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## I PRE BOARD EXAMINATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

### *General Instructions:-*

- (i) *The questions Paper contains THREE sections: READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE.*
- (ii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

### Section - A

#### READING (20 Marks)

Q.1 Read the passage given below:

Overpowering prey is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs. Some species like Russell's viper inject poison. Some others opt for an alternative non-chemical method- rat snakes, for instance, catch and push their prey against the ground, while pythons use their muscle power to crush their prey to death. But snakes can't be neatly divided into poisonous and non-poisonous categories.

Even species listed as non-poisonous aren't completely free of poison. The common Sand Boa, for instance, produces secretions particularly poisonous to birds. So the species doesn't take any chance- it crushes its prey and injects poison as an extra step.

Do vipers need poison powerful enough to kill hundreds of rats with just one drop? After all, they eat only one or two at a time.

While hunting animals try their best to kill most efficiently, their prey uses any trick to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to poison. For instance, Californian ground squirrels are resistant to Northern Pacific rattlesnake poison.

Competition with prey is not the only thing driving snakes to evolve more and more deadly poison. Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming prey themselves. Some snake killers have partial immunity to poison. Famously, mongeese are highly resistant to cobra poison and with their speed and agility, kill snakes fearlessly. It would be the death of cobras as a species if they didn't evolve a more deadly poison to stop mongeese.

Poison has another important role. It's an extreme meat softener, specific enzymes break up the insides of the prey. Normally, a reptile depends on the sun's warm rays to aid digestion.

But I wonder if we cannot use venom in our favour. In remote parts of India, local hospitality often involves leather-tough meat. I chew and chew until my jaw aches. If I spit it out or refuse, our hosts would be offended, I swallow like a python stuffing a deer down its throat and hope I don't choke. If only I had poison.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:**

[10X1= 10]

- i. Which species injects poison as an extra step?
  - a. Viper
  - b. Cobra
  - c. Python
  - d. Sand Boa
- ii. Overpowering \_\_\_\_\_ is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs.
  - a. a killer
  - b. humans
  - c. a python
  - d. prey
- iii. Poison \_\_\_\_\_ meat.
  - a. enhances taste of
  - b. hardens
  - c. softens
  - d. breaks down

- iv. Californian squirrels are \_\_\_\_\_ rattlesnake poison.
- a. afraid of
  - b. helpless against
  - c. immune to
  - d. indifferent to
- v. What is one of the reasons for evolution of snakes?
- a. to avoid hunting
  - b. need for hibernation
  - c. to avoid becoming prey
  - d. None
- vi. Russell's viper and rat snake have different methods to attack prey. How?
- vii. How does Sand Boa kill its prey?
- viii. There is a constant tussle between the hunting animal and its prey. Why?
- ix. What makes mongeese a snake predator?
- x. What difficulty does the writer face when he is entertained in the remote parts of India?

Q.2 Read the passage given below:

The White Tiger is an offspring of Bengal tiger, which has the necessary gene for white colouring. It has beautiful black stripes on a white coat. This species of animal has blue eyes and a pink nose.

A pure White Tiger is totally white without any stripe, which is due to the presence of double recessive allele in the genetic code. It happens only in the Bengal tiger subspecies, and only one in 10,000 births can have it naturally. White tigers are rarely seen in the wild, and only twelve of them have been spotted in India since last one- hundred years. Tigers have a life- span of 10-15 years. They are solitary animals, and are fond of hunting at night. Their diet consists of any animals that they can catch, and can eat up to 40 pounds of meat at one time. After such a big meal, they usually remain away for several days from food.

They are slow runners, but good swimmers. They are poor climbers and cannot climb a tree easily. They live in an area ranging from 10 to 30 square miles depending upon the availability of prey, water and shelter. Habitat loss, poaching

and expansion of human population have together contributed to their becoming endangered. They are widely hunted for their body-parts, which are used in traditional Chinese medicines. Genetic inbreeding is another reason for their endangerment. Due to shortage in their number, this species of animal has been subjected to inbreeding. It has resulted in high mortality rates and severe disabilities. About 80 percent of the White Tiger cubs are born with serious birth-defects related to inbreeding, and they soon die-off.

