



# HAZIPUR UNION HIGH SCHOOL (H.S.)

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Class–X

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F. M.–90

## Reading Comprehension (Seen)

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

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 pantherlike. 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, graceful shadows. No longer are they the meek creatures who an hour ago were mewling for fish and milk. They are now grim fighters.

- A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1×5=5

- (i) The family gathers round the fire-  
 (a) after tea , (b) during tea ,  
 (c) after the cat goes out , (d) before lunch
- (ii) The word 'saunters down' means.  
 (a) leisurely walks down , (b) quickly walks down   
 (c) goes running down , (d) walks down haltingly
- (iii) Here 'kindred' means-  
 (a) enemies  (b) kins  (c) kitten , (d) kind people
- (iv) The cat rakes his claws  
 (a) never , (b) twice , (c) once , (d) one of twice
- (v) By calling the cats 'grim fighters', the poet means that they are -  
 (a) meek fighters , (b) ferocious fighters ,  
 (c) serious fighters , (d) coward fighters .



**B. Complete the following sentences with information from the given text :—** **1×3=3**

- (i) True life for the cat begins when \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The cat's kindred are described in the text as \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) On top of the shed, the cat's movement is \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Fill in the chart with information from the text :—** **2×2=4**

	Cause	Effect
(i)		The cat moves noiselessly.
(ii)	The cat intends to check if every muscle of his body is in wfull working order.	

**2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions :—**

To grass, or leaf, or fruit, or wall Give  
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 chattels none,  
Well satisfied to be his own  
Whole treasure.

**A. Tick (?) the correct alternative :—** **1×4=4**

- (i) The snail sticks close to?
  - (a) grass  (b) leaf , (c) fruit , (d) all of the above .
- (ii) The snail and his house are -
  - (a) inseparable , (b) separable ,
  - (c) useful , (d) prominent



- (iii) The snail is \_\_\_\_\_ when his horns are touched.  
 (a) not delighted , (b) pleased ,  
 (c) surprised , (d) not unhappy
- (iv) The snail is satisfied with —  
 (a) himself , (b) his chattels , (c) his horns ,  
 (d) his dwelling place .

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

- (i) What happens when the horns of the snail are touched?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) What sort of danger does the snail face?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

Following the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the South Pole of Moon and the country's inaugural solar mission Aditya-L1, launched by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre of Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, the nation is now preparing for the journey to explore the deep ocean with its 'Samudrayaan' mission,

The beginning of this ambitious endeavour dates back to August 31, 2019 when Dr MAAtmanand, the then director of NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology), said that in line with the 'Gaganyaan' mission of ISRO, they were proposing a project to send a submersible vehicle to a depth of about 6,000 metres to carry out deep underwater studies. The final approval of the project by the Ministry of Finance was delayed but was granted at last on June 16, 2021.

'MATSYA 6000' a cutting edge submersible with the capacity to accommodate a trio of humans would be the vehicle for this underwater endeavour. Currently under development at NIOT in Chennai, the vehicle would consist of a titanium alloy sphere of 80 mm thickness along with a diameter of 2.1 m which can withstand the pressure of 600 bar at 6,000 metres depth under water which will be 600 times more than the pressure at

The primary focus of this visionary project will be on conducting a comprehensive research of deep sea resources and the assessment of marine biodiversity. Besides



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'Samudrayaan' has an additional economic aspect-it aims to support the 'Blue Economy', an initiative endorsed by the Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi.

**A. Choose the correct alternative :—** **1×6=6**

- (i) Name of the vehicle for India's underwater mission is-  
 (a) MATSYA 6000 , (b) Samudrayaan ,  
 (c) Aditya-L1 , (d) Gaganyaan
- (ii) India's first mission to Sun is  
 (a) Gaganyaan , (b) Aditya-L1 , (c) Chandrayaan-3  
, (d) AstroSat
- (iii) The city where NIOT is situated is -  
 (a) Sriharikota , (b) Delhi , (c) Chennai , (d)  
 Ahmedabad
- (iv) Chandrayaan-3 landed on the -  
 (a) South Pole of Moon , (b) South pole of earth ,  
 (c) North pole of Moon , (d) North Pole of Sun
- (v) The number of people that the submersible  
 (a) two , (b) three , (c) one , (d) none .
- (vi) The submersible vehicle consists of a/an \_\_\_\_\_ sphere.  
 (a) steel , (b) Iron , (c) titanium alloy ,  
 (d) aluminium .

**B. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements in the boxes provided. Give suitable line(s) or phrase(s) in support of your answers:** **(1+1)×3=6**

- (i) 'Samudrayaan' mission drew inspiration from ISRO's proposed 'Gaganyaan' mission.

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- (ii) 'Samudrayaan' mission got immediate approval from the government.

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- (iii) 'Samudrayaan' mission preceded the Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 mission.

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C. Answer the questions briefly :— 2×4=8

(i) What is the primary aim of this underwater mission?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) What is NIOT?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Who is Dr MA Atmanand?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) What is the economic aspect of 'Samudrayaan' mission?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### Grammar & Vocabulary

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct alternatives :— 1×3=3

Prizes \_\_\_\_\_ (are distributed / were distributed / will be distributed) by the chief guest among the \_\_\_\_\_ (participating / participated / participation) contestants of the quiz contest. that is to be \_\_\_\_\_ (organised / was organised / organising) by our club.

5. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions :— 1×3=3

Droupadi Murmu took oath as \_\_\_\_\_  
15<sup>th</sup> President of India \_\_\_\_\_ Monday  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Central Hall of the Parliament.

B. Do as directed :— 1×3=3

(i) The teacher said to the students, "Wear masks to avoid corona virus." (Turn into indirect speech)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) They raised a timid protest. (Rewrite using the adverb form of the underlined word)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The company kept all ways open for me. (Change the voice)

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. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list :— 1×3=3

(i) I cannot recollect his name.



[ ]

(ii) Let us clear this mess, before the guests arrive.

[ ]

(iii) The strike was cancelled. [ ]

[List: call off, call up, put up with, turn up]

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 : 2x4=8

(i) maiden: [ ]

(ii) aspiring :

[ ]

(iii) resist : [ ]

(iv) relating to the

sea : [ ]

Writing

7. Use the following flow-chart to write a paragraph (within 100 words) on 'How blood is collected from a donor's body' :— 10

[Hints: Pre-donation screening of donor done to ensure the donor's eligibility approved donor brought to donation area - - - trained healthcare professionals insert needle into a vein after cleaning the area - blood collected into a bag through the needle. process takes 15-20 minutes - needle removed and sterile bandage applied to puncture site. donor monitored for a brief period to make sure he/she shows no sign of distress- donor allowed to leave - donated blood tested, processed and sent to blood banks.]

Ans. :—

8. Develop the following points into a story (in about 100 words) and add a suitable title to it. [Point A sailor- loses way in a storm - struggles in water - hungry and thirsty - reaches an island sees coconut trees-unable to climb- finds monkeys on trees-throws stones at them monkeys imitate-throw coconuts at him- sailor gets both food and drink.] 10

Ans. :—

9. Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily expressing your concern over the growing addiction of the school students to mobile phones. Mention if you have any suggestion to solve the problem. 10

Ans:—