

**Class:- 10**

Time:- 3 Hours

Name of the student :

**Subject:- English**

Total :- 80 Marks

Roll: Section:

**General Instructions:**

1. This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A : READING SECTION****(A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:** **(10 marks)**

Floods are not new to India and this subcontinent, but in recent years the problem of flooding has received much greater attention, perhaps largely because it has led to greater damage now than it did in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised. This is particularly true in the case of flash floods resulting from sudden and excessive heavy rain.

In the case of India, flooding is very much related to the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period during the year and often bring a concentrated volume of rain, which cannot be absorbed by the earth and finds an outlet only in the form of streams that join up with our major river systems. Flooding due to heavy rain is confined not only to the main rivers of the country, but also affects smaller tributaries and streams. Once these streams spill over their banks, they could cause excessive harm, mainly because those living near the banks of these streams, particularly in mountain areas, do not have easy recourse to moving away quickly.

One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change. While the evidence of the nature of impacts, resulting from climate change on precipitation and flooding at the regional level, is not entirely clear, it could happen that the Indian subcontinent witnesses and suffers the effects of a significantly changed pattern of monsoons. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration but far more intensive; in other words, much greater precipitation would take place in a much shorter period of time, thereby increasing the danger of floods. Climate change is the result of human actions through the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent.

At the local level, also, human actions have heightened the danger of floods through the cutting of trees in the mountains as well as in the plains. In case of India, the ecological damage through deforestation of the Himalayas has led to large-scale erosion of the mountain slopes and high levels of siltation. These lead to the deposition of silt on the riverbeds in the plains and hence spillover of water whenever the volume in the river reaches a certain level. With siltation on the riverbeds, flooding occurs even at very shallow water levels. The vulnerability of the population has increased substantially because of population pressures. An example is the stubborn and perhaps helpless settling of slum dwellers on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi, who become victims of flooding. What is a mere trickle most of the year, bursts its banks during the monsoons, as has been the case in recent years.

Flood forecasting is critical to minimising the damage from floods. It is for this reason that the Central Water Commission has set up a network of forecasting stations, which cover the most important flood-prone interstate rivers in the country. These stations produce forecasts that are used to alert the public and to mobilize various official agencies so that they

take both preventive as well as relief measures, whenever required. However, even in cases where forecasts have been timely and generally accurate, people have often been reluctant to move away, because in most cases they lack the means and physical options for moving away from a danger zone to one that is relatively safe. In the case of flash floods, forecasts are difficult to make, and often the time available for relief is very short.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:**

1. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from paragraph 1:

(1)

*"Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised."*

- (a) Flood information is timely but often ineffective due to lack of infrastructure.
- (b) Flood information is delayed, leading to more damage.
- (c) Accurate flood information always prevents damage.
- (d) There is ample time to respond to flood warnings due to better infrastructure.

2. Who has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration but far more intensive?

(1)

3. The phrase 'spillover of water' in paragraph 4 refers to:

(1)

- (a) Water overflowing its usual boundaries
- (b) A slow and controlled release of water
- (c) A reduction in water levels
- (d) Water being absorbed by the earth

4. In sets 'a-e' below, identify two sets of synonyms:

(1)

- a. erosion and siltation
- b. intensive and concentrated
- c. seasonal and continuous
- d. stubborn and helpless
- e. forecast and prediction

- (a) b and e
- (b) a and c
- (c) b and d
- (d) c and e

5. Complete the sentence appropriately:

(1)

*The cutting of trees in the mountains has led to \_\_\_\_\_.*

6. Complete the following sentence:

(1)

*Flood forecasting is critical because \_\_\_\_\_.*

7. Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list any 2 factors contributing to the severity of floods in India.

(2)

8. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how climate change could affect flooding in India.

(2)

**(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

**(10 marks)**

There was a time when human interference was minimum, the number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation.

