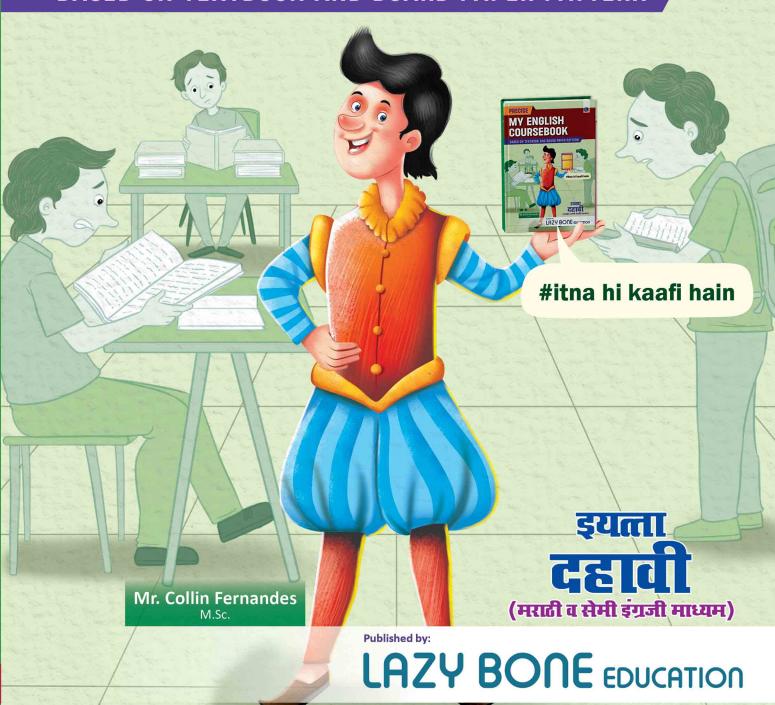
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		Section I: Language Study	10 Marks		
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	B.	Do as Directed (Medium Questions)	02 Marks		
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		(Reading Skills, Vocabulary, Grammar)	20 Marks		
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	A1.	Simple Factual Activity	02 Marks		
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	B.	Textual Passage for Comprehension			
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	B3.	Activity based on Vocabulary	02 Marks		
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		• Rhyme Scheme	01 Mark		
		• Figure of Speech	01 Mark		
		Theme / Central Idea	02 Marks		
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	A2.	Complex Factual Activity	02 Marks		
	A3.	Activity based on Vocabulary	02 Marks		
	A4.	Activity based on Grammar (Language Study)	02 Marks		
	A5.	Activity based on Open-ended / Personal Response	02 Marks		
	В.	Writing a Summary of the Unseen passage given in Q.4 (A)			
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		Use of appropriate language	02 Marks		
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		OR			
	A2.	Formal			
	B.	Dialogue Writing / Drafting a Speech	05 Marks		
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		OR			
	B2.	Drafting a Speech			
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		OR			
	A2.	Verbal to Non-verbal			
	B.	Expand the Theme	05 Marks		
	B1.	News Report			
		OR			
	B2.	Develop a Story based on the given beginning / end			
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3.	Section III – Poetry	10 Marks
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5.	Section V – Writing Skills	20 Marks
6.	Section VI – Skill Development	05 Marks
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4.	Assignment 2	05 Marks		
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Modified textual questions are represented by * mark

In-text questions are represented by # mark

Glossary

Word	Meaning		
darkened (adj)	here, evil (वाईट)		
distress (n)	great worry and strain (फार त्रास, अतिशय चिंता)		
temptation (n)	a strong wish to do something bad or wrong (मोह)		

Paraphrase

The poem 'A Teenager's Prayer', written by J. Morse focuses on a teenager's wish about how he wants to lead his teenage life.

