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### Section I

#### (Comprehension and Contexts)

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

The Wildlife Protection Act, enacted in 1972, safeguarded Nilgiri tahr, the State animal of Tamil Nadu, from extinction. Yet, there remains a serious threat to the habitat, which prevents the population of mountain goats from increasing, according to wildlife enthusiasts.

“The habitats of Nilgiri tahr are under tremendous pressure owing to eucalyptus cultivation and temple tourism. Almost all important habitats of the animal have temples, and hence tourists throng them. Strong guidelines are required to safeguard the habitats,” says N. Mohanraj, a policy adviser of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

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The WWF studied the status of tahr in the Western Ghats in 2011 and identified 17 new habitats. However, the study revealed that poaching, habitat destruction, disease transmission and competition for food from cattle and goats posed a threat to the tahr. Several habitats of the tahr are being destroyed because of forest fire and poaching. The meat of Nilgiri tahr is highly priced. Findings conclude that there is not protection for the animals in several habitats. Wildlife enthusiasts say that protecting the mountain goats will also help increase the tiger population. The species, endemic to the Western Ghats, is spread from the Nilgiris to Kanyakumari. According to Mr. Mohanraj, the current population is around 3,000, distributed evenly in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The tahr became an endangered species mainly because of unregulated hunting before the Wildlife Protection Act came into force. It is now listed under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act.

(a) State whether these statements are True or False :

4×1

- (i) The Nilgiri tahr is a species of mountain goat.
- (ii) The tahr is found in all parts of Southern India.
- (iii) The Wildlife Protection Act has saved several species of wildlife from extinction.
- (iv) The increase in the population of tigers in the Western Ghats is directly connected to the increase in the population of the tahr.

(b) Match the words in Column A with words *opposite* in meaning in Column B : 4×1

**Column A****Column B**

Safeguard

Little

Tremendous

Decrease

Increase

Conceal

Reveal

Destroy

(c) Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences:

4×2

(i) Where is the Nilgiri tahr found ?

(ii) What are the factors responsible for the destruction of the habitat of the tahr ?

(iii) Why has the tahr become an endangered species despite the fact that it is protected under the Wildlife Protection Act ?

(iv) What do you understand by temple tourism ? How does it affect the habitat of a wild species ?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow based upon your knowledge of the text, *Tiger's Eye* :

3×4

David : Can I help you ? ..... That case looks heavy

Vayu : Yes, it is ! Thank you ..... Oh, it's Mr. ....

David : David Blake. We met—if you remember—at the Minerva.

Vayu : Of course. At the conference ..... My name is Vayu .....

David : Yes, I remember. *(picks up the case)* Ouf ! I thought ladies travelled light ! What have you got in here ? Gold bars ?

Vayu : No. Just books.

David : ..... Ah, here we are ..... I'm going to Trivandrum ? Are you ?

Vayu : No. Just to Cochin.

(i) Which conference is Vayu referring to ? Give the details.

(ii) Why is David travelling to Trivandrum ?

(iii) Who is Vayu ? Is she really carrying books in her bag ?

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

4×4

(i) What is David's association with *The Daily Standard* ?

(ii) Who is the owner of the shop on Janpath ? What is it being used for ?

(iii) What is Tiger's Eye ?

(iv) Who is Mrs. Mukherjee ? What is her role in the play ?

(v) What is Dr. Dass's mission ? Who is helping him in this mission ?

## 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 : Mrs. Mukherjee : Well, what news ?

Mrs. Mukherjee *asked* Vijaya what the news *was*)

(i) Prasad : Where will we store the skins, Mr. Patil ?

Prasad : ..... Patil where they ..... store the skins.

(ii) Shiva : Mr. Roy wants you back in Delhi, David. As soon as possible.

Shiva ..... David ..... Mr. Roy wanted ..... back in Delhi as soon as possible.

(iii) Vijaya : Oh, Mrs. Mukherjee, Mr. Roy's busy, I'm afraid. He has a meeting at the A.I.C.

Vijaya informed Mrs. Mukherjee ..... Mr. Roy ..... busy. He ..... a meeting at the A.I.C.

5. Complete the dialogues :

4×2

(i) Teacher : Where is Karan ? He hasn't submitted his assignment yet.

Damanjeet : He .....

(ii) Rashmi : Didi, can you lend me your pen for my exam tomorrow ?

Mandira : .....

(iii) Sulbha : What time does the bus for Dehradun leave ?

Enquiry Officer : It .....

(iv) Waiter : Are you waiting for someone or should I take your order now ?

Komal : .....

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

6. Rewrite the sentences given below choosing the correct form of the verbs from those given in brackets : 8×1=8

- (i) The little boy ..... (fall) down when he was running after a cat.
- (ii) The Maths teacher ..... (want) to speak to Rashmi right now.
- (iii) My daughter ..... (take) singing lessons these days.
- (iv) The ladder slipped when he ..... (climb) up.
- (v) We ..... (try) to contact you yesterday but your phone was switched off.
- (vi) A strike ..... (call) by the factory workers next week.
- (vii) My bank ..... (close) on Mondays and ..... (open) on Sundays.

7. Fill in the blanks with the *preposition* that you think is most suitable : 8×1=8

- (i) There was a long queue ..... the fee counter.
- (ii) A fish swallowed the ring when it fell ..... the river.
- (iii) My appointment with the doctor is ..... 11 O'clock ..... his clinic which is ..... South Extension.
- (iv) They are migrating ..... the USA next year ..... February.
- (v) The MCD has put up swings ..... the children's park.

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases given in the box :

8×1

put down	cut off	stay on	come out
look up	cut down	keep away	look after

- (i) Vayu thinks David should ..... from Patil.
- (ii) We'll ..... in Mumbai for another two days.
- (iii) The teacher asked the students to ..... their pens and stop writing.
- (iv) The Government has decided to ..... on all useless expenditure.
- (v) The electricity supply was ..... after the cyclone.
- (vi) I ..... my dog very well.
- (vii) The pictures of our holiday have ..... very well.
- (viii) All actors ..... to Mr. Amitabh Bachchan.

9. Fill in the blanks with *a*, *an* or *the* :

8×1=8

- (i) My mother will be back in ..... hour from ..... market.
- (ii) Yesterday I watched ..... documentary film made by ..... environmentalist.
- (iii) Why don't you open ..... account in my bank ?
- (iv) I have ..... friend who is ..... magician.
- (v) The Sun rises in ..... east.

10. There is one mistake in each of these sentences. Rewrite these sentences correcting them : 8×1=8

- (i) I am have my food right now.
- (ii) I wants to speak to the manager.
- (iii) Nobody told to me what to do.
- (iv) They discussed the problem tomorrow.
- (v) I am very fondly of mangoes.
- (vi) You may played once you have finished your homework.
- (vii) Tanya is proudly of her height.
- (viii) We not talking to each other.