Due to the irrational use of natural and biotic resources of the Earth in the past, most of the wildlife has been destroyed beyond retrieval. According to an estimate, in India about 200 species of wild animals and birds have become extinct and another 2500 are on the verge of extinction. Some of them are black buck, chinkara, wolf, swamp deer, nilgai, Indian gazelle, antelope, tiger, rhinoceros, Gir lion, crocodile, flamingo, pelican, bustard, white crane, grey heron, mountain quail, etc.

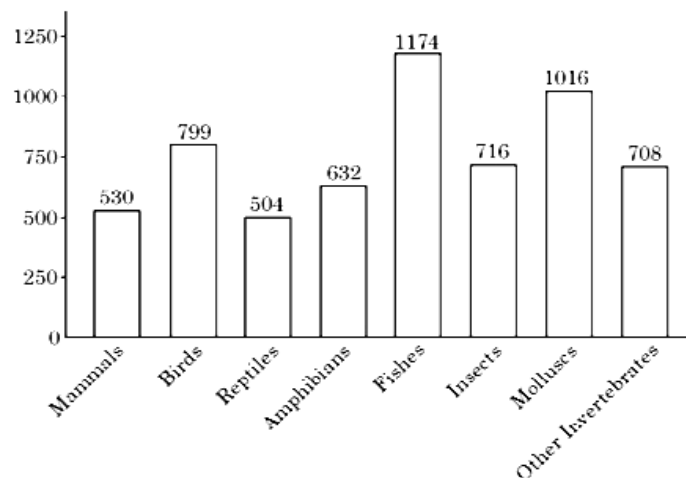
In India, the Government and NGOs are taking keen interest in protection of wildlife. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, has several provisions for the conservation of wildlife. As many as 165 game sanctuaries and 21 national parks have been deployed to protect the natural habitat and wild animals. Apart from this, Wildlife Conservation Week is also celebrated from 1st to 7th October every year. But still there is a long way to go in this direction.

Preservation of wildlife does not mean a blanket protection to all faunal and floral species; rather it implies a proper, judicious control over the multiplication of plants and

animals which interact together to provide a proper environment to man whose very existence is in peril today.

It is our urgent duty to protect the natural splendour of ecosystems and to evolve a system of coexistence with every living creature upon the Earth.

<sup>a</sup>based on IUCN Red List data



**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:**

- Select the appropriate options to fill in the blanks. (1)  
*Most of the wildlife has been \_\_\_\_\_ beyond \_\_\_\_\_ due to the irrational use of natural resources on the Earth.*  
 I. destroyed                                      II. retrieval  
 III. desertion                                      IV. build  
 V. revived  
 (a) I and II                      (b) II and III                      (c) III and IV                      (d) IV and V
- Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from the passage. (1)  
*Flowers : Garden :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Sanctuaries*
- Select the correct option to complete the sentence. (1)  
*Judicious control over the multiplication of plants and animals which provide \_\_\_\_\_.*  
 (a) natural splendour of ecosystem                      (b) proper environment to man  
 (c) blanket protection                                      (d) happy and comfortable living
- According to the graph, which is the most vulnerable animal species and the least vulnerable from the graph. (1)  
 I. Birds                                      II. Insects  
 III. Fishes                                      IV. Reptiles  
 V. Insects                                      VI. Mammals  
 VII. Molluscs  
 (a) II and I                      (b) IV and III                      (c) V and VI                      (d) VI and IV
- Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct option. (1)  
*The Wildlife Protection Policy has several provisions for \_\_\_\_\_ of wildlife.*  
 (a) conservation                      (b) safety                      (c) habitation                      (d) well being
- List one reason why the Government makes certain recommendations for protection of wild animals. (1)
- Infer one reason for the following, based on the information in the passage. (2)  
*The number of wild animals was quite high and there was no problem of their protection or conservation.*
- List any two examples of how the Government and NGOs are trying to protect the wildlife. (2)

## SECTION B : GRAMMAR & WRITING SECTION

### GRAMMAR

(C) Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed: (1X10 = 10)

1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter.

*Please keep me \_\_\_\_\_ (apprise) of your next step to address this matter. Thanks for your time.*

2. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.

