

TIME : 2 Hrs.

Instructions :

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q.1 a) Edit the following paragraph by changing the order of sentences and providing suitable links : [8]

1) Parents can control these problems by explaining to their children what is good and what is bad. (2) This endless flow has important effects on the growing minds of students (3) Some of these effects can create personal and social problems. (4) The media has expanded at great speed in recent years. (5) Newspapers in various languages and 24 hour television channels are easily available.

b) Read the following passage carefully and complete the statements below :

The dipping mercury in grape growing areas has also brought down the farmer's expectations from their produce with it. As the weather gets considerably cold, it may cause the grape crops - which are in their production stage - to suffer in a way that shrinks the size of the fruit, grape growers said.

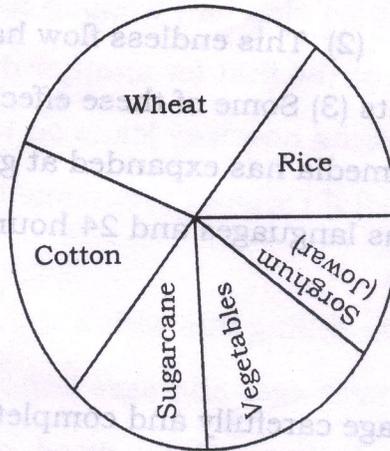
The minimum temperature required for table grapes to grow in a healthy way is anywhere till 10 degrees Celsius, not below that, experts said. But the temperature has gone down to as low as 2.5 degrees Celsius in Sangli, Nashik and other prime areas with weather conditions conducive for growing grapes. Experts claim the continuation of such weather will badly impact the crops, which might effect yield.

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"The temperature usually dips in the night and rises during afternoon, which is what the grape crops need. This time, it remained the same throughout the day. We are hopeful the temperature will rise in the coming week, but if it does not, the crop is going to get spoilt. We'll just have to wait

- a) The passage is about
- b) Impact of bad weather on grapes.....
- c) The crop fails because
- d) Write a summary based on the above statements.

Q.2 a) Study the following pie chart and write a paragraph based on the data presented :



Crop distribution in Maharashtra

b) Write a paragraph by using suitable links between sentences. Provide a suitable title (Any One);

- i) Plastic-a bad choice
- ii) Donate Blood-Save Lives

Q.3 a) Draft a report for a newspaper giving details of the National Sports Festival held by your college.

OR

b) As the student secretary of N.S.S., draft a report on the activities conducted in the academic year 2012-13.

Q.4 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions below :

The Road not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.

- What situation did the poet face in a yellow wood? [3]
- Which road did the poet choose? Why? [3]
- Comment on the title of the poem by referring to the last stanza. [3]
- Explain the central metaphor in the poem. [3]
- Comment on the Structure and rhyme scheme of the poem. [3]

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