

## 10 English

### Section - A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

A deer who was very thirsty went to a pool to quench his thirst. At the time of drinking water he saw himself in the clear water "How handsome I am! thought he The horns on my head are branching like trees. My coat is smooth and glossy. My eyes sparkle like stars. Only my legs are so long and thin that I am ashamed of them." Just then he heard the sound of the hunter's foot steps. He dashed away through the forest. His long, thin legs bearing him swiftly on. The forest grew thicker and at last he could not run on account of his branching horns. So he was caught by the hunter.

"How foolish I have been !" cried the dying deer.

"Oh! my splendid horns are the cause of my death."

Questions:

(a) The cause of deer's death was.

- (i) his legs
- (ii) his coat
- (iii) his horns
- (iv) his eyes.

(b) Deer was ashamed of his.....

- (i) legs
- (ii) horns
- (iii) head
- (iv) coat.

(c) Which word in the passage means "bright"?

- (i) Splendid
- (ii) Glossy
- (iii) Smooth
- (iv) Dashed.

(d) Write the antonym of "Foolish".

(e) A deer went to a pool to.....his thirst.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

Kalpana Chawla, the astronaut who died on aboard the space shuttle Columbia, had been sponsoring two students from her school (Tagore Bal Niketan in Karnal) each year since 1997 for the International Space School Camp in Houston.

Sanpreet Kaur and Namita Alung visited NASA in August 2002. "We spent an excellent day with KC; she even cooked for us and made us feel totally at home", said Namita. These two and other youngsters who benefitted from this programme, say, KC, as she was popularly known, might have been the first Indian-born woman in space but was entirely unaffected by her success Gaurav Goel of the 1999 batch and now an engineering student at Ambala said, "Not only was KC down to earth, she still retained the Indian in herself despite living in US for so many years".

Even as a student. Kalpana had looked out for other students. She used to pay the fees for two of her college mates who could not afford it. "It is possible that to this day they are not aware that Kalpana used to pay their tuition fees," says Sovi Sood, Kalpana's junior in the Punjab Engineering College.

Sovina who now teaches Civil Engineering said that sometimes Kalpana would hand over the money to her "but ask me not to disclose it to anybody".

Questions:

(a) Kalpana Chawla's school was at

- (i) Ambala
- (ii) Karnal
- (iii) Houston
- (iv) Chandigarh.

(b) Kalpana Chawla was a/an.....

- (i) astronaut
- (ii) teacher
- (iii) model.
- (iv) sports woman

(C) Sponsoring means:

- (i) to provide support
- (ii) contributing
- (iii) participating
- (iv) delivering

(d) Who visited NASA in August 2002 ?

(e) Give a word from passage that means same as "Getting advantage".

**Section - B**

3. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and supply a suitable title:

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for, while it helps us to mai our intention and desires known to fellows. it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusul word, or of an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwillingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listene from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought but one which demands careful handling, only a fool will expres himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

4. Write a letter of complaint to the Chief Municipal officer of your town regarding insanitary conditions of your colony asking him to take immediate action to make it clean.

OR

Write a letter to you uncle telling him about your hostel life and thanking his for his birthday present.

5. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words:

- (i) A Journey by Train
- (ii) An Ideal Student
- (iii) My Favourite Book
- (iv) Pollution and our environment.

6. Write a paragraph on any one of the toples in about 80 words:

- (i) Good Manners
- (ii) Importance of English.

**Section - C**

7. Fill in the correct word from bracket (any five)

- (i) ..... you lift this box? (Can/May)
- (ii) The promised..... the money. (to return/returning)
- (iii) He is..... R.S.S.worker. (a. an, the)
- (iv) You.....under age. (is, are)

(v) Keep your mouth.....closed. (tightly, rightly)

(vi) He put the book.....the table.  
(on, in, for) (in, into)

(vii) The thief could not break..... the house.(in, into)

8. Do as directed (any five)

(i) Blumsingh was carrying a bag.  
(Rewrite in Past Indefinite Tease)

(ii) They will ask us to lead some money.  
(Change into passive valce)

(iii) The teacher said to the students, "Bring your textbooks tomorrow."  
(Change into indirect narration)

(iv) She took some money with her,  
(Change into negative)

(v) Mather cooked food.  
(Make the sentence emphatic)

(vi) The boys saluted the leader.  
(Change into interrogative sentence)

(vii) le take tea,  
(Correct the sentence)

### Section - D

9. Choose the correct option:

(i) In 'The Ball Poem', what does "in the world of possessions" mean?