*Critics have time and again points out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single-line parameters, which is unfair.*

Error	Correction
_____	_____

3. Read the conversation and complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

**Liz** : Hey Mike, good to see you!

**Mike** : Hi Liz, I haven't seen you since June.

Liz greeted Mike when they met accidentally and said it was good to see him. Mike greeted back and replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

4. *He said to his servant, "Why are you so lazy today?"*

Choose the correct form of reported speech of the above:

- (a) He asked his servant why was he so lazy today.
- (b) He asked his servant why he had been so lazy that day.
- (c) He asked his servant why he was being so lazy that day.
- (d) He asked his servant why he was so lazy that day.

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

*Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but \_\_\_\_\_ (either/neither/every) of them seems to take it seriously.*

6. Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a technology company's product description.

*Our latest software solution is designed for help businesses streamline their operations.*

Error	Correction
_____	_____

7. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report:

*The roof and the backside of the bus was blown away by the blast that occurred on Thursday, but no one was injured.*

Option no.	Error	Correction
(a)	was	were
(b)	away	off
(c)	occurred	occur
(d)	but	yet

8. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the advertisement given by a car company.

*The vehicle also has a divider to separate the front passengers from the rear, in case you want \_\_\_\_\_ around like Miss Daisy.*

- (a) to be driven
- (b) the drive
- (c) to driving
- (d) the driving

9. Read the conversation between a hostess and a customer. Complete the sentence by filling in the blank based on the conversation:

**Hostess** : Wonderful to see you again, sir!

**Customer** : Thanks, I couldn't resist your delicious food.

The customer responded that \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Fill in the blank with appropriate option:

*"See my corpse, if you don't eat these cookies," my aunt said although I stated that I do not like them at all.*

- (a) insisted (b) admitted (c) promised (d) denied

11. Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the opening line of a formal letter:

Dear Mr. Patel,

We are pleased to inform you that your proposal for the upcoming project \_\_\_\_\_ by the board of directors.

- (a) had endorsed (b) will have been endorsed  
(c) has been endorsed (d) have endorsed

12. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

<b>VACCINATE YOURSELF TO COMBAT CORONA</b> No prior appointment required, Walk-in & get your jab Facility are available for 18 years and above Health Department, Chandigarh Administration	
Error	Correction
_____	_____

### WRITING

(D) Write **ANY ONE** from the following:

(5X1 = 5)

1. You are Preeti/Pramod residing at Greenview Apartments, Pune. The rising prices of daily commodities have added to the problems of the common man who is finding it difficult to meet his daily needs. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, in 100-120 words, voicing the problems you are facing because of this inflation and requesting the concerned authorities to look into the matter.

OR

2. You are Rita/Rahul and you came across the following information on your local club notice-board.

<b>Better Living</b> How to tackle stress, build concentration and remain fit and healthy – Yoga, a way of life – Join free yoga camp for students.
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You wish to enroll but require more information. Write a letter to the Yoga Institute, M.G. Road, Pune, enquiring details of timing, batch size, eligibility, etc. for joining the course. Write the letter in about 100-120 words.

(E) Write **ANY ONE** from the following:

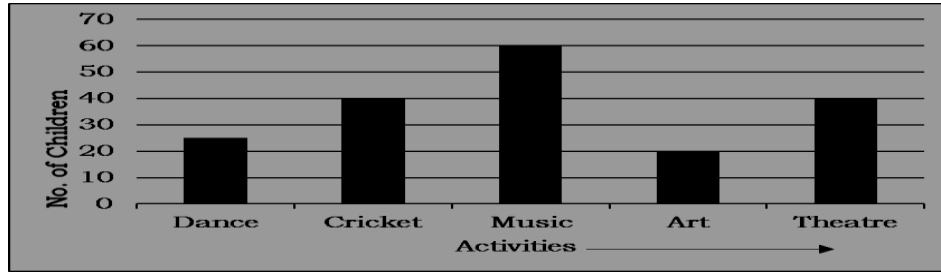
(5X1 = 5)

1. The table given below contains data related to the annual increase in the number of vehicles in major Indian cities (percentage data has been given). Write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words interpreting the data.

