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**(202)**

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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :**
- (1) This question paper has **four** sections : A, B, C and D.
  - (2) All the questions are **compulsory**, including those where internal choice is given.
  - (3) All answers have to be written in the answer script provided.
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### SECTION - A (Reading) (Marks : 15)

- 1** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **8**
- In the last decade or so, much has been done for the protection of wildlife. All over the world we have become aware of the fact that many species of animals are becoming scarce. National parks and sanctuaries have been set up. Certain species have been introduced in the areas where they had become extinct. In India we find that the population of the tigers is increasing in various tiger reserves. In Canada beavers have been reintroduced in certain regions.
- One important aspect of animal preservation is that majority of useful work has been done mainly for animals which are of some economic benefit to man. Most of the other animals are protected only on paper. They are allowed to die out because nobody can make any financial gain out of them.
- It is only some zoologists who consider that every animal, every species is important to maintain ecological balance in nature. After all, this balance has been created by nature through millions of years. Man in his greed does not understand this fact : he too is part of this scheme of nature. And if he lets just one species to vanish it will put his own life at risk on the earth ultimately.
- Human population is increasing year by year. Man wants to make his life more and more comfortable. Forests are being cut to get more land for agriculture so that enough food can be made available to the growing population.
- It is important for man to realize the truth: man inspite of his genius cannot create a new species nor can he recreate one he has destroyed. It is time to be warned. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. Choose the options wherever given.
- (i) To protect the vanishing species of animals man has made : **1**
    - (A) Jungles
    - (B) Zoos
    - (C) Sanctuaries
    - (D) Cages
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ consider that every animal is important. **1**
    - (A) Zoologists
    - (B) Politicians
    - (C) All humans
    - (D) Hunters
  - (iii) In India the population of tigers is increasing in \_\_\_\_\_. **1**
  - (iv) Which animal has been reintroduced in Canada ? **1**



- (v) Why are we cutting down our forests ? 2
- (vi) Why are most animals allowed to die ? 1
- (vii) Which word in the passage means the same as : 1  
a period of ten years
- 2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 7
- Ram was on vacation. He enjoyed being among people and watching them. Suddenly he saw a woman who was different from the crowd. What was she doing there ? His curiosity to know more about the woman standing among the people at Dhakuria railway station increased. There was something unusual about her. No doubt like most Indian women she was wearing silver ear studs and was slightly brownish in complexion. Yet the way she stood erect balancing on her heels like a boxer with feet firmly planted apart made her look different. She was surely a foreigner. At the only platform of the railway station she was standing among dark brown crowd, a neat and tidy personality, very different from others.
- Why would a foreigner and then a young woman be standing in a south Kolkata railway station waiting for the train to Canning ? It is true of course, that this line was the only rail connection to the Sunderbans, but as far as I knew it was never used by the tourists. Those going to the Sunderbans usually went by boats, steamers or launches. The train was mainly used by people who were daily passengers coming in from outlying villages to work in the city. He saw her turning to ask something of a person standing next to her. She probably wanted to know when the train was likely to come. She made certain signs with her hands. The person might not have understood her. In reply he said something in the local language, Bangla. Ram wanted to help. Pushing his way through the crowd he arrived within earshot. The only words he could hear were : “Ami Bangla Jani Na”.
- Complete the following sentence :
- (i) Most Indian women mostly wear silver \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (ii) Complete the sentences given below with the help of options that follow. 1  
The young women seemed to be a foreigner because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) She was brownish in complexion.  
(B) Unlike others she was neat and tidy.  
(C) She was standing like a boxer.  
(D) She was waiting for the train.
- (iii) She was waiting for the train to \_\_\_\_\_. 1  
(A) Dhakuria (B) South Kolkata  
(C) Catch a Steamer (D) Canning
- (iv) What means of transport was generally used by tourists going to the Sunderbans ? 1
- (v) Why did Ram go near her ? 1
- (vi) Why did the young woman make certain signs with her hands ? 1
- (vii) Which word in the passage means the same as : holiday 1