The critical condition of this animal has attracted the attention of conservationists worldwide. World Wildlife Federation (WWF), defenders of wildlife, and many other wildlife organisations are working with the support of the government for the cause of protecting them from becoming extinct. Once they become extinct, it will not be possible to bring them back to life.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:** [1x10 =10]

- i. How many white tigers have been spotted in India in last hundred years?
  - a. 15
  - b. 14
  - c. 13
  - d. 12
- ii. Which word best describes the tiger as per the passage?
  - a. sociable
  - b. friendly
  - c. gregarious
  - d. unsociable
- iii. The White tiger is an offspring of-
  - a. Rajasthan tiger
  - b. Chennai tiger
  - c. Punjab tiger
  - d. Bengal tiger
- iv. What influences a tiger's habitat?
  - a. obtainability of prey
  - b. obtainability of shelter
  - c. both (a) and (b)
  - d. neither (a) nor (b)
- v. What percentage of White Tigers can be pure white naturally?
  - a. 0.1
  - b. 1.0
  - c. 0.01
  - d. 10
- vi. What affects the tiger from remaining away for several days from food?
- vii. Find the word from the passage which means same as 'hereditary'.

- viii. What is the cause of high death rate amongst White Tiger cubs?
- ix. What two factors have put tigers' species in the category of the endangered animals?
- x. Why do we need to protect tigers from becoming extinct?

**SECTION- B**

**Writing & Grammar (20 Marks)**

- Q.3 A. You are Naisha/ Nitin of Kanpur. You have come across an advertisement of a coaching center that prepares students for JEE [5]

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| <p>HIGH-RISE INSTITUTE<br/>OUTSTANDING COACHING CENTER<br/>42 GOL STREET<br/>KANPUR<br/>ARE YOU ASPIRING TO BE<br/>AN ENGINEER<br/>WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU!<br/>BATCHES START- JANUARY<br/>REGISTER NOW!</p> |
| <p>CONTACT: # 912xxxxxx0<br/>EMAIL : # highrise@xxxx.com</p>   |

Write a letter to the Director of the institute asking for information that you require before you decide to join it.

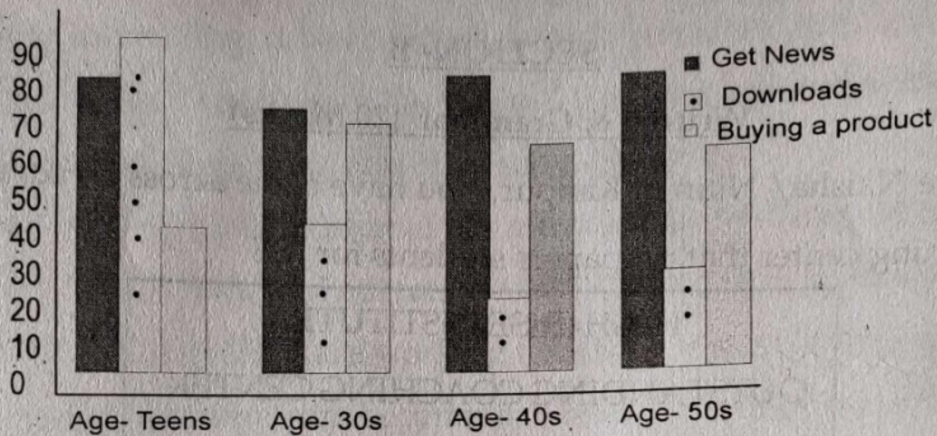
**OR**

- B. You are Ravi/ Rajana, Secretary of the Cookery Club of your school in Moradabad.

You have been asked to place an order for some kitchenware for your club .. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Kitchen House, 39 Tower street, Ghaziabad, UP placing an order for the things you need.

