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SESSION 2017-18

Class: X  
Subject: English

Sample Paper – 6

Max Marks: 80  
Time Allotted: 3 hrs

**Instructions:** Question paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Reading: 20 Marks

Section B: Writing & Grammar: 30 Marks

Section C: Literature Textbook and extended Reading Text: 30 Marks

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**Section: A (Reading – 20 Marks)**

**Q.1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. [08 Marks]**

A helicopter informally called “chopper” or “helo” is a type of rotorcraft in which lift and thrust are supplied by engine-driven rotors. Unlike airplanes, this allows the helicopter to take off and land vertically, to hover, and to fly forwards, backwards and side wards. These qualities allow helicopter to be used in crowded or lonely areas, where fixed wing aircraft would usually not be able to take off or land. The operating characteristics and capability of the helicopter to efficiently hover for longer periods of time allows a helicopter to do the tasks that fixed- wing aircraft and other forms of vertical take-off and landing aircraft cannot perform.

Because helicopter can perform actions that airplanes cannot, they are used for different tasks. Since helicopters can take off without moving forward, they do not need runway for take-off. They are used in crowded areas where there is no room for airplanes or in lonely areas which do not have airports. Because they can hover, they are used for fire fighting missions to drop water on fires. They are used to lift trees which have been cut out of forest. Helicopters are used as air ambulances to airlift patients out of situations which are difficult to reach by conventional ambulances. The police use helicopters to follow suspects or to search for cars on the ground. Of course helicopters have military uses because of their design and capabilities. Today, despite its low speed, its uses include transportation of people and cargo. It is also used for construction, fire-fighting, search and rescue, tourism, medical transport and aerial observation among others.

There are many types of helicopters ranging from the ultra-light mosquito to much heavier Mi26. While the same principle apply, the shapes, sizes and styles of helicopters vary as much as one bird does from others. Helicopters also typically have varying points and markings signifying the type of work for which they are used, e.g. military ones can vary from camouflage to dark green, while commercial ones may have a greater variance.

- (a) The helicopter can take off and land vertically, hover and fly forwards, backwards and side wards because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (b) The helicopter accomplishes tasks that fixed wing aircrafts cannot perform because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The helicopter can take off and land vertically. This quality is used in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The helicopter doesn't need a runway because\_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) One disadvantage that the helicopter has is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) The two very important missions a helicopter is involved in are: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ , (2) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (g) The type of work for which the helicopter is used is signified by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q.2. Read the passage given below**

**[12]**

**Should Animals be kept in Zoos?**

I believe that animals should be allowed to enjoy their own natural habitat and live with their family freely, not trapped behind bars and cages. I do not agree that animals should be kept in zoos. Most people go to the zoo purely for entertainment and I strongly believe that animals were not created for that purpose only. Zoos claim to educate people to preserve species: a lot of animals are trapped in cages and also animals are forced to live in climate they are not adapted to.

Zoos teach people that it is acceptable to keep animals in captivity-bored, cramped, lonely and far from their natural homes. But, sometimes they are suffering from more than lack of care in some zoos. Most zoo enclosures are quite small, and labels provide lack of information about diet and natural habitat. Animal's normal behaviour is seldom discussed, much less observed, because their natural needs are hardly met. Zoo visitors usually spend a few minutes at each display, seeking entertainment rather than education. In my opinion, the animals shouldn't be kept i zoos. They were born in the wilderness and should live and die in that environment too. They should make their homes/nest in natural places just as we have made our homes in suburbs and cities. It's absurd to think that we should be so pompous as to pick and choose animals out of the wild to lock in the cages for people to come by and look at. A lot of animals in the zoos are taken out of their natural environment and climate. One good example of this is the polar bear. Polar bears are the animals that are used to sub-zero temperatures and putting them in a place like Delhi zoo, where the temperature can reach well into the forties, is cruel. These animals are often forced to live in climates they are not adapted to or even capable of adapting. During my childhood, I visited several zoos, and I did not think twice about how the animals must feel trapped in those small cages. But now I realize these animals have the same desire for freedom that I do. Putting myself in their shoes, I have also come to realize that caging animals for entertainment is wrong.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly.**

**[8]**

- (a) What are animals entitled to?
- (b) What do most zoos prefer to do?
- (c) What are the two disadvantages that animals face in zoos?

