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(Second Language)

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(First 15 Minutes for reading the question paper only 3 Hours for writing)

Full Marks : For Regular Candidates - 90 For External Candidates - 100

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Answer All the questions in the space provided. There is enough space for the answers. However, extra sheets will be supplied by the Invigilator, if required.	_
Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.	_
Section – A – Reading Comprehension (Seen) – 20 marks Reading Comprehension (Unseen) – 20 marks	_
Section - B - Grammar and Vocabulary - 20 marks	
Section – C – Writing – 30 marks	
Candidates Only) - 10 marks	_

Section -D-Supplementary (For External Candidates Only) - 10 marks		
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SECTION - A **READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:



When the family sits down to tea, the cat puts in an appearance to get his share. He purrs noisily and rubs himself against the legs of the family members. If there is a guest at the table the cat is particularly civil to him, because the guest is likely to have the best of what is offered. Sometimes, instead of giving him something to eat, the guest stoops down and strokes the cat, and says, "Poor pussy!" The cat soon tires of that. He puts up his claw and quietly but firmly rakes the guest in the leg. "Ow!" says the guest, "The cat stuck his claws into me!". The delighted family remarks, "Isn't it sweet of him? Isn't he intelligent? He wants you to give him something to

The guest dares not do what he would like to do - kick the cat out of the window. So, with tears of rage and pain in his eyes, he affects to be very much amused, and sorts out a bit of fish from his plate and hands it down. The cat gingerly receives it, with a look in his eyes that says, "Another time, my friend, you won't be so slow to understand." He purrs as he retires to a safe distance from the guest's boot before eating his food.

A. Write the correct alternative in the given space to complete the following sentences :

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(iii) children	ularly civil to the	(ii) (iv)	family members guest of the family	
(i) (ii) (iv)	disturb the get his shar	at puts in an app is anyone new family members e of food s of the guest		to	

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(c)		
	(i) offering food	
	(ii) kicking it	
	(iii) ignoring it	
	(iv) having food	
(d)	(i) guest of the family (ii) members of the family (iii) guest and family members (iv) people outside the house Ans: With tears of rage and pain in eyes, the guest affects to be very much	
в. С	(ii) angry (iii) honoured (iv) unhappy Ans: complete the following sentences with information from the text:	1×3=3
No.	(i) The guest wishes to	
	(ii) The guest wisnes to	
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	(iii) The cat retires to a safe distance to	[Turn Ove
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C. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. We then the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. We then the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. We then the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. We have a statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand statement are 'True' and 'False' in the boxes of the statement are 'True' are 'True' and 'False' in the boxes of the statement are 'True' are '	ide.
(i) The guest was amused when the cat raked him in the leg.	
Supporting sentence :	
(ii) The family members were not ashamed of the behaviour of the cat.	
Supporting sentence :	
2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :	
I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,	
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;	
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,	
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.	
I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide	
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;	
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying	
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.	
I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life	
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife	
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover.	
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.	
A. Tick the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :	1×4=4
(a) During his journey the poet's ship will be guided by	35.756.00
(i) the sail (ii) the wind	
(iii) the star (iv) the whale	
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	(i) frustration about sea voyage (ii) determination to go on sea voyages (iii) anxiety about hardships of sea voyage (iv) depression for not being able to go on a voyage	
	The living creatures mentioned in the poem are (i) gulls and whales	
B. Ans (i)	Why does the poet compare the life of a mariner with the life of gypsies Ans:	2×2=4 ?

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READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

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

It was back in 1975 that India launched its Crocodile Conservation Project in Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park, the former hunting grounds of kings from the Kanika princely state.

Today there are 1811 saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarkanika, a vast tract of forest and saltwater swamp, but back in 1975 the number of saltwater crocodiles was only 74. In 1975, barely three years after the passage of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, crocodiles were very much threatened and were on the verge of extinction in India due to indiscriminate killing for commercial purposes and severe loss of natural habitat. "The main objective of the crocodile conservation project was to protect the animal's natural habitat and revive the population through captive breeding" said Mr. Sudhakar Kar, Odisha's 'Crocodile Man'.

Kar, after his retirement as senior scientist, has been imparting technical expertise and methodology on the conservation of these saltwater monsters. He added, "the conservation of crocodiles is not a passing fact for me but a mission."

