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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.*

2. *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.*

Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A
Reading Skills

1. Read the passage carefully.

1. The world's fattest parrot, the critically endangered kakapo, has enjoyed a record breaking breeding season, New Zealand scientists said on Thursday, with climate change possibly aiding the species' unique mating spree.
2. Less than 50 years after the flightless nocturnal bird was thought to have been extinct, at least 75 chicks are expected to survive this year, Andrew Digby a science advisor to New Zealand's kakapo recovery, operation said.
3. When it comes to reproduction, rabbits have quite a reputation. They are said to have a suite of nifty adaptations that allow for prolific reproduction. Digby oversees a breeding programme so precisely monitored that scientists can state the last of 249 eggs laid will hatch on Friday. It will significantly boost the population which has grown to 147 adults since a small number of the plump, green, yellow and black bird was discovered in 1970.
4. Digby described the kakapo as an 'unusual' parrot as the females control the breeding process and only mate every two to four years when New Zealand's native rimu trees are full of fruit.
5. 'We don't quite know what the trigger is but one of the things we are looking at is that the rimu berry is really high in vitamin D, a super food basically, which is associated with fertility and health,' he said. The rimu trees have produced a bumper crop this year with one possible theory that climate change and temperature fluctuations could be behind the berry bonanza.
6. The surviving kakapo -- whose name means 'night parrot' in Maori -- are kept on four predator-free islands off the New Zealand coast. Each kakapo has a radio transmitter attached to its body. At the start of the breeding season, the males

put themselves on display while the females choose a partner. They mate and then end the relationship, shutting the male out of the incubation and rearing processes.

7. Digby knew that of the 50 adult females, 49 produced 249 eggs, of which 89 have so far hatched and 75 were expected to make it to adulthood. That is more than double the success rate from the last breeding season three years ago.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.

- (a) The name of the world's fattest parrot is
- (i) kakapo (ii) Andrew (iii) Lobo (iv) Edward
- (b) This is an parrot.
- (i) easily available (ii) unusual
(iii) extinct (iv) elegant
- (c) Kakapo has enjoyed a record breaking
- (i) breeding season (ii) rain fall
(iii) snow fall (iv) warm season
- (d) This bird was discovered in
- (i) 1930 (ii) 1950 (iii) 1970 (iv) 1980
- (e) Kakapo is the of West Indies.
- (i) migratory bird (ii) inhabitant
(iii) part and parcel (iv) neglected bird
- (f) Find a word from para 3 which means the same as 'existing in large numbers'.
- (i) reputation (ii) prolific
(iii) precisely (iv) significance
- (g) The breeding process is controlled by the
- (h) 75 chicks are expected to survive this year. **(True/False)**

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. Most of us are familiar with the story of a man who had a golden egg every day. He lived by selling it. One day, he thought to himself, why not kill the hen that lays golden eggs and take out all the eggs at one time? He killed the hen but did not get even one egg. The egg he used to get daily was also now lost. All this happened due to his greed and ignorance.
2. Greed always leads to total destruction. Sheikh Saadi use to say that a greedy man remains hungry even after acquiring the entire world. But the man who is content is full even with one piece of bread. If we can learn to overcome greed, we can attain a status even higher than that of an emperor, for it is contentment that makes us hold our head high and be at peace with whatever we have.
3. According to Indian tradition, the second goal of human life is 'Artha' wealth. Wealth is a significant tool to get through life. It comes of use in many contexts and is often required. Without wealth, life can become fraught with problems. Poverty is held to be the worst curse in this world. Even the Vedas say: May we become the lord of wealth and obtain all the riches. But along with it is also said that this wealth should be earned through honest and straightforward means.
4. When lethargy and greed begin to grow, then, the desire is for more and more. This is why people are under stress and feel harassed, working all day and night. Albert Einstein has said that all the riches of the world cannot satisfy a person for it is only the attitude of contentment that can bring peace of mind.
5. This does not mean one should not try to earn. It just means we should not be blinded by the rat race we seem to be in. For that leads to destruction.
6. It is not necessary to be detached, either. An ideal life may be compared to a lotus. Lotus rises from slush but it does not let the dirt stick to it. The Upanishads

also have this advice to offer: Live like a guest in this world. Then there will be no sorrow to leave this world. Money can buy comfort, but not peace of mind.

7. True pleasures do not lie in chasing wealth madly. We need only that much wealth as will support and foster our character and our spiritual qualities, not otherwise.

8. Shakespeare said, 'My crown is in my heart, not on my head; not decked with diamonds and Indian stones, nor to be seen: my crown is called content, a crown it is that seldom kings enjoy.'

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30–40 words.

- (a) How do greed and ignorance bring grief in our life?
- (b) Why is wealth (Artha) a significant tool to get through life?
- (c) 'Money can buy comfort, but not peace of mind.' What do you infer from this sentence?

