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### SECTION-A

#### READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

30 MARKS

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

On 15<sup>th</sup> of July I took a more particular survey of the island. Around two miles up, I found a brook with pleasant meadows by its bank, plain, smooth and covered by grass. In a woody part I found melons in great abundance, and grape trees. The grapes were ripe and rich. Further into the land, I found a great number of cocoa, orange and lemon trees. I carried great parcels of fruit homeward and the journey took me three days.

I was tempted to transfer my habitation to this valley of fruits. I did not, because I still hoped to be rescued by some passing ship in the sea. I did not want to enclose myself in hill and woods. I stayed in view of the sea. Ten months had passed since I set foot on this island.

Previously I had no lamp after dark. I collected a little tallow and a small clay dish. To this I added a wick. I had thus made myself a lamp.

I now began to seriously consider the circumstance I was reduced to. I decided to describe my state of affairs in writing. I began to keep a journal of everyday's employment. I could not include all particulars because gradually I ran out of ink.

I found, by the notches I cast on the post, it was September 30<sup>th</sup> again. I had spent three hundred and sixty five days on the island.

- A. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives :

1X5=5

- a. Robinson Crusoe had undertaken a more particular survey of the island on –  
i. 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1660    ii. 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1659    iii. 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1661    iv. 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1662
- b. Around two miles up Crusoe had found a –  
i. brook    ii. pond    iii. river    iv. ditch
- c. On the bank of the brook was present –  
i. pleasant meadows    ii. an orchard    iii. a hill    iv. a tent
- d. Robinson Crusoe was tempted to –  
i. transfer his habitation to the valley of fruits    ii. enclose himself in hills and woods.  
iii. stay away from the sea    iv. stay permanently on the island
- e. The dish in which he kept the tallow was made of  
i. clay    ii. wood    iii. metal    iv. rock

#### Answers:

- A (a) Robinson Crusoe had undertaken a more particular survey of the island on (i) 15<sup>th</sup> July 1660.  
b) Around two miles up, Crusoe had found a (i) brook.  
c) On the bank of the brook was present (i) pleasant meadows.  
d) Robinson Crusoe was tempted to (i) transfer his habitation to the valley of fruits.  
e) The dish in which he kept the tallow was made of (i) clay.

- B. Answer the following questions briefly :

2X5=10

- i. Why did Robinson Crusoe call the meadows 'pleasant'?

- ii. What was found on the woody part?
- iii. What were in the great parcels that Crusoe carried to his tent?
- iv. Why did Crusoe refuse to live permanently in the 'valley of fruits'?
- v. How did Crusoe make a lamp?

**Answers:**

- B i) Robinson Crusoe had called the meadows pleasant as it was situated on the bank of a brook and was Plain, smooth and covered with grass.
- ii) In the woody part Crusoe had found melons in great abundance and grape trees. The grapes were ripe and rich.
- iii) Crusoe had carried great parcels of fruits like melons, ripe grapes, cocoa, oranges and lemons homewards.
- iv) Crusoe still harboured hopes to be rescued by some passing ship on the sea. Thus he had not wanted to stay permanently in the 'valley of fruits' as it was surrounded by hill and woods. He desired to stay in view of the sea.
- v) Robinson Crusoe had collected 'tallow' or animal fat on a small clay dish. To that he had added a wick to make himself a lamp.

2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Sun-warmed in the late season's grace  
 under the autumn's gentlest sky  
 we walked and froze half-through a pace.  
 The great black snake went reeling by.

Head down, tongue flickering on the trail  
 He quested through the parting grass  
 Sun glazed his curves of diamond scale  
 And we lost breath to see him pass.

What track he followed, what small food  
 Fled living from his fierce intent,  
 We scarcely thought; still as we stood  
 our eyes went with him as he went.

Cold, dark and splendid he was gone  
 Into the grass that hid his prey.  
 We took a deeper breath of day,  
 Looked at each other, and went on.

