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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.

**SECTION I**

**Comprehension and Contexts**

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

Tiger reserves are an important part of our tourism industry. There are 42 declared tiger reserves in India which are generally operated by state forest departments. Indian tiger, also known as Bengal tiger is the national animal of India. Its scientific name is *Panthera tigris tigris*. Tigers are maintained in reserves for their scientific, economic, aesthetic, cultural and ecological values and they are kept as national heritage for the education and enjoyment of the people.

But in recent years tiger tourism has become a troublesome issue due to the rapid growth of killing of tigers due to illegal poaching. This is a wakeup call not only for the department of tourism but also for the various wildlife organizations and

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other governing bodies. Since the governments have failed to implement adequate enforcement response and investigations, wildlife crimes have increased by years. Today there are some activists and environmentalists who are demanding a complete ban on public access to wildlife reserves. But such a complete ban would be a setback.

There is no question that commercial tourism must be strictly regulated, however a complete ban would be an extremely harmful step, as it will negatively impact conservation education, monitoring and other conservation activities. Rather than imposing a ban on tiger tourism, this is a time to set things right. All should realise a social responsibility and strong commitment to nature and local people should also be involved in the protection of tigers. Sensible tourism has an important role to play in conservation, and if government and tourism stakeholders work together, it is possible to create solutions that would benefit local communities, nature lovers, tourism operators and most importantly, wildlife itself.

(a) True or false : (4×1)

- (i) Tiger reserves are generally operated by the central government.
- (ii) Wildlife crimes have increased in recent years.
- (iii) Sensible tourism does not have an important role to play in conservation of wildlife.
- (iv) It is possible to create solutions for the endangered wildlife.

(b) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (4×1)

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Ban	Protection
Preservation	Dedication
Poaching	Prohibition
Commitment	Hunting

(c) Answer the following questions :

(4×2)

- (i) What is the national animal of India ? What is its scientific name ?
- (ii) Why are tigers maintained in reserves ?
- (iii) What are some activists demanding today ?
- (iv) This is a time to set things right. What are the things that the author is asking to set right ?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

(3×4)

VIJAYA : The Daily Standard, good morning.

MRS MUKHERJEE : (on phone) Good morning, Vijaya, it's Mrs Mukherjee here. Can I speak to Mr. Roy, please ?

VIJAYA : I'm afraid he's very busy. You see, Dr. Dass is arriving today. The Conference begins tomorrow.

MRS MUKHERJEE : Yes, I quite understand. Please tell Mr. Roy I hope it's a great success.

VIJAYA : Thank you, Mrs Mukherjee. I'll tell him.

ROY : Good morning, Vijaya.

VIJAYA : Oh, Mr. Roy! I didn't hear you come in. That was Mrs Mukherjee.

ROY : So I heard. She's a good lady, but she always calls at the wrong time. Vijaya, we have a problem. Damodar says my car won't start...the other cars are out, and we have to meet Dr. Dass at the airport.

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VIJAYA : Shall I call a taxi ?

ROY : No, Vijaya. Call Mr. Patil. After all, he did offer to help.

(i) Who is Vijaya ? Where does she work ?

(ii) What conference are they talking about ? Where is it being held ?

(iii) What is the problem Mr. Roy is currently facing ?

3. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 40-60 words based upon your reading of *Tiger's Eye* :

(i) Who is Mr. David Blake and why has he come to India ?

(ii) What is the mystery behind the missing bags of Dr Dass ?

(iii) Why is Vayu afraid of Mr. Patil ?

(iv) What is Tiger's Eye ?

(v) Name any four Indian cities mentioned in the *Tiger's Eye*. (4×4)

## SECTION II

### **Reported Speech and Dialogue**

4. Read the dialogues and fill in the blanks in reported speech with the correct word : (8×1)

(Example : Mr. Roy: David where are you calling from ?

Mr. Roy asked David where he was calling from.

(i) Patil : Vayu, do you know what's inside the box ?

Patil \_\_\_\_\_ Vayu if she knew what \_\_\_\_\_ inside the box.

(ii) Vijaya : Mr Roy, you look worried. What is the matter ?

Vijaya \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Roy that he \_\_\_\_\_ worried and asked what the matter \_\_\_\_\_ .

(iii) Rasheed : I could not find anyone in office, Vijaya.

Rasheed informed Vijaya that \_\_\_\_\_ could not find anyone in the office.

(iv) David : Dr Dass, I'm waiting for my flight to Trivandrum.

David told Dr Dass that he \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ flight to Trivandrum.

5. Complete the dialogues : (2×4)

(i) Receptionist : Welcome to Taj hotel. Can I help you, sir ?

Rajiv : \_\_\_\_\_ a room.

Receptionist : Did you book a room in advance ?

Rajiv : No.

Receptionist : I'm afraid \_\_\_\_\_ .

(ii) John : Seema, could you lend me your laptop for an hour ?

Seema : What do you need it for ?

John : \_\_\_\_\_ a paper.

Seema : Sure, \_\_\_\_\_ .

**SECTION III****Grammar**

6. In the sentences given below use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : (8×1)

(i) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Mumbai next week.

(ii) Every day the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) in the east.

(iii) My daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (take) dance lessons this month from a famous choreographer who \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in Bollywood movies.

(iv) We'll have to walk upstairs. The lift \_\_\_\_\_ (not work).

(v) How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) a dentist ?

(vi) Whenever she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Mumbai, she always \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with her aunt.

7. Rewrite the following sentences with the underlined expressions in their short form : (8×1)

(i) I am sick today. I cannot go to college.

(ii) We would be very happy if you would join us for the college trip.

(iii) It is raining heavily outside. You should not go without an umbrella.

(iv) They are leading in the match. That is good news.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, 'a', 'an' and 'the'. (8×1)

(i) This semester we have added \_\_\_\_\_ extra course to \_\_\_\_\_ syllabus.

- (ii) My father is building \_\_\_\_\_ new house for our family.
- (iii) Sachin Tendulkar is considered as one of \_\_\_\_\_ greatest batsmen of all time.
- (iv) Salman Rushdie is \_\_\_\_\_ controversial writer.
- (v) It took me \_\_\_\_\_ hour to repair my bicycle.
- (vi) We go to cyber \_\_\_\_\_ café to use \_\_\_\_\_ internet.
9. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable preposition of your choice : (8×1)
- (i) Mr and Mrs Sharma moved \_\_\_\_\_ their new house yesterday.
- (ii) The tournament begins \_\_\_\_\_ 12 November, \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 a.m.
- (iii) Is there any cold drink \_\_\_\_\_ the refrigerator ?
- (iv) I am flying \_\_\_\_\_ Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Air India.
- (v) I live \_\_\_\_\_ the second floor of my building.
10. Correct and re-write the following sentences : (8×1)
- (i) You can come in the morning or the afternoon. It makes not any difference.
- (ii) I am wanting to improve my English.
- (iii) Ramesh told to Vijay that there was a problem.
- (iv) My parents give me very small pocket money.
- (v) I eat all fruits but I'm not liking papaya.

- (vi) Old people are generally having difficulty in running.
- (vii) I am always enjoying watching television.
- (viii) My parents is coming to meet me this on Sunday.