

Maharashtra 10th English answers

SECTION I – Language Study (10 Marks)

Q.1 (A) Do as directed (8 Marks)

Complete the words:

(i) brave (ii) teach (iii) boxer (iv) faith

Alphabetical order:

(i) attractive – bonfire – optimistic – rumour

(ii) pat ter – people – pocket – potter

3 Punctuate:

(i) The bird replied, "I am going to extinguish the fire."

(ii) "How's that?" said Nathu.

4 Make four words from 'Rainwater':

rain, rate, near, tear

5 Related words (example - Beautiful : Garden):

Beautiful - Flower - Fragrance - Nature - Butterfly

6 Word-chain (Nouns):

tiger → rat → table → egg → goat

Q.1 (B) Do as directed (2 Marks)

1 (a) Sentence with *instead of*:

I went by bus **instead of** train.

OR

(b) Clause: My uncle found a baby **who was crying on the road**.

(a) Add prefix/suffix:

(i) im + possible = **impossible**

(ii) appoint + ment = **appointment**

OR

(b) Sentence: It is possible to complete the work today. / They appointed a new teacher.

SECTION II - Textual Passages (20 Marks)

(A) Passage 1 - Bholi

A1 True/False:

(i) True (ii) True (iii) True (iv) True

A2 Arrange in order:

(iv) Bholi had fallen off the cot.

(ii) Some part of her brain was damaged.

(i) Bholi had an attack of smallpox.

(iii) Her body was disfigured by pockmarks.

A3 Describing words: fair, pretty, backward, healthy, strong

A4 Grammar:

(i) The child was **not only** fair **but also** pretty.

(ii) Little Sulekha was **unable to speak** till she was five.

A5 Personal Response:

Examples of diseases - Malaria, Dengue, Typhoid, Measles.

Symptoms of Malaria - fever, chills.

(B) Passage 2 - Swami and Friends

B1 Complete sentences:

(i) ... children of all ages.

(ii) ... to the simplicity of the book.

(iii) ... the most sensitive and loving people.

(iv) ... genius.

B2 Web:

Central idea – Book for children → Simple English → Mischievous but innocent Swami → Moral lessons
→ Good for improving English.

B3 Match:

(i) Mischievous – (b) Naughty

(ii) Encompasses – (c) Circles around

(iii) Concerned – (d) Worried

(iv) Kids – (a) Children

B4 Grammar:

(i) It is **not easy to imagine**.

(ii) Correct tag → (b) **doesn't he?**

B5 Personal Response:

Yes, I like reading books because they increase knowledge and refresh the mind.

SECTION III – Poetry (10 Marks)

(A) Poem – *Seeds of Moonlight*

A1 Choose correct alternatives:

(i) morning (ii) moonlight (iii) daily (iv) path

A2 Describe the route:

The route from city to village is long, dark, and difficult, full of snakes and scorpions; no bus or cart moves there.

A3 Rhyming words:

light – bright plies – cries

(B) Appreciation – *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*

| Point | Answer |
|------------------|---|
| Title | Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening |
| Poet | Robert Frost |
| Rhyme scheme | aaba bbcb ccdc dddd |
| Figure of speech | Repetition / Imagery / Personification (any one) |
| Theme | The poem expresses beauty of nature and the sense of duty. Even when life is peaceful and beautiful, we must fulfil our responsibilities before rest. |

SECTION IV – Non-Textual Passage (15 Marks)

(A) Classical Dance

A1 Fill in blanks:

(i) tandava (ii) solo (iii) Shiva (iv) Bharata Natyam

A2 Web diagram:

Main schools → Bharata Natyam, Kathakali, Manipuri, Kathak

A3 Antonyms:

(i) Known (ii) Solo (iii) Rich (iv) Broad

A4 Grammar:

- (i) Bharata Natyam is a popular dance-form of India.
(ii) Kings **as well as** rich people lent their patronage to it.

A5 Personal Response:

Benefits of dancing – good exercise, builds confidence, reduces stress, improves flexibility.

(B) Summary Writing (5 Marks)

Title: *Classical Dances of India*

Summary:

A classical dance follows the Natya Shastra. Its two main aspects are tandava (strong) and lasya (graceful). Bharata Natyam, Kathakali, Manipuri and Kathak are the major forms. Bharata Natyam originated in Tamil Nadu as a temple dance by devadasis and later became popular with royal support. It requires years of training and discipline.

SECTION V – Writing Skills (20 Marks)

(A) Letter Writing (5 Marks)

A1 Informal Letter (Sample)

From: Deepika Pawar, Gandhi Nagar, Beed.

To: Anita Joshi, Aurangabad.

Date: 10 May 2025

Subject: Let's join the Summer Camp!

Dear Anita,

Our school has announced a wonderful Summer Camp organized by Youth Club, Pune. There will be activities like swimming, horse riding, yoga, Zumba, trekking and fun games. Such a camp will help us stay fit, learn team work and develop confidence. Let us join together and enjoy our vacation usefully.

Your loving friend,

Deepika

(Formal-letter option – addressed to Manager, Youth Club – enquiry about fees and facilities – similar format.)

(B) Dialogue or Speech (5 Marks)

Dialogue – The Importance of Tree Plantation

Ram: We should plant more trees to protect our environment.

Shyam: Yes, trees give us oxygen and reduce pollution.

Ram: They also give shade and food to many living beings.

Shyam: Let's organize a tree-plantation drive in our school.

(Speech option – on "The Role of Vegetables for Better Living." – Cover points given.)

(C) Information Transfer (5 Marks)

A2 Verbal to Non-verbal (Table)

| Points | Ramesh | Radha |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Age | 16 | 13 |
| Class | 10 | 7 |
| Favourite Subject | Maths | Science |
| Hobbies | Watching movies, reading books | Gardening, swimming |
| Likes | Fast food | Home-made food |
| Goal in Life | Engineer | Doctor |

(D) Expand the Theme (5 Marks)

B1 News Report

Headline: Five Die in Road Accident

Date-line: Beed, 25 May 2025

A terrible road accident occurred near Beed yesterday evening when a bus collided with a truck. Five people lost their lives and many were injured. Police and locals rushed to help the victims and took them to the district hospital. Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.

(Story option – develop as per given beginning with moral ending.)

SECTION VI – Skill Development (5 Marks)

(a) Translate Words (any 4):

General – सामान्य Arrival – आगमन Beggar – भिकारी Honour – सन्मान Paradise – स्वर्ग Movement – चळवळ

(b) Translate Sentences (any 2):

Plant more trees in the garden. – बागेत अधिक झाडे लावा.

Everyone should take care of trees. – प्रत्येकाने झाडांची काळजी घ्यावी.

Don't pluck the flowers. – फुले तोडू नका.

Save trees, save life. – झाडे वाचवा, जीवन वाचवा.

(c) Translate Proverb (any 1):

Action speaks louder than words. – कृती शब्दांपेक्षा जास्त बोलते.

Might is right. – ज्याच्याकडे शक्ती तोच बरोबर.

✔ **Total = 80 Marks (Complete Answer Key for N-816 English Paper 2025)**

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