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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. (a) Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow it in your own language, not the language of the passage.

What are we doing to protect our surroundings? Garbage heaps are increasing and disposal of waste seems an alarming task. People are becoming insensitive towards plants and animals thereby harming our ecosystem.

As a student, what have you done to protect our environment? Do you know why we need to conserve our wildlife? We must make a conscious effort to conserve the world's plants and animals. Plants are essential for our own survival. Plants use the sun's energy to make food-a process called photosynthesis.

Therefore plants are the first important link in the food chain of which humans also form a part. During photosynthesis, oxygen is released and oxygen is vital for the existence of life itself.

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Animals need plants in order to survive, but plants also need animals. Animals and plants are therefore delicately bound together. The removal of even one species of animal/plant can drastically alter the ecosystem. Isn't this frightening?

Our own survival may be threatened if we cause too much disruption to the natural processes that occur on this Earth. Destruction of rain forests, for example, has reduced the local rainfall. A further reduction in rainfall will increase desert areas.

We need to preserve our wildlife as well. We use many plants and animals to supply us with food, materials, chemicals, etc. If we continue to exploit these species to a point where they cannot replenish themselves, they will no longer be available to us.

Gradually if we manage to destroy most of the world's animals and plants, the earth will become barren. For a moment, let us stop being selfish. Do we have the right to destroy animals and plants which have as much right as us, humans, to share this planet?

All life on Earth, be it humans, animals or plants, is the product of millions of years of evolution. This tiny planet is the only one we know of on which life exists. Therefore, we need to learn to co-exist with the species which have evolved with us, and take active steps to ensure their survival.

**(a) True or False**

- (i) Our wildlife should not be preserved.
- (ii) Animals and plants need each other to survive
- (iii) Life on earth is not the product of millions of years of evolution.
- (iv) The tiny planet is the only one we know of on which life exists.

(4×1)

(b) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B

A	B	
Replenish	necessary	
Garbage	keep safe	
Preserve	renew	
Essential	rubbish	(4×1))

(c) Questions

Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each :

(i) Explain the term photosynthesis and why is it vital?

(ii) Why is mankind's existence threatened if we disrupt the natural process?

(iii) Why is it wrong to destroy animals and plants?

(iv) Why is co-existence essential for survivals? (4×2)

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

Gurusamy: Yes, sir, noted, sir.

Shah: Mr. Patil, we have finished our stocktaking. Do these goods belong to you?

Patil: Yes they do

Shah: Then please sign here ...

Patil: I'll sign, Shah. But I want to ask you one question: How did you know?

(i) What is the stocktaking and goods that Shah is talking about?

- (ii) Identify who is Shah and who is Patil.
- (iii) How did Gurusamy find out about the skins and ivory and what is his real identity? (3×4)
3. Answer any four of the following questions in about 40-60 words based upon your reading of **Tiger's Eye**:
- (i) Why does Vayu want David to go away from Cochin?
- (ii) What is the significance of the Wild Life conference started by *The Daily Standard* newspaper?
- (iii) What suggestions does David Blake give in order to increase the circulation of *The Daily Standard*?
- (iv) Why does Roy ask Inspector Shah to keep a close watch on No. 46 Janpath?
- (v) David Blake nearly got drowned during his boat trip in Cochin. Was it accidental or deliberate and how did this happen? (4×4)

### Section II: Reported Speech and Dialogue

4. Read the dialogues and fill in the blanks in reported speech with the correct word:

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

Mr. Roy asked David where he was calling from.

- (a) The Managing Director: The electronics industry has improved greatly in recent years.

The Managing Director said that the electronics industry \_\_\_\_\_ improved greatly in recent years.

(b) Mr. Singh: I'm looking for my bag. I left it here yesterday.

Mr. Singh said that \_\_\_\_\_ was looking for \_\_\_\_\_ bag. He \_\_\_\_\_ left it there the day before.

(c) Roy: Sit down, Vijaya, I would like to dictate a letter to Inspector Shah.

Roy asked Vijaya \_\_\_\_\_ sit down. He told her that \_\_\_\_\_ would like to dictate a letter to Inspector Shah.

(d) David: I'm very pleased to meet you, Mrs. Mukherjee.

David told Mrs. Mukherjee that \_\_\_\_\_ was very pleased to meet \_\_\_\_\_ .

(8×1)

5. Complete the dialogues:

Rajesh: Only three days left for the inter college cricket final.

Mohan: Yes it is coming very near now. I wish it were all over.

(i) Rajesh \_\_\_\_\_ (practice hard)

Mohan \_\_\_\_\_ (glory of college)

Anmol: What is the food like in this restaurant?

Charu: I have not eaten here for years

(ii) Anmol: \_\_\_\_\_ (very hungry)

Charu: \_\_\_\_\_ (not very expensive) (2×4)

### Section III : Grammar

6. In the sentences given below use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:

(i) Inspector Shah has (find) many interesting things from Gurusamy.

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- (ii) On the way back from Mumbai we (stop) in Pune.
- (iii) Last week I (see) the white tiger in the zoo.
- (iv) It (take) us seven hours to get here.
- (v) Brazil (host) the 2014 World Cup football tournament in June-July.
- (vi) The shop was (close) just as I arrived.
- (vii) Who (break) the window on the first floor?
- (viii) When (did) the next bus leave for Ambala? (8×1)

7. Rewrite the following sentences with the underlined expressions in their short form:

- (i). You did not need to knock so loudly.
- (ii). We have nearly finished painting our bedroom
- (iii). I have some sad news about our former teacher.
- (iv). What is the first prize for winning this essay competition?
- (v). We did not know Suresh was such a good all rounder.
- (vi). We will have to walk upstairs, the lift is not working.
- (vii) I do not want to disturb you.
- (viii). Vayu is not going to Trivandrum. (8×1)

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

- (i) He walked in the rain without \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella.
- (ii) Who will be \_\_\_\_\_ next cricket captain of India?

- (iii) The newly married couple are looking at \_\_\_\_\_ few houses which they can afford to rent.
- (iv) He is working at \_\_\_\_\_ State Bank of India.
- (v) The film Mary Kom is known as \_\_\_\_\_ sports biopic.
- (vi) India won 11 gold medals in \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 Asian Games.
- (vii) Why did you not go for \_\_\_\_\_ walk last evening?
- (viii) When did \_\_\_\_\_ Second World War begin? (8×1)

9. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable preposition of your choice:

- (i) My friend has been living in Canada \_\_\_\_\_ two years.
- (ii) I have been waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_ seven o'clock.
- (iii) I will have finished this essay \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
- (iv) There is a bridge \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- (v) Would you like to go \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema tonight?
- (vi) my wall, there are many picture postcards.
- (vii) Look \_\_\_\_\_ this painting.
- (viii) The drinks are \_\_\_\_\_ the table. (8×1)

10. There is one mistake in each of the below sentences. Rewrite these sentences correcting them:

- (i) My father retired as the Principle of Ramjas School.
- (ii) We are not having enough trained staff.

- (iii) I am thinking it is time to leave.
- (iv) Both of you three come here.
- (v) I am wanting to improve my English
- (vi) Vayu had secretly working for Inspector Shah.
- (vii) We are often inviting friends around in the evening.
- (viii) He has lost weight and so his coat is too lose for him. (8×1)