

NAME OF STUDENT: .....

MAX.MARKS:80

DATE: .....

TIME: 2 HOURS

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**NOTE:** You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is given to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all FIVE Questions. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets. You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

**Q1.** Write a Composition (300-350 words) on any ONE of the following :- (20)

- (a) Narrate your experience of visiting your ancestral village after a gap of five years. State what changes you saw in the place and what were your feelings at the end of the day.
- (b) You had gone on a school picnic by bus to a resort at the outskirts of your city. While returning home your bus broke down. Narrate what happened after that and how you manage to reach home late at night.
- (c) Value education is the most important part of today's education. Give your views either for or against this statement.
- (d) Describe an experience of an outing which you will never forget.
- (e) Write a short story which begins, "I was fast asleep. Suddenly there was a knock at the door....."

**Q2.** Select any ONE of the following :- (10)

- (a) Write a letter to your friend, describing how you along with a group of friends intend to undertake cleanliness drive in your area.
- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper complaining about the electricity failure in your town during the examination days. You must complain in your letter the inconvenience caused to students and request the competent authorities to restore regular supply immediately.

**Q3.**

- (a) Your school is organizing an 'On the Spot Painting Competition' on the occasion of Children's Day in the school auditorium. As the Head Girl of your school, draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board, asking the students of Classes IX and X to submit their names for the competition. (5)
- (b) Write an email to a renowned painter requesting him to judge the 'On the Spot Painting Competition' to be held in your school. (5)

**Q4.** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

Man's dependence on animals and plants cannot be ignored. Animals are killed for meat and skin; trees are cut down for timber and paper; plants are uprooted for food and medicine. If we go on using nature as thoughtlessly as we have been doing, nothing worthwhile in nature will be left for our posterity. Against this background, many countries have passed protective laws

in order to safeguard wildlife. There are more than 1,200 national parks, wildlife reserves and similar protected areas throughout the world, to ensure that rare wild animals and precious trees are saved from extinction.

One group of animals which have become extinct are dinosaurs. The records show that they died out completely around a hundred million years ago. The reason for their extinction is not known. However, people guess that this is because of the change in environment. New mountains were born; the sea overflowed the land; the climate changed with the environment. The dinosaurs could not adapt themselves to the new environment and as a result, perished.

The saving of certain wild animals from extinction has for many years been a problem for zoologists and other specialists, but more recently the problem has become so acute and has received so much publicity that most people are now concerned about it. This may at first seem strange because one of the most gratifying developments of the last few years has been the passing of strict laws to protect wild animals and the consequent decline in the hunting of big game for sport. Why is it, then that some rare wild animals are still threatened with extinction and even some of the less rare ones are rapidly declining in numbers?

One reason is the "march of civilization." When an area is wholly cleared of vegetation to make room for new towns, factory-sites and hydro-electric plants, the natural home of several species is destroyed. The displaced animals must either migrate to another area or perish. Even the clearing of land for a road or an airfield may involve "pushing back" the jungle and the smaller the area in which the wild animals compete for a living, the smaller the number which can survive.

Civilization brings, too, swift and easy transport and so assists those who are determined to break the various protective laws. Thieves can elude the game wardens, shoot an elephant for its tusks, a rhinoceros for its horn, or a deer for its meat and be miles away from the site of the crime before the dead or dying victim is even discovered.

It is sad to reflect the civilization which can bring so many benefits to people who have previously known only hunger and misery, brings also facilities for the heartless criminal who, for material gain, slaughters some harmless animal and threatens the disappearance of its kind from the earth forever.

- (i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided:- (2)
1. Uprooted  
(a) Pulled out (b) Disturbance  
(c) Confused (d) Situated
  2. Migrate  
(a) Convey (b) Move  
(c) Relax (d) Leap
- (ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'threatens'? (1)
- (a) Alarming (b) Protect
  - (c) Dangerous (d) Strongest
- (iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:-
- (a) In what way is man dependent on nature? (2)
  - (b) What steps have some nations taken to protect wildlife? (2)
  - (c) What is meant by the "march of civilization"? (2)
  - (d) What do some people think is the reason for the extinction of dinosaurs? (1)



(e) What connection is there between the "pushing back" of jungles and the wild animals? (2)

(iv) In not more than 50 words state the problem of and the solution for safeguarding wild animals. (8)

Q5.