*Annual increase in the number of vehicles in major Indian cities (Percentage)*

City (in descending order of population)	Passengers			
	Private		Intermediate	
	Two Wheelers	Cars & Jeeps	Taxis	Three Wheelers
Mumbai	12.7	6.9	—	—
Kolkata	18.2	17.2	10.8	32.7
Delhi	18.7	19.4	3.6	18.2
Chennai	42.5	31.3	36.8	1.3

2. A survey was conducted in the National Capital in over 20 schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 years to 15 years. Write a paragraph in not more than 120 words, analyzing the following information.



(F) Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two:

**(1 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 5)**

1. Max bit his lip nervously. The knocking was repeated.  
*"What will you do now, Max ?" Ausable asked. "If I do not answer the door, they will enter anyway. The door is unlocked. And they will not hesitate to shoot."*
- (a) Who is Max?
- |                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| i. a spy           | ii. a tourist |
| iii. a businessman | iv. a waiter  |
- (b) Actually, the door was knocked at by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confident'?
- (d) Max was unprepared for his mission. Elaborate with reference to the extract.

2. *The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks."*

- (b) Read the following descriptions (i)-(iii) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract.
- (i) Lencho thought only God could help them in that hour of need.
  - (ii) Lencho wanted to punish post office employees.
  - (iii) Lencho wanted more money.
- (c) Fill the blank with one word.  
A word which is the opposite of “honest person” in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) What amount of money did Lencho ask from God?
- (e) What did Lencho mean by ‘the rest’? Answer in about 40 words.

**(1 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 5)**

1. *"The fog comes  
on little cat feet.  
It sits looking  
over harbour and city  
on silent haunches  
and then moves on."*
- (a) How does the fog come?
- i. Rapidly                      ii. Quietly
- iii. Loudly                      iv. Swiftly
- (b) Where does the fog sit?
- (c) What does the fog do after sitting and looking?
- (d) How does the fog's movement contribute to the imagery of the poem?

OR

2. *"Belinda is as brave as a barrel full of bears  
And Ink and Blink chase lions down the stairs,  
Mustard is as brave as a tiger in a rage,  
But Custard keeps crying for a nice safe cage."*

(a) Pick the option that DOES NOT display a simile from the extract.

- i....as brave as a barrel full of bears
- ii....chase lions down the stairs
- iii....brave as a tiger in a rage
- iv.none of the above

(b) Fill in the blank with one word.

*The coward behaviour of \_\_\_\_\_ is described here in these lines.*

(c) Who is depicted as brave in this particular stanza?

(d) How does the poet describe the pets of Belinda in this extract?

**(H) Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words: (3X4 = 12)**

- 1. Why does the poet of 'Fire and Ice' hold with those who favour fire?
- 2. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?
- 3. Why do you think Natalya asked her father to call Lomov back when she heard that he had come with a proposal?
- 4. The tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' has some obvious limitations. Describe them in contrast to its natural habitat.
- 5. What does the poet want to express through the poem 'A Tale of Custard the Dragon'?

**(I) Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words: (3X2 = 6)**

- 1. We are often over-indulgent towards people we care about. Explain with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.
- 2. Which character traits of Bholi have had an everlasting impression on you? Why?
- 3. How does Think Tank interpret the library found by his crew on Earth? Why does he ask Omega to eat a book?

**(J) Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words: (6X1 = 6)**

- 1. "Freedom can't be bargained at any cost." Compare Nelson Mandela's interpretation of freedom with that of the tiger in 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

OR

- 2. In 'The Sermon at Benares', Buddha teaches Kisa Gotami an important lesson about life and death. How does this story show that life is temporary, and how can this lesson help to deal with modern problems and personal growth?

**(K) Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words: (6 X1 = 6)**

- 1. Write a brief character sketch of Anil for highlighting his qualities as a man and an employer.

OR

- 2. "A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." Discuss this with reference to 'Bholi'.