



ENGLISH

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ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)**

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Full Marks-90

Section-A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

It is the last time we shall be walking with Bapu.

It was an agonizing walk. Thousands silently watched the procession. Bapu lay on an open truck covered with flowers. Thousands of people wept, trying to touch Bapu's feet. It was impossible to move in a thick crowd.

As I moved forward slowly, I understood I was not merely in the midst of grieving people. This was even more than the funeral procession of India's beloved leader. I was among people for whom walking with Bapu had a special meaning. We had walked with Bapu over the rough and smooth of India's recent history. We could not now accept the fact that the man who had led us over many difficult paths, was never going to walk with us again. Bapu's slight figure had walked, staff in hand, over a large part of India. To walk is to make slow progress.

It is to think with clarity and closely look at all that is around you, from small insects to the horizon in the distance. Moreover, to walk was often the only way open to average Indian. It required no vehicle except his own body and cost him nothing but his energy.

A. Tick the correct alternative to complete the following sentences in the given spaces : 1x5=5

- a) The last walk with Bapu was -
i) pleasant ii) painful iii) strange iv) delightful
- b) According to the narrator, walking with Bapu was -
i) quite boring ii) a usual affair iii) not a commonplace affair iv) meaningless
- c) While walking Bapu used to carry a -
i) staff ii) flag iii) book iv) bag
- d) The narrator comments that to walk is to make -
i) a tiresome journey ii) no progress iii) rapid progress iv) slow progress
- e) According to the narrator, walk required -
i) a lot of money ii) vehicle iii) one's own body and energy iv) a walking stick

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text : 1x3=3

- i) Bapu was being carried _____
- ii) Thousands of people were eager to _____
- iii) India's recent history was both _____

C. Fill in the chart with information from the text : 2x2=4

Statement	Reason
a)	The crowd was thick
b) Walking is making slow progress	Because

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all
Together.
Within that house secure he hides
When danger imminent betides



Of storm, or other harm besides

Of weather.

A. Tick the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences :

1×4 = 4

- i) The snail sticks to the object—
a) lightly b) fearfully c) closely d) mildly
- ii) The snail seems to grow together with—
a) a house b) an igloo c) a wall d) a tent
- iii) Inside his house the snail feels—
a) protected b) insecure c) confused d) angry
- iv) The house in the poem refers to the snail's—
a) horns b) body c) nest d) shell

B. Answer the following questions :

2×2 = 4

i) What is the snail not afraid of?

ii) When does the snail hide in his house?

Section - B

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it :

Kolkata : Otters, which measure not more than three feet from head to tail, are making a comeback to Bengal. For environmentalists, however, the import is far greater than the size of the animal; its comeback indicates a revival of health of the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest spanning two countries.

The otter was once very common in Bengal, finding its way into even rhymes about mothers "talking" to otters. That particular rhyme ("Ore bhandor phire cha") along with others of its ilk, may be dying out of households but the animal itself if sightings in the 4,000 sq. km Indian Sundarbans are any indication is making spirited comeback.

And that has enthused environmentalists no end. They believe that comeback of the species is the surest indication of the mangroves regaining their health.

This carnivorous and semi-aquatic mammal, considered threatened on the IUCN Red List, was feared to have gone extinct in the Indian Sunderbans in 2000. But 16 years down the line, a report by Dehradun based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) has found that others are more evenly distributed across the tiger reserve with an area coverage of about 67%— a figure higher than that of estuarine crocodiles and water monitor lizards, which score better over otters in terms of sighting.

A. Tick the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences :

1×6 = 6

- i) The largest mangrove the word is the —
a) Dehradun forest b) Sundarbans c) Bengal d) Otter
- ii) About the coming back of the otters the environmentalists are—
a) unhappy b) anxious c) enthusiastic d) sad
- iii) The Bengali rhyme indicates that otters were —
a) rare in Bengal b) common in Bengal
c) never found in Bengal d) hardly found in Bengal
- iv) In the Bengal household the rhymes are getting —
a) popular b) frequent c) necessary d) extinct
- v) WII is based in—
a) Dehradun b) Kolkata c) Sundarbans d) Delhi
- vi) The Sundarbans spread over—
a) one country b) two countries c) three countries d) none of these



B. State whether the following statements are true or false by writing T or F accordingly in the boxes. Also quote supporting statements. (1+1) × 3 = 6

- i) The otter is a big mammal.
Supporting Statement: _____
- ii) The reappearance of the otter is an indication of Sundarbans's well being.
Supporting Statement: _____
- iii) Otter was rare in Bengal in old days.
Supporting Statement: _____

C. Answer the following questions : 2×4 = 8

- i) When was the otter feared to have gone extinct?
- ii) What does an otter measure in size?
- iii) Why are the environmentalists happy about the otter's comeback?
- iv) Choose the right title for the passage.
 - a) The Wildlife of the Sundarbans.
 - b) The revival of otters in Sundarbans.
 - c) Environmentalist's Enthusiasm.

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Choose the correct form of verbs from the given alternatives : 1×3 = 3

At least two persons _____ (was died/ were died/ died) and six _____ (was injured/ were injured/ injured) in a train derailment in Alipurduar. According to report, the drivers of Capital Express overshot the red signal _____ (result/ resulted/resulting) in the derailment.

5. a) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and appropriate prepositions : 1×3 = 3

_____ boy from the green chair stood up _____ ask me _____ question.

b) Do as directed : 1×3 = 3

- i) Her behaviour shocked me. (Change the sentence into passive voice)
- ii) The poem is too simple to need an explanation. (Turn it into a complex sentence)
- iii) Samuel was friendlier than most other teachers in the school. (Change the degree)

c) Replace the italicized words with suitable phrasal verbs : 1×3 = 3

- i) The old man *died* last night _____
- ii) The young man is *searching* for a job. _____
- iii) The proposal was *rejected*. _____

List : [turn up, turn down, pass away, look for]

6. Find from the text of question no. 3 the words having the same meaning as : 2×4 = 8

- i) animals which live on flesh. _____
- ii) short traditional poems. _____
- iii) getting something again. _____
- iv) no larger in existence. _____

Section - C
Writing

7. Write a paragraph on a cultural programme you recently took part and enjoyed. Use the hints given below to write the paragraph within 100 words. 10

Hints: Introduction—date, time and venue—occasion of the programme—scheduled activities of performance—your participation—spectators' response—any special memory—your feeling

8. Write a letter within 100 words to the Editor of an English newspaper expressing your concern about the indiscriminate use of loudspeakers in your area. Use the following hints. 10



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Hints: Name of your area — senseless use the loudspeakers — use in every occasion — played much higher than legal decibel measure — problems faced — how to get rid of it.

9. Write a notice (in about 100 words) as the head-students of your school telling the students about a filmshow in school. The notice should contain the name of the film, the date and time of the show etc. 10

ANSWER KEY

Section-A

1. A. (a) (ii), painful (b) (iii), not a commonplace affair (c) (i), staff (d) (iv), slow progress. (e) (iii) one's own body and energy. B. (i), ... on an open truck covered with flowers. (ii), ... touch Babu's feet. (iii), ... rough and smooth. C. (a) It was impossible to move. (b) ... while walking it is to think with clarity and closely look at all that is around. 2. A. (i) (c) closely (ii) (a) a house (iii) (a) protected (iv) (d) shell. B. (i) The snail is not afraid of falling. (ii) When the snail senses imminent (coming) danger.

Unseen

3. A. (i) (b) Sunderbans (ii) (c) enthusiastic (iii) (b) common in Bengal (iv) (d) extinct (v) (a) Dehradun (vi) (b), two countries B. (i), T, SS. Otters, which measure not more than three feet from head to tail. (ii), T, SS. that comeback of the species is the surest indication of the mangroves regaining their health. (iii), F, SS The otter was once very common in Bengal... C. (i) The otter was feared to have gone extinct in the Sunderbans in 2000. (ii) The otters measure not more than three feet from head to tail. (iii), The environmentalists believe that the comeback of otter is an indication of Sunderbans' revival of health. (iv) b) The Revival of otters in Sunderbans 4. died, were injured, resulting. 5. (a) The, to, a (b) (i) I was shocked by her behaviour. (ii) The poem is so simple that it does not need an explanation. (iii) Few other teachers were as friendly as Samuel. (c) (i) passed away, (ii) looking for, (iii) turned down. 6. (i) Carnivorous, (ii) Rhyme, (iii) Comeback, (iv) Extinct.

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ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The funny part used to be that people always pitied us when the time came for us to return. They said we must be so lonesome over there, with no other children near us. Of course Claude and I would have liked to have someone to play with us. It is hard to run pirate caves and things like that with only two. But we used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children in winter. So it was perhaps just as well that there were none of them on the Big Half Moon, Claude and I never quarrelled.

To be sure, Father didn't seem to have any relations except us. This used to puzzle Claude and me. Everybody on the mainland had relations, Why hadn't we? Was it because we lived on an island? We thought it would be so jolly to have an uncle and aunt and some cousins. Once we asked Father about it, but he looked so sorrowful that we wished we hadn't. He said it was all his fault. Claude and I did n't understand what he meant.

- A. Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1×5=5

- a) They were pitied by people of the—
a) mainland b) island c) light house d) park
- b) Both the narrator and Claude wished to have someone to—
a) chat with b) gossip with c) play with d) tell a story
- c) Number of the persons needed to play pirate caves—
a) two b) less than four c) one d) more than two
- d) When the children asked their father about relatives he became—
a) happy b) puzzled c) sorrowful d) irritated
- e) The fact that their father did not have any relations except his children used to—
a) satisfy b) embarrass c) console d) encourage



B. Complete the following sentences : 1×3=3

i) The people of the mainland pitied them when _____

ii) They used to quarrel a good deal _____

iii) It would be so jolly for the narrator and Claude _____

C. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F). Provide sentences / phrases in support of your answers : 2×2=4

(i) Claude and the narrator quarrelled.

S.S. _____

(ii) People felt that Claude and the narrator were lonesome in the island.

S.S. _____

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all.

Together

Within that house secure he hides
When danger imminent betides
Of storm, or other harm besides

Of weather.

Give but his horns the slightest touch
His self-collecting pow'r is such,
He shrinks into his house with much

Displeasure.

Where'er he dwells, he dwells alones.
Except himself has chattels none,
Well satisfied to be his own

Whole treasure.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences, Put tick (✓) in the boxes, 1×4=4

- a) The snail is not afraid to—
a) fight b) hide c) fall d) touch
- b) The snail faces imminent danger when there is—
a) storm b) rain c) thunder d) lightning
- c) With the slightest touch the snail shrinks into his house with much—
a) delight b) displeasure c) defiance d) pain
- d) In the house the snail lives—
a) alone b) with others c) with chattels d) with family

B. Answer the following questions : 2×2=4

i) What does the snail stick close to?
Ans. _____

(ii) What does the snail do when it faces danger?
Ans. _____

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

KOLKATA : Padma Award 2021 continues the trend of honouring many unsung heroes who have silently contributed in the field of arts, education and social work. Though the list has no Padma Vibhushan or Padma Bhushan awards from Bengal, there are seven recipients of Padma Shri from this state, including author Narayan Debnath, table tennis player Mouma Das, social worker Guru Ma

Kamalini Soren and educationist Jagadish Chandra Halder. On Monday, Debnath's daughter-in-law Archana Debnath had to repeat the news several times before the 97-years old author could fathom what was happening. The first reaction of the country's senior-most working author was : 'Finally, they have chosen me?'

