

SECTION-A

Q1A. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Life without water is unimaginable. It is surprising to know that there are places in the world where people have learnt to live in extreme hot conditions, scarce water and practically zero vegetables. This is the life of deserts. The Thar Desert of India is marked by extreme hot and cold conditions, low rainfall and no or very less fertile soil for agriculture. The days are extremely hot and the nights are freezing cold. Cactus is a common plant found in a desert. Camel is known as the ship of the desert as it can walk on sand, go without water for days and can bear the desert's heat. Apart from camels, rattlesnake, scorpions and lizards are also found in deserts. Deserts look beautiful in the pictures because of the sand dunes. The blowing wind lifts and transports the sand from one place to another creating hill-like structures called the sand dunes.

1.1 Choose the option you consider most appropriate.**(7)**

a. Life of desert does not have:

- i. hot conditions ii. Scarce water iii. Zero vegetation iv. Snowfall

b. Nights are extremely _____ in deserts.

- i. cold ii. Warm iii. Hot iv. Pleasant

c. What is a camel not capable of?

- i. walking on sand ii. Going without water for days iii. Bearing desert's heat iv. Eating sand

d. Sand dunes resembles _____.

- i. hills ii. Deserts iii. Mountains iv. Lakes

e. The word 'scarce' means:

- i. not enough ii. Too much iii. Ample iv. Freezing

1.2 How are sand dunes created? Describe climate of Thar Desert.**1.3 Complete the following sentences briefly:**

a. The Thar Desert of India is marked by _____

b. Camel is known as the ship of the desert because _____

c. Sand dunes are created when _____

Q1B. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**(8)**

An owl is a bird. There are two basic types of owls: typical owls and barn owls. Owls live in almost every country of the world. Owls are mostly nocturnal, meaning they are awake at night. Owls are predators- they hunt the food that they eat. Owls hunt for mice and other small mammals, insects, and even fish. Owls are well adapted for hunting. Their soft, fluffy feathers make their flight nearly silent. They have very good hearing, which helps them to hunt well in the darkness. The sharp hooked beaks and claws of the owl make it very easy to tear apart prey quickly, although owls also eat some prey whole. Owl eyes are unusual. Like most predators, both of the owl's eyes face front. The owl cannot move its eyes. Owls are far-sighted, which means they can see very well far away... but they can't see up close very well at all. Fortunately, their distant vision is what they use for hunting, and they can see far away even in low light. Owls have facial disks around their eyes, tufts of feathers in a circle around each eye. These facial disks are thought to help with the owl's hearing. Owls can turn their heads 180 degrees. This makes it look like they might be able to turn their heads all the way around, but 180 degrees is all the owl needs to see what's going on all around him. Perhaps because of the owl's mysterious appearance, especially its round eyes and flexible neck, there are a lot of myths and superstitions about owls. Many cultures believe that owls are unusually wise. Because owls are nocturnal, some cultures associate owls with bad omens. The screech of the barn owl is considered by many to sound eerily human, like a person screaming. However, owls probably do not interact with the fates of humans at all. In fact, some owl species may become extinct because of humans.

1. Which of the following is NOT true about owls?
a. Owls eat small animals. b. Owls fly silently. c. Owls have poor vision
2. What is the eyesight of the owl used for?
a. flying b. hunting c. sleeping
3. What is the purpose of this story?
a. to entertain b. to inform c. to persuade
4. What would be a good title for this story?
a. Owls Hunt At Night b. Owls Are Interesting Animals c. Owls Have Flexible Necks
5. What is a predator?
a. a small feather b. an animal that hunts other animals c. a small mouse
6. Which of the following IS true?
a. Owls have a strong, bent beak. b. Most owls hunt for food during the day. c. Owls are dangerous to humans.
7. Why does it look like an owl can turn its head completely around?
a. They are able to turn their heads very quickly.
b. They have ears located on the sides of their head. c. They can turn their heads 1/2 of the way around.
8. Write the opposites of the words given below.
a. awake b. wise

SECTION-B

Q2. Write a bio sketch on APJ Abdul Kalam using the hints given below.

(5)

- Born: Oct 01, 1931, Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
- Missile Man of India.
- Education: Aerospace engineering, Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai
- 1958- worked in DRDO
- 1963- Joined ISRO
- Career as a scientist: development of ballistic missile, Launch vehicle technology, prominent role in India's 1998 nuclear weapons tests.
- 1997- Indira Gandhi award for National Integration
- 1981- Padma Bhushan
- 1990- Padmavibhushan
- 1997- Bharat Ratna.
- 2002- Won presidential Election, 11th president of India, served from 2002-2007.

Q3. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend Summer Vacations with you.

OR

Write an email to your friend congratulating him/her on winning a prize in a debate competition. (5)

Q4. Construct a story from the given outlines (5)

A hungry fox _____ sees a crow with a piece of meat _____ wishes to have the piece of meat _____ praises the crow _____ asks the crow to sing _____ the piece falls down fox picks it up and walks away.

OR

Write a notice for your school Notice board inviting students to participate in the school fete. The three best stalls will be given prizes from the Education Secretary

Grammar Section

Q5. Re-arrange the following jumbled words to make a proper sentence.

(5)

- a. important/films/than/studies/more/are b. minerals/are/rocks/of/made/up

c. has/amazing/powers/it/curative
e. into/fox/well/the/fell

d. support/body/skeleton/to/shape/and/our/gives/the

Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives.

(5)

- a. Madhu stood _____ in the race.
c. Karthik is my _____ brother.
e. The fox is a-----animal
- b. The _____ beggar ate six bananas.
d. She is _____ of the two sisters.

Q7. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions.

(5)

- a. Pay your tax _____ live in peace.
b. This is the house _____ I was born.
c. It is cold _____ windy today.
d. I felt asleep _____ watching the movie.
e. You can -----have fish-----mutton.

Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets.

(5)

- a. She _____(go) to the market when I rang up. (PAST PERFECT)
b. The koel _____(be) a lazy bird. (SIMPLE PRESENT)
c. My mother _____(cook) food. (PRESENT CONTINUOUS)
d. The police _____(chase) the thief. (SIMPLE PAST)
e. They----- (go) to the village. (PRESENT PERFECT)

LITERATURE

Short Questions

(Do any 5) 2*5=10

1. Who were the two grandchildren of Kaspar?
2. Name the three daughters of the poet in the 'Children's Hour'.
3. Where was the first computer MAILBOX used?
4. Give the full form of www? What is its purpose?
5. What is "Wikipedia"? How did it get its name?
6. What are Dumb Terminals?
7. Name the two sides that fought the war of Blenheim?

Long Answers

(Do any 2) 4*2=8

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the internet?
2. How and when did the Email begin?
3. What is "search engine"? Write in detail.
4. What are the reasons of the popularity of Social Networking sites?

Word Meaning

(Do any 3) 1*3=3

1. Turret 2. Expectant 3. Diverse 4. Advent 5. Fatal

Extract

(Do any 1) 3

1. "Roll something large and round
Which he beside the rivulet
In playing there had found
He came to ask what he had found"
a. From where are these lines taken? Name the poet?
b. Who is "he" in line 4?
c. What is "large and round"?

2. "From my study I see in the lamplight,
Descending the broad hall stair"
 - a. From where are these lines taken? Name the poet?
 - b. Give the meaning of "descending".
 - c. Who is "I" in these lines?

Value Based **2**

1. How has the computer made the world a family?

Novel **(Do any 2)** **2*2=4**

1. Why did Huck run away? Why did he think nobody would come hunting for him?
2. What was the news that spread all over the town in two minutes?
3. Give the details of the plan made by Huck?