

Instructions: -

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Marks of each question are given against them.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q-1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

(1 X 5 = 5)

There are three main groups of oils-animal, vegetable and mineral. Great quantities of animal oil come from whales, those enormous creatures of the sea, which are the largest of the animals remaining in the world. To protect the whales from the cold of the Arctic seas, nature has provided them with a thick covering of fat, called blubber. When the whale is killed, the blubber is stripped off and boiled down. It produces a great quantity of oil which can be made into food for human consumption. A few other creatures yield oil, but none so much as the whale. The livers of the cod and halibut, two kinds of fish, yield nourishing oil. Both cod liver oil and halibut oil are given to sick children and other invalids who need certain vitamins. Vegetable oil has been known from very old times. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal product and the oils of certain flowers.

(i) The main source of animal oil is_____.

- A) whale B) sea weeds C) fish D) plant

(ii) Vegetable oil is mainly used for_____.

- A) Cooking
B) Making perfumes
C) Making soap
D) Making lubricants

(iii) The of fish yields nourishing oil.

- A) stomach B) eyes C) liver D) head

(iv) The thick protective covering of fat on a whale is called a

- A) cells B) blubber C) skin D) Fins

(v) Write the noun form of the word 'protect' is _____.

- A) protected B) proactive C) protectable D) protection

Q-2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

(1 X 5 = 5)

An old shepherd was playing on a flute on the marshlands outside Rome. He played so sweetly that a lovely fairy came and listened to him. "Will you marry me, and play to me in my castle?" she said. "Yes, yes, lovely lady!" said the shepherd. The fairy put a ring on his finger. At once he became a handsome young man dressed in princely robes. "But I must first go to Rome and bid farewell to my friends", he said.

The fairy gave him a golden coach with twelve white horses. As he rode in State to Rome, he met the young Queen of Italy, who invited him to her palace. The shepherd saw that he had won the Queen's heart. He resolved to marry her and become the King of Italy and let the fairy go. So, when he and the Queen were alone together, he knelt down and took her hand, saying: "Marry me, dearest and I will help you to govern Italy." But as soon as he spoke, he turned into an old and rugged shepherd. "What is this horrible beggar doing here?" cried the Queen. "Whip him out of the palace."

(i) The fairy wanted to marry the shepherd because

- A) he had saved her life.
- B) he could play sweetly on his flute.
- C) he was very handsome.
- D) the shepherd loved her.

(ii) When the fairy put a ring on his finger, the shepherd _____.

- A) married her
- B) disappeared
- C) turned into a statue
- D) changed into a handsome youth

(iii) The shepherd went to Rome in a _____.

- A) boat
- B) cart
- C) palanquin
- D) coach

(iv) When the shepherd reached Rome, he

- A) met his friends there.
- B) sought his parents' permission to marry the fairy.
- C) planned to marry the Queen of Italy.
- D) met the King of Italy.

(v) The Queen ordered the shepherd to be whipped out of the palace because he

- A) turned old and ugly.
- B) tried to steal her jewels.
- C) refused to marry her.
- D) revealed his plan to marry the fairy.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q-3 Read the passage carefully and make notes on it and also give a suitable title.

(4)

There are about 980 flying mammals referred to as bats. They are the only real flying mammals on Earth. Most bats feed on a diet of insects. Some feed on flowers and fruits, but the most interesting are the vampire bats of the Americas, which suck the blood of large birds and other mammals. Unfortunately, these vampire bats are capable of transmitting rabies and are for this reason considered dangerous. The other types of bats are of no danger to man and are even considered helpers of nature by way of their diet which helps control the insect population in various areas of the world. Although the misunderstood bat has represented fear and terror in the west, it is seen as a sign of good luck and long life in the east.

Q-4 You are Shivam Khurana studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ashoknagar. Write an application to your principal for fee concession as your father has lost his job during Corona pandemic

(4)

Or

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend summer vacations with you.

Q-5 Write an essay on any one of the topics in about 150 words.

(5)

- (A) Terrorism
- (B) The Pollution Problem
- (C) Your Ideal Person
- (D) Science and Technology

Or

Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics.