For over 70 years now, Debnath has been creating landmark Bengali comic strips such as 'Batul the Great', 'Nante Fante' and 'Handa Bhonda'. He holds the record of the longest running comics by an individual artist for 'Handa Bhonda' series, and is the first and only Indian comics artist to have received a D. Lit. Even now Debnath sits at his desk reguarly and tries to churn out stories. "But on some days, he goes blank. Those are days when he suffers the most" Archana said.

Das, a two-time Olympian with many medals at Commonwealth Games and championships, had received the Padma Shree award. Biren Kumar Basak received the same award for recognizing his work in art and development of weavers. Seventy eight years old Sujit Chattopadhyay, a teacher of Uttar Ramnager in Purba Bardhaman, is also awarded of Padma Shri. Dharma Narayan Barma too has won the honour. A retired Sanskrit teacher from Tufanganj in Cooch Behar, Barma is known for his contribution towards promoting Kamtapur language.

A. Tick (✓) the right answer : **1×6 = 6**

- (i) Numer of Padma Shri recipients of West Bengal are—
 a) 0 b) 7 c) 4 d) 5
- (ii) The senior most Padma Shri awardee is—
 a) Archana Debnath b) Mouma Das
 c) Narayan Debnath d) Jagadish Ch. Halder
- (iii) The longest running comics is—
 a) Bantul the Great b) Nante Fante
 c) Handa Bhonda d) Hansjaru
- (iv) A teacher of Purba Bardhaman won the Padma Shree award. His name is—
 a) Dharma Narayan Barma b) Sujit Chottopadhyay
 c) Biren Kumar Basak d) Romila Thapar
- (v) Biren Kumar Basak won the Padma Shri for his contribution in—
 a) Literature b) Art c) Culture d) Science
- (vi) No. of Padma Vibhushan of West Bengal is—
 a) 0 b) 2 c) 5 d) 7

B. Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' boxes on the right-hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answer : **(1+1) × 3 = 6**

- (i) Narayan Debnath has been selected as an awardee of Padma Vibhushan
 S.S. _____
- (ii) Handa Bhonda is a mysterious series
 S.S. _____
- (iii) Sujit Chattopadhyay is a teacher of seventy-eight years.
 S.S. _____

C. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words : **2×4 = 8**

- (i) Why was Padma Shri award given to Narayan Debnath?
 Ans. _____
- (ii) Who is Dharma Narayan Barma and what is his contribution?
 Ans. _____
- (iii) Write the achivements of Mouma Das?
 Ans. _____
- (iv) Why was Biren Kumar Basak selected for Padma Shri?
 Ans. _____



Section - C

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks : 1 × 3 = 3
 The Ministry of External Affairs on Friday _____ (advise / advising / advised) Indians _____ (live / living / to live) in Canada to remain vigilant in view of the violent anti-India activities that _____ (would increase / have been increasing / increased) for the last two weeks.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate article and prepositions : 1 × 3 = 3
 We had no control _____ such _____ situation. So the result was contrary _____ expectation.

B. Do as directed : 1 × 3 = 3
 (i) Though he is strong, he is timid (Turn into simple sentence)
 Ans. _____
 (ii) Please come here. (Change the voice)
 Ans. _____
 (iii) No other liquid is so white as milk (Change the degree)
 Ans. _____

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side changing the form where necessary. 1 × 3 = 3
 (i) Tina is in search of a new job. _____
 (ii) The enemies surrendered at last. _____
 (iii) The girl resembles her mother. _____
 List : [give in, set out, take after, look for]

D. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in Questions No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand side: 2 × 4 = 8
 (i) Unrecognized _____
 (ii) Receivers _____
 (iii) Milestone _____
 (iv) Conferred _____

Section - C

Writing Skills

7. Use the following flow chart to write down the process of preparing omelette in about 120 words 1 × 10
 [Points : Cutting onion, chili into pieces – breaking an egg – mixing with onion, chili pieces – adding salt – stirring – pouring oil in a frying pan – mix and spread on pan – solidifies and rolled – served]

8. Write a story using the following hints. Add a title and a moral to your story : 1 × 10
 [Hints : A bee falls into a stream – a dove drops a leaf – bee saved – a hunter about to kill the dove with an arrow – bee stings him – hunter misses aim – dove saved.]

9. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the problems faced by common people due to irregular clearance of garbage in your locality. Use the given hints : 1 × 10
 Irregular clearance – foul smell and unhygienic place – commuters suffer a lot – breeding centre of mosquitoes and flies – worse condition in rain – negligence of municipality or G. P. – remedial steps.

ANSWER KEY

Section-A

1. A (a) - (a), (b) - (c), (c) - (d), (d) - (c), (e) - (b) | B. (i) the time came for them to return. (ii) with the mainland children in winter. (iii) to have an uncle and aunt and some cousins. | C. (i) F-S.S. Claude and I never quarrelled. (ii) T-S.S. - They said we must be so lonesome over there

(c) - (b), (d) - (a). 2.B. (i) The snail sticks close to grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall. (ii) He shrinks into his house with much displeasure. 3.A. (i) (b), (ii) (c), (iii) (c), (iv) (b), (v) (b), (vi) (a) 3.B. (i) F- S.S.- there are seven recipients of Padma Shri from this state including author Narayan Debnath (ii) F- S.S.- He holds the record of the longest running comics by an individual artist for Handa Bhonda Series (iii) T- S.S.- Seventy eight years old Sujit Chattopadhyay, a teacher. 3.C. (i) Over 70 years Debnath has been creating landmark Bengali comic strips such as 'Batul the Great' 'Nante Fante' and for being one of the unsung heroes he has been selected for Padma Shri award. (ii) Dharma Narayan Barma is a retired Sanskrit teacher from Tufanganj in Cooch Behar. He is known for his contribution towards promoting Kamtapur language. (iii) Mouma Das is a table tennis player and a two time Olympian with many medals at Commonwealth Games and championships. (iv) Biren Kumar Basak received the Padma Shri award for his work in art and development of weavers. 4. advised, living, have been increasing 5.A. over, a, to 5.B. (i) In spite of being strong he is timid. (ii) You are requested to come here. (iii) Milk is whiter than any other liquid. 5.C. (i) looking for (ii) gave in (iii) takes after. D. (i) Unsung (ii) Recipients (iii) Landmark (iv) Awarded.

METROPOLITAN INSTITUTION (MAIN) FOR GIRLS
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Section- A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions :

It is always lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. When it is fine, the harbour is blue and calm, with little wind and ripples. Every summer, we had some hobby. The last summer before Dick and Mimi came, we were crazy about kites. A boy on the mainland showed Claude how to make them. Back on the island we made plenty of kites. Claude would go around to the other side of the island and we would play shipwrecked mariners signalling to each other with kites.

We had a kite that was big and covered with lovely red paper. We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it and had written our names full on it- Claude Leete and Philippa Leete, Big Half Moon lighthouse. One day there was a grand wind for kite-flying. I'm not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer :

1×4=4

- (i) The Big Half Moon looked lovely during— (a) spring , (b) summer , (c) autumn
- (ii) The colour of the harbour mentioned in the prose is— (a) red , (b) white , (c) blue
- (iii) They had some hobby in— (a) spring , (b) summer , (c) winter
- (iv) Back on the island Claude and the narrator made plenty of— (a) puppets , (b) masks , (c) kites

B. Write "T" for true and "F" for false statements : Give supporting statements : 2×2 = 4

- (i) The colour of the runaway kite was red.
S.S.: _____
- (ii) Philippa and Claude pasted silver moon over the kite.
S.S.: _____

C. Answer the following questions : 2×2 = 4

- (i) Who are the cousins of the narrator?
- (ii) How is the Big Half Moon island in summer?

2. Read the poem and answer the questions :

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel :
And the former called the latter 'Little Prig'.
Bun replied,



You are doubtless very big :
 But all sorts of things and weather
 Must be taken in together,
 To make up a year
 And a sphere .
 And I think it no disgrace
 To occupy my place.
 If I'm not so large as you,
 You are not so small as I,
 And not half so spry .
 I'll not deny you make
 A very pretty squirrel track;
 Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
 If I cannot carry forests on my back,
 Neither can you crack a nut.'

A. Tick (✓) the correct alternatives :

- (i) A squirrel can crack a— (a) joke , (b) stone , (c) nut 1×4=4
- (ii) Bun has no doubt about the fact that the mountain is— (a) noble , (b) kind , (c) big
- (iii) The quarrel was between the mountain and the— (a) rat , (b) dog , (c) squirrel
- (iv) The squirrel is— (a) blunt , (b) tall , (c) spry

B. Answer the following question :

- (i) What is it that the squirrel does not deny?
 (ii) What is not a disgrace to the squirrel ? 2×2=

Section- B

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

The anaconda is believed to be the largest snake in the world. It inhabits the dense rainforests of South America yet, surprisingly its name is of Tamil origin. 'Anaconda' is a combination of two Tamil words: 'anai' meaning the elephant and 'konda' meaning that which kills. The word anaconda, therefore, means the snake that kills an elephant. The anaconda grows to an average length of 20 feet. It is not even the longest snake; the Indian python beats anaconda by a good many feet. But it is easily the heaviest snake, and, in this sense, the largest snake. Its body growth can exceed 3 feet in some parts. There are large dark blotches on its pale coloured skin and two stripes on its head from its nose to its neck. The anaconda is quite widespread in South America, especially near the Amazon River. The Anaconda spends most of its time in water, especially in slow moving rivers or marshy areas. They are not particularly fond of swift flowing rivers. Each anaconda has its hunting ground where others of its species are not allowed. The snake is active at night. To catch a prey, the anaconda hides in shallow water. When any animal comes to drink water, the snake jumps on it and surrounds it with the coils. The prey is killed either by drawing it or by suffocating it in the coils. The snake usually preys on small creatures like fishes, birds, monkeys and turtles. It can also tackle large prey like deer, pig and capybara.

A. Tick (✓) the correct answer :

- (i) The name Anaconda came from— (a) South American word , (b) Tamil word , (c) French word 1×6=6
- (ii) Anaconda is the— (a) heaviest snake , (b) biggest snake , (c) longest snake
- (iii) Anaconda remains inactive during— (a) evening , (b) morning , (c) day
- (iv) Python is the name of a / an— (a) Indian snake , (b) South American snake , (c) Amazon snake
- (v) Anaconda's body growth can exceed— (a) 4 feet , (b) 5 feet , (c) 3 feet
- (vi) Anaconda has— (a) red coloured skin , (b) pale coloured skin , (c) white coloured skin



- Write "T" for true and "F" for false statements. Give supporting statements.** **2 × 3 = 6**
- (i) Indian python is greater than anaconda in length.
 - S.S.:
 - (ii) An Anaconda drinks water while catching its prey.
 - S.S.:
 - (iii) Anaconda is a combination of four words.
 - S.S.:

- Answer the following questions ;** **2×4 = 8**
- (i) What does the word 'Anaconda' mean ?
 - (ii) Describe the skin colour of Anaconda ?
 - (iii) Where does the Anaconda spend most of its time ?
 - (iv) How does Anaconda catch its prey ?