- C. Chooses the correct answer from the given alternatives :

1X5=5

- a. The poet was sun-warmed under the gentlest sky of –  
 i. summer    ii. winter    iii. autumn    iv. spring
- b. The colour of the snake was –  
 i. black    ii. grey    iii. green    iv. yellow
- c. The tongue of the snake was –  
 i. still    ii. flickering    iii. dangling    iv. hanging
- d. The shape of the snake's scale was like –  
 i. star    ii. kite    iii. diamond    iv. pyramid
- e. According to the poet the intent of the snake was  
 i. malicious    ii. greedy    iii. timid    iv. fierce

### Answers

- C (a) The poet was sun-warmed under the gentlest sky of (iii) autumn.  
b) The colour of the snake was (i) black  
c) The tongue of the snake was (ii) flickering  
d) The shape of the snakes scale was like (iii) diamond  
e) According to the poet, the intent of the snake was (iv) fierce

D. Answer the following questions briefly :

2X5=10

- Under what circumstances did the poet and her companion see the snake?
- How did they react at the sight of the snake?
- Is the title of the poem 'Hunting Snake' apt?
- How did the snake appear as it was moving through the grass?
- What did the poet and her companion do when the snake was gone?

### Answers

- D a) The poet and her companions saw the snake while they were out walking on the grassland under the gentlest sky and sky-warmed autumn day.  
b) During their leisurely walk, the poet and her companion froze half-through a pace when they saw the huge black snake.  
c) The title of the poem 'Hunting Snake' is apt as the poem describes the activities of a big, black snake while it was out hunting.  
d) The snake was moving in curves, head down, its tongue flickering on its trail. He searched through the parting grass, searching for its prey. The bright sunlight blazed the diamond scale of the huge black snake.  
e) When the snake disappeared into the grass in search of its prey the poet and her companions took a deep breath, looked at each other and continued their walk. The disappearance of the huge snake had filled them with a sense of relief.

## SECTION-B

### READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN) AND GRAMMAR

20 MARKS

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Swami Vivekananda, the great soul loved and revered in East and West was born on, Monday, January 12, 1863. It was the day when special worship is offered to the Ganga by millions of devotees. His mother, Bhuvaneshwari Devi, named him Viveswara. The family, however, gave him the name of Narendranath Datta, calling him, for short, Narendra, or more endearingly Naren. The Datta family of Calcutta, into which Narendranath was born, was well known for its affluence, philanthropy, scholarship, and independent spirit. The grandfather, Durgacharan, after the birth of his first son, had renounced the world in search of God. The father, Viswanath, an attorney-at-law of the High Court of Calcutta, was versed in English and Persian literature and often entertained himself and his friends by reciting from the Bible and the poetry of Hafiz, both of which, he believed, contained truths unmatched by human thinking elsewhere. He derived a large income from his law practice and, unlike his father, thoroughly enjoyed the worldly life. An expert in cookery, he prepared rare dishes and liked to share them with his friends. Travel was another of his hobbies.

Narendra grew up to be a sweet, sunny-tempered, but very restless boy. Two nurses were necessary to keep his exuberant energy under control, and he was a great tease to his sisters. Naren felt a child's love for birds and animals, and this characteristic reappeared during the last days of his life. Among his boyhood pets was a family cow, a monkey, a goat, a peacock, and several pigeons and guinea pigs. The coachman of the family, with his turban, whip and bright-

coloured livery, was his boyhood ideal of a magnificent person, and he often expressed his ambition to be like him when he grew up.

- A. Fill in the chart with information from the passage: 1X2=2  
i. Vivekananda's father's profession :  
ii. Naren's boyhood pets were

Answers

- A (i) Vivekananda father's profession: Attorney-at-law of the Calcutta High Court  
ii) Naren's boyhood pets were : a family cow, a monkey, a goat, a peacock, several pigeons and guinea-

- B. State whether the given sentence is true or false. Provide supporting statements for your answer: 1+1=2  
The boyhood ideal of Narendranath was the gardener of the house.

Answer

(i) False

Supporting Statement : The coachman of the family was his ideal.

- C. Complete the following sentences, choosing the correct alternatives: 1X2=2  
a. Vivekananda was born on January 12, 1863 which was  
i. Monday    ii. Tuesday    iii. Friday    iv. Wednesday  
b. Naren's father was an expert in  
i. cookery    ii. praying    iii. travelling    iv. gardening

Answers

- C (a) Vivekananda was born on January 21, 1863 which was (i) Monday  
b) Naren's father was an expert in (i) cookery

- D. Answer the following questions briefly : 2X2=4  
a. What was the Datta family well known for?  
b. Why were two nurses necessary to look after little Naren?

Answers

- . a) The Dutta family in Calcutta was well known for their affluence, philanthropy, scholarship and independent spirit.  
b) Naren as a child was a restless boy. Two nurses were necessary to keep his exuberant energy under control, and he was a great tease to his sisters.

