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ENGLISH SET 1

Class: VI

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Admission no:

Time: 3hr

Max Marks: 80

Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains four section- Reading Skills, Writing Skills, Grammar and Literature.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
3. Make sure to put the correct question number as in question paper.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 MARKS)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(12)

Plastic has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world. Every year, millions of plastic bags, bottles, straws, and wrappers are thrown away. Much of this plastic reaches rivers and oceans, where it remains for hundreds of years because it does not break down easily. As a result, marine animals suffer greatly. Many sea creatures, such as turtles, dolphins, whales, seabirds, and fish, mistake plastic for food. A turtle may think a floating plastic bag is a jellyfish and swallow it. This can block its stomach and make it very sick. Birds often feed tiny pieces of plastic to their chicks, thinking they are food. Sadly, many animals die because they cannot digest plastic.

Plastic waste also harms marine animals in other ways. Old fishing nets, ropes, and plastic rings can trap sea animals. Turtles, seals, and dolphins often become tangled in them. They may find it difficult to swim, hunt, or even breathe. This can lead to injury or death. To protect marine life, many countries have started banning single-use plastics such as plastic bags, straws, cups, and cutlery. People are now encouraged to use cloth bags, steel bottles, paper bags, and reusable containers instead of plastic. Schools, shops, and communities are also spreading awareness about reducing plastic waste.

Every person can help protect our oceans. We should avoid using unnecessary plastic, recycle whenever possible, and never throw rubbish into rivers or seas. Even small actions, such as carrying a reusable water bottle or refusing a plastic straw, can make a big difference. By working together, we can keep our oceans clean and give marine animals a safer and healthier home for the future.

- i. Where does much of the plastic reach? (1)
a) does not break down easily b) floats forever c) disappears quickly
- ii. A turtle mistakes a plastic bag for a - ____ (1)
a) fish b) crab c) jellyfish
- iii. Which of these can trap marine animals? (1)
a) Fishing nets b) Leaves c) Sand
- iv. Many countries have banned ____ (1)
a) paper bags b) glass bottles c) single-use plastics
- v. Find the word from the passage which is antonym of the word- "**danger**". (1)
- vi. What has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world? (1)
- vii. Who is spreading awareness about reducing plastic waste and what are people encouraged to use instead of plastic? (2)
- viii. What has become one of the biggest environmental problems in the world and name any two marine animals that get affected because of this environmental problems mentioned in the passage? (2)
- ix. Fill in the blanks: (2)
a) We should avoid using unnecessary _____ and _____ whenever possible.

2. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(10 marks)

Rainwater harvesting is a simple and effective way of collecting and storing rainwater for future use. Instead of allowing rainwater to flow away into drains, it can be collected from rooftops and stored in tanks or allowed to soak into the ground. This method helps save water and increases the level of groundwater.

Many parts of the world face water shortages because of increasing population, pollution, and irregular rainfall. Rainwater harvesting provides an additional source of water for gardening, washing vehicles, cleaning, and even farming. After proper treatment, the stored water can also be used for drinking. It also reduces flooding by preventing large amounts of rainwater from flowing into streets and drains.

Schools, homes, offices, and public buildings can all install rainwater harvesting systems. These systems are easy to maintain and help people use water wisely. By collecting rainwater during the rainy season, communities can reduce their dependence on rivers and underground water sources.

Every person has a role to play in saving water. We should repair leaking taps, avoid wasting water, and spread awareness about water conservation. Even small efforts can make a big difference when everyone works together. Rainwater harvesting is not just a smart idea; it is an important step towards protecting our environment and ensuring that clean water is available for future generations.

- i. Rainwater harvesting mainly helps us to? (1)
a) collect and store rainwater b) waste water c) increase pollution
- ii. Rainwater is allowed to soak into the _____? (1)
a) ground b) sky c) roof
- iii. What does the passage encourage people to spread? (1)
a) Awareness b) Water c) Pollution
- iv. Find the word from the passage which is antonym of the word- “waste”? (1)
- v. The main purpose of the passage is to _____? (identify the correct answer) (1)
a) explain the importance of rainwater harvesting b) describe rivers c) talk about floods only
- vi. What can happen after proper treatment of stored rainwater? (1)
- vii. Why is rainwater harvesting important for future generations? (2)
- viii. Write any two places where we can install rainwater harvesting systems? (2)

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS (22 MARKS)

- 3. Write a travelogue about visiting a hill station in approximately 40–60 words. (3)
- 4. Make a diary entry on how you encouraged your cousin to do well in sports. (4)
- 5. Write an informal email in approximately 120 words on **any one** of the following topics: (7)
 - a. Write email to your friend expressing importance of exercises.
 - b. Write email to your friend describing how you spent your summer vacation.
- 6. Write an essay in approximately 150 words on **any one** of the following topics: (help words given) (8)
 - a. Conserving Nature for Future Generations.
(Help Words- Nature, Trees, Water, Protect, Save, Environment, Recycle, Pollution, Conservation, Sustainable)

OR

 - b) Effects of Social Media.
(Help Words - Social Media, Internet, Communication, Learning, Addiction, Cyberbullying, Privacy, Distraction, Responsible, Awareness)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

- 7. Identify the type of noun for the underlined words from the options given. (3)
 - i. Honesty is the best policy. _____(abstract, proper, material)
 - ii. The committee has announced the results. _____(proper, abstract, common)

iii. We visited Delhi during the holidays. _____ (proper, common, material)

8. Choose the correct answer from the brackets. (4)

i. I saw _____ eagle flying high. (a / an / the)

ii. There are _____ apples in the basket. (much / many)

iii. We need _____ sugar to prepare the cake. (many / some)

iv. The elephant is the _____ animal in the zoo. (strong / strongest).

9. Each sentence has one mistake. Identify and rewrite it correctly in given format: Error Correction (3)

i. There are much books on the shelf.

ii. I have few milk left.

iii. I am knowing the answer.

SECTION D: LITERATURE (26 MARKS)

10. Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly. (2x4=8)

A. He looked at Professor Challenger. "I'm sorry I didn't believe you," he said. "You aren't a liar. Now I know your story is true. Please forgive me."

i. Who said this? (1)

ii. The above sentence was said to whom? (1)

iii. Write the meaning of the word: plateau- _____ (1)

iv. What had happened prior to this that led to the confession and a plea for forgiveness? (1)

*B. I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.*

*I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?*

i. What did the poet breathe into the air? (1)

ii. What did the poet shoot into the air? (1)

iii. Name the poet of this poem. (1)

iv. Which word in the poem means 'very quickly'? (1)

11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (2x5=10)

i. *The incident with the rock wasn't an accident*- which 'incident' is being referred to in 'The Plateau of the Lost World' story?

ii. What is being talked about in the line 'how far they have come and how far they still have to go'?

iii. What role did the Pikes play in the story?

iv. What changes took place in the college after Lalitha joined it?

v. How does slacklining help improve balance?

12. Answer in 150-180 words the following. (Attempt any one)

(1x8=8)

i. Write the summary of the poem "The Mountain and the Squirrel: A Fable, in your own words. Also mention the name of the poet?

OR

ii. Why are the customs and traditions practiced on birthdays in India unique? What makes them special and unique?

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