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**(Section - A- Reading)**

I. Read the following passage carefully :-

1. The worst form of pollution that affects us the most is air pollution. The way the environment is being polluted today stands *testimony* to the fact that we are irresponsible occupants of this Earth and by polluting the air, we are meticulously working towards our own destruction. According to the World Health Organization, about 2.8 million people die each year due to indoor pollution (over 5,00,000 occur in China alone). And about 2,00,000 deaths are due to outdoor air pollution. These data should act as an eye-opener for all of us. There are so many ways in which we contribute to air pollution. It is due to air pollution that a number of diseases have surfaced. There are several respiratory diseases which affect us adversely.
2. It is said that cigarette smoking is injurious to health. But it is not injurious to the health of only those who smoke cigarettes but also to those who come in contact with the smoke emitted from the cigarettes. People who take in the smoke of cigarettes while breathing normally, do not realize that they are passive smokers and smoking cigarette or not is no different when the result is the same. Therefore air pollution through smoking is the worst form of pollution to have hit us due to our own negligence.
3. Air is polluted even by burning garbage heaps, dry leaves, wood for cooking and even by fire crackers. What is worse is that most of us understand the ill – effects of pollution, yet we are so indifferent towards our own health that we do not avoid the avoidable. Garbage heaps can be recycled instead of being burnt. Similarly, dry leaves can be buried in the soil inside pits. This will not only avoid pollution but also benefit the soil by fertilizing it. Stoves, LPG and other non-conventional source of energy should be used for cooking and the bursting of fire crackers to reduce air pollution. Air pollution not only affects our health but also historical monuments. For instance, the Taj Mahal is under threat due to the rising levels of air pollution. Therefore, if we prevent air pollution, we not only keep ourselves healthy but also save our historical monuments.

A. Answer the following questions :-

(6x1=6)

1. What can we do to reduce air pollution?
2. Name three things that pollute air ?
3. Who are affected by cigarette smoking?
4. Which famous building is getting polluted?
5. What is the adjective form of 'air'?
6. Give the noun form of 'injurious'?

B . 1 .Find the word in the passage which is similar in meaning as ‘inattentiveness’. (1)

2. Find the word in the passage which is similar in the meaning to ‘lessen’. (1)

II. Read the following passage carefully :-

1. The Asiatic lion has a close-cropped coat, uniformly tawny or dark brown on the upper body and flanks, off-white on the belly and a long tail, ending in a prominent tuft of hair, of darker shade than the body. The male differs from the female because of the distinctive, golden-blond mane on the head and neck (with age in some case, it turns jet black), and a blond tuft on the elbows, as well. Their cubs, an average of three per litre, have thick off-white pelts with faint grey spots ; they are born blind and remains helpless and vulnerable for about three months Perhaps this is the reason that lions have evolved into a close-knit social group called the “pride”, comprising about 15 animals. All females of the pride share equally in the raising of the young, much as elephant do.
2. Cubs spend a great deal of time in playful pranks, grappling and swatting one another or clawing the hindquarters of a walking lioness. Besides guarding them in infancy, lioness often indulge their cubs in play; they twitch their tail tuft enticing the cubs to grab it but jerking it out of their grasp at the nick of time! The male protects the pride from predators.

A. Complete the following :- (4x1=4)

- a) The colour of the lion’s mane changes from .....
- b) The lion’s cubs need protection until .....
- c) Female lions are similar to female elephant in .....
- d) Cubs spend a great .....

B. 1. What is the noun form of ‘born’ ? (1)

2. Tick the most appropriate option :- (2)

- i. A group of lions are called\_\_\_\_\_
  - a) predators
  - b) pride
  - c) pranks
  - d) prominent
- ii. The male differs from a female because of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) mane on the head and neck
  - b) upper body and flanks
  - c) jet black colour
  - d) blond of tuft on the elbow

III. Read the following poem carefully :

**SPEAK GENTLY**

**1**

Speak Gently! It is better far  
To rule by love, than fear;  
Speak gently! Let no harsh words mar  
The good we might do here!

**2**

Speak gently! Love doth whisper low  
The vows that true hearts bind;  
And gently friendship's accents flow;  
Affection's voice is kind.

**3**

Speak gently to the little child,  
Its love is sure to gain;  
Teach it in accents soft and mild :  
It may not long remain.

**4**

Speak gently to the young, for they  
Will have enough to bear-  
Pass through this life as best they may,  
T'is full of anxious care!

**5**

Speak gently to the aged one.  
Grieve not the care-worn heart  
The course of life is nearly run.  
Let such in peace depart .....

A. Choose the correct option out of ones given below :-

(3x1=3)

1. Harsh words should not be uttered as they
  - a) may spoil the atmosphere
  - b) may create enmity
  - c) may undo the good deeds we do
  - d) may affect others badly
2. The word 'It' in the last line of stanza 3 refers to
  - a) the child
  - b) soft voice
  - c) love
  - d) softness
3. The speaker is addressing
  - a) the young
  - b) all of us
  - c) the old
  - d) those who speak harsh.

