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Concurrent Course for Hons. Prog.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Higher)

(Qualifying Course)

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

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All questions are compulsory.

Section I

(Comprehension and Contexts)

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

Tigers are at the top of the food pyramid. We need to understand that the survival of tigers is important for our own survival too. Everything is connected in an ecosystem

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and the intricate web of life flourishes on the strength of each of its delicate strands. If tigers thrive in a particular ecological system, chances are high that the entire system is in order.

Today, tigers are dying because of poaching, loss of forests and man-animal conflicts. There is only one way to stop poaching and that is to ensure that the poor tribals who hunt the tigers are able to make a living by other means. Once poaching stops, illegal trade in tiger skin, bones and other parts will become impossible for the rich mafia that runs the racket in the world's smuggling capitals. Tigers are losing their habitat because people are destroying their forests—from felling trees for firewood or timber to large scale destruction for mining, industries or roads. There should be strict policies that forbid giving away lush tiger forests in the name of development.

But what about villagers who depend on forests ? Today, most of us may live in big cities, but even these big cities

were once built by cutting down forests. To protect our forests, we must help these villagers earn a decent livelihood. India's tiger tourism should help most of them get jobs around forests.

In India, forests are the source of 300 rivers and perennial streams. Forest cover is essential for attracting rainfall and preventing soil erosion. If forests are destroyed, it will affect the food we grow and the water we drink. Therefore, protecting forests must be a priority. Finally, we have to accept that wild animals do not understand the boundaries we set for them. Cats are territorial and as they grow up, need their own unique space. So if there are tigers in a forest, they will move out every now and then to create their own territories. We have to build and connect our forests for the safety of such wandering tigers. Otherwise, tigers straying into villages will continue to be killed out of fear.

All of this is not as difficult as it may sound. Compared to the West, India's population density has always been very high. We have traditionally shared space with many species of wild carnivores in India and only one of them—the cheetah—is so far extinct. In the West, almost all big carnivore species are lost. Tigers survived in India because of our traditional tolerance. Tigers still have a great chance if we live up to that tradition.

(a) Answer True or False : 2

- (i) Even if poaching stops it will not affect illegal trade in wild life products.
- (ii) If the population of tigers is good it means that the ecosystem is in good health.
- (iii) Tigers do not move out of the forest they live in.
- (iv) If we have a large forest cover it will ensure there is no conflict between human and animal population.

- (b) Answer the following questions in *one* or *two* sentences : 1×4=4

- (i) How can poaching be stopped ?
- (ii) Why is tiger population on the decline ?
- (iii) What will happen if forests are destroyed ?
- (iv) How is the attitude of Indians different from that of the people in the West ?

- (c) Match the words from the passage in Column A with their meaning in Column B : 2

Column A	Column B
(i) Forbid	complex
(ii) Erosion	lasting through the year
(iii) Perennial	wearing away
(iv) Intricate	not allow something

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

Vijaya : Oh, Mr. Roy! I didn't hear you come in. That was  
Mrs Mukherjee.

Roy : So I heard. She's a good lady, but she always calls at the wrong time. Vijaya, we have a problem. Damodar says my car won't start.....the other cars are out, and we have to meet Dr Dass at the airport.

Vijaya : Shall I call a taxi ?

Roy : No, Vijaya. Call Mr Patil. After all, he did offer to help.

(i) Who is Mrs Mukherjee ? Where is she calling from ?

(ii) What has happened to the car ? Why ?

(iii) Why is Patil so interested in helping Mr Roy ?

(iv) Why is Dr Dass arriving in the city ? Who goes to receive him at the airport ? 2×4=8

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 40-60 words each. : 2×3=6

(i) Who is Shiva ? How does he know David Blake ?

(ii) Who is Vayu frightened of ? Why ?

- (iii) Write a short note on 'The Daily Standard'.
- (iv) What is Tiger's Eye ? Give its different meanings.
- (v) Why did Mr. Roy send David to Trivandrum ?

## Section II

### (Reported Speech and Dialogue)

4. Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks to complete the reported form :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

- (i) David : I can't talk for long, Mr. Roy.

David.....Mr. Roy that he.....talk  
for long.

- (ii) Roy : Where are you David ?

Roy.....David where.....was ?

- (iii) David : I couldn't get into the Minerva. It's fully booked.

David.....that he couldn't get into the Minerva  
as it.....fully booked.

(iv) Roy : Have you seen Patil ?

Roy asked David.....he.....seen Patil.

5. Complete the following Dialogue : 2×2=4

(i) Raksha : Hello Reema, can you tell me the way to the  
College Library ?

Reema : Yes, .....

(ii) Rama : Rita, can you please lend me your English text-  
book for a day ?

Rita : Sorry, .....

### Section III

#### (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with articles like A, An, The :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

(i) There is.....function in.....college  
tomorrow.

(ii) I went to.....market and bought .....  
orange coloured dress.



(iii) I am.....citizen of India so I am .....  
Indian.

(iv) I want to eat.....apple but the apples lying  
in.....fridge are stale.

7. Write the contracted form of the underlined words in the  
following sentences :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

(i) I do not know how to swim.

(ii) He will go to the market in the evening.

(iii) I am waiting for the holidays to begin.

(iv) We are expecting a few guests tomorrow.

(v) They have called us over for dinner.

(vi) Where is the new pair of sandals I had bought  
yesterday ?

(vii) Let us go to Agra this weekend.

(viii) I can not find my spectacles.

8. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb given in the bracket : 4

(i) I.....when you called. (sleep)

(ii) He.....late for the meeting yesterday. (come)

(iii) The school bus usually.....on time. (arrive)

(iv) She will be.....for Shimla tomorrow. (leave)

9. Fill in the blanks with the following phrasal words : 4

pass on, worn out, take up, give up

1. You should not.....good habits.
  2. Please.....the message to others in the class.
  3. Do you plan to.....a job after graduation ?
  4. The currency note was so.....that could not be used.
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10. Correct the following sentences :

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- (i) I feel very proudly of my achievements.
- (ii) I am not feel well.
- (iii) Your singing has become much more better.
- (iv) I want to be a good cooker like my mother.