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(Meant for only those students who have not studied English beyond class VIII)

Attempt All questions.

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

Ustad Bismillah Khan is a living legend in his own lifetime—a lifetime devoted to the glory of music and to the glory of God. He is known as much for his music as for his God-fearing and pious nature and his love for mankind. The strains of his shehnai transcend the boundaries of caste or creed or religion.

Born on 21st March, 1916 into a family of professional shehnai players in the erstwhile princely state of Dumraon in Bihar, Khan Saheb shifted to his maternal uncle and teacher Ustad Ali

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Bux's house at a young age. Ustad Ali Bux was known as an eminent *shehnai* player in Varanasi. Under his able guidance Bismillah Khan learned the intricacies of the instrument and started his practice or *riyas* at the young age of six. He used to sit on the banks of the river Ganga, rapt in the music of the *shehnai*. In the calm surroundings of the temples he started improving and developing his skills.

Ustad Bismillah Khan has received every award that the nation has had to confer—from the Sangeet Natak Academy Award, the Padma Shri, the Padma Vibhushan and the Bharat Ratna to many international awards and prizes. He was commissioned to play for India's first Independence Day celebrations from the ramparts of the Red Fort in Delhi on 15th August, 1947 and for its fiftieth, again at the Red Fort in 1997. He has played at all the national and international events.

(A) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

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- (i) This passage tells us about Ustad Amzad Ali Khan.
- (ii) Ustad Bismillah Khan is known as a singer.
- (iii) Ustad Bismillah Khan was born in Bihar.
- (iv) He has received every award that the nation has had to confer
- (v) He has played at all national and international events.

(B) Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases from the above passage :

- (i) Ustad Bismillah Khan devoted his life to and 3
- (ii) He shifted to his maternal uncle's house at 3
- (iii) He started his practice at the age of 1
- (iv) He played for India's in Delhi on 15th August, 1947 and for
its 3

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

Giraffes are inhabitants of Africa, south of the Sahara. A male usually grows to a height of four meters and varies in weight from 550 to 1800 kg. these animals have just seven neck vertebrae, like human beings or most other mammals—but these are very long. A giraffe can run at a speed of up to 47 km an hour. Its sleeping posture is interesting too. They rest their head on the lower part of a hind leg. To pick up something from the ground, they bend their forelegs until the head gets low enough.

Two small brown giraffes were brought recently from Calcutta to Delhi Zoo. They were brought in a huge cage. They proved a major attraction for the crowds. It is after 23 years that Delhi Zoo has got these animals. Officials say that the pair might prove a greater crowd puller than the white tiger or the Chimpanzee.

The pair, given by Calcutta Zoo in exchange for four swamp deer appear to be unused to the heat in the capital. They take turns to sip water. The pair is fed with leaves and fruit, sweet potatoes, beans and bananas, explains their keeper. The animals are shy and timid.

The pair arrived in Delhi well on time. Two to three months later, it would have been impossible to transport them, as they would have gained another three feet or so to their towering height of 12 feet.

Calcutta Zoo had faced a unique problem bringing in the animals from Germany. Since Calcutta has trams, they had to cut those overhead tramway electric lines.

(A) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) :

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(i) Giraffes are the natives of Tibet.

(ii) Giraffes come in small cages.

(iii) They are shy and cowardly.

(iv) Their normal diet consists of leaves and fruits, sweet potatoes, beans and bananas.

(v) In Calcutta, the overhead tramway electric lines had to be cut in order to make way for Giraffes.

(B) Find words from the passage are similar in meaning to any *five* of the following words : 5

- (i) Generally
- (ii) Same
- (iii) Sufficient
- (iv) Big
- (v) Came
- (vi) Two
- (vii) Strange

(C) Answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) Describe a Giraffe. 3
- (ii) From where and how were the Giraffes brought to Delhi Zoo ? 2

3. (A) Fill in the blanks using one of the following words at/in/on :

- (i) Do not sit, the grass. It's wet.
- (ii) My sister lives Delhi.
- (iii) There's a small park the top of the hill.
- (iv) What have you got your bag ?
- (v) My house is the end of the street. 5

(B) Fill in the blanks using *either* *who* *or* *which* :

- (i) I met a woman can speak six languages.
- (ii) A thief is a person steals things.
- (iii) Where is the picture was hanging on the wall ?
- (iv) What's the name of the river flows through the town ?
- (v) You always ask questions are difficult to answer. 5

(C) Re-arrange the words in order to form complete sentences :

- (i) to work/every day/walks/Liz.
- (ii) at the hotel/I/early/arrived.
- (iii) goes/every year/to Italy/Julia.
- (iv) didn't go/yesterday/Ram/to work.
- (v) the door/opened/I/quietly. 5

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the bracket : 10

- (i) Don't eat so It's not good for you. (quick/quickly)
- (ii) Why are you ? I haven't done anything. (angry/angrily)
- (iii) Can you speak please ? (slow/slowly)
- (iv) Come on, Dave! Why are you always so (sad/sadly)

- (v) Bill is a very driver. (careful/carefully)
- (vi) Jane is studying for her examinations. (hard/hardly)
- (vii) 'Where's Daine?' 'She was here but she left'. (sudden/suddenly)
- (viii) Please be I'm studying. (quiet/quietly)
- (ix) Some companies pay their workers very (bad/badly)
- (x) Those oranges look Can I have one? (nice/nicely)
5. Imagine you are the President of your college student union. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him/her to grant you permission to organize a college picnic. 10
6. Write a short paragraph on a walk you had in the park near your home. 10