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**Concurrent Course for Hons. Prog. A**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Higher)**

**(Qualifying Course)**

*Time : 2 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

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*All questions are compulsory.*

*All instructions should be carefully followed.*

**Section I**

**(Comprehension and Contexts)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

At one time in North America wolves ranged from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico—the greatest natural range of any mammal except humans.

Unfortunately, in industrialized human society, wolves seem to have met their match. Gray wolves began

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declining in the American West around 1870 as westward—moving settlers depleted the bison, deer and elk that wolves preyed on. Wolves then turned to sheep and cattle as prey. Settlers and government trappers responded with intensive campaigns to wipe out the wolf. Approximately 1.5 million wolves were killed in various bounty-hunting campaigns carried out between 1850 and 1900. As recently as 1965 hunters were offered 20-50 dollars for every wolf they could kill.

Human occupation on their habitat and purposeful destruction campaigns had a devastating effect. Except for a small number of wolves in Minnesota, wolves were gone from the forty-eight states of the continental

United States by the late 1920s. Wolves were listed as endangered in 1973, and remain so today, meaning that they are in danger of becoming extinct in all or part of their natural habitat.

However, there are some hopeful signs of a recovery in the wolf population. In the 1980s wolves began appearing in Montana, apparently having migrated from Canada. There are currently about sixty-five wolves in northwestern Montana. The work of the U.S. Forest Service in augmenting the wolf population in the continental United States with wolves from Canada could speed the recovery process. In the 1990s Forest Service employees released eight Canadian gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park and four

in central Idaho. The goal was to have ten breeding pairs and their young—about 100 wolves—in each of three recovery areas (northwest Montana, central Idaho and the Yellowstone National Park area) by the early twenty-first century.

*Questions :*

(a) True or False :

According to the information given in the passage write which of the following statements are true and which false. 2

- (i) Till 1965 people were fined 20-50 dollars for killing wolves.
- (ii) Wolves had been wiped out of 48 states by 1920.
- (iii) Wolves are on the list of endangered species.

- (iv) The population of wolves declined because of an increase in the population of bison, deer etc.

- (b) Match the following words with their opposites.

One has been done for you : 2

Example : Unfortunately : Fortunately

**Column A**

**Column B**

(i) released

artificial

(ii) moving

increasing

(iii) natural

stationary

(iv) declining

captured

- (c) Answer the following in *two* or *three* sentences each : 2×2

- (i) What steps have been taken by the U.S. Forest Service to increase the population of wolves ?

- (ii) List the factors responsible for the decline in the population of the Gray Wolves.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Vayu : No. My name is Vayu. I'm from Minerva Hotel. Mr. Roy's car is out of order. But we will take you to A.I.C.

Dass : That's very kind of you. Thank you.

Vayu : I hope you don't mind if we stop at the Minerva first. All the others are staying there..... Ah, here's Professor Prasad !  
Now we can go.

Questions : 4x2

- (i) What has happened to Mr. Roy's car ?
- (ii) Why does Vayu stop at Minerva Hotel ?

- (iii) What is the full form of A.I.C. ? Why is the conference not being held at A.I.C. ?
- (iv) Who is the owner of Hotel Minerva ? What is his connection with 'Tiger's Eye' ?
3. Answer any *three* of the following in about 40-60 words each : 3×2
- (i) Who is Gurusamy ? What is his real identity ?
- (ii) How is Patil blackmailing Vayu ?
- (iii) Why did Mr. Shah send David to Trivandrum ?
- (iv) The circulation of 'The Daily Standard' is falling. What is the reason for this, according to Rasheed ?
- (v) What present does Rasheed give to David ? Why ?

**Section II****(Reported Speech and Dialogue)**

4. Read the dialogue and write it in reported speech by filling in the blanks with the *correct* word. Remember to change the tense and pronouns wherever necessary. 4

[Example : Roy : Don't worry about Rasheed, David.

Roy told David not to worry about Rasheed.]

- (a) Roy : Thank you, Patil, but Dr. Das is staying  
at the A.I.C.

Roy .....(i).....Patil and informed .....(ii).....that  
Dr. Das.....(iii).....staying at the A.I.C.

- (b) Rasheed : And how are you going to put all  
this into an article, David ?

Rasheed.....(iv).....David how.....(v).....was going  
to put all.....(vi).....into an article.



(c) Roy : Well, Reddy, what happened ?

Roy .....(vii).....Reddy what.....(viii).....happened.

5. Complete the following dialogues as shown in the example : 2x2

Example : A : Where do you live ?

B : I live in Delhi.

(a) Ravi : Did you go to college yesterday ?

Seema : No, I.....

Ravi : Why ? What happened ?

Seema : .....

(b) Anita : Sonali, let's go out for lunch today ?

Sonali : .....

Anita : We could go to Sagar Ratna for South  
Indian.

Sonali : No, .....

**Section III****(Grammar)**

6. Reema.....(leave) the office at 5 p.m. every evening. She.....(take) a taxi back home. Yesterday also she.....(leave) the office at the usual time and reached home by 6 p.m. When she tried to open the door she realized that she..... (forget) to bring her keys from the office. 4

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 4

(i) The office is.....the main road.

(ii) Ritu first met Seema.....the hotel.

(iii) I want a glass.....water.

(iv) Her birthday is.....Monday.

8. The sentences given below are incorrect. Make appropriate changes to correct them : 4

- (i) This is mine book.  
(ii) Whom wishes to see me ?  
(iii) You cannot blame me in your mistake.  
(iv) There are a new girl in my class.

9. Fill in the blanks using articles 'a', 'an' or 'the' : 4

- (i) He will be back in.....hour.  
(ii). There was.....programme on television on wildlife conservation.  
(iii) Ritu wants to become.....engineer and Sita wants to be.....doctor.  
(iv) Dog is.....intelligent animal.  
(v) Sudha has sent.....gift for you.  
(vi) Please switch on.....fan.  
(vii) Delhi is.....capital of India.

10. Rewrite the following sentences using the short form of the underlined words : 4

- (i) We will wait for you outside the hotel.
- (ii) There is a parcel for you on your desk.
- (iii) I am getting late for office.
- (iv) It is likely to rain today.
- (v) I would be grateful if you lend me your book.
- (vi) I do not take sugar in my tea.
- (vii) I can not go to the market today.
- (viii) Let us talk about something else.