

SECTION A –READING

- 1.a. i.) express different opinion on religion and politics
b. ii.) come to an end
c. iii.) both (a) & (b)
d. i.) newspapers or what others say
e. iv.) forefathers
- 2.a. ii.) a grand feast organised by him
b. i.) catch the emperor's eye
c. iii.) a pile of date seeds
d. iv.) He pushed his heap of date seeds under Birbal's chair.
e. ii.) felt ashamed
3. a.) The branches of trees give shelter to birds and forests give shelter to wild animals.
b.) Forests are valuable for their beauty. They have a way to refresh the eye and mind.
The rishis therefore made forests their homes.
c.) With the growth of population, trees began to be cut down on a large scale. By destroying forests man began to satisfy his various needs such as accommodation.
d.) By planting more and more trees we can replace the loss of forests.
e.) 'Shanti Niketan' means 'the home of peace'. Rabindranath Tagore started it.
4. a.) The poet shot an arrow and it fell in an oak tree.
b.) The phrase means that the poet sang a song.
c.) Because it is something abstract.
d.) The poet found the arrow still broken.
e.) It means that the song was still fresh in the mind of the poet's friend.

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

- | | INCORRECT WORD | CORRECT WORD |
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| 5.a.) | brings | bring |
| b.) | but | and |
| c.) | that | who |
| d.) | the | a |
| e.) | of | to |
| f.) | feed | feeds |
| g.) | pinch | pinches |
| h.) | by | with |
- 6.a.) Where does your grandfather live?
b.) Hurray /bravo! Tanay has done well in his IAS exam.
c.) It is a beautiful piece of jewellery.
 7. a.) I am taught English by your brother.
b.) A heavy rain flooded the entire area.
c.) An e-mail was being sent by Sahil.