Q.4 Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below:

A. The chart below displays data about the online activity for the different age groups. Write a paragraph analyzing the data.



OR

B. Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the Health Magazine, Sehat:

Stress in bumper- to- bumper traffic when you're in a hurry. Chronic stress can lead to high blood pressure and heart disease. It can dampen the immune system, increasing susceptibility to colds and other common infections.

Write a paragraph to analyze the given argument.

### GRAMMAR

Q.5 Choose the correct options . (Do Any 3)

[3 x 1=3]

- a. Reena said, "I am going out tonight."
  - i. Reena said that she was going out tonight.
  - ii. Reena said that she was going out that night.
  - iii. Reena said she was going out that night.
  - iv. Reena said that she will be going out that night.
- b. Rajat said, "I will manage hereafter."
  - i. Rajat said that he would manage hereafter.
  - ii. Rajat said that he will manage thereafter.
  - iii. Rajat said that he would manage thereafter.

- iv. Rajat said that he will manage hereafter.
- c. Bindya said, "We went for a summer trip."
- Bindya said that they had gone for a summer trip.
  - Bindya said that they were on a summer trip.
  - Bindya said that they went for a summer trip.
  - Bindya said they had gone for a summer trip.
- d. He will say, "I have been a great mentor."
- He said that he had been a great mentor.
  - He said that he was a great mentor.
  - He will say that he had been a great mentor.
  - He will say that he has been a great mentor.

Q.6 Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words.

(Do Any 3)

[3 x 1=3]

On the Annual Day celebration, the Principal delivered a lecture, "Good evening children, you all (i) \_\_\_\_\_ be the future policy markers, hence you ought to obey your teachers. You (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ always try to win over the confidence of your superiors. You must not leave any stone unturned and any you (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ not worry about the result. Take a pledge that you (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ obey and respect your elders.

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|------|-----------|-----------|
| i    | a. can    | b. will   |
|      | c. should | d. may    |
| ii.  | a. should | b. need   |
|      | c. may    | d. can    |
| iii. | a. will   | b. does   |
|      | c. do     | d. need   |
| iv.  | a. will   | b. should |
|      | c. did    | d. shall  |

Q.7 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line.

Write the error and its correction.

[4 x 1=4]

|                                     | Error    | Correction |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| for the first time at Australia,    | a. _____ | _____      |
| Robots will be used for served      | b. _____ | _____      |
| meals for patients in posh new      | c. _____ | _____      |
| Plates at one of Sydney's hospital. | d. _____ | _____      |

### SECTION - C

#### Literature (40 Marks)

Q.8 Read the extract and answer the following questions. (Any 1)

[1 x 5=5]

A. Not a leaf remained on the trees. The corn was totally destroyed. The flowers were gone from the plants. Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. When the storm had passed, he stood in the middle of the field and said to his sons, "A plague of locusts would have left more than this. The hail has left nothing. This year we will have no corn."

1. Why did no leaf remain on the trees?

- An earthquake had occurred, leaving the field bare.
- A meteor had struck, leaving the field bare.
- A cyclone had struck, leaving the field bare.
- A hailstorm had struck, leaving the field bare.

2. What was the major effect of the hailstorm on the field?

- The corn was totally destroyed by the hailstorm.
- Lencho's house was totally destroyed by the hailstorm.
- The gateway to Lencho's house was totally destroyed by the hailstorm.
- Lencho's father died in fear of the hailstorm.

3. How was Lencho affected by the storm?

- Lencho was sad as he was left with no place to live.
- Lencho was utterly unhappy and distressed after the storm.
- Lencho was surprised after the storm.
- Lencho was still in fright after the storm.



4. With what had Lencho compared the destruction?
- a plague of locusts.
  - a tree without leaves
  - flowerless plants
  - None
5. Which of the following best describes Lencho's feeling?
- pitiabile
  - despair
  - anguish
  - wrath

B. I think he knew I made a little money this way but he did not seem to mind. Anil made money by fits and starts. He would borrow one week, lend the next. He kept worrying about his next cheque, but as soon as it arrived, he would go out and celebrate, it seems he wrote for magazines- a queer way to make a living!