The speaker, a teenager himself, states that he has to take important decisions about the path that he would take in life. The speaker is aware that one road leads to success while the other one, i.e. the path of evil, would lead him to pain. He urges God to help him keep his eyes open, so that he can see clearly and stand for the things that are good. The teenager wants God to help him bring out his best qualities, avoid temptations and to stay healthy.

He is sure that at the end of his teenage, he would be pleased to have lived a good life, free of any faults or evils, with God's constant guidance.

आशय

एका किशोरवयीन मुलाला त्याचे किशोरवयीन आयुष्य कसे जगायचे आहे, याबाबतच्या त्याच्या इच्छा जे. मोर्स यांनी 'A Teenager's Prayer' या कवितेत मांडल्या आहेत. या कवितेत कवी किशोरवयीन मुलाच्या भूमिकेतून बोलत आहे.

किशोरवयीन मुलगा स्वतः सांगतो, की भावी आयुष्याचा योग्य मार्ग निवडण्यासाठी महत्त्वाचा निर्णय त्याला घ्यायचा आहे. आयुष्यात पुढे जाताना एक मार्ग त्याला यशाच्या मार्गावर घेऊन जाईल, तर दुसरा मार्ग त्याला वाईट म्हणजेच घोर चिंतेच्या, त्रासाच्या मार्गावर घेऊन जाईल, याची त्याला जाणीव आहे. या दोन्ही मार्गांपैकी योग्य तो मार्ग स्पष्ट दिसावा, योग्य निर्णय घेता यावा यासाठी आपले डोळे उघडे ठेवावेत, आपल्याला मार्गदर्शन करावे अशी प्रार्थना तो परमेश्वराला करतो. आपल्यामधील सर्वोत्तम गुणांचे प्रकटीकरण व्हावे, मोहावर नियंत्रण ठेवता यावे आणि आरोग्यपूर्ण आयुष्य जगता यावे, यासाठी देवाने आपल्याला मदत करावी अशी त्याची इच्छा आहे.

परमेश्वराच्या मार्गदर्शनामुळे किशोरवयाच्या शेवटी तो एक चांगले, समाधानी, सर्वोत्तम आयुष्य जगेल, दुर्गुणांपासून मुक्त राहील असा त्याला ठाम विश्वास आहे.

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Chit-Chat

*1.	Form groups of five to six and discuss. Give a
	rating of 1 to 5, to each of the following.
	When you have to take important decisions
	what do you generally do?

i.	Consult parents / elders	
ii.	Contact friends for advice	
iii.	Pray to God for guidance	
iv.	Think deeply in silence	
v.	Ask your teacher for help	
vi.	Toss a coin to decide	

[Students are expected to attempt the above question on their own.]

*2. In poetry, very often, there are lines in which the poet seems to talk directly to an absent person, an abstract idea or thing / object.

Such a tactic / device used by the poet is the Figure of Speech 'Apostrophe'.

e.g.

- Twinkle, twinkle little star
- Death! Where is thy sting?
- O Cave man! I wish I could live with you.

Complete the following, creating examples of Apostrophe of your own.

i.	O, Life! How
ii.	Dear God, Please
iii.	Books! You are
iv.	Exams! I wish
17	O vou beautiful sky

Ans:

- i. mysterious you are!
- ii. help me be humble and kind!
- iii. the most amazing friends I can ever have!
- iv. you could be easier!
- v. your vastness amazes me!

Extract

A1. Simple Factual

- *1. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct alternatives.
- i. According to the poet, _____ are brought by each new day. (new beginnings/new endings)