(d) What does the writer call as absurd?

**2.2. Complete the following sentences.**

**[4]**

(a) Zoo visitors seek.....

(b) Putting Polar Bears in a place like the Delhi zoo is cruel because.....

(c) The word 'habitat' means....

(d) The word 'pompous' means.....

**Section: B (Writing & Grammar – 30 Marks)**

**Q.3. Look at this visual from a report on problems faced by school-going children regarding the burden of homework. Using the information given below, along with your own ideas and opinions on the subject, write a letter to the editor of a leading daily on the problems and stress faced by students today. Write the letter in 100-120 words.**



**[8]**

Or

**Q.3. India is land of Unity in diversity, but it is sad to see that people fight in the name of caste, creed, and language etc. causing great loss of peace, life and property. There is a need to remain united in order to maintain harmony. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the issue and suggest measures to bring about unity in society. You are Aman/Anamika, 48, Galaxy Road, Bangalore.**

**[8]**

**Q.4. Write a short story in 200-250 words on the basis of the hints provided below.**

**[10]**

One morning while I was walking in the park I heard the sobbing of ..... . I was about to walk away when the cries made me stop. When I bent to look behind the bushes I found.....

Or

I was alone in the house when the cyclone struck. The sound of thunder was shattering my ear drums when the light went off.....

**Q.5. Fill in the blanks in the passage given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given against the blanks. Do not copy the passage.**

**[4]**

The jungle was thick and dense (a) .....(for, so, but, and) we had to hold on to the vines to save us from slipping on (b) .....(the, an, a, that) slippery paths. We had walked (c) .....(in, of, for, at) four hours (d) .....(and, because, due to, still) everyone was tired.

**Q.6. In the passage given below, there is an error in each line. Identify each error and write it against the correct number in your answer sheet. Underline the error and write correction next to it. The first one has been done as an example. [4]**

The rhododendron is common at the Himalayan at In  
 Ranges, particularly in a Shimla Hills. It is (a) \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 a large tree. Reach a height of 40 ft. (b) \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 It flowers in the Himalayas since (c) \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 March to May, when hillsides becoming a scarlet red. (d) \_\_\_ \_\_\_

**Q.7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences:**

[4]

- (a) no parallel / discipline / of any kind / has
- (b) go together / duties / should / discipline / and rights / with
- (c) equally important / they should be / treated / in life / as /
- (d) time management / discipline / in helps / one /

**Section: C (Literature & Extended Reading – 30 Marks)**

**Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the question that follows.** [4]

Now the frog puffed up with rage.  
 “Brainless bird-you’re on the stage-  
 Use your wits and follow fashion.  
 Puff your lung out with your passion”

- (a) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
- (b) Give the opposite of ‘Brainless’.
- (c) What did the frog ask the nightingale to do?
- (d) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?

Or

**Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the question that follows.** [4]

Caesar: I must prevent thee, Cimber  
 These couching and these lowly courtesies  
 Might fire the blood of ordinary men,  
 And turn pre-ordinance and first decree  
 Into the law of the children.

- (a) What decision has Caesar taken?
- (b) What is Cimber’s request to Caesar?
- (c) What is Caesar trying to prevent Cimber from doing?
- (d) What does the word, ‘decree’ mean?

**Q.9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.** [8]

- (a) Why did the post-master call Ali a pest?
- (b) "Patol Babu' is a good actor." Comment.
- (c) 'Nothing beside remain'. What does the narrator mean when he says these words?
- (d) Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the narrator refers to them as gentlemen. Why?
- (e) Why does John wish he were dead?

**Q.10. Attempt the following questions in 100-120 words each. [8]**

- Name the first place where Michael was virtually transported. Describe the attempts that were made to rescue him. What would have you done if you had found a stranger in distress?
- Or
- Do you think the poem 'Mirror' strongly relates to the theme of feminism? Why?

**Q.11. Answer the following questions in 200-250 words each. [10]**

**Helen found new surprises during Christmas with Ms.Sullivan. Discuss the characteristics of Ms. Sullivan in the light of this statement. [10]**

Or

**Q.11. Describe Helen Keller's love for a country life. [10]**

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