- Anil made money 'by fits and starts' means that he
  - deemed it fit to start investing money.
  - started earning money in the recent past.
  - received money intermittently.
  - put his money in use frequently.
- The Information in the extract suggests that Anil could be a
  - salaried professional
  - freelancer
  - business man
  - volunteer
- If borrow :: lend, then pick the ODD pair from the options below
  - give :: take
  - lose :: find
  - hop :: skip
  - buy :: sell
- The reference to making a little money 'this way' refers to a way that is viewed by most people as
  - sensible
  - inappropriate.
  - charitable.
  - aggressive

5. Based on your understanding of Anil in the extract, choose the option that synchronizes with his thinking.
- So what if I don't have much money? Giving it to that person is important as they could do with a helping hand.
  - I better learn how to protect my money. I think I'm being looted.
  - I earn money with such tremendous effort. Where does it all go?
  - When I become rich, I can begin to help friends then. Right now, I will spend only on myself.

Q.9 Read the extract and answer the following questions. (Any 1)

[5 x 1 = 5]

A. Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,

And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs

- What does a barrel full of bears mean?
    - a person without fear
    - a forest full of bears
    - bears carrying barrel
    - a person with fear
  - Who is Ink?
    - a little black kitten
    - a little brown kitten
    - a little white kitten
    - a little grey kitten
  - Who is Blink?
    - a black dog
    - a grey mouse
    - a dragon
    - a yellow dog
  - Pick out the figure of speech used.
    - synecdoche
    - simile
    - metaphor
    - exemplification
  - What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
    - abab
    - aabb
    - abaa
    - None
- B. He hears the last voice at night, The patrolling cars,  
And stares with his brilliant eyes At the brilliant stars.
- Name the poem and the poet of the above stanza
    - Fog, Carl Sandburg

- b. Animals, Walt Whitman
  - c. The Ball Poem, John Berryman
  - d. A Tiger in the Zoo, Leslie Norris
2. What the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
- a. abab                      b. abcd                      c. abaa                      d. abcb
3. What does the tiger hear in the zoo?
- a. He hears the sounds of his trainers
  - b. He hears the sounds of helpless and caged birds and animals
  - c. He hears the sounds of patrolling cars of the guards
  - d. He hears the sounds of his friends who live in the jungle
4. When word in the stanza means 'look intently'?
- a. stares                      b. patrolling                      c. brilliant                      d. stars
5. The rhyming words in the stanza are:
- a. hears- stares                      b. cars- stars                      c. cares- stares                      d. Stares- stars

**Q.10 Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each                      [4 x 3=12]**

- a. How did Kisa Gautami realize that life and death is a normal process?
- b. I will take the risk'. What is the risk? Why does the narrator take risk?
- c. What information does the author give us about otters?
- d. What problem did Valli have after saving enough money for the bus ride? How did she solve it?
- e. The play 'The Proposal' is a satire. Comment.

**Q.11 Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each                      [2 x 3 =6]**

- a. The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
- b. On the basis of your reading of the chapter 'A Triumph of Surgery', write a brief character- sketch of Tricki's mistress.
- c. Why did Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal?

Q.12 Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each. [1 x 6 = 6]

- a. 'Departure is painful'. So is the departure of trees for the poet. What will happen after their departure?
- b. Anne Frank was a sensitive and mature girl. Think of any two characters who could be her friends or confidantes from the textbook 'First Flight'. Analyze the common character traits that would help in creating this special bond of friendship.

Q.13 Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words each. [1 x 6 = 6]

- a. In the context of the chapter 'A Question of Trust', do you think Horace Danby was unfairly punished or that he deserved what he got? Do you agree that honesty in wrong acts is not desirable? Why/Why not
- b. How did a nursery rhyme book save the earth?

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