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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 blackbuck is a species of antelope, native to the Indian subcontinent, which is *near threatened*, as its numbers have declined sharply over several decades. Blackbucks are slender with a head-to-body length of about 120 cm. They are about 73.7 to 83.8 cm high at the shoulder. Males are larger than females. Adult males range in weight from 34 to 45 kg; females weigh 31 to 39 kg. Horns are approximately 71 cm in length. Their tail is short and legs long. Both sexes are white on the belly, around the eyes and on the inside of the legs. They differ in the coloration of the head and back. Their life span recorded is approximately 12 to 16 years.

Large herds once roamed freely on the plains of north India, where they thrived best. They are found all over India, from the base of the Himalayas in the north to Kanyakumari in the south and from Punjab in the west to Assam in the east. They generally move together in big herds ranging from 5 to 50 animals with one dominant male. They run very fast, sometimes at the speed of more than 80 km/hour. They are primarily grazers and avoid thickly forested areas. They require water everyday and may move long distances in search of water. Their diet consists mainly of grass, but they occasionally eat leaves of acacia trees in deserts as well.

The blackbuck is the most widely hunted wild animal all over India and this has been the chief cause of their declining numbers.

Although Indian law strictly prohibits the hunting of these endangered animals, occasional incidents of poaching still occur.

The natural habitat of the blackbuck is also being encroached upon by man's need for arable land and grazing ground for domesticated cattle. Today, only small herds are seen, largely inside the reserves. It has now been listed as a protected animal under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

The main threats to these species come from poaching, predation, habitat destruction, overgrazing, diseases and sanctuary visitors. They are hunted down chiefly by cheetahs, wolves, jackals and wild dogs.

Blackbucks are protected in various wildlife sanctuaries. Some of them are Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary, Punjab, Kanha National

Park, Madhya Pradesh, Jayamangali Blackbuck Reserve, Karnataka, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park, Andhra Pradesh, Rehakuri Sanctuary, Maharashtra, Vallanad Blackbuck Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu:

(a) State whether the following statements are *true* or *false* :

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- (i) Blackbucks are found in the thickly forested areas.
- (ii) Excessive hunting is the chief cause of their declining numbers.
- (iii) Blackbucks generally move alone in the forests.
- (iv) Blackbucks have been enlisted as endangered animals.

- (b) Match words from the passage in **Column A** with their meaning in **Column B** :

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Column A	Column B
(i) arable	reduce
(ii) endangered	ban
(iii) prohibit	threatened
(iv) decline	Cultivable

- (c) Answer the following questions in *one* or *two* lines each :

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- (i) Where are Blackbucks generally found ?
- (ii) What are the factors that threaten the Blackbuck population ?

(iii) What is the government doing to protect the declining number of Blackbucks in our country ?

(iv) How similar are the males and females of the Blackbuck species ?

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

David : Good morning ..... Good morning.

Shopkeeper : The shop is closed. For stock-taking.

David : I see..... When will you open again ?

Shopkeeper : I don't know.

David : Well, thank you ..... Oh, I was looking for Professor Prasad. Do you know where can I find him ?

Shopkeeper : He's not here ..... I don't know the man.

David : I see. Thank you.

*Questions :*

- (i) Who is David Black ? What is he looking for ?
- (ii) What do you think was there in the shop ? Why was it closed ?
- (iii) Who is Professor Prasad ? Is he really a professor ?
- (iv) Do you think that the shopkeeper really did not know anything about Prasad ?



3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about

40-60 words :

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- (i) What is 'Tiger's Eye' ? What is the connection between 'Tiger's Eye' and Minerva Hotels ?
- (ii) What advertisement does Dr. Dass put in the south India editions of *The Daily Standard* ?
- (iii) Who is Gurusamy ? What role does he play in *Tiger's Eye* ?
- (iv) In *Tiger's Eye*, who is the weakest link ? Why ?
- (v) Who is Vayu ? Why is she always afraid of Mr. Patil ?

## 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 : 4

*Example* : Prasad : Are you coming, Mr. Patil ?

Ans : Prasad asked Mr. Patil if he was coming.

(i) Roy : We can meet at the airport, Dr. Dass.

Roy ..... Dr. Dass that ..... could meet  
at the airport.

(ii) David : When will you reach the office, Mr. Rasheed ?

David asked Mr. Rasheed ..... would  
..... reach the office.

(iii) Roy : Are you hungry, son ?

Roy asked his son ..... he .....  
hungry.

(iv) Rasheed : Shiva, give me a call once you reach home.

Rasheed asked Shiva ..... give him a call once  
..... reached home.

5. Complete the following dialogues :

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(i) Jyoti : Where were you yesterday ? I kept waiting  
for you ?

Jasveer : I'm so sorry .....

(ii) Jyoti : Your phone also was switched off ?

Jasveer : Yes, I forgot .....

(iii) Jyoti : Do you know that we have a class test on Monday ?

Jasveer : Oh my God ! I .....

(iv) Jyoti : Yes. Start concentrating on your studies now, Jasveer.

Jasveer : I know .....

### SECTION III

#### (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with *articles* like 'a', 'an', 'the'. Put 'x' where no article is required : 4

(i) We are organizing ..... conference in ..... second week of May.

(ii) Mr. Roy put in ..... advertisement for his lost wallet in ..... Times of India.

(iii) Mrs. Mukherjee is ..... good lady, but she  
always calls at ..... wrong time.

(iv) ..... dress that I am wearing is  
..... gift to me by my Dad.

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate *verb* forms given in the  
brackets : 4

(i) The monsoon usually ..... (reach) the coast  
of Mumbai by the first week of June.

(ii) Could you help me, please ? I ..... (look) for  
the International Youth Centre.

(iii) If you ..... (be) ready, we can leave for the  
airport immediately.

(iv) Next month we ..... (open) a new office in  
Bangalore.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable *prepositions* : 4

(i) I will meet you ..... Tuesday .....

ten o'clock.

(ii) Dr. Dass will be waiting ..... the airport. He

will be carrying a black brief case ..... his

hand.

(iii) Shah saw David standing ..... the street and

asked him to get ..... his car.

(iv) ..... summer months, the afternoon tempera-

ture ..... the western parts of Rajasthan

touches 50 degrees C.

9. Turn the following statements into negative statements : 4

Example : Mohan works for the welfare of the poor people.

Ans : Mohan does not work for the welfare of the poor people.

(i) Prasad wanted to take the photographs of the conference.

(ii) Our families meet each other every fortnight.

(iii) The principal knew that he would be late for the meeting.

(iv) Anita always participates in debate from our college.

10. Write the *contracted forms* of the underlined words in the following sentences : 4

(i) We would not allow him to come to the party. He is so rude to everyone.

(ii) He will not come for the picnic as he has not paid up.

(iii) This dress does not fit you well. You should have bought the next size.

(iv) We are proud to welcome Mr. David Blake to India. I hope you will give him all the help you can.