B. Give a similar word for 'love' and an opposite for 'depart'.

(2x1=2)

### Section - B (Writing)

IV. Your school is planning to hold a 'Tree Planting' day where the Municipal Commissioner of your area will be the Chief Guest. As part of the 'Environment Club' you have been asked to put up a notice informing students about the event. Write a notice in about 50 words..

(5 Marks)

V. Write a speech in about 150 words on the topic "Swachh Bharat"

or

"Healthy Eating Habits"

(6 Marks)

VI. Write a short composition of around 120 to 150 words "A Television programme I enjoyed".

OR

"The Book I like most "

(7 Marks)

VII. Write a letter to your cousin requesting the loan of a camera during your holidays.

OR

Write a letter to your father who is working in a city far from home telling him about your examination results

(7 Marks)

### Section - C (Grammar)

VIII. Complete the following passage with the correct forms of Verbs given within the brackets :-

(4x½= 2)

While I ..... (walk) back home yesterday. Someone ..... (snatch) the bag from my hand and ran away. The police ..... (not catch) him yet. I wonder how such things ..... (happen) now days.

IX. Choose the correct Verbs form from those in brackets :-

(2x½=1)

a) He ..... when my uncle entered the room. (was studing, has studied, had studied)

b) I see the price of petrol ..... up again recently. (was gone, has gone, went).

X. Change the verb of the following sentence to the present continuous Tense :-

(1)

a) Meena and Teena had come to play.

XI. Fill in the blank with a Verb that agrees to its subject :-

(4x½= 2)

a) Bread and butter ..... his favourite food.

b) Every man and woman ..... present.

c) Neither he nor his friend ..... come.

d) A number of lions ..... in the jungle.

XII. Fill in the blanks with Pronouns :-

(2x½= 1)

- a) With ..... were you talking ?
- b) The soldier shot ..... in front of the enemy.

XIII. Join each of these pairs of sentences with a Relative Pronoun :- (2x1= 2)

- 1) Who broke the glass statue ? It was in my room.
- 2) These are the people. No one likes them.

XIV. Pick out the Adverbs and state its kinds :- (3x1=3)

- a) Dhiraj frequently goes to Delhi.
- b) I take tea once a day.
- c) He is hence unable to deny it.

XV. Underline the Verbs in the following sentences and say whether it is Transitive or Intransitive :- (4x1=4)

- a) The soldier died for his country.
- b) The policeman blew his whistle.
- c) Meena sang sweetly.
- d) We shall not go home today.

XVI. Pick out the Adjectives and state its kinds :- (2x1/2=1)

- a) Whose book did you bring ?.
- b) There was some water in the milk.

XVII. Supply a suitable Collective Noun for each blank :- (2x1/2= 1)

- 1) A ..... of ships.
- 2) A ..... of fish.

XVIII. Separate the Subject and Predicate in the following sentences :- (2x1=2)

- a) The hen and her chicks were in the basket.
- b) My great grandmother is very weak.

XIX. Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles :- (4x1/2 =2)

- a) I had orange juice for ..... breakfast.
- b) ..... ship sank in ..... Bay of Bengal.
- c) Where is ..... luggage ?

- XX. Pick out the Phrases in the following sentences and name their kinds :- (2x1= 2)
- He was punished in a cruel way.
  - The student answered every question.
- XXI. Change the Degree of comparison without changing the meaning:- (1)
- Mumbai is the richest city in India.(positive)

**Section – D (Literature)**

- Answer the following question briefly :- (1x4=4)
  - What does the poet not wish for, in the poem Tigers forever ?
  - What had the infant 'Prodigy' done ?
  - How did Mrs. Pigeoncote plan to recover the missing gift ?
  - Why did Mowgli find it difficult to sleep in Messua's hut ?
- Answer the following question :- (2x3=6)
  - What did the priest say when he looked at Mowgli ?
  - What do Hamid's friends buy with their money ?
  - Why had Mr. and Mrs. Pigeoncote never encouraged young Wilfrid to visit them ?
- Answer the following question with the reference to the context :- (3 Marks)
  - Some banquet hall deserted  
Whose lights are fled,  
Whose garland dead,  
And all but he departed!
    - Name the poem and the poet ?
    - What does banquet hall deserted stands for ?
    - What does 'light are fled and garland' mean?
  - What a peculiar child he remained hungry and thirsty the whole morning and all he could find to buy was a pair of tongs! (1x2=2)
    - Who is the speaker of the above lines ?
    - How did she react when Hamid showed her the chimta ?
- Write a brief summary of the poem 'A Song from the Suds'. (3 Marks)
- Write the meaning of the following (1/2x4=2)  
discord, caverns, hoe, rambles.