ii.	We must decide to take the road which leads to	vi.	keeping it clean and fit every day, throughout
11,	great distress/great success)	vii.	his life
iii.	The poet prays to the Lord to help him stand for what is (might/right)		that he has lived his life well with God's guidance
iv.	The poet wants to see that his teenage years	<u>A3.</u>	Vocabulary / Poetic Devices
	have been the years of his life. (worst/best)	1.	Identify and explain the Figures of Speech in the following lines from the extract.
Ans:		:	"Each day brings new beginnings,"
i. iii.	new beginnings ii. great success right iv. best	i. Ans:	Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'b'
#2. [Note	What does each new day fetch? Refer A1 Q.1 (i) from the extract for this answer.	a. b.	Personification – 'day' is given a human quality of 'being able to bring'
3.	State whether the following statements are True or False. Correct the False statements.	ii. Ans:	"Decisions I must make."
i. ii. iii. iv.	The poet says that others will choose his way. The darkened road leads to great distress. The poet wants God to help him. The poet wants to give in to temptations.	a. b.	Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'm' Inversion – Changed order of words The correct order is "I must make decisions."
Ans:		iii.	"The road that I will take."
1.	False. The poet says that only he will choose his way.	Ans:	Allitantian Danastad annud af (41)
ii.	True	a. b.	Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'th' Metaphor – 'the decisions the speaker would
iii.	True	0.	have to take' are indirectly compared to 'a road
iv.	False. The poet wants to avoid temptations.		he / she would have to choose'
you	d the extract from line 1 to 20 on page 3 of r textbook and do the following activities.	iv. Ans:	"I can choose to take the road of life." Metaphor – 'the road to success' is indirectly compared to the 'road of life'
	next to me."]	v. Ans:	"Or travel down the darkened road"
	Complex Factual Complete the sentences based on the extract. The age-group of the speaker in the poem is	a. b.	Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'd' Metaphor – 'the path of life which leads to distress' is indirectly compared to 'a darkened road'
#ii.	Each day the speaker has to take decisions about	vi. Ans:	"Please open up my eyes, dear Lord,"
iii.	The poet makes a prayer to God to	a.	Apostrophe - There is a direct address to God,
#iv.	When faced with temptation, one should	1.	who is actually not present there.
#v.	The speaker wishes for the company of	b.	Inversion – Changed order of words. The correct is "Dear lord, please open up my eyes".
#vi.	The poet wishes to maintain his body by	vii. Ans:	"Bring out the best in me." Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'b'
#vii. Ans:	At the end of his teenage years the poet wishes to see		"When temptation comes my way," Personification – 'temptation' is given the human quality of 'coming one's way'
i.	that of a teenager	ix.	"And fit for life each day."
ii.	the path he / she must choose in life		Alliteration – Repeated sound of 'f'
iii.	guide him along the right path, help him avoid		•
iv. v.	temptations and to stay healthy avoid it and not give in to it God in the walk of life	x. Ans:	"I know that I will see" Repetition — 'I' has been repeated for maintaining the rhythm of the poem

- xi. "That life is lived its very best"
- Ans: Alliteration Repeated sound of 'i' and 'l'
- xii. "With you walking next to me."
- **Ans:** Alliteration Repeated sound of 'w'
- *2. Find and write the pairs of rhyming words from the poem.

Ans:

- i. make take
- ii. success distress
- iii. see me
- iv. way day
- $v. \hspace{0.5cm} see-me \\$
- ***3.** Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative.
- i. The rhyme scheme of the poem is
 - A. aabb
- B. abcd
- C. abcb
- D. abba
- Ans: C. abcb

Appreciation of the Poem

- *1. Read the poem. Write an appreciation of the poem in about 12 to 15 sentences with the help of the following points:
- i. Title
- ii. Poet
- iii. Rhyme Scheme
- iv. Figures of Speech
- v. Theme / Central Idea (2 to 3 lines)

Ans: Appreciation of the poem 'A Teenager's Prayer'

- i. Title: 'A Teenager's Prayer'
- ii. Poet: J. Morse
- iii. Rhyme Scheme: 'abcb'
- iv. Figures of Speech: Alliteration, Apostrophe, Inversion, Metaphor, Personification, Repetition
- v. Theme / Central Idea: The central idea of the poem is that it a direct address to God by a teenager, who wishes that God should be by his side and guide him. He wants God to help him lead a good life.