**GRAMMAR**

4. Replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verbs given in the list below. Change the form if necessary: 1X5=5  
a. The girl resembled her mother.  
b. My mother taught me not to disrespect anyone.  
c. We should abolish bad habits.  
d. He is in search of a job.  
e. The thief was delivered to the police.  
List: [hand over, run after, look for, give up, look down upon, take after]

Answers

- a) takes after  
b) look down upon  
c) give up  
d) looking for  
e) handed over
5. Do as directed: 1X3=3  
a. Every dark cloud has a silver lining. (Change to negative)

- b. I need an efficient personal assistant. (Change to passive)  
 c. The passengers flying in that aircraft had a narrow escape. (Rewrite using an adverb form of narrow)

**Answers**

- a) There is no dark cloud without a silver lining.  
 b) An efficient personal assistant is needed by me.  
 c) The passenger flying in that aircraft escaped narrowly
6. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions: 0.5X4=2  
 India stormed into the quarter-finals of the World Cup on Friday, defeating West Indies by four wickets in the not-so-high scoring game in Perth.

**SECTION-C**

**25 Marks**

**WRITING SKILL**

7. Write a summary of the following passage: 5  
 A happy man needs opportunities of adventure almost as much as he needs security. He needs security in the general framework of his life, but he needs adventure to give excitement and to enable him to savour the security when he returns to it. Modern life, owing partly to machine production and partly to economic insecurity, leaves little opportunity for adventure in lives of majority of mankind. But this is unnecessary. It should be possible for a man, if he feels so disposed, to save out of his earnings until he is in a position to travel to Antarctic or to indulge in whatever other whim may seize him, provided always, that it does not harm others. Even as things are, opportunities for adventure exist for those who are sufficiently adventurous.

**Answer**

Security in life is necessary. Opportunities for adventure are also necessary in life. Security and adventure make life more happy and enjoyable. In the present day world, opportunities for adventure are rare. Travelling to far off places in search of adventure is open to adventurous minds.

8. Write a report within 100 words for an English daily using the given information: 10  
 Incident: Severe Cyclone (80 Km/hr)  
 Date: 11 June,2013  
 Time : 6:45 PM  
 Place : Coastal areas of West Bengal  
 Cause: Depression in Bay of Bengal  
 Result :60 people died, many homeless, train services disrupted  
 Relief : State government provided immediate relief.

**Answer**

Cyclone hits Coastal West Bengal

— By a Staff Reporter

Kolkata, June 12,2013: A severe cyclone with a speed of 80 Km/hr hit the coastal areas of West Bengal yesterday evening at about 6:45 P.M. Caused by a deep depression in Bay of Bengal, the cyclone ripped through the state resulting in huge damage of life and property. 60 people have died and thousands have been rendered homeless. Train services have been disrupted leaving a number of people stranded. Immediate steps have been taken by the state government to give relief to the victims. More than 4000 people have been shifted to temporary relief shelters. The Chief Minister has assured people of all help.

OR

- Write a story within 100 words based on the given outline: Give a title. 10  
 [A farmer – four sons – always quarrelling – farmer advice in vain –calls his sons – gives them a bundle of sticks to break – nobody can break it –gives them a single stick to break – breaks easily]

**Answer**

A Farmer and His Four Sons.

Once there lived a farmer in the village. He had four quarrelsome sons who always fought amongst themselves

The farmer always worried about this and became unhappy. One day he called his sons and gave them a bundle of sticks to break. The sons failed. Then he gave them a single stick to break. The sons each broke them easily. Then the farmer told his sons that if they stood united nobody can take advantage of them. The sons realized their mistake and promised never to fight among themselves.

Moral : Unity is strength,

9. Suppose you live in the school hostel and you are suffering from viral fever. The doctor has prescribed medicines and advised complete bed rest at home under the supervision of your parents. Write a letter to the headmaster of your school seeking leave. 10

**Answer**

The Headmaster  
XYZ School  
Address  
Pincode

Subject: Leave of Absence

Sir,

This is to inform you that I(your name), a student of (your class/sec) your school have fallen with severe viral fever since Monday. The doctor has prescribed medicines and advised complete bed rest.

As I live in the school hostel, it is my earnest request to you to kindly allow me a weeks leave from tomorrow so that I may go home to my parents. The supervision of my parents will guarantee quick recovery.

I shall be obliged if you kindly grant me permission.

School Hostel  
ABC School  
Address  
Pin Code  
3<sup>rd</sup> November,2018

Thanking You  
Yours Sincerely  
(Your Name)

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