- (A) Lone
- (B) Hate
- (C) Materialistic things.
- (D) None of the above,

(i) Which fruit does the author compare the baker's physique with?

- (A) Jackfruit
- (B) Watermelon
- (C) Banana
- (D) Muskmelon.

(ii) What did Buddha ask Kisa Gotami to bring?

- (A) A handful of mustard seeds
- (B) A handful of wheat
- (C) A handful of maize
- (D) A handful of barley.

(iv) What is the colour of the ramparts of the young lady ?

- (A) Golden
- (B) Silver
- (C) Brown.
- (D) Honey

10. Read the extracts carefully and answer the following questions given below:

**(A)** "Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here?" "All by myself? Oh, I'd be much too afraid."

Greatly amused by the girl's way of speaking, the conductor said. "But you weren't afraid to come in the bus." "Nothing to be afraid of about that," she answered. "Well, then, why not go to that stall over there and have something to drink? Nothing to be afraid of about that either."

Questions:

(a) Who asked Valli to get off the bus?

- (i) Driver
- (ii) Old Lady
- (ii) Conductor
- (iv) Passengers

(b) What did Valli wish for?

- (i) Bus ride
- (ii) Truck ride
- (iii) Car ride
- (iv) Cycle ride.

(c) Valli was..... in the bus.

- (i) nervous
- (ii) confident
- (iii) Sad
- (iv) depressed.

**(B)** Though to distinguish beasts of prey

A novice might nonplus. The Crocodile you always may

Tell from the Hyena thus:

Hyenas come with merry smiles:

But if they weep they're Crocodiles.

Questions:

(a) How can a hyena be recognized?

- (i) By his skin
- (ii) By his smile
- (iii) By black spots
- (iv) By his colour.

(e) Name the poet of the poem:

- (i) Carolyn Wells
- (ii) Robert Frost
- (iii) John Berryman.
- (iv) Robert Klein

11. Answer the following short answer type questions in 30 words.

- Who or what did Lenchio have faith in? What did he do?
- Why were two national anthems sung on 10th May in South Africa?
- "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?
- Why does Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?
- What does Mij do to the box?
- When her son dies. Kisa Gotami goes from house to house, what does she ask for?

- Why was Rajvir excited to see the tea garden?
- Why does the conductor call Valli "Madam"?
- What is a hemlock tree? Why doesn't the poet write about a more beautiful tree such as maple or an oak or a pine?
- Where are the trees in the poem ? What do the roots, their leaves and their twigs do?
- What does "in the world of possessions" mean?
- What do you know about the people of Coorg ? What is its main crop.?
- What are some of the things we come to know about otters from this text?
- What was Valli's favourite pastime?
- What did the young seagull do to attract his mother's attention?
- What 'twin obligations does Mandela mention?
- "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly." Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?
- What did the Buddha do after he had attained enlightenment.?
- Was Lenco surprised to find a letter for him with money in it?
- How old do you think Amanda is ? How do you know this. ?

12. Answer the following long answer type question in 75 words.

- How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger ? When can you do so, according to him?
- Do you know the story of Rapunzel ? Why does Amanda want to be Rapunzel?
- How would you access Griffin as a scientist?
- How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
- How does the author get the otter? Does he like it? Pick out the words that tell you this?
- How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus, and how did she save up the fare?
- Do you find 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' to be a serious or a light hearted poem? Give reasons to support your answer.

- Why do you think the poet does not mention the departure of the forest from the house in the letters?
- How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?
- What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?
- How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so, according to him?
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