[Adapted from an article published in The Hindu dated 17th June 2024]



A. Tick the right answer:

I)	India launched	its	Crocodile	Conservation	Project	:
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- 1978 (a)
- 2024
- (c) 1975
- (d) 1974



1×6=6





(II)	Currer	ntly in Brillarkanika National Park the number of crocodiles is	
	(a) A	About three thousand	
	(b) N	More than two thousand	
	(c) /	About two thousand	
	(d) l	Less than thousand	
(iii)	The n	umber of crocodiles in India has increased due to	
	(a)	Forced breeding	
	(b)	Captive breeding	
	(c)	Natural breeding	
	(d)	Segregated breeding	
(iv)		year 1972 is significant for wild life enthusiasts in India because	
	this y	The Wild Life Protection Act was passed in India	
	(a)	The Crocodile Conservation Project was launched in India	
	(b)	Bhitarkanika was declared a national park by Indian government	
	(c) (d)	The Crocodile Man of Odisha started working as a senior scientist	
(v) "Cor	nservation of these saltwater monsters" refers to conservation of	
	(a)	Monsters living in saltwater	
	(b)	Wild animals living in Bhitarkanika	
	(c)	Crocodiles living in saltwater	
	(d)	Animals living in saltwater	
(v	i) An a	appropriate title for the passage would be	
	(a)	An endeavour to protect crocodiles	\Box
	(b)	Ways to conserve wild animals of India	
	(c)	50 th year of India's Crocodile Conservation	
	(d)		
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B. E	ach of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write it for
'Τ	rue' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Also write
St	litable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your
ar	(1+1)×3=
(i) Since 1975 the number of crocodiles in India has decreased drastically.
	Supporting sentence :
(ii)	Kanika Princely states.
	Supporting sentence :
(iii)	After retirement Mr. Sudhakar Kar is no longer associated with crocodile conservation.
	Supporting sentence :
C. Ar	nswer the following questions :
(i)	What were the main objectives of the crocodile conservation project ? Ans:
	No.
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(ii)	Why were the saltwater crocodiles on the verge of extinction in 1975 ?
	Ans :
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	(iii)	Who is referred to as Odisha's 'Crocodile Man'? Which post did he retire from?	
		Ans :	e.
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	(iv)	How does Mr. Kar contribute to the crocodile conservation project even	
		after his retirement ?	
		Ans:	_
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14		(was drizzling/had been drizzling/is drizzling) continually	for
lt be	oure t	together from morning. But in the afternoon, the wind	-
10	row I	up/grows up/growing up). Then (comes/came/had con	ne)
		rm with heavy gust.	
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5. D	o as	directed:	
V.	A. Fi	ll in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :	1×3=3
100		ast year we visited Haridwar summer. We stayed in	n a
	hr	otel the river. Though hotel was a	bit
		pensive it was very nice.	
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В	3. (i)	We patched the kite up with a letter. (Change the voice)		·3=3
		Ans :		_
	(ii)	Father asked him, "Have you no school today?" (Change into indirect speech) Ans:		
	(iii)	The people were very much stunned. They could not speak in the beginning. (Join the sentences into a simple sentence) Ans:		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
C. ■ ૄ ■ • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	the	pose the correct phrasal verbs from the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verb side changing the form where a phrasal verb in the list:	e list given below to replace	
		The officer <u>demanded</u> his explanation for work.		
	(ii)	We must <u>reduce</u> our daily expenses.		
		I cannot <u>remember</u> his name. [call up, cut off, call for, cut down]		
app	en be sage propr	elow are the meanings of four words we in Question No. 3. Find out the words iate boxes on the right-hand side:	hich you will find in the	
	(i)	the natural home or environment of an animal	2×4=	=8
	(ii)	to bring something back to life		لـ 7
	(iii)	important assignment or vocation		_ _
	(iv)	target		
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SECTION - C

WRITING BY



7. Write a letter to the editor of an English daily complaining about the pollution caused by fire crackers. (in about 100 words)

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Your letter should include the following points :

Air and sound pollution — health hazards — suffering of children and aged people.



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8. Write a paragraph (within 100 words) about the advantages of morning walk.

You may use the following points :

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Introduction — easiest form of exercise — early start for the day's work — increase energy and prevent weight gain - improve memory - fresh air freshens mind — lower risk of heart disease — conclusion.





9. Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on a dacoity in your area. You may use the following points:

Locality and place of occurrence — date and time — valuables looted — the number of dacoits — impact — steps taken.



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