**SECTION - B (Writing)**

**(Marks 25)**

- 3** After your examinations were over you decided to go to a hill station. You stayed there for one week. Write a letter to your brother Anuj how you enjoyed your stay there and what all you saw and did there. You are Amolak, 74, Anand Nagar, Agra. **7**
- 4** Given below are three situations. Choose any **one** of them and write a paragraph on it in about 100 words. **7**
- (a) People often throw away half eaten food in plastic bags on the road side. We find stray cattle eating/swallowing such plastic bags for the food contained therein. As a result they get sick and even die. How can this cruelty be stopped ?
- (b) Water is going to be a scarce thing soon. We find people, even today, standing in long queues for a bucket of water. While at school and even at home, we have water taps which are leaking. What efforts can we make to save water ?
- (c) Parents and teachers feel that students are spending a lot of time on smart phones. Students feel that such phones give not only entertainment but are a rich source of information too. Give your views on the use of smart phones.
- 5** Read the following conversation between Hari and Mrs. Sharma, Arun's mother. **4**
- Hari : Hello, could I speak to Arun ? I am Hari.
- Mrs. Sharma : Hello Hari, Arun has gone to the market. Can I take a message for him.
- Hari : Auntie, we had planned to visit the book fair tomorrow but it is the last day of the fair. So we have decided to go today. Please tell him to be ready by 2 pm. My father will drop us at the fair.
- Mrs. Sharma : Sure, I shall tell him.
- Since Mrs. Sharma herself is leaving to visit an ailing friend, she decides to write a message. Write her message for Arun. Mention date and time when the message was received.
- 6** The streets in your city are not being cleaned properly. At some places on the roads the garbage is lying. It is stinking. Citizens find it difficult to walk on the roads. You are Narendar, a newspaper reporter. Write a report in about 100 words on the situation, its cause and its effect on public health.



**SECTION - C (Grammar)**  
**(Marks 30)**

- 7 Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words : **1×3=3**

Arun : My sister is going to Mumbai.  
Kitty : (a) she going by train.  
Arun : Yes, she is.  
Kitty : (b) she got her seat booked ?  
Arun : Yes.  
Kitty : Where (c) she stay while at Mumbai ?  
Arun : She will stay with our uncle.

- 8 Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks. For each blank there are four options. Choose the most appropriate options. The first blank has been filled as an example : **1×6=6**

One day towards (e.g) the end (a) October when she (b) ten paise in (c) pocket she entered the shop (d) asked (e) old man (f) a toffee.

e.g. (i) a	(ii) an	(iii) the	(iv) some
(a) (i) in	(ii) of	(iii) on	(iv) about
(b) (i) has	(ii) have	(iii) had	(iv) having
(c) (i) his	(ii) her	(iii) their	(iv) our
(d) (i) and	(ii) but	(iii) so	(iv) or
(e) (i) a	(ii) an	(iii) the	(iv) any
(f) (i) with	(ii) on	(iii) but	(iv) for

- 9 Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given in the brackets : **1×6=6**

At night it is very cold in the hills. People (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) small fires burning in their huts. Socks are (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) by them even at night. Small children (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) together in one bed. In very cold weather if they find it difficult to (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) they keep on (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) around the fire and (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) peanuts.

- 10 Given below is a conversation between Ram and his father. Complete it by filling in the blanks. **1×3=3**

Ram : I am very tired today.  
Father : Why (a) \_\_\_\_\_ you feeling tired ?  
Ram : Today we played hockey after school.  
Father : For how long (b) \_\_\_\_\_ you play hockey ?  
Ram : We played for two hours.  
Father : You should (c) \_\_\_\_\_ played for only one hour.



- 11 (a) Read the following paragraph carefully. 1×3=3

Sumit has bought a new bicycle. He will give it to his brother. His brother sells mangoes on a rented trolley. He greatly needs a trolley of his own for his daily business.

Now fill in the blanks using the verbs in the passive voice to complete the given sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example.

- (1) A new bicycle has been bought by Sumit. (Example)
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to his brother by Sumit.
  - (3) A rented trolley \_\_\_\_\_ by his brother to sell mangoes.
  - (4) A trolley of his own \_\_\_\_\_ by his brother for his daily business.
- (b) Rewrite each of the following pairs of sentences as one sentence, 1×3=3  
using an appropriate word from the box.

because, when, so, but, therefore, while

Example :

- (i) It started raining
- (ii) I stayed at home.

