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Section A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: (4x1=4)
 - a. Crusoe found a brook at a distance ii. Two miles
 - b. The meadows by its banks were i. Plain and covered by grass
 - c. Crusoe found in great abundance i. Melon
 - d. The entire journey took Crusoe iii. Three days
2. Complete the sentences: (1x3=3)
 - a. The grapes were ripe and rich.
 - b. I was tempted to transfer my habitation to this valley of fruits.
 - c. On 15th of July I took a more particular survey of the island.
3. Answer the following questions: (2x2=4)
 - i. Name the fruits Crusoe found on the island.

In a woody part he found melons in great abundance, and grape trees. The grapes were ripe and rich. Further into the land he found a great number of cocoa, orange and lemon trees.

- ii. In what way did Crusoe make a lamp for himself? He collected a little tallow and a small clay dish. To this he added a wick and made a lamp.

I. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

1. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: (3x1=3)
 - a. The tongue of the snake was ii. Flickering
 - b. The snake was moving in ii. Curves
 - c. "froze half through a pace" means ii. They suddenly became absolutely still, in mid-walking gesture.
2. State whether the following statements are true or false. For all the questions provide statements/phrases from the text in support of your answer: (2x2=4)
 - a. The poet was sun-warmed under the gentlest sky of summer.
False. The poet was sun-warmed in the late season's grace, under the autumn's gentlest sky.
 - b. The poet primarily experiences the emotion of fascination at the snake's beauty.
True. Sun glazed its curves of diamond scale, and poet lost breath to see him pass.
3. Answer the following questions: (2x2=4)
 - a. How did the snake behave as it was moving through the grass?
The snake's head was down, tongue flickering on the trail as it quested through the parting grass.
 - b. Explain the meaning of "diamond scales".
The word diamond may refer to the shape of the scales or the way the scales glinted in the sunlight.

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

II. Read the following prose and answer the questions that follow:

1. Choose the correct option: (5x1=5)

- a. What was recommended in the Earth Summit in 1992? i. Planting trees in mixed stands.
- b. In India the strategy would be iii. To select different species for different areas.
- c. What is a major source of food for birds and animals? ii. Fruit and seed of trees.
- d. The bael tree is an important source of i. Ayurvedic medicine
- e. What is not often described about the plant species? li. Medicinal values

2. Answer the questions:

(2x3=6)

- a. What will the present rate of deforestation result in?

The present rate of deforestation will result in the loss of approximately one quarter of the world's plant species within 15 years.

- b. How would planting trees in India be of benefit?

Fruit and seed of trees are a major source of food for birds and certain animals. Both these trees have their medicinal values which are not often described.

- c. In what ways would the bael and wild guava trees being deciduous contribute to the environment?

If two varieties of fruit trees, the bael and the wild guava, are considered then they are both deciduous and therefore will contribute compost and humus to the adjacent area where they are grown.

3. State whether the following statements are true or false. For all the three questions provide statements/phrases from the text in support of your answer:

(2x2=4)

- a. The bael tree adds beauty to its surroundings. True. Its fruit adds another dimension to its splendiferous qualities that have prevailed over a considerable passage of time.
- b. The Earth Summit was held in Mexico in 1992. False. the Earth Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1992).

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

III. Choose the correct option:

(3X1=3)

- a. Who will _____ our dog while we are out? iii. Look after
- b. The police _____ the demonstration. i. Broke up
- c. I _____ all my old books. ii. Gave away

IV. Do as directed:

(3x1=3)

- a. The room is large enough to accommodate all of us. (rewrite using the noun form of accomodate)

The room is large enough to provide accommodation to all of us.

- b. The train was damaged but no one was hurt. (Rewrite as a Complex sentence)

Although/ Though the train was damaged, no one was hurt.

- c. I was doubtful whether it was you. (Change into a negative sentence.)

I was not sure whether it was you.

VI. Change the parts of speech of the given words in the chart. Avoid the blanks marked with x, write answers on blanks marked with ?:

(3X1=3)

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
x	judge	judgemental	x
threat	x	threatening	x
x	encourage	x	courageously

VII. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and preposition:

(3X1=3)

Several days after the blasts, the medical staff recognized the first symptoms of radiation sickness among the survivors.

VIII. Find suitable words from the Unseen Comprehension according to the meanings given below: (2X3=6)

- i.) To worsen a situation; - loss
- ii.) To adjust and settle by mutual concession- summit / strategy
- iii.) Concentration of attention - major

SECTION C

IX. Write a Summary for the given passage. (10)

Nature, the storehouse of ideas, provided inspiration to distinguished people for centuries. This abundant inspirational resource is available to us also. Nature has messages of an inspiration in its various activities. A tiny seedling pushing its way through the soil, tells us that the roots of success are formed through hard work. The transformation of a tiny, creeping caterpillar into a brilliantly coloured butterfly, teaches us the value of perseverance.

(70 words)

X. Write a newspaper report on a destruction caused by Fani cyclone in Orissa within 100 words. (10)

Death count up to 28---injured and hospitalized---government resources said more than 200 crore worth of power infrastructure destroyed---disruption of electricity in Puri---steps taken by the government---eye-witness account

CYCLONE FANI BATTERS ORISSA

- By a Staff Reporter

Puri, May 26, 2019: The eastern Indian state of Orissa was battered by the Fani cyclone where number of deaths reported officially has reached up to 28. Countless people are injured and hospitalized. The state government evacuated some people to temporary shelters. The destruction included uprooted trees, damaged buildings, roads and power lines. More than 200 crore worth of power infrastructure was destroyed including the disruption of electricity in Puri. The state has set up 5,000 free kitchen camps to provide food. Eye witness account narrated the sad tale of misery of the people and their helplessness as they wait for normalcy to be restored.