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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Higher)

(Qualifying Course)

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SECTION I

(Comprehension and Contexts)

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

The common house sparrow is one of the most ubiquitous birds around us and is one of the most familiar winged companions of human beings. It has evolved with us, over a period of time.

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The house sparrow is, in a sense, an ambassador to the common bird species. At one time a very common sight but, in the past few years, this bird has been on the decline, both in the urban and rural habitats. The decline of the house sparrow is an indicator of the continuous degradation of the environment. The conservation of the house sparrow and its habitat will help save much of the common biodiversity.

World Sparrow Day is celebrated on March 20. The rationale for celebrating World Sparrow Day is not only to commemorate the event for a day, but also to use it as a platform to highlight the need to conserve sparrows as well as urban biodiversity. The event aims to bring together individuals and groups-both nationally and internationally.

The aim is also to attract the attention of the government agencies and the scientific community to take notice of the need for the conservation of the common bird species and urban biodiversity.

Scientists first started to notice a decline in the number

of the house sparrow in the 1990s. Over the last few years several campaigns, awareness programmes and research surveys have been carried out to understand the decline of a species that had learned to exist in and around human habitations and was found in huge numbers in urban and rural areas.

Worldwide, countries have participated in various activities to celebrate the World House Sparrow Day. Citizen Sparrow is an ongoing citizen science project in India in which members of the public are encouraged to contribute information on the presence and the absence of the house sparrows from different locations.

(a) State whether *True* or *False* :

- (i) The common house sparrows have reduced in number.
- (ii) March 20 is observed as the day to highlight the need to conserve sparrows.
- (iii) The conservation of the house sparrows will also help save much of the common biodiversity.

(iv) Citizen Sparrow Project in India does not involve members of the public. (2)

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

Column A	Column B
Rationale	celebrate
Degradation	reason
Ambassador	dreadful conditions
Commemorate	representative (2)

(c) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :

- (i) What is the rationale for celebrating the World Sparrow Day ?
- (ii) What does the decline in the number of the house sparrows indicate ?
- (iii) What efforts are being done by the scientists towards conservation of the birds ?
- (iv) What is the aim of the Citizen Sparrow project in India ? (4×1)

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

DAVID : So I see ... Vayu, why is Patil being so kind to me ?

VAYU : Perhaps because you're a foreign guest ?

DAVID : Perhaps ... Vayu, why did you ask me to meet you that night, in the rain ? You said you had something to tell me. What was it ?

VAYU : Nothing ... It doesn't matter now.

DAVID : It does matter. You were frightened that night. You still are. You're frightened of Patil, aren't you ?

VAYU : Yes, I am...

DAVID : Why ?

VAYU : (flatly) I can't tell you.

DAVID : Then I'll tell you. Your father has a small shop in Delhi. No. 46, Janpath.

VAYU : Yes.

(i) Why do you think Patil is being 'kind' to David ?

(ii) Why is Vayu frightened of Patil ?

(iii) What is the significance of 46, Janpath ?

(iv) Why did Vayu want to meet David that night when it was raining ? (4×2)

3. Answer any three of the following questions in about 40-60 words :

(i) Who is Professor Prasad ? How is he the weakest link in the Tiger's Eye chain ?

(ii) Who is appointed 'All-India Correspondent' for The Daily Standard ? Why ?

(iii) Who is Mrs. Mukherjee ? What special award does she get ?

(iv) What offer does Patil make to Mr. Roy for the conference ?

(v) What role does Vayu play in the story ?

(3×2)

SECTION II

(Reported Speech and Dialogue)

4. Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks to complete the reported form. The beginning of each sentence has been done for you.

For example :

Jaya : 'I'll meet you at the Mall at 11 o'clock.'

Ans : Jaya said that she would meet me at the Mall at 11 o'clock.

- (i) Arjun : Hema, do you know where I can find Professor Satish Godghate ?

Arjun asked Hema if she _____ where he _____ find Professor Satish Godghate.

- (ii) Ram said to me : 'Lock the door before you go out.'

Ram asked me _____ lock the door before _____ go out.

- (iii) Shreya : 'I'm enjoying my work.'

Shreya said that she _____ enjoying _____ work.

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(iv) Janki : 'I've seen the film today.'

Janki said that she _____ seen the film
_____. (4)

5. Complete the following dialogues :

RAJAT : How are you Vahini ? Long time no see
no hear !

VAHINI : _____ .

RAJAT : _____ .

VAHINI : My studies are going on well. I intend
to get into teaching after college. (4)

SECTION III

(Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate *articles*. Put 'x' where no article is required.

(i) Patil is opening _____ new hotel in Cochin. It is
very close to _____ beach.

(ii) I have _____ important announcement to
make. We have added _____ extra course to
the syllabus.

(iii) I'm going to _____ Agra. Can you tell me how to get to _____ station, please ?

(iv) Please attempt all _____ questions and do not forget to write your name on _____ top of your answer sheets. (4)

7. Match the colloquial expressions given in Column A with their formal equivalents in Column B :

Column A

Column B

(i) Can you fix it ?

I do not understand what you mean

(ii) Enjoy yourself

May I offer you assistance ?

(iii) I don't follow

Can this be repaired ?

(iv) Can I give you a hand ?

I hope that you'll have a good time (4)

8. Complete the following sentences by using suitable *prepositional phrases* given below :

go through; think over; carry on; look after; took out.

- (i) Please _____ yourself. I am really worried about you.
- (ii) Will you please _____ this report before it is submitted ?
- (in) Why don't you guys just _____, I'll meet you later.
- (iv) I felt no pain when the dentist _____ my tooth. (4)

9. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words given in the brackets :

- (i) This building _____ (construct) in 2010.
- (ii) The parcel _____ (not deliver) as yet.
- (iii) I tried to call you yesterday, but you _____ (not be) at home.
- (iv) Last night, some thieves _____ (break) into a jewellery store near the Metro Station and decamped with goods worth Rs. 80 lakh. (4)

10. Write the *contracted forms* of the underlined words in the following sentences :

- (i) I would like to speak to the Manager, please. It is urgent.
- (ii) I do not think he will be back today.
- (iii) I am afraid I could not contact him.
- (iv) It is possible that she does not want to meet us. (4)