Integrated Questions (based on the entire text)

- 1. The title is suitable for the poem. Comment.
- Ans: The title 'A Teenager's Prayer' states the central idea of the poem. The poet narrates a teenager's wish that God be with him and guide him, so that he can lead a good life.

Language Study

- *1. Alliteration is the occurrence of the same sound at the beginning of words in a phrase, sentence etc., such as "That life is lived its very best."
 - Find out more examples of Alliteration from this poem.
- [Note: Refer A3 Q.1 from the extract for this answer.]

*2. Match the lines in Column A with the Figures of Speech in Column B.

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
i.	Decisions, I must make.		Apostrophe
ii.	Please open up my eyes,		Inversion
	dear Lord.		
iii.	Travel down the	c.	Metaphor
	darkened road		
iv.	I can choose to take the	d.	Alliteration
	road of life		

Ans: (i - b), (ii - a), (iii - d), (iv - c)

*3. Let's learn.

The difference between Apostrophe in Punctuation and the Apostrophe as a Figure of Speech.

Ans:

	Apostrophe (Punctuation)		Apostrophe (Figure of Speech)			
Use	i.	To sho words		an e	address entity that	is dead,
	ii.	To indi possession by nouns	on	abso	ent or absi	tract
Example	i.	he had he'd	_	i.	Twinkle little star	,
	ii.	Sheetal's	8		wonder vare?	what you
				ii.	Oh Death is thy stin	h! Where ng?

Activities

Writing

*1. Elements of Planning an Interview: (Group Activity)

Form groups and discuss each element of planning an interview and prepare notes on each element.

- i. Format Structure
- ii. Size/Length How much
- iii. Do's and Don'ts Rules and Regulations
- iv. Type of Questions Yes/No questions or Wh Type.

Ans:

- i. Format –
- a. Introductory Questions
- b. Probing Questions
- c. Conclusive Questions message, future plans, etc.
- ii. Size/Length –
- a. Around eight to ten questions should be planned.
- iii. Do's and Don'ts -
- a. Do not ask personal questions.
- b. Do not ask closed-ended i.e. yes no questions.
- c. Research on the topic/the individual to be interviewed, beforehand.



- d. Ask about the details related to the topic or profession and make use of Wh-questions to have a free flowing conversation.
- iv. Type of Questions Preferably ask questions that will result in qualitative information. Avoid questions that give Yes/No answers unless it is added on to another question that would ask for details.

[Note: Students can add more points to the above elements after discussion in class.]

*2. Look around in your vicinity – your family, friends, neighbours, classmates, etc. and write about any four teenagers who have made a name for themselves by doing something extraordinary. (See table given on Pg. 6 of your textbook)

(The completed table is given below)

Ans:

	Teenager Group	Name/s	Special/ extraordinary tasks /things performed
i.	Family	Rohan Joshi (Cousin)	Performed an honest act of returning a bag full of money to its rightful owner.
ii.	Friends	Geetika John	Started an online campaign to spread awareness regarding the importance of an individual's role in keeping the surroundings clean.
iii.	Neighbours	Mitali Sahane	Won the Starlight Writing Award for fiction at the age of fourteen. Her short story was published by Starlight (India).
iv.	Classmate	Adeeb Khan	Is a top tennis player. He has won various tournaments including the State level inter-school championship.

[Note: The above answer is for reference. Students are expected to attempt the above activity on their own.]

*3. Compose a short prayer in English asking God to guide you in your teenage years. Later, you can even try to make the lines rhyme to give it a poetic form.

*4. Prepare a set of 10 questions to interview any successful teenager. You may use the guidelines given on Pg. 5 of your textbook.

[Scan the given Q.R. Code in *Quill - The Padhai App* to view the **answers** to these questions from the **Writing Activities** section of this chapter]



[P.S. Scan this Q. R. Code in *Quill* - *The Padhai App* to view a video that explains the Glossary, Paraphrase and Figures of Speech encountered in this poem]





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