Section - C
Grammar and Vocabulary

- 4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks :** **1 × 3 = 3**
- Jupiter was deeply _____ (moving/ move/ moved) by the mother's sorrow and the people's prayer. He _____ (thinks/ thought/ has thought) for a while and said , "The princess may return to earth if she has not _____ (tasted /tasting/ been tasted) food in his kingdom.

- 5. Do as directed :**
- A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :** **1 × 3 = 3**

- (i) Raja John Vurputoor Chari, _____ Indian - American US Air Force Colonel, is among 18 astronauts, who have been selected _____ NASA for its man mission _____ the moon in 2024.

- B. Answer the following questions :** **1 × 3 = 3**
- (i) Ashim knows the solution to this problem. (Change the voice)
 - (ii) Rita said to Ayesha, "Please give me a glass of water." (Change into indirect speech)
 - (iii) What a shocking sight ! (change into an assertive sentence)

- C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined.** **1 × 3 = 3**
- (i) The man has recovered from his illness quickly.
 - (ii) Never tolerate cruelty.
 - (iii) The two brothers have been quarrelling since morning.

[List of Phrasal Verbs : put up with, fall out, fall through, come round]

- 6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in Question No. 3. Find out the word which mean :** **2×4 = 8**
- (i) Astonishingly —
 - (ii) Defeat —
 - (iii) lives or resides —
 - (iv) An area of different colour on skin —

Section - D
Writing Skill

- 7. Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story.** **10**
- crow sitting on a tree — piece of meat in its beak -- fox passing under the tree — wants the meat — asks the crow to sing — crow keeps meat under its feet and sings — fooled, fox leaves.
- 8. Write a newspaper report within (100 words) on the incident of burglary in a flat in Kolkata using the following points.** **10**
- date and place — time — occupants of the house — number of robbers — list of articles stolen — police investigation.
- 9. Suppose you are the secretary of a club which has decided to open a library. Write a notice (within 100 words) to the members of your club inviting them to actively join this programme by donating books for the library.** **10**



ANSWERKEY

Section-A

1. A (i) (b) summer (ii) (c) blue (iii) (b) summer (iv) (c) kites I.B. (i) T. S.S. : We had a kite that was covered with lovely red paper. (ii) F. S.S.: We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it. 1.C. (i) Dick and ... are the cousins of the narrator. (ii) It is lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. 2A. (i) (c) nut (ii) (iii) (c) squirrel (iv) (c) spry 2.B. (i) The squirrel does not deny that the mountain makes a pretty track. (ii) The squirrel finds no disgrace in occupying a small place as he is very small in size.

Section-B

3.A. (i) (b) Tamil word (ii) (a) heaviest (iii) (c) day (iv) (a) Indian snake (v) (c) 3 feet (vi) (b) pale colour skin 3.B. (i) T. S.S.- The Indian Python beats the anaconda by a good many feet. (ii) F. S.S.- When animal comes to drink the snake jumps on it. (iii) F. S.S.- Anaconda is a combination of two Tamil words. 3.C. (i) The word anaconda means the snake that kills an elephant. (ii) There are large dark blotches on the pale coloured skin of an anaconda and two stripes on its head from its nose to its neck. (iii) anaconda spends most of its time in slow moving rivers or marshy areas. (iv) To catch a prey anaconda hides in shallow water. when any animal comes to drink water, the snake jumps on it and surrounds it with the coils and kills it by drawing or by suffocating it in its coil. 4. moved, though tasted. 5.A. the, by, to. 5.B. (i) The solution to this problem is known to Ashim. (ii) Rita requested Ayesha to give her a glass of water. (iii) It was a very shocking sight. 5.C. (i) come round (ii) put up (iii) falling out 6. (i) surprisingly (ii) beat (iii) inhabits (iv) blotch

JENKINS SCHOOL ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Min

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the Text and answer the questions set below :

On top of the shed, the cat arches his back and takes his claws once or twice through the bark of the old roof. He stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order. Drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. Before long they are gliding graceful shadows. No longer are they the meek creatures who an hour ago were mewing for food or milk. They are now grim fighters.

Now think how much more he gets out of his life than you do out of yours. As they get older they go in for sport to the suburban backyards. These backyards that are dull to us, are to them hunting grounds where they have more gallant adventure than King Arthur's knights ever had.

It is always spoken as a reproach against cats that they are more fond of their home than of people in it. Naturally, the cat doesn't like to leave his country, the land where all his friends are, where he knows every landmark. Exiled in a new land, he would have to learn new geography.

A. Tick the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences :

- a) The writer of the above text is— i) R.K. Narayan ii) Lucy Maud Montgomery iii) Nayantara Sahgal iv) Andrew Barton Paterson
b) On top of the shed the cat— i) mews ii) arches his back iii) goes to sleep iv) fights
c) The cat sends across a call to— i) the small boys ii) the dogs iii) his relatives iv) all his enemies
d) The backyards are used by the cats as— i) playgrounds ii) strolling grounds iii) hunting grounds iv) roaming grounds
e) The exciting hunting grounds of cats seem to us— i) uninteresting ii) grim iii) fascinating iv) welcome



Complete the following sentences with information from the above text : 1×3 = 3

- b. (i) The cat stretches himself to see
- (ii) The brave cats are compared to
- (iii) Banished in a new land, the cat

Answer in a sentence or two : 2+2 = 4

- c. (i) How does the behaviour of the cats change with the setting of the sun?
- (ii) Why doesn't the cat like to leave his country?

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all,
Together.

Within the house secure he hides
When danger imminent betides
Of storm, or other harm besides
Of weather.

Give but his horns the slightestest touch,
His self-collecting pow'r is such
He shrinks into his house with much
Displeasure.

Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone
Except himself has chattels none,
Well satisfied to be his own
Whole treasure.

A. **Tick the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences : 1×4 = 4**

- (i) In his house the snail lives—
i) in pleasure ii) fearfully iii) miserably iv) safely .
- (ii) The snail likes to dwell—
i) with friends ii) with relatives iii) with none iv) with other creatures .
- (iii) In danger his shelter is—
i) tree leaves ii) the grass iii) the wall iv) shell .
- (iv) His only treasure is—
i) his horns ii) his power iii) his house iv) he himself .

B. **Answer in a sentence or two : 2+2 = 4**

- (i) Name the poem and the poet. Ans : _____
- (ii) How does the creature react to the slightest touch? Ans : _____

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

Mussoorie : "This Bond will never retire", says an adolescent, Priya, who had come to the Cambridge Book Depot to celebrate the 82nd birthday of Ruskin Bond. Sunil Arora, the owner of Cambridge Book Depot, went along with his family to wish Bond at his residence. Later in the afternoon, Bond arrived at the Cambridge Book Depot and cut the cake in front of the people, especially students from Apeejay School, and Mussoorie International School.

Two students, who shared their birthday with Ruskin Bond, joined in the celebrations much to their delight.

Three new books titled "A Little Book of Happiness", "My Favourite Nature Stories" and "The World Outside the Window" were released on the occasion. The books were signed by Ruskin Bond. Meanwhile, "The Room on the Roof"-a semi-autobiographical story of the Anglo-Indian boy, Rusty, that won the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, completed 60 years of publication today. Elated Ruskin Bond posted a picture on his Twitter handle saying, 'This was taken when I was 22, the year-The Room on



the Roof—was first published 60 years ago,' Ruskin Bond said when the book was released, I was an unknown person. "The book has been doing much better for the past six to seven years in comparison to the initial years of the release which is indeed refreshing", he added.

Ruskin Bond was awarded with the most coveted honour-the Padma Bhushan in 2014 and Padma Shri in 1998. His novel "A Flight of Pigeons" was made into a Hindi film called "Junoon" by Shyam Benegal. Then Vishal Bhardwaj's "7 Khoon Maaf" was based on his work titled "Susanna's Seven Husbands". He made his acting debut in the film.

A. Tick the right answer :

- a) Priya is a girl—
 - i) of 18 years
 - ii) 19 years
 - iii) 20 years
 - iv) at the stage between being a child and an adult
- b) On Bond's 82nd birthday Sunil Arora wished Bond—
 - i) alone
 - ii) along with students
 - iii) along with his family
 - iv) with Shyam Benegal
- c) Bond wrote "The Room on the Roof" when he was—
 - i) a teenager
 - ii) 22 years old
 - iii) 60 years old
 - iv) an adolescent
- d) The book has been doing better..... Here the book refers to—
 - i) "My Favourite Nature Stories"
 - ii) "A Flight of Pigeons"
 - iii) "The Room on the Roof"
 - iv) "A Little Book of Happiness"

B. Write True and False against the following statements. Quote sentence from the above passage in support of your answer :

- i) Bond was very popular when he wrote "The Room on the Roof". 8
Supporting Sentence :
- ii) On the occasion of his 82nd birthday celebration Bond cut the cake only in front of students.
Supporting Sentence :
- iii) On Bond's 82nd birthday his book "The Room on the Roof " completed its 60 years of publication.
Supporting Sentence :
- iv) "A Flight of Pigeons" was made into a Hindi film by Vishal Bhardwaj.
Supporting Sentence :

C. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two :

- i) Who was Priya? What did she say about Bond?
- ii) Before whom did Bond cut the birthday cake?
- iii) Name the books that were released on the occasion of Bond's 82nd birthday.
- iv) What did Bond say on his Twitter handle?

Section - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks :

Drones _____ (are being used/were used/used) on Monday to _____ (spraying/sprayed/spray) larvicide in the glass factory. This is for the first time such a drive _____ (was taken/has taken/is taken) inside the factory premises. 3

5. Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions :

- (i) According to Swami Vivekananda, education is _____ perfection already _____ man. 1/2 x 6 = 3
_____ manifestation _____
- (ii) Father snatched _____ letter away _____ Swami and tore it _____ pieces.

