme:

Expand the following idea into 100 words:

Trees: Nature's Gift to Man.

Ans. Trees – Nature's Gift to Man

Trees are Mother Nature's precious gift to man. Directly or indirectly, they provide him with all his basic necessities, viz., air, water, food, clothing and shelter. They also provide important raw material for our industries. Industries provide employment to people. The wood for furniture, housing and ships comes from trees. Wood is also used for fuel and for making charcoal. Wood pulp is used to make paper and artificial yarn. Trees also give us products such as spices, rubber, turpentine, eucalyptus oil, gum and many medicinal items. No wonder forests are known as 'green gold'.

Trees provide shade and shelter to innumerable birds and insects. Trees check strong currents of wind and water and thereby prevent soil erosion. Trees keep the air clean. Forests retain humidity and attract rains. It is for this reason that trees are known as rain catchers. They absorb harmful carbon dioxide from the air and replenish the atmosphere with precious life-sustaining oxygen. In this way they reduce air pollution. Therefore, trees are called the 'lungs of nature'. We thus owe our very existence to trees.

OR

A2. News Report:

Prepare a news report based on the following: 'Child labourers rescued from stone quarries'.

Ans. Child Labourers Rescued From Stone Quarries

- By a News Reporter

March 6, New Delhi: In a shocking incident, 14 child labourers were rescued from three stone quarries here yesterday. They were then taken to the civil hospital for medical check-ups.

Acting on a tip-off, the 'Anti Child Labour Cell' raided the stone quarries yesterday morning. The owners objected to the accusation and insisted that there were no children working anywhere in their quarries. However, the activists were accompanied by a specially trained dog, which soon sniffed out the children who were hidden in a makeshift shack not far from the quarries. They were cramped together and many were crying.

"It was indeed a pitiable sight," said one of the officers. "Many of us had tears in our eyes when we saw the condition of the little children, most of whom had skin infections. All of them were severely malnourished. The owners have been arrested and will be tried in court." One wonders: how can human beings be so cruel?

Q. 7 (B) Developing a story/Narrating an experience:

B1. Develop a story in about 80-100 words with the following beginning a suitable title.

Anita was in a cake shop to buy a cake for her birthday. She saw a small beggar, outside the shop

Ans.

The Joy of Giving

Anita was in a cake shop to buy a cake for her birthday. She saw a small beg boy outside the shop. He was looking at the array of cakes with silent longing in eyes. Anita felt a stirring of compassion within her.

She counted the money she had, then looked at the prices of the cakes and $n_{\rm q}$ up her mind. There was only one thing to do. She would buy a smaller ${\rm cake}_{\parallel}$ herself and with the leftover money, a slice for the little boy.

Coming out of the shop a few minutes later, she gestured to the boy and $_{g_{i}}$ him a small box. She watched his face as he opened the box and saw the $m_{0\downarrow i}$ watering slice of strawberry cake. That look of thrill and wonder in his eyes $w_{as\, \downarrow i}$ best birthday gift.

OR

B2. Narrate an experience in about 80 - 100 words with the following endiging Give a suitable title:

in a luxurious hotel, I discovered that I had forgotten my wallet at home.

Ans.

An Embarrassing Incident

I remember the incident clearly. It was my birthday and I wanted to give I friends a treat.

"I want to take my friends to 'Joe's Diner', Daddy," I said. Now, Joe's Diner was a luxurious, expensive restaurant, but Daddy had promised me that I could take friends there.

"Certainly," beamed Daddy. "Mummy will accompany you."

"No adults. I will take my friends myself," I said firmly. My father agreed a explained how I had to order, how to check the prices, etc. Finally, that even I happily went with Amar and Roshan for dinner at 'Joe's Diner'.

We checked prices, calculated what the bill and the tip would be, and att comfortable dinner. I felt very proud of myself. I had managed it!

And then I made the horrifying discovery that I could not pay the bill. After sumptuous meal in a luxurious hotel, I discovered that I has forgotten my wallet home.