- (A) Importance of English
- (B) Water Conservation
- (C) Yoga and Health
- (D) Importance of Games

Q-6



On the basis of the above picture, write a short story in about 75 words and also give a suitable title to it. (3)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q-7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (Any five)

(1 X 5 = 5)

- I. Work hard _____ you will fail (but/and/or)
- II. The Ganga is _____ sacred river. (a/an/the)
- III. Please spread _____ butter on bread. (a few /a little / few)
- IV. He has given _____ smoking. (away /up /for)
- V. We _____ wear mask in crowded places. (should/used / ought)
- VI. He always _____ others. (help /helps / helping)

Q-8 Do as directed. (Any five)

(1 X 5 = 5)

- I. She cut the tree. (Change into interrogative)

- II. He teaches English. (Change into passive voice)
- III. If you don't come on time, the teacher will punish you. (Rewrite the sentence using unless in place of if)
- IV. He is too poor to pay his fees. (Rewrite the sentence using "so..... that")
- V. He teaches me Science. (Change into past indefinite)
- VI. He is being helped by Ankit. (Change into active voice)

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q-9 Answer the following questions.

(1 X 6 = 6)

- I. The lesson "His First Flight" is about a _____.
 A) pilot B) seagull C) parrot D) pigeon
- II. Who is the poet of the poem 'Amanda'?
 A) Leslie Norris B) Robert frost C) John Berryman D) Robin Klein
- III. According to Nelson Mandela, what is the greatest wealth of a nation?
 A) minerals B) diamonds C) people D) politicians
- IV. In the story 'Black Aeroplane', what was the name of the aeroplane that the pilot was flying?
 A) Airbus B) Boeing C) Dakota D) Minnesota
- V. What did Anne Frank name her diary?
 A) Anne B) Catty C) Kitty D) Kitten
- VI. According to poet of the poem 'Animals', which of the qualities have humans given up?
 A) innocence B) kindness C) truthfulness D) All of these

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below. (1 X 3 = 3)

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball?
 What, what is he to do? I saw it go
 Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
 Merrily over-there it is in the water!

Questions-

- I. From which poem the above lines have been taken?
 A) Dust of Snow
 B) Fire and Ice
 C) A Tiger in the Zoo
 D) The Ball Poem

(ii) Which of the following words is similar to the word 'merrily'?

- (A) sadly
- (B) happily
- (C) cleverly
- (D) superiorly

(iii) Where did the ball go?

Q.10 (B) Read the following extract from the prose and answer the questions given below. (1 X 3 = 3)

TODAY, Monday, Wanda Petronski was not in her seat. But nobody, not even Peggy and Madeline, the girls who started all the fun, noticed her absence. Usually, Wanda sat in the seat next to the last seat in the last row in Room Thirteen. She sat in the corner of the room where the rough boys who did not make good marks sat, the corner of

the room where there was most scuffling of feet, most roars of laughter when anything funny was said, and most mud and dirt on the floor

I. Where did Wanda sit in the classroom?

A) In the front seat

B) In the last seat

C) In the middle seat

II. The adjective form of the word 'absence' is _____.

A) Absent

B) Absently

C) absentee

III. From which lesson has this text been taken?

A) From the Diary of Anne Frank

B) The Hundred Dresses-I

C) Black Aeroplane

Q -11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 6)

(2 X 6 = 12)

(i) What made Mr. Keesing allow Anne to talk in the class?

(ii). What made Lencho angry?

(iii). Why did Anne Frank want to keep a diary?

(iv). Why did Wanda say to her friends that she had hundred dresses?

(v). How much money did Lencho ask from God after his crops had been destroyed?

(vi). Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

(vii). What made the woman, in the control centre, look at the narrator strangely?

Q.-12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2)

(2 X 2 = 4)

(i). What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?

(ii). What do 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent in the poem "Dust and Snow" ?

(iii). Who is the poet of the poem "The Ball Poem"?

Q13. Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2)

(2 X 2 = 4)

I. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is a triumph of surgery?

II. How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?

III. How did the invisible man first become visible?

Q-14. Answer the following questions in about 75 words- (any 2)

(3 X 2 = 6)

i) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?

ii) What does Nelson Mandela thank the international leaders for?

iii) How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

Q-15 Write the central idea of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'. (In about 75 words)

(3)

Or

What does "in the world of possessions" mean with reference to the poem "The Ball Poem"?

Q-16 Why did Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric? (in about 75 words)

(3)

Or

What did Hari Singh get from Anil in return for his work?