- (iii) **Do as directed :** 3
- "How did you get here, child?" asked the man. (Change the mode of narration)
 - We cannot depend upon you. (End the sentence with "upon")
 - To err is human and to forgive is divine. (Rewrite the sentence using gerunds)
6. **Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the verbs in bold. There is an extra phrasal verb in the list.** 3
- Shun** evil company. _____
 - The saffron on the top of our national flag. **symbolizes** sacrifice _____
 - The dacoits **fled** with valuables. _____
- List :** [make up, make off, give up, stand for]
7. **Read the passage (Question No. 3) and find out the words which mean :** 8
- extremely happy _____
 - at the beginning _____
 - first appearance _____
 - highly sought-after _____
8. **Write a paragraph on the benefits of early morning physical exercises using the following points : (within 100 words)** 10
 [Points : introduction—good for health—fresh air—sound body and sound mind—active throughout the day]
9. **Suppose you are the school prefect. The school authority has decided to organise a day-long Nature Walk at Jaldapara with students of class 10. As the prefect, write a notice announcing this decision for information of the concerned students. Use the following points to develop your draft. (within 100 words)** 10
 [Points : Date—time of start and return—mode of conveyance—when to turn up at school campus—due date for enrolling names—any other relevant information.]
10. **Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily complaining about the insanitary condition of your locality. (within 100 words)** 10
 [Points : The population—irregular clearance of garbage, drains—foul smell—diseases—spread—necessary action]

ANSWERKEY
Section-A

1.A (a) (i) Andrew Barton Paterson (b) (ii) arches his back (c) (iii) his relatives (d) (iii) hunting grounds (e) (i) uninteresting 1.B. (i) ...if every muscle is in full working order (ii) ...King Arthur's Knights (iii) ...would have to learn new geography. 1.C. (i) With the setting of the sun, the cats are no longer the meek creatures. They behave like grim fighters. (ii) The cat does not like to leave his country because he has his friends there and he knows every landmark of the place. Moreover, when shifted to a new place he would have to learn a new geography. 2A. (i) (iv) safely (ii)(iii) with none (iii)(iv) shell (iv) (iv) he himself. 2.B. (i) The name of the poem is 'The Snail'. The poet's name is William Cowper (ii) At the slightest touch, the snail shrinks itself into his house with discontent. 3.A. (a) (iv) at the stage between being a child and an adult. (b) (iii) along with his family (c) (ii) 22 years old (d) (iii) "The Room on the Roof" 3.B. (i) F- S.S.- When the book was releasedperson. (ii) F- S.S.- Later in the afternoonMussoorie International School (iii) T - S.S.- This was taken60 years ago. (iv) F-S.S.- His novel.....,Shyam Benegal. 3.C. (i) Priya was an adolescent who had come to celebrate Bond's 82nd birthday at Cambridge Book Depot. She commented about Bond that he would never retire. (ii) Bond cut the cake.....School. (iii) Three books titled "... "..." were released on the occasion of Bond's 82nd birthday. (iv) On his twitter Handle Bond posted his own picture when he was 22 and said that he had been an unknown person during the first publication of the book. 4. were used, spray, was taken. 5.(i) the, of, in (ii) the, from, into (iii) (a) The man asked how the child had got there. (b) You are not the one to be depended upon. (c) Erring is human and forgiving is divine. 6. (a) give up (b) stands for (c) made off 7.(i) elated (ii) initial (iii) debut (iv) coveted



KAIRAPUR VIDYASAGAR VIDYAPITH (H.S)
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the following 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! 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 eat."

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 to complete the following sentences: - 1×5=5

- i) The cat is particularly _____ to a guest.
a) rude b) indifferent c) polite d) impolite
- ii) The cat scratches the guest in the _____.
a) leg b) head c) hand d) knee
- iii) The guest actually wants to _____.
a) kill the cat, b) give the cat a bit of fish c) kick the cat d) stroke the cat
- iv) Sometimes the guest strokes the cat instead of _____.
a) stooping b) raking c) kicking d) giving him food
- v) Having been raked, the guest affects to be very much _____.
a) angry b) surprised c) puzzled d) pleased

B. Complete the following sentences with the information from the text: - 1×3=

- i) The guest calls the cat. _____
- ii) When the family sits down to tea, the cat turns up because _____
- iii) The guest does not _____

C. State whether the following sentences are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes on the right hand side. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer 2 × 2=4

- i) The cat never expects anything from the guest.
S.S: _____
- ii) Without making any noise, the cat carefully receives the bit of fish.
S.S: _____

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
As if he grew there, house and all together.
Within that house secure he hides,
When danger imminent besides
Of storm, or other harm besides of weather.
Give but his horns the slightest touch,
His self - collecting pow'r is such,
He shrinks into his house with much displeasure.



A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentence :

1 × 4 = 4

- i) The snail hides within his house when he is
 a) happy b) in danger c) angry d) afraid
- ii) The poem focuses on the
 a) life cycle of a snail. b) food habit of a snail.
 c) private world of a snail. d) hibernating habits of a snail.
- iii) The word 'imminent' means
 a) over b) gone c) no more d) likely to happen soon
- iv) The house of the snail is
 a) grass or leaf or fruit or wall. b) his shell.
 c) a hole in the ground. d) pond.

B. Answer the following questions:

2 × 2 = 4

1. What happens when the horns of the snail are given the slightest touch?
2. What do you know about the house of the snail?

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

Uttarakhand : Rescue personnel today (July 27) pulled out the body of a woman who got buried under debris of a building, which was hit by a landslide in Ghansali in Uttarakhand in the early hours of Saturday. The woman and her daughter got trapped under debris of their home that collapsed in the landslide triggered by heavy rain in the village Toli.

The disaster control room was notified at around 3 a.m. today that the two were buried under the debris of a building at around 1:30 am. due to a landslide. The District Information Officer of Tehri Garhwal said that Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Tehsildar, Patwari, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Public Works Department (PWD) team, Nagarpalika team and health team ambulance immediately reached the incident spot.

“During an intensive search by SDRF and District Police, the body of a woman Sarita Devi buried in the debris has been recovered”, SDRF stated.

Search operation is underway for her daughter. Further details are awaited in this regard.

On Thursday (July 25), the Uttarakhand police cleared the debris near Gulabkoti in the Joshimath area on Badrinath National Highway, which was blocked due to debris after the boulders and debris from the hillside. The Highway was closed earlier at Pagal Nala and Golabkoti due to falling Badrinath boulders and debris from the hillside.

The falling debris was due to the continuous rain that has lashed the Chamoli district. Heavy rains in parts of Uttarakhand over the past few days have triggered landslides in the hills, with the highway to Badrinath blocked at many points by rubble on several occasions.

A. Tick (✓) the right answer :

1 × 6 = 6

- i) Ghansali is in the state of
 a) Uttar Pradesh b) Uttarakhand c) Uttar Kashi d) Nainital
- ii) The incident occurred on
 a) Monday b) Thursday c) Saturday d) Sunday
- iii) Landslide was triggered by
 a) storm b) snowfall c) rain d) heat
- iv) The mother — daughter duo was trapped under
 a) a school building b) debris of their own home
 c) a collapsed bridge d) a collapsed road
- v) The full form of PWD is
 a) Public Water Corporation b) Public Works Corporation
 c) Public Works Department d) Property Working Development
- vi) The disaster control room was informed at
 a) 3 a.m b) 4 a.m c) 3 p.m d) 4 p.m



B. Each of the following sentences is either True or False. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the right hand side boxes. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the text in support of your answer :

- i) The village named Toli faced heavy rainfall. S.S : _____ (1+1)×3=6
- ii) The District Information Officer of Tehri Garhwal immediately reached the accident spot. S.S : _____
- iii) The body of Sarita Devi's daughter has been found. S.S : _____

C. Answer the following questions: - 2×4=8

- i) Where and how did a mother and daughter get trapped?
- ii) Who are the SDRF and what did they find after intensive searching?
- iii) Why was the Badrinath National Highway blocked? When were the debris cleared there and by whom?
- iv) What is the overall condition of the Uttarakhand district in the monsoons?

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks : 1×3=3

I was _____ (excite /excited /excitement) to see my uncle on my return from school.
 He _____ (have come /came /had come) after along time. My joy _____
 (knows /had known / knew) no bound.

5. Do as directed: 1×3=3

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :

_____ world is again _____ the threat of the third World War. The conflict
 _____ Russia and Ukraine has been raised at the present time.

B. 1×3=3

- i) "Plastic has no death", said the teacher to the students. (Change the mode of narration)
- ii) Who taught you English? (Change the voice)
- iii) There was an unnatural silence. (complex sentence)

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words under
 Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right hand side changing the form where
 necessary, There is one extra phrasal verb in the list: 1×3=3

- i) He never despises anybody. _____
- ii) My older brother is in search of a job. _____
- iii) The Headmaster distributed books among the students. _____

[give away, look for, turn down, look down upon]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in Q. No. 3 Find
 out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side. 2×4=8

- i) informed _____
- ii) thorough _____
- iii) relics _____
- iv) a large stone _____

7. Use the following flow chart to write a paragraph (within 100 words) on how a school magazine
 is published. 10

[Points: Manuscripts (Essays, Stories, poems, Sketches) collected from teachers and student
 Various topics science, literature, sports – sorted edited with additions, alterations, omissions
 Sent to press – proof corrections – final printing – cut into bookform – books bound – distributed
 among students, teachers and others]

8. Write a story (within 100 words) using the following points. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

[Points: monkeys sitting on the branches of a tree – sees a cap -seller _____ beside him]



monkeys take the caps – cap-seller wakes up throws his cap – monkeys imitate]

Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily expressing your grave concern over the excessive use of microphones and loudspeakers during the festivals. 10

[Points: Random use of microphones and loudspeakers during festivals – microphones everywhere – bad for the old and sick – awareness issue – complaining to the authority to take immediate steps]

Answer key

Seen

1.A. (i) polite (ii) a) leg (iii) (C) kick the cat (iv) giving the food (v) pleased, 1.B. (i) "Poor pussy! Poor pussy!" (ii) he wants to get his share (iii) dare do what he would like to do – kick the cat out of the window. 1.C. (i) F, S.S. – "The delighted family remarks, 'Isn't it sweet of him? Isn't he intelligent? He wants you to give him something to eat'". (ii) T, S.S. – The cat gingerly receives it with a look in his eyes. 2.A. (i) in danger, (ii) private world of a snail, (iii) likely to happen soon, (iv) his shell, B. (i) The snail shrinks into his house with much displeasure, (ii) The house of the snail is the shell that cannot be separated from its body.

Unseen

3.A (i) (b) Uttarakhand, (ii) (c) Saturday, (iii) (c) rain, (iv) (b) debris of their own home, (v) (c) Public Works Department, (vi) (a) 3 a.m B. (i) T, S.S. – "—the landslide triggered by heavy rain in village Toli (ii) F, S.S. – "The District Information Officer of Tehri Garhwal said that the SDM.... team and health team ambulance immediately reached the incident spot. (iii) F, S.S. – "search operation is underway for her daughter ". 3.C (i) The mother and her daughter got trapped under the debris of their home that collapsed in the landslide triggered by heavy rain in the village Toli, Uttarakhand. (ii) SDRF are the State Disaster Response Force. During an intensive search by SDRF and District Police the body of a women buried in the debris has been found. (iii) The Badrinath Highway was closed due to falling boulders. On 25th July, Thursday the Uttarakhand Police cleared the debris near Gulabkoti on Badrinath National Highway. (iv) Heavy rains in parts of Uttarakhand in the time period mentioned in the passage triggered landslides in the hills with the highway to Badrinath blocked at many points by rubble.

Grammar

4. excited, had come, knew, 5. A. The, under, between. B. (i) The teacher said to the students that plastic has no death (ii) Whom were you taught English by? (iii) There was a silence that was unnatural. C. 1. (i) looks down upon, (ii) looking for, (iii) gave away. 6. (i) notified, (ii) intensive, (iii) debris, (iv) boulder.

NABINMAHESHPUR KRISHNANAGAR K. B. HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Section-A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

When the family has finished tea, and gathers round the fire, the cat casually goes out of the room. True life now begins for him. He saunters down his own backyard, springs to the top of the fence, drops lightly down to the other side. He trots across and skips to the roof of an empty shed. His movement becomes lithe and panther like. He looks keenly from side to side and moves noiselessly, for he has so many enemies dogs and small boys with stones.