(d) Explain: 'My crown is in my heart, not on my head.'

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- (a) Opposite of 'wisdom' from para 1 is
- (b) Find an antonym of 'construction' from para 2.
 - (i) repair
 - (ii) destruction
 - (iii) erection
 - (iv) reproduction
- (c) Find a word similar in meaning to 'evil spell' in para 3.
 - (i) curse
 - (ii) fraught
 - (iii) earned
 - (iv) tool
- (d) The word similar in meaning to 'tormented' in para 4 is

SECTION B

Writing & Grammar

30 Marks

3. You are Sujoy/Sunita, living at B-3 Saket, New Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily about insanitary conditions prevailing in your locality due to non-clearance of garbage in 100–150 words.

Or

As a regular commuter by bus from Burari to Delhi Gate, it is found rash driving by the bus drivers daily without exception. Write a letter to the General Manager, Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), about this problem. You are Ranjan/Rajani from 13/15, Burari, Delhi.

4. With the help of the following cues, develop a short story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to the story.

Outline: A crow lived on a tree—a snake living in a hole at the foot—the snake ate up the crow's young ones—crow stealing the necklace of the princess—dropping into snake's hole—the queen's men found—digging into the hole—snake killed.

Or

With the help of the following cues, develop a short story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to the story.

Outline: A landowner offered a newly arrived neighbour the land he could walk in a day—back before sunset—plans to cover six square miles—walks sixty miles—two hundred yards from the finish—falls down and died—six feet for his grave

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow.

The camp is a haven (a) the birds, but unfortunately
 it (b) also a favourite spot for snake. It is infested
 (c) saw-scaled vipers, deadly venomous snakes
 which move fast (d) are quick to strike.

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| (a) (i) to | (ii) for | (iii) so | (iv) because |
| (b) (i) am | (ii) are | (iii) is | (iv) was |
| (c) (i) with | (ii) beside | (iii) to | (iv) for |
| (d) (i) or | (ii) else | (iii) one | (iv) and |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is a correction in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

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| (a) Pisciculture in Tripura forms a | | |
| (b) integral part of the economy to | | |
| (c) the state. Great stress has being | | |
| (d) laid in the creation of water bodies. | | |

Rearrange the following sets of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- Meghalaya / abode of clouds / means / literally / the
- is / the capital / Shillong / called / the / 'Scotland of the East'
- around / rarely / Shillong / beyond / 28 degrees centigrade / go / temperatures / the
- the / has / average / state / an / that / rainfall / annual / is / 1200 cm / some / areas / in

SECTION C

Literature

30 Marks

8. To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said: Today, all of us do, by our presence here... confer glory and hope to new born liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud. We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

(a) The extraordinary human disaster that Mandela has mentioned in the extract is the policy of

- (i) apartheid (ii) freedom (iii) slave trading (iv) governance

(b) The speaker wished to refer to the victory as a common victory for, for peace, for human dignity.

- (i) Blacks (ii) justice (iii) Whites (iv) none

(c) The speaker called the victory as a common victory because the entire world was of apartheid.

(d) Give an antonym of 'common' from the extract.

Or

The lady teacher who was in the class was saying something to the girls but Bholi could understand nothing. She looked at the pictures on the wall. The colours fascinated her — the horse was brown just like the horse on which the Tehsildar had come to visit their village; the goat was black like the goat of their neighbour; the parrot was green like the parrots she had seen in the mango orchard; and the cow was just like their Lakshmi. And suddenly Bholi noticed that the teacher was standing by her side, smiling at her.

(a) Bholi was fascinated by

- (i) the building of the school (ii) the teacher
(iii) the colours of the pictures of the animals (iv) the playground of the school

(b) Who had come to visit Bholi's village?

- (i) Tehsildar (ii) magistrate
(iii) police inspector (iv) a politician

(c) The parrot was green like the parrot she had seen in the

(d) Find a word opposite in meaning to 'neglect'.

Answer any five of the following questions in 30–40 words each.

- (a) What excuses did Peggy make for her behaviour?
(b) What does Anne say about her early education?
(c) What did the appearance of a baker show about his profession?
(d) How do you know that Natalya is in love with Lomov?
(e) Why did the thief say that he was grateful to Anil?
(f) Why did Fowler feel let down?

Answer the following in 100–150 words:

'Happiness and sadness are two realities of life and they are not permanent.'

Throw light on this statement in the context of the poem, 'Fog'.

Or

Why was the young seagull afraid of flying? Do you think young birds are afraid of making their first flight, or are some birds more timid than others?

'Competitions are a real mirror of our qualities. Even a poor child can get dignity and self-respect through competition.' In the light of this statement, explain your views on it.

Or

'Hidden ideas or hidden plans are always dangerous. We must always be clear and speak the truth without caring about the results because truth has a great power.' Elucidate with reference to the text.