I stayed at home when it started raining.

- (A) (i) I was sleeping  
(ii) I could not hear the bell.
- (B) (i) The lion was tired.  
(ii) He sat down under a bush.
- (C) (i) I had to write one more answer.  
(ii) There was no time.

- 12 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows 1×6=6  
by filling in the blanks :

Arun : What are you doing, Anil ?

Anil : I am studying maths.

Arun : Why don't you take some rest ? You have been reading since morning.

Anil : Only one chapter is left. I shall complete it in two hours.

Arun asked Anil what he (a). Anil replied that he (b) maths. Arun asked him why he (c) take some rest as he (d) reading since morning. Anil told him that only one chapter (e) left and he (f) complete that in two hours.



**SECTION - D (Literature)**  
**(Marks 30)**

- 13** Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each : **2×2=4**  
(a) How did people laugh in olden days ? (Once Upon a Time)  
(b) How do sticks and words hurt a man differently ? (Truth)
- 14** Complete the statements given below by choosing answers from the options that follow each of them : **1×2=2**  
(a) 'With the tall trees peeping' means that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Tall Trees)  
(A) the trees are very tall.  
(B) the trees are keeping a watch over the people.  
(C) the trees are sleeping  
(D) the trees are full of fruits for the people.  
(b) Close your arms factories means that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(My Only Cry)  
(A) the adults should stop making weapons.  
(B) we should work closely in factories.  
(C) factories can't work without arms.  
(D) the arms are required to close the factories.
- 15** Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : **1×4=4**  
Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
Why do you weave a garment so gay ?  
Blue as the wing halcyon wild,  
We weave the robes of a new-born child.  
(Indian Weavers)  
(a) What do weavers weave in the morning ?  
(b) What is its colour ?  
(c) Who will wear it ?  
(d) What does 'gay' mean here ?
- 16** Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 words : **5**  
(a) According to Nehru what makes ordinary men and women turn into heroes ?  
(A Birthday Letter).  
(b) 'The woman who owns a buffalo celebrates Diwali every year'. How did Kurien make it possible for Gujarati farmers ? (Cooperate and Prosper)
- 17** Answer any **two** of the following questions in 30-40 words each : **2×2=4**  
(a) Why did Neema's father decide to become a doctor ?  
(The Village Pharmacy)  
(b) How did noise affect Naseer who claimed that he could sleep through any kind of noise ?  
(Noise : How It affects our lives)  
(c) Why did Jijabai not believe in the letter from Agra ? (The Return of the Lion)



- 18 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×4=4

To the little girl he was a figure to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss, to which she responded with “Goodbye, father”. And oh, the glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road ! (The Little Girl)

- (a) Who is the little girl ?
- (b) What feeling did she have for her father ?
- (c) What did her father do before going for work ?
- (d) How did she respond ?

- 19 Complete the statements given below by choosing the most appropriate options from those that follow : 1×3=3

(a) At the circus the tiger could not study human beings because :

- (i) they were sitting in their seats peacefully.
- (ii) he did not like them.
- (iii) they were quarrelling among themselves.
- (iv) they were sleeping all the time.

(b) Plastic is difficult to recycle because :

(New Good Things from Rubbish)

- (i) it is expensive to do so.
- (ii) it is harmful for our health.
- (iii) then it loses its value.
- (iv) it comes in so many varieties.

(c) Shovan Lal, the shoeshine boy, on a good day earned about :

(The Shoeshine)

- (i) three rupees
- (ii) five rupees
- (iii) four rupees
- (iv) six rupees

- 20 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×4=4

His lungs were nearly bursting. He rose to the top once again. He had been down longer than the first time, so the women and children were getting more and more excited. When his head appeared above the water, the crowd gave a sigh of disappointment. (Kondiba, a Hero)

- (a) Who is ‘He’ ?
- (b) Why were his lungs bursting ?
- (c) Why were the women and children getting excited ?
- (d) Why did the crowd feel disappointed ?