On top of the shed, the cat arches his back and rakes his claws once or twice through the soft bark of the old roof. He stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order. Then, drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. Before long they come, gliding, gracefull shadows. No longer are they the meek creatures who an hour ago were mewing for fish and milk. They are now grim fighters.



A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :

1x5=5

- i) The family gather's round the fire —
 (a) after tea (b) before tea (c) during tea (d) after the cat goes out to the room
- ii) The cat saunters down his own —
 (a) countryard (b) frontyard (c) backyard (d) playground
- iii) The cat's enemies are —
 (a) members of the family (b) dogs and small boys with stones
 (c) his kindred (d) the panther
- iv) The cat arches his back—
 (a) on top of the fence (b) in the backyard
 (c) near the fire (d) on the top of the shed
- v) 'Grim fighters' are—
 (a) the cats (b) the boys (c) the dogs (d) men

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

1x3=3

- (i) When true life begins, the cat's movements become.....
- (ii) The cat stretched himself to
- (iii) An hour age, the cat and his kindred were

C. Fill in the chart with information from the text :

2x2=4

Statement	Reason
i)	a) The cat is careful about his enemies
ii) Some graceful shadows arrive soon.	b)

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

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall
 The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall
 As if he grew there, house and all,
 Together.
 Within that house secure he hides
 When danger imminent betides
 Of storm, or other harm besides
 Of weather.
 Give but his horns the slightest touch,
 His self-collecting pow'r is such,
 He shrinks into his house with much
 Displeasure.
 Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone.
 Except himself has chatells none,
 Well satisfied to be his own
 Whole treasure.

A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :

1x4=4

- (i) The snail has no fear —
 (a) to die (b) to fall (c) to hang (d) to fight
- (ii) The snail hides himself from any danger —
 (a) within his own shell (b) in a hole he finds (c) under a stone (d) going into sand
- iii) With the slightest touch, the snail shrinks into his house with— (a) surprise (b) pleasure (c) pain (d) displeasure



- iv) The snail loves to dwell—
 (a) alone (b) with parents (c) with friends (d) with wife

B. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words : 2×2=4

- (i) Where does the snail stick ?
 Ans:
- (ii) What makes the snail well satisfied ?
 Ans:

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given follow :

KOLKATA: Padma Award 2021 continues the trend of honouring many unsung heroes who have silently contributed in the field of arts, education and social work. Though the list has no Padma Vibhushan or Padma Bhushan awards from Bengal, there are seven recipients of Padma Shri from this state, including author Narayan Debnath, table tennis player Mouma Das, social worker Guru Ma Kamalini Soren and educationist Jagadish Chandra Halder. On Monday, Debnath's daughter-in-law Archana Debnath had to repeat the news several times before the 97-years old author could fathom what was happening. The first reaction of the country's senior-most working author was 'Finally, they have chosen me?'

For over 70 years now, Debnath has been creating landmark Bengali comic strips such as 'Batul the Great', 'Nante Fante' and 'Handa Bhonda'. He holds the record of the longest running comics by an individual artist for 'Handa Bhonda' series, and is the first and only Indian comics artist to have received a D. Ln. Even now Debnath sits at his desk regularly and tries to churn out stories. "But on some days, he goes blank. Those are days when he suffers the most" Archana said.

Das, a two-time Olympian with many medals at Commonwealth Games and championships, had received the Padma Shri award. Biren Kumar Basak received the same for recognizing his work in art and development of weavers, Seventy eight years old Sujit Chattopadhyay, a teacher of Uttar Ramnagar in Purba Bardhaman, is also awarded of Padma Shri. Dharma Narayan Barma too has won the honour. A retired Sanskrit teacher from Tufanganj in Cooch Behar, Barma is known for his contribution towards promoting Kamtapur language.

A. Tick [✓] the right answer : 1×6=6

- (i) Number of Padma Shree recipients of West Bengal —
 (a) 0 (b) 7 (c) 4 (d) 5
- (ii) The senior most Padma Shree awardee is —
 (a) Archana Debnath (b) Mouma Das (c) Narayan Debnath (d) Jagadish Ch. Halder
- (iii) The longest running comics is —
 (a) Bantul the great (b) Nante Fante (c) Handa Bhonda (d) Hansjaru
- (iv) A teacher of Purba Bardhaman won the Padma Shree award. His name is —
 (a) Dharma Narayan Barma (b) Sujit Chattopadhyay (c) Biren Kumar Basak
 (d) Romila Thapar
- (v) Biren Kumar Basak won the Padma Shree for his contribution in —
 (a) Literature (b) Art (c) Culture (d) Science
- (vi) No. of Padma Vibhushan of West Bengal is —
 (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 5 (d) 7

B. Each of the following sentences is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the box on the right-hand side. Also pick out a suitable lines (s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers: (1+1) × 3 = 6

- (i) Narayan Debnath has been selected as an awardee of Padma Vibhushan.
 S. S.:



- (ii) Handa Bhonda is a mysterious Series.
S. S. :
- (iii) Sunit Chattopadhyay is a seventy-eight years old teacher.
S. S. :

C. Answer the following questions within twenty-five words :

- (i) Why was Padma Shree award given to Narayan Deb Nath ?
- (ii) Who is Dharma Narayan Barma and what is his contributions ?
- (iii) Write the achievements of Mouma Das.
- (iv) Why was Biren Kumar Basak selected for Padma Shree ?

Section - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks :

One day the Giant _____ (comes/have come/came) back. He _____ (have been / had been / were) to visit his friend the Cornish Ogre and _____ (was stayed/ was stayed/ had stayed) with him for seven years.

5. Do as directed :

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :

(i) He hurried _____ his parents, his feet obedient _____ their call his eyes still lingering _____ the receding toys.

B.

- (i) He said to me, "Please lend me your book." [Change the mode of narration
- (ii) Bubai is the fastest runner in the school. [Rewrite the sentence using 'fast'
- (iii) You should not take pride in your wealth. [Rewrite using the adjective form of 'Pride'

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the underlined words.

- (i) She resembles her mother.
- (ii) She did not appear for class today.
- (iii) The strike was withdrawn.

List : [take after, call off, give up, turn up]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes.

- (i) Various
- (ii) Writer
- (iii) Reward
- (iv) Respect

Section - C

Writing Skill

7. Write a letter to your younger brother (with in 100 words) who lives in a hostel advising him not to get addicted to the social networking sites like Facebook, Whatsapp, Instragram etc.

[Hints: value of time — importance of career — restraintment from sense gratification — key to success.]

8. Write a newspaper report (within 100 words) on a heavy shower in Kolkata on the points given below.

[Points: Date, time, place — August 16, 3 p.m. Kolkata. Cause — depression in the Bay of Bengal. Result — waterlogging, people affected, transport suspended, buses diverted, pumps into service .]

9. Write a story (in about 100 words) with the help of the points given below and add a suitable title.

[Points: a shepherd tends sheep near a forest — raises false alarm of a wolf — villagers rush to his rescue — the shepherd enjoys — one day a wolf really comes the shepherd cries for help — nobody comes — the wolf kills sheep.]



ANSWERKEY

Section-A

1. A (i) (a), (ii) (c), (iii) (b), (iv) (d) 1.B. (i) lithe and pantherlike. (ii) see if every muscle is in full working order. (iii) mewing for fish and milk. 1.C. (i) He looks keenly from side to side and moves noiselessly. (ii) Drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. 2.A. (i) b, (ii) a, (iii) d, (iv) a. 2.B. (i) The snail sticks to grass, leaf, fruit on wall closely. (ii) To be his own whole treasure makes the snail well satisfied. 3.A. (i) b, (ii) c, (iii) c, (iv) b, (v) b, (vi) a. 3.B. (i) F S.S: there are seven recipients including author Narayan Deb Nath, (ii) F S.S: He holds records of the longest running comics for Handa Bhonda, (iii) T S.S: Seventy eight years old Sujit Chattopadhyay, a teacher of 3.C. (i) Narayan Deb Nath was one of the unsung heroes who had a great contribution in the field of literature. He holds the record of longest running comic series for 'Handa Bhonda'. (ii) Dharma Narayan Barma is a retired Sanskrit teacher from Tufanganj in Cooch Behar. He is known for his contribution towards promoting Kamtapur Language. (iii) Mouma Das is a Table Tennis Player and a two-time Olympian with many medals at Commonwealth Games and Championships. (iv) Biren Kumar Basak has been recognized for his work in art and development of weavers. 4. Came, had been, had stayed, 5.A. towards, to, on, 4.B. (i) He requested me to lend him my book. (ii) No one in the school runs as fast as Bubai. (iii) You should not be proud of your wealth. 5.C. (i) takes after, turn up, called off, 6. (i) Several, (ii) Author, (iii) Award, (iv) Honour.

ANGINA BOORAIT HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.)
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

As I moved forward slowly I understood I was not merely in the midst of grieving people. This was even more than the funeral, procession of India's beloved leader. I was among the people for whom walking with Bapu had a special meaning. We had walked with Bapu over the rough and smooth of India's recent history. We could not now accept the fact that, the man who had led us over many difficult Paths, was never going to walk with us again Bapu's Slight figure had walked, staff in hand over a large parts of India. To walk is to make Slow Progress. It is to think with clarity and closely look at all that in around you from Small insects to the horizon in the distance. More-over to walk was often to the only way open to the average Indian. It required no vehicle except, his own body and cost him nothing but his energy. Gandhiji took this necessity as he took much that was common. Place and transferred it into joyful effort.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :

1×5=5

- (i) Gandhiji turned the drudgery of walking into a—
 (a) Commonplace experience (b) Pleasant experience
 (c) Pitiful experience (d) Pathetic experience
- (ii) 'Slow Progress' actually refers to—
 (a) advancement towards individual as well as collective Prosperity
 (b) Covering up a long distance
 (c) Spiritual enlightenment
 (d) march along the Path of maturity
- (iii) For the grieving people walking with Bapu was of—
 (a) No value (b) Special value
 (c) Little value (d) Inconsequential value
- (iv) Common place refers to—
 (a) Extraordinary thing (b) Ordinary thing
 (c) Unimportant thing (d) Serious matter
- (v) While walking Bapu carried a/an—
 (a) Flag (b) Umbrella (c) Stick (d) Pot



B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

- (i) Indian's recent history was both.....
- (ii) By slow walking one can watch:.....
- (iii) The narrator could not accept the fact that

1×3=3

C. Answer the following questions:

- (i) Why had the Indians preferred walking to riding on vehicles?
- (ii) What do you mean by "rough and smooth of Indian's recent history."

2×2=4

2. Read the poem and answer the questions given below:

Give but his horns the slightest touch,
 His self—Collecting pow'r is such,
 He shrinks into his house with much displeasure
 Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone
 Except himself has chatells none,
 Well satisfied to be his own whole treasure.

A. Write the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences:

- (i) The self collecting power of snail is _____
 (a) weak (b) Powerful (c) nil (d) normal
- (ii) The snail can _____ Himself.
 (a) swell (b) vanish (c) roll (d) shrink
- (iii) The snail carries with him his _____
 (a) family (b) chatells (c) Friends (d) Provision
- (iv) Having Carried his whole treasure, the snail is _____
 (a) Well satisfied (b) Partly satisfied (c) dissatisfied (d) worried

1×4=4

B. Answer the following questions :

- (i) What happens when the horns of the snail are given the slightest touch?
- (ii) How does the snail dwell?