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space:- (4)

A boy saw a turtle on the beach. He began....1....(examine) it, but the turtle pulled in its head and closed its shell. The boy was upset....2....(pick)up a stick he tried to force it open. The boy's uncle from a distance remarked, "No, that's not the way! You'll not get it to open up with a force." The uncle took the turtle into the house and put it near the fireplace. It....3....(not move) until it began....4....(get) warm. Then the turtle pushed out its head, stretched out its legs and began to crawl. "Turtles....5....(be)like that," said uncle, "and people, too. You can't....6....(force) them into anything. But if you first....7....(warm) them up with kindness, it is likely that they....8....(do) what you want them to do."

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:- (4)

(a) The police is entrusted \_\_\_\_\_ the enforcement of law and order.

(b) My mother is confined \_\_\_\_\_ bed.

(c) I stayed in Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ three months.

(d) I have been working \_\_\_\_\_ morning.

(e) I ran \_\_\_\_\_ the field.

(f) She is quite confident \_\_\_\_\_ success.

(g) The water is all \_\_\_\_\_ the fields.

(h) A tiger escaped \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo.

(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. Choose the correct option :- (4)

1. He ran so fast. He soon overtook me.

(a) He soon overtook me as he ran so fast.

(b) He soon could overtake me as he could run so fast.

(c) He could overtook me as he ran so fast.

(d) He ran so fast to overtake me soon.

2. He is very old. He enjoys good health.

(a) He enjoys good health after being very old.

(b) He is too old to enjoy good health.

(c) Although he is very old, he enjoys good health.

(d) Being very old, he enjoys good health.

3. You can borrow the money. You can pay it back.

(a) Unless you will pay you can borrow the money.

(b) Unless you will be paying you can borrow the money.

(c) You can borrow the money if you can pay it back.

(d) The money you can borrow if you can pay it back.

4. The monsoon may break soon. Otherwise there will be water scarcity.

(a) The monsoon may break soon causing water scarcity.

(b) If the monsoon does not break soon there will be water scarcity.

(c) If the monsoon were to break there will be water scarcity.

(d) If the monsoon may break there will not be water scarcity.

(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence:- (8)

1. The man stole our money. He has been arrested.
  - (a) The man has been arrested for he stole our money.
  - (b) The man who stole our money has been arrested.
  - (c) The man has been arrested when he stole our money.
  - (d) The man who has been arrested is steal our money.
2. The burglar ran away the moment he saw the guard.  
(Begin: No sooner.....)
  - (a) No sooner has the burglar seen the guard, he ran away.
  - (b) No sooner than the burglar saw the guard, he ran away.
  - (c) No sooner did the burglar see the guard when he ran away.
  - (d) No sooner had the burglar seen the guard than he ran away.
3. I gave him not only money but also good advice.  
(Begin: Besides.....)
  - (a) Besides advising him, I also gave him money.
  - (b) Besides giving him not only money but also I give good advice.
  - (c) Besides giving him money, I also gave him good advice.
  - (d) Besides giving him money, I did give him good advice.
4. He was so strong that he lifted the box easily.  
(Use: enough)
  - (a) He was enough strong to easily lift the box.
  - (b) He was strong enough on easily lifting the box.
  - (c) He was strong enough to easily lift the box.
  - (d) He was strong enough for lifting the box.
5. This shop does not accept cheques.  
(Begin: Cheques.....)
  - (a) Cheques are not accepted by this shop.
  - (b) Cheques is not accepted by this shop.
  - (c) Cheques have not been accepted by this shop.
  - (d) Cheques will not be accepted by this shop.
6. He is too old for the job.  
(Remove: 'too')
  - (a) He cannot do the job for being old.
  - (b) He is so old that he cannot do the job.
  - (c) He is very old to do the job.
  - (d) He is old enough do the job.
7. He leads a very unhappy life.  
(Rewrite as an Exclamatory Sentence)
  - (a) How unhappy life he leads!
  - (b) How unhappy life he is leading!
  - (c) What an unhappy life he leads!
  - (d) Oh! how unhappy his life is.
8. You must hurry. You will miss the train otherwise.
  - (a) Unless you hurry you will miss the train.
  - (b) You will miss the train otherwise you have to hurry.
  - (c) If you do not hurry otherwise you will miss the train.
  - (d) Unless you will hurry you will otherwise miss the train.

