

Class: X
Subject: English

Max Marks: 80
Time Allotted: 3 hrs

SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow: (8)

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four, to six inches of length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures. Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch between eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

Answer the following questions: (1×8 = 8 marks)

- (a) The chief food for the adult sparrow is.....
- (b) Sparrows live wherever.....
- (c) The word, 'species' means.....
- (d) Sparrows.....in high places.
- (e)take care of the young sparrows.
- (f) Sparrows take bathe in.....
- (g) Bathing for the sparrows is a.....
- (h) Bathing is followed by.....and.....

Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: (12)

"Something is coming uphill", said Mother Wolf, twitching one ear. "Get ready". The bushes rustled a little in the thicket and Father Wolf dropped on his haunches under him, ready for his leap. Then, if you had been watching, you would have seen the most wonderful thing in the world-the wolf checked in mid-spring. He made his leap before he saw what he was jumping at, and then he tried to stop himself. The result was that he had shot up straight into the air for four or five feet, landing almost where he had left the ground. "Man!"

Directly in front of him, holding on a low branch, stood a naked brown baby who could just walk-as soft and as dimpled a little atom as ever came to a wolf's cave at night. He looked up into Father Wolf's face and laughed.

“Is that a man’s cub?” said Mother Wolf. “I have never seen one. Bring it here. How little! How naked! How bold!” she said softly. The baby was pushing his way between the cubs to get close to the warm hide. “Aha! He is taking his meal with the others. And so this is a man’s cub. Now, was there ever a wolf that could boast of a man’s cub among her children?”

“I have heard now and again of such a thing, but never in our pack or in my time”, said Father Wolf. “He is altogether without hair, and I could kill him with a touch of my foot. But see, he looks up and is not afraid.”

The moonlight was blocked out of the mouth of the cave, for Shere Khan’s great square head and shoulders were thrust into the entrance. Tabaqui, behind him, was squeaking: “My Lord, My Lord, it went in here!” “Sher Khan does us great honour”, said Father Wolf, but his eyes were very angry. “What does Shere Khan need?” My quarry. A man’s cub went this way”, said Shere Khan. “Its parents have run off. Give it to me.”

(A) Answer the following questions: (8)

- (a) Why did Father Wolf drop on his haunches? (2)
- (b) Why did he stop in the middle of his jump? (2)
- (c) What did a man’s cub look like? (2)
- (d) What did it do to keep itself warm? (2)

(B) Do as directed: (4)

- (e) What is meant by the word ‘bold’? (para 3) (1)
- (f) What is meant by the word ‘spring’? (para 1) (1)
- (g) What is meant by the word ‘altogether’? (para 4) (1)
- (h) What is the opposite of the word ‘uphill’? (1)

SECTION – B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 marks)

Q. 3. You are Rajesh/Runali, the student prefect in-charge of the school library. You have been asked to place an order for children’s story books (Ages 10-13 yrs). Write a letter to M.S. Book Depot Jamnagar, Bikaner placing an order for the books. Invent the necessary details. (8)

OR

Write a letter to the editor of an English daily, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills. (8)

Q. 4. ‘Enjoying a cup of tea while sitting on my balcony on a Sunday morning, suddenly I felt a deep pain in my chest. I thought that this was the last moment of my life. I wanted to call my daughter, my husband and everybody to say the final Good Bye, but couldn’t do so’

Imagine what happened after this. Did the family know what happened or did the woman die unnoticed? Explain what were the plans and aspirations of the woman at the last moment of her life. Write an imaginary story with a suitable title in 150-200 words. (10)

Q. 5. Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by filling the most appropriate word/phrases. (4)

One of the (a).....problems facing the world today is global warming. Many scientists believe that our production of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is having a heating effect on the atmosphere and this (b)be very dangerous for human life. We (c)examine the problem of global warming and suggest some ways of solving it.

Q. 6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

	Error	Correction
Dolphins and killer whales has learned elaborate routine to entertain aquarium audiences. They are thought by men to being even more scientifically intelligent than me. In scientific experiments they had showed great skill for distinguishing between objects.	e.g. has (a) (b) (c) (d)	have

Q. 7. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences: (4)

- (a) for many/on/relied/dogs/people have/generations
- (b) companionship/used/they/for hunting/have been/and
- (c) very/a dog's/are/and ears/sensitive/nose
- (d) now a days /dogs/variety /of / do/ works

SECTION – C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT (30 marks)

Q 8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

“When wasteful war shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry, Nor Mars
and his sword nor war’s quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.”

- (a) The works of masonry that the poet is referring to are..... (1)
- (b) Mars is..... (1)
- (c) What does the poet mean by ‘the living record’? (1)
- (d) What is the poetic device in the above lines? (1)

OR

You knew not what you do, do not consent That Antony speak in his funeral. Know you how much the people may be moved.

- (a) Why didn’t Cassius want Antony to speak in Caesar’s funeral? (2)
- (b) What were Brutus’ views on Cassius remark? (1)
- (c) What is the meaning of ‘consent’? (1)

Q9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (8)

- (a) Why could Ali not enjoy a sportsman’s pleasure of hunting any more after Miriam left him? (2)
- (b) What does the woman search for in the mirror everyday? (2)
- (c) What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on next Monday? (2)
- (d) What is the theme of the poem ‘Ozymandias’? (2)

Q. 10. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words. (8)

How is hypocrisy of the two sisters brought out in the play, ‘The Dear Departed’?

OR

One feels other’s pain only when one goes through it himself/herself. Explain the postmaster’s change of heart.

Q. 11. Answer the following in about 150-180 words. (10)

Helen Keller says, "Happy days did not last long." Why does she say this? What had happened to her?

OR

"Mildred was an alert and observant child." Comment with reference to the train incident at Fern Quarry.

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