2×2=4

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

Personality is framed with physical appearance and mental condition. It means the presentation of oneself for the moment with self approach. Physical appearance includes physical health with dress up and get up. Where as mental appearance includes once presence of mind i.e leading capacity to tackle any situation. Mental appearance and mental health is constructed with positive thought process. One's positive personality is the out come of his courage, confidence, firm determination and patience avoiding any type of doubt. But regret of the matter is 'compromise' the very word spoils one's self confidence and self thought process. It leads human being to be a man of straw devoid of sense of creativity, love, affection emotion, passion and magnanimity of heart. Gradually it leads man to be a self centred one.

A. Choose the correct option from the given alternative and (✓) tick in the boxes given: 1×6=6

- (i) 'One's personality in built with—
 (a) Physical appearance (b) Mental Condition (c) Both 'a' and 'b'
- (ii) Physical health means—
 (a) Handsome body (b) healthy body (c) Get up and dress up
- (iii) Mental appearance means—
 (a) Mental health (b) Presence of mind (c) Spoken Power
- (iv) Man loses his thinking power with—
 (a) Compromise (b) Self-reliance (c) hard work
- (v) Capacity to tackle any situation comes out from—
 (a) Compromise (b) presence of mind (c) Self-centred attitude
- (vi) Positive personality includes—
 (a) Courage (b) confidence, patience and firm determination



- B. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the boxes given and add supporting settlement in respect of you answer : 2 × 3 = 6
- (i) Personality is framed with physical and mental health.
Supporting Sentence : _____
- (ii) Mental appearance is constructed with positive thought process.
Supporting Sentence : _____
- (iii) The word 'compromise' increases one's self-confidence.
Supporting Sentence : _____

- C. Answer the question: 2×4 = 8
- (i) How one's personality is formed?
 (ii) Name the qualities of positive personality?
 (iii) Which word destroys one's self-thought process?
 (iv) How does a man become self-centred one?·

Section - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Use the appropriate form of verb given in the brackets : 1 × 3 = 3
 During lockdown we _____ (were shut/will be shut/was shut) indoors with no help from maids, we _____ (divide/is divide/divided) all household chores among ourselves, the children too _____ (help/helps/helped) us a lot.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and preposition : 1 × 3 = 3
 (A) _____ book has been lying _____ the table _____ morning. 1 × 3 = 3
 (B) Do as directed :

- (i) Ajoy said, "can you come tomorrow"? (change the narration)
 (ii) I organised a blood donation camp with every body's help. (change the voice)
 (iii) Do not read the letter. It is confidential. (join the sentence)

- C. Replace the underline words with appropriate phrasal verbs given in the brackets : 1 × 3 = 3
- (i) The Cricket match has been postponed till in next monday. _____
 (ii) The thief escaped from home. _____
 (iii) She Couldn't understand what her mother was saying. _____
 (Run away, put off, make out, take out, leave out)

6. Find out the meaning of the following words form the passage no. 3 2×4 = 8
- (i) Adjustment _____
 (ii) Ability _____
 (iii) Destroy _____
 (iv) Broad minded _____

Section - C

7. Write a letter to your friend in about 100 words describing your visit to a museum. 10
 8. Write a story using the given hints. Give a suitable title and a moral of the Story. 10
 Crow sitting on a tree — place of meat in its beak — fox passing under the tree — wants the meat — ask crow to sing — crow keeps the meat under feet and sings — befools the fox — fox leaves the spot.
 9. Use the following flow chart to write a paragraph (within 100 words) on how a building is constructed. 10
 [drawing a plan of the building by architect — getting the plan sanctioned by the municipality authority — engaging masons and labourers — starting the constructions with bricks, cement and sand — fitting doors, windows and grills — plumbing and electrical wiring done — plastering of walls and roofs — electric and water — connection taken — painting building — completed — fit for living.]



ANSWER KEY

1.A. (i) - b. pleasant experience (ii) - a. advancement towards individual as well as collective prosperity (iii) - b. Special value (iv) - b. Ordinary thing (v) - c. Stick. 1.B.(i) - rough and smooth (ii) - all that is around from small insects to the horizon in the distance. (iii) the man who had led them over many difficult paths, was never going to walk with them again, C.(i) Indians preferred walking to riding on vehicle because it cost him nothing but his energy, (ii) By rough and smooth of India's recent history, the author probably refers to the ups and down of Indian freedom movement. 2. A. (i) - b, powerful (ii)- d, shrink (iii) - b, chattels (iv) - a, well satisfied, B. (i) At the slightest touch on its horns, the snail immediately shrinks into his shell with much displeasure. (ii) The snail dwells all alone, having no belongings but himself, to carry. 3. A. (i) c- Both a and b, (ii) c- get up and dress up, (iii) b- presence of mind, (iv) a- compromise, (v) b- presence of mind, (vi) c- all of these B.(i) T, S.S.: Personality is framed with physical appearance and mental condition. (ii) T, S.S.: Mental appearance and mental health is constructed with positive thought process, (iii) F, S.S. : ...'compromise' the very word spoils one's self confidence and self thought process, C. (i)-Personality is formed with physical appearance and mental condition. It means the presentation of oneself for the moment with self approach. (ii)The qualities of positive personality are courage, confidence, firm determination and patience. (iii)The word 'compromise' destroys one's self-thought process. (iv) when a man compromises it leads him to be a man of straw devoid of sense of creativity, love, affection, emotion, passion of heart- gradually he becomes self centred one. 4. (i) were shut, divided, helped. 5.A. a, on, since, (B) i) Ajoy asked if I could come the next day. (ii) A blood donation camp was organised (by me) with everybody's help. (iii) Do not read the confident letter, C. (i) put off (ii) ran away (iii) make out. 6. (i) Compromise (ii) Capacity (iii) Spoil (iv) Magnanimity

VIDYASAGAR ABASIK BALIKA VIDYALAYA
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Section - A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

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 ! poor pussy!" the cat soon tires of that. He puts up his claw and quietly but firmly rakes the guest in the leg. "Oh !" 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 eat."

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 to complete the following sentences :

1×5=5

- (i) According to the author the cat is particularly civil to the —
(a) children (b) master (c) guest (d) family members
- (ii) A word expressing sound in the text is —
(a) purrs (b) rubs (c) stoops (d) claws
- (iii) The guest stoops down to —
(a) drive the cat away (b) stroke the cat (c) call the cat (d) kick the cat
- (iv) When the cat rakes the guest, the family is —
(a) embarrassed (b) sad (c) delighted (d) indifferent
- (v) According to the family the cat is —
(a) witty (b) foolish (c) rough (d) troublesome



B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text : 1×2 = 2

- (i) The cat purrs and rubs himself against _____
- (ii) The cat keeps itself safe from _____

C. Answer the following questions: 2×2 = 4

- (i) How does the cat receive the bit of fish handed down by the guest ?
- (ii) When is the cat particularly civil and why ?

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that below:

The mountain and the squirrel
 Had a quarrel
 And the former called the latter 'Little prig'.
 Bun replied,
 You are doubtless very big;
 But all sorts of things and weather
 Must be taken in together,
 To make up a year
 And a sphere.
 And I think it no disgrace
 To occupy my place.
 If I'm not so large as you,
 You are not so small as I,
 And not half so sry.
 I'll not deny you make
 A very pretty squirrel track;
 Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
 If I cannot carry forests on my back,
 Neither can you crack a nut.'

A. Tick the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences: 1×5 = 5

- (i) 'Little prig' refers to —
 (a) the mountain (b) the squirrel (c) the forest (d) a nut
- (ii) The word 'sry' means —
 (a) noble (b) kind (c) lively (d) proud
- (iii) The squirrel is not ashamed of its —
 (a) tail (b) liveliness (c) ignorance (d) size
- (iv) The tone of the poem is —
 (a) satirical (b) humorous (c) philosophical (d) funny
- (v) According to the squirrel, all sorts of things and weather must be taken to make —
 (a) a month (b) air (c) an ear (d) a year

B. Write 'T' for 'true' and 'F' for 'false' statement. Provide a supporting statement : 2×2 = 4

- (i) i) The mountain called the squirrel 'Little Bun'.
 S.S. _____
- (ii) The squirrel is sprier than the mountain.
 S.S. _____

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

Guwahati Kaziranga National Park, the only world heritage site in Assam, located about 250 km. from the state capital, has the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers in the world. This welcome news comes amidst a growing concern over the numbers of tiger deaths in the park, as well as the fast dwindling of big cat figures in other sanctuaries of India, wild life Crime Bureau found that between November 2008 and September 19, 2009, at least a dozen of tigers had died in Kaziranga.



On Thursday, Assam Environment and Forest Minister Rockybul Hussain announced the Kaziranga has many as 32 tigers per 100 sq. km. He said this while releasing the findings of a joint study by the state forest Department and Aranyak, a biodiversity conservation group in the north east. The study has been conducted between 2008, and March 2010, using the camera trapping method.

"After an analysis of all parameters involved in camera - trapping methods, we can safely say Kaziranga has the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers in the world, surpassing Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand." Hussain said.

A. Tick the correct alternative :

1 x 6 = 6

- (i) Guwahati Kaziranga National Park is located about 250 km. from —
 (a) Kolkata (b) Mumbai (c) Cuttack (d) Guwahati
- (ii) Wild Life Crime Bureau revealed at least a dozen of tigers had died between —
 (a) November 2007 and 5, September 2008.
 (b) March 2009 and 7, March 2010. (c) January 2008 and 6, May 2009
 (d) November 2008 and September 19, 2009.
- (iii) Minister Rockybul Hussain announced on —
 (a) Friday (b) Wednesday (c) Monday (d) Thursday
- (iv) Assam Environment and forest Minister said Kaziranga has —
 (a) 32 tigers per 100 sq. km. (b) 30 tigers per 100 sq. km.
 (c) 35 tigers per 100 sq. km. (d) 32 tigers per 200 sq. km.
- (v) Between 2008 and 2009, the number of tiger died at Kaziranga was —
 (a) two dozen (b) a dozen (c) half dozen (d) three dozen
- (vi) The method which has been used to count tigers is —
 (a) survey (b) GPS method (c) camera trapping method
 (d) planning method

B. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Give a suitable supporting statement for your answers :

2 x 3 = 6

- (i) The study on the Bengal Tigers has been done using the pug - mark method.
S.S:
- (ii) Kaziranga has the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers in the world.
S.S:
- (iii) Assam Environment and Forest Minister was Hussain Mallik.
S.S:

C. Answer the following questions :

2 x 4 = 8

- (i) What were the problems that have afflicted Kaziranga National Park ?
- (ii) What did wild life Crime Bureau find ?
- (iii) What did the Minister announce ?
- (iv) Which agencies were involved in conducting the study on Royal Bengal Tigers ?

Section - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks ;

1 x 3 = 3

I _____ (learn / were learning / have been learning) English for seven years now. But last year I _____ (was not working / did not work / had not worked) hard enough for English, that is why my marks _____ (are / is / were) not really good then.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :

1 x 3 = 3

(i) Now-a-days the teenagers are addicted _____ smart phones immensely. They are unaware _____ the bad effects of it. It seems to be _____ to them.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

1 x 3 = 3

- (i) He bought a grammar book last month. (Change the voice)
- (ii) He said to me. "Let us go for a picnic." (Change the narration)
- (iii) They saw the giant playing in the garden. (Make it complex)



- C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side, changing the form where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list : 1 × 3 = 3
- (i) Netaji Subhas sacrificed his life for his motherland.
 (ii) They started their journey early in the morning.
 (iii) Everyone should abandon evil company.
 List : [give up, lay down, set out, come to]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the passage in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side : 2 × 4 = 8
- (i) a place where people can play and walk
 (ii) situated
 (iii) anxiety
 (iv) wildlife reserves

Section - C
Writing

7. Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story. 10
 [Points - Two women claimed over a child — come to king Solomon's court — both strong in their claims — the king ordered his servant to cut the child into two — one woman agreed — the other protested — king Solomon gave the child to the real mother.]
8. Write a letter to the editor of an English Daily expressing your concern over the pollution caused by frequent use of polythene. (within 100 words) 10
 [Points— Large scale use of plastic — choking drainage system — waterlogging on roads — drains overflowing — pollution of land and ocean — use of substitutes like jute bags and paper bags.]
9. Use the following flow-chart write a paragraph within 100 words on how to prepare mustard oil. 10
 [Points— seeds collected — dried — crushed in a machine — a little water added — oil extracted — oil-cakes separated — oil kept in containers — sealed — ready for use and sale.]

ANSWERKEY

1. A (i) (c) guest (ii) (a) purrs (iii) (b) stroke the cat (iv) (c) delighted (v) (a) witty
 1.B. (i) the legs of the family members (ii) the guest's boot .C. (i) The cat gingerly receives it, with a look to the guest that says, "Another time, my friend, you won't be so slow to understand". (ii) The cat puts an appearance and is particularly civil to the guest when the family sits down to tea because the cat wants its share of the food and the cat knows that the guest is likely to have the best of what is offered.

2A. (i) (b) the squirrel (ii) (c) lively (iii) (d) size (iv) (c) philosophical (v) (d) a year. 2.B. (i) F – S.S. - "And the former called the latter 'Little Prig'." (ii) T – S.S. - "You are not so small as I, / And not half so spry."

3.A. (i) (d) Guwahati. (ii) (d) November 2008 and september 19, 2009 (iii) (d) Thursday. (iv) (a) 32 tigers per 100 sq. km. (v) (b) a dozen (vi) (c) camera trapping method 3.B. (i) F- S.S. - "The study has been conducted ... using the camera trapping method." (ii) T- S.S. - "Guwahati Kaziranga National Park.. has the highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers in the world." (iii) F – S.S. - "On Thursday, Assam Environment and Forest Minister Rockybul Hussain announced" ... 3.C) (i) There is growing concern over the numbers of tiger deaths in the park, as well as the fast dwindling of big cat figures in other sanctuaries in India. (ii) Wild life Crime Bureau found that between November 2008 and September 19, 2009, at least a dozen of tigers had died in Kaziranga. (iii) Forest Minister Rockybul Hussain announced that Kaziranga has as many as 32 tigers per 100 Sq. km. (iv) A joint study has been conducted by the state forest department and Aranyak, a biodiversity conservation group. 4. have been learning, did not work, were . 5.(A). to, of, a, 5.B. (i) A grammar book was bought by him last month. (ii) He proposed to me that we should go for a picnic. (iii) They saw that the giant was playing in the garden. 5.C. (i) laid down (ii) set out (iii) give up 6. (i) park (ii) located (iii) concern (iv) sanctuaries.



KANTANAGAR HIGH SCHOOL (10+2)
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Section-A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

Swami stood at the entrance to his class. Samuel was teaching arithmetic. He looked at Swami. Swami hoped Samuel would scold him severely.
 "You are half an hour late," Samuel said.
 "I have a headache, sir," Swami said.
 "Then why did you come at all?"
 This was an unexpected question from Samuel, Swami said, "My father said I shouldn't miss school, sir."
 Samuel looked impressed. "Your father is quite right. We want more parents like him."
 "Oh, you poor man!" Swami thought, "you don't know what my father has done to you."
 "All right, go to your seat."
 Swami sat down, feeling sad. He had never met anyone as good as Samuel.
 The teacher was inspecting the home lessons. To Swami's thinking, this was the time when Samuel got most angry. But today Samuel appeared very gentle.
 "Swaminathan, where is your homework?"
 "I have not done my homework, sir," Swami said.
 "Why - headache?" asked Samuel.
 "Yes, sir."
 "All right, sit down," Samuel said.

A. Write the correct alternative in the given space to complete the following sentences : 1×5=5

- (i) When Swami entered the class Samuel was teaching —
 (a) history (b) arithmetic (c) science (d) geography
- (ii) Samuel was late to school by —
 (a) half an hour (b) an hour (c) two hours (d) four hours
- (iii) Samuel was impressed with Swami's —
 (a) mother (b) brother (c) father (d) teacher
- (iv) Swami believed that Samuel got most angry while —
 (a) teaching arithmetic (b) talking to students
 (c) inspecting examination paper (d) inspecting home lessons
- (v) For not having done his homework, Swaminathan made an excuse of —
 (a) fever (b) his cousin's marriage
 (c) headache (d) stomach pain

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

- (i) Standing at the entrance to his class, Swami saw that Samuel _____
- (ii) Swami came to school because his father _____
- (iii) Swami said that he had not done his homework because _____

C. State whether the following statements are true or false. Write 'T' for 'true and 'F' for 'false' in the boxes given on the right side. Provide sentences / phrases / words in support of your answer :

- (i) Swami was confident that Samuel would behave well with him.
 S.S.
- (ii) Samuel was never angry while checking the homework of his students.
 S.S.

2. Read the poem and answer the questions given below :

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.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences : 1×4 = 4

- (i) White is the colour of the —
 (a) ship (b) dawn (c) sail (d) sea
- (ii) The poet cannot deny the —
 (a) ship's call (b) sail's call (c) sea's call (d) cloud's call
- (iii) For the guidance of the ship, the poet wants —
 (a) another tall ship (b) a star (c) the sun (d) the wheel
- (iv) Seagull is a kind of —
 (a) sea animal (b) bird (c) fish (d) insect

B. Answer the following questions : 2×2 = 4

- (i) Where is the grey mist seen?
- (ii) What sounds does the poet expect to hear during the voyage?

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

One day when I was in fifth standard at the Rameswaram Elementary school, a new teacher came to our class. I used to wear a cap which marked me as a Muslim, and I always sat in the front row next to Ramanandha Sastry, who wore the sacred thread. The new teacher could not stomach a Hindu priest's son sitting with a Muslim boy. In accordance with our social ranking, as the new teacher saw it. I was asked to go and sit on the back bench. I felt very sad and so did Ramanandha Sastry. He looked utterly downcast as I shifted to my seat in the last row. The image of him weeping when I shifted to the row, left a lasting impression on me.

After school, we went home and told our respective parents about the incident. Lakshmana Shastry summoned the teacher, and in our presence, told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children. He bluntly asked the teacher to either apologize or quit the school and island. Not only did the teacher regret his behaviour, but the strong sense of conviction Lakshmana Shastry conveyed ultimately reformed this young teacher. (Extracted from "Wings of Fire" by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)

A. Tick the right answer : 1×6 = 6

- (i) When the incident took place, Ramanandha Sastry was a student of the —
 (a) fourth standard (b) fifth standard
 (c) sixth standard (d) seventh standard
- (ii) The student whom the new teacher sent to the back bench was —
 (a) Ramanandha Sastry (b) APJ Abdul Kalam
 (c) Rameswaram (d) Lakshmana Shastry
- (iii) The narrator used to wear a —
 (a) hat (b) turban (c) cap (d) crown
- (iv) In the classroom the narrator always sat beside —
 (a) the new teacher (b) Lakshmana Shastry
 (c) Ramanandha Sastry (d) Rameswaram
- (v) When the narrator was ordered to shift to the last bench, Ramanandha Shastry was —
 (a) overjoyed (b) delighted (c) weeping (d) amused



- (vi) The new teacher was summoned by —
 - (a) the narrator's father
 - (b) Ramanandha Sastry
 - (c) Lakshmana Shastry
 - (d) a Muslim guardian

Each of following statements either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the, right-hand side. Also pick out suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers :

- (i) The new teacher came to know that the narrator was a Muslim (1 + 1) × 3 =
- S.S. _____
- (ii) Lakshmana Shastry was pleased with the incident in the school.
- S.S. _____
- (iii) The boy who sat next to the narrator, was a Hindu boy.
- S.S. _____

Answer the following questions : 2×4=

- (i) Why did Lakshmana Shastry summon the teacher?
- (ii) What could not the teacher stomach?
- (iii) What did Lakshmana Shastry ask the teacher to do?
- (iv) Choose a suitable title for the passage :
 1. A lesson in communal harmony
 2. The narrator's school days.
 3. Lakshmana Shastry

Section- B
Grammar and Vocabulary

Write the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks : 1×3=
 One of my friends _____ (injured / was injured / were injured) in a bus accident would have _____ (help/helped/helping) him if I _____ (am / was / were) a doctor.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions : 1×3=
 Neeraj Chopra became _____ first Indian _____ win a Gold Medal _____ the world Athletics Championship in Budapest.

Rewrite the sentences as directed : 1×3=
 (i) He has worked out the answers carefully. (Change the voice)
 (ii) It was an agonizing walk. (Use noun form of agonizing).
 (iii) They were poor but they were happy (Make it complex sentence)

Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the underlined words. Use the proper forms of the phrasal verb. There is an extra phrasal verb : 1×3=
 (i) The regional party has withdrawn their strike.
 (ii) The cat chased the rat.
 (iii) The monsoon will start soon.
 [call up, set in, call off, run after]

Given below are the meaning of four words which you will find in the unseen passage. Find the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand-side : 2×4=
 (i) holy —
 (ii) pitiful —
 (iii) called —
 (iv) discrimination —

Section- C
Writing Skill

Write a story (within 100 words) with the help of the following points. Give it a title.
 [A man was driving a cart along a muddy road – the wheels of the cart sank into mud – the cart whipped the bullocks in vain – prayed to Hercules – Hercules appeared and asked the cart driver to put his shoulders to the wheels – the cart moved.]



Write a letter to your friend [within 100 words] advising her/him to visit the public library in her/his locality as frequently as possible. **10**
 As the secretary of your local club write a notice (in about 100 words) about a Blood Donation Camp that your club has organised. You may use the following points. **10**
 [Date, time and venue of the camp – persons who are fit to donate blood – the doctors who would attend – the social purpose.]

ANSWER KEY

1. A (i) (b) arithmetic (ii) (a) half an hour (iii) (c) father (iv) (d) inspecting home lessons (v) (c) headache
 1. B. (i) ...was teaching arithmetic. (ii) ...told him not to miss the school. (iii)... he had headache. 1. C. (i) F-S.S.- Swami hoped Samuel would scold him severely. (ii) F- S.S.-To Swami's thinking, this was the time...angry. 2A. (i) (c) sail (ii)(c) sea's call (iii)(b) a star (iv) (b) bird 2.B. (i) The grey mist is seen on the sea's face. (ii) The wind's song and the sea-gulls' cry are the sounds that the poet expects to hear during the voyage. 3.A. (i) (b) fifth standard. (ii) (b) A P J Abdul Kalam (iii) (c) cap. (iv) (c) Ramanandha Sastry. (v) (c) weeping (vi) (c) Lakshmana Shastry, 3.B. (i) T- S.S.- I used ...Muslim (ii) F- S.S.- He bluntly asked ... island (iii) T – S.S.- I always satthread. 3.C. (i) Lakshmana Shastry summoned the teacher and told him not to spread the poison ...children. (ii) The teacher could not stomach ... Muslim boy. (iii) Lakshmana Shastry asked the teacher to either... island.(iv) A suitable title may be : A Lesson in Communal Harmony. 4. was injured, helped, were. 5.(A)the, to, in. 5.B.(i) The answers have been worked out carefully by him.(ii) It was a walk full of agony. (iii) Though they were poor they were happy.5.(C)(i)called off (ii) ran after (iii) set in 6. (i) sacred (ii) sad (iii) summoned (iv) inequality.

ADDAS. P. P- HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.)
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

Section-A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

One day there was a grand wind for kite flying. I'm not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole. We had to hurry to fix the kite if we wanted to send it up before the wind fell. We rushed into the lighthouse to get some paper. We knew there was no more red paper. We took the first thing that came handy--an old letter lying on the bookcase in the sitting room. We patched the kite up with the letter, sheet on each side and dried it by the fire. We started out, and up went the kite like a bird. The wind was glorious and it soared. All at once-snap ! And there was Claude, standing with a bit of cord in his hand, looking foolish, Our kite had sailed away over to the mainland.

Write (✓) the correct alternative in the given space to complete the following sentences: 1×5=5

- (i) This is an extract from a story written by—
 a) R.K. Narayan b) Nayantara Schgal c) John Masefield d) Lucy Maud Montgomery
- (ii) The season when the narrator and her brother was flying the kite was ---
 (a) winter (b) summer (c) spring (d) autumn
- (iii) A big hole was made in the kite by—
 (a) Claude (b) Claude's sister (c) strong wind (d) father
- (iv) We had to hurry to fix the _____
 (a) tent (b) curtain (c) kite (d) lace
- (v) They found the old letter lying on the _____
 (a) tent (b) bed (c) desk (d) bookcase

Complete the following sentences with information from the text :

1×3 = 3

- (i) The first thing that came handy to fix the kite was
- (ii) While bringing the kite from the house the narrator
- (iii) The cord of the kite was snapped and the kite.....



C. Answer the following questions :

- (i) How was the torn kite fixed?
(ii) Why did Claude stand there looking foolish?

2×2=

2. Read the poem and answer the questions given below :

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or grass	Give but his horns the slightest touch,
The snail sticks close, nor fears to fall	His self-collecting pow'r is such,
As if he grew there, house an all,	He shrinks into his house with much
Together.	Displeasure.
Within that house secure he hides	Where'er he dwells, he dwells alone,
When danger imminent betides	Except himself has chatells none,
Of storm, or other harm besides	Well satisfied to be his own
Of weather.	Whole treasure.

A. Write (✓) the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :

- (i) The above lines are taken from a poem composed by—
(a) William Cowper (b) John Keats (c) Judith Wright (d) John Masefield
- (ii) The snail's house ensures his—
(a) comfort (b) sound sleep (c) satisfaction (d) security
- (iii) To a snail, storm is—
(a) protective (b) dangerous (c) supportive (d) source of joy
- (iv) The snail is not scared of—
(a) falling (b) sleeping (c) quarrelling (d) shouting

1×4=

B. Answer the following questions :

- (i) What happens of a snail's horns when slightly touched?
(ii) What makes the snail well-satisfied?

2×2=

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

2020 was an uncanny year in our life. We saw some extraordinary things in this year. Though started in a very normal way, it started to take a strange turn from the month of March. An unknown virus was born. It's called Novel Corona virus or people called it Covid-19. Allegedly it came from Wuhan, China. Then it started to spread out in the entire world. Lots and lots of people died. The worst affected countries were Italy and USA. And sadly it came to India too. The whole country was locked down. Trains, flights and all types of transports were stopped. Centres of worships, such as, temples, mosque or churches were closed. As everything was stopped and the roads were empty, animals were seen moving freely on the roads in Karnataka, Kerala etc. Pollution level came down, air became clear. It was said that "Nature is healing".

But lots of people were on their duty to serve the needy and poor people. Police, doctors, nurses, health officials, electricity workers, sweepers, etc worked as usual even risking their own lives. Also, many people opened people's canteens to provide food for the needy. It was seen that in the time of crisis, good people always stand by fellow men.

A. Write (✓) the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences :

- (i) The year referred to in the passage is—
(a) 2021 (b) 2022 (c) 2020 (d) 2019
- (ii) It started to take a strange turn from the month of—
(a) April (b) March (c) June (d) February
- (iii) The name of the virus mentioned in the passage is—
(a) Corona (b) Polio (c) Influenza (d) HIV
- (iv) One of the worst affected countries is—
(a) Germany (b) Italy (c) Honolulu (d) Canada
- (v) Allegedly the virus came from—
(a) Germany (b) Hungary (c) China (d) Canada

1×6=



(vi) Animals were seen moving freely on the roads in—
(a) Kolkata b) Karnataka c) Goa d) Kota

B. Each of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand side. Provide suitable line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your answers : (1+1) × 3 = 6

- (i) The country that was worst affected was USA only.
Supporting Statement :
- (ii) Doors of temples, mosques or churches were not closed.
Supporting Statement :
- (iii) Pollution level went up, air became dirty.
Supporting Statement :

C. Answer the questions : 2×4 = 8

- (i) Why was it said that "Nature is healing"?
- (ii) How were the needy people provided food during Covid-19 ?
- (iii) Name the countries which were worst affected?
- (iv) Where were the animals seen roaming on the roads ?

Section - B

Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Write the correct alternatives to fill in the blanks : 1 × 3 = 3
Indians _____ (takes/take/taking) pride in holding records for unusual things. Shridhar Chellai from Maharashtra _____ (holds/hold/held) Guinness World Record for _____ (have/to have/having) the finger nails on one hand.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions : 1 × 3 = 3
I arrived at my cousin's house ___ (i) ___ the evening. It was freezing cold and we had ___ (ii) ___ early dinner in ___ (iii) ___ large room whose walls and ceiling were covered with stuffed birds. 1 × 3 = 3

B. Do as directed : 1 × 3 = 3

- (i) She said, "I have your secret here inside my bag." [Turn into indirect speech]
- (ii) Rajib is the fastest runner in our village [Turn into positive degree]
- (iii) The child was short. He could not climb up the tree. [Join into a complex sentence]

C. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side changing the forms where necessary. 1 × 3 = 3

- (i) Anil met his friend in the market.
 - (ii) I can not tolerate such a person.
 - (iii) His proposal was rejected.
- [List : turn down, put up with, come across, come over]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right-hand side: 2×4 = 8

- (i) Contamination :
- (ii) Mysterious :
- (iii) Uncommon :
- (iv) Without hindrance

Section - C
Writing Skill

7. Write a story using the following hints. Add a title to the story. (Within 100 words) 10
[Hints : One day a dispute arises between the sun and the wind — decide to test their strength— see a traveller — wind blows harder—traveller tightens his coat — now sun shines — traveller feels hot — takes off his coat — sun proven stronger.]

8. Write a letter (within 100 words) to the headmaster of your school praying for the construction of a cycle stand. 10



9. Use the following flow chart to describe how chowmein is prepared at home :

[Points : Chow/Noodles bought from marketbroken to pieces — boiled in water, water drained out—salt added—vegetables added — fried in shallow pan with little oil placed in plate spreading sauce on it—served not with fork.]

ANSWER KEY

1.A. i-d, ii-b, iii-b, iv -c, v-d, B. (i)- an old letter lying on the bookcase in the sitting room. (ii) tripped and over the rocks (iii) had sailed away over to the mainland 1.C.(i)-They patched the kite up with the paper a sheet on each side and dried it by the fire.(ii) Claude was standing with a bit of cord in his hand looking foolish as their kite had sailed away over to the main land due to a snap. 2A.(i)-a,(ii)-d, (iii)-b, (iv)-a. 2B. The self collecting power of the snail is such that with the slightest touch on the horn he shrinks into his house. (ii) Snail likes to dwell alone. He has chattels none except himself. Thus the snail is well satisfied to be his own whole treasure. 3.A.(i)-c, (ii)-b, (iii) -a, (iv) - b, (v)-c, (vi)-b. 3.B.(i)-F S.S The worst affected countries were Italy and USA (ii)-F S.S Centres of worships such as temples, mosque or churches were closed.(iii)-F S.S Pollution level came down, air became clear C.(i)- In the Corona period the whole country was under lockdown. Transports were stopped. Hence pollution level came down and air became clear. In this context it was said that Nature was healing in that time. (ii) It was seen in the time of need, people always stood by fellow men. A lot of people opened people's canteens to provide food for the needy even risking their own lives.(iii) The countries which were worst affected were Italy and USA. As in time of covid period there were no people on road, in the lock down, animals were seen roaming on the road of Karnataka, Kerala etc. 4. take, holds, having 5.A. in,an,the B.(i)-She said that she had a secret there inside her bag. (ii)-No other runner in our village runs as fast as Rajib (iii) The child was so short that he could not climb up the tree C.(i)- came across, (ii)-put up with , (iii) turned down. 6. Pollution, (ii)- Uncanny, (iii)- Extraordinary,(iv) Freely

GOVT. MODEL SCHOOL, GOPIBALLAVPUR-I
ENGLISH (FIRST LANGUAGE)

Full Marks-90

Time-3 Hours 15 Minutes

1. Choose the correct option from the alternatives:

- (i) Miss Caroline had _____ hair.
(a) red (b) pink (c) auburn (d) brown
- (ii) Miss Fisher read a story about _____
(a) bisons (b) dog (c) cat (d) camels
- (iii) Mamzelleb aurlie had _____ eyes.
(a) mischievous (b) beautiful (c) determinate (d) tired
- (iv) When the babies departed Mamzelle's mind filled with _____
(a) regret (b) Joy (c) peace (d) disturbance
- (v) Dixon Brett was a _____
(a) Lawyer (b) Teacher (c) Detective (d) Murderer
- (vi) The Viper of Milan was a book written by _____
(a) Anthony Hope (b) Graham Greene (c) Marjorie Bowen (d) Captain Gilson
- (vii) _____ was lean, brave and argumentative.
(a) Suriar (b) Kathar (c) Rasu (d) Vela
- (viii) The hope is in the faculty of _____
(a) Correctness (b) Steadfastness (c) Wrongness (d) Discipline

2. Answer the following in about fifteen words:

- (i) Give a description of Suriar and his attitude in the story Draught.
- (ii) "The hope is in the faculty of wrongness, the tendency towards error."
What does the author intend to imply? Answer briefly.
- (iii) What did Mazelle Aurlie think about managing babies during the initial days of babyhood?