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TIME - 3HR. | QUESTIONS – 11

THE MARKS ARE MENTIONED ON EACH QUESTION

SECTION - A

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions / complete the sentences that follow: 8 marks

A chimpanzee is one of the great apes and the nearest in intelligence to man. Scientists have examined its mental capacities and sent it into space in anticipation of man. Chimpanzees need little description. Being apes and not monkeys, they have no tails. Their arms are longer than their legs and they normally run on all fours. They can also walk upright with toes turned outwards. When erect they stand 3-5 ft high. The hair is long and coarse, black except for a white patch near the rump. The face, ears, hands and feet are bared and except for the black face, the flesh is coloured. Chimpanzees exhibit great concern for each other. When chimpanzees meet after having been apart they greet each other in a very human way by touching each other or even clasping hands. Chimpanzees have amazing social discipline. When a dominant male arrives, the rest of the chimpanzees hurry to pay respect to it. The dominant male is not allowed to wrest food from his inferiors. The members of a party also spend considerable amount of time grooming each other and themselves. Mothers go through the fur of their babies for any foreign particles, dirt, and ticks and they aid each other when they are injured. Chimpanzees are the best tools users apart from man. Sticks 2-3 ft long are picked off the ground or broken from branches and pushed into nests, then withdrawn and the honey or insects licked off. Stones are used to crack nuts or as missiles to drive humans and baboons away from its food. Chimpanzees are not only tool users but also toolmakers. They make their own rods by stripping the leaves off a twig or tear shreds off a grass stem. Baby chimpanzees learn all this by observing the older chimpanzees making and using them. So man is not the only toolmaker, merely better at it than his relatives chimpanzees learn all this by observing the older chimpanzees making and using them. So man is not the only toolmaker, merely better at it than his relatives.

- (a) Chimpanzees are as _____ as men.
- (b) Chimpanzees greet each other by _____ each other
- (c) Like man, chimpanzees are _____.
- (d) Chimpanzees _____ tails.
- (e) Baby chimpanzees learn all by _____.
- (f) Chimpanzees have amazing_____
- (g) The dominant male chimpanzees is not allowed_____.
- (h) The word „wrest“ means _____.

Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: 12 marks

The story of the Asian elephant once highly revered and domesticated for work and warfare is far from happy. Far from the estimated population of hundreds of thousands of elephants centuries ago, according to the World Wildlife Fund for Nature, it's estimated that between 25,000 and 32,000 Asian elephants are now left in the wild. Since 1986, the Asian elephant has been listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). Today in Thailand, according to Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary (BLES), their numbers are between 3,500 to 5,000 and currently „the notion of extinction is no longer just a concern; it's the new reality“. In 1989, the tradition of using elephants in industry ended, mainly due to irresponsible overlogging. The collapse of the industry created huge problems for the mahouts who had to find a way to pay for the care and upkeep of their elephants. Elephants eat up to 200 kilograms a day and on hot days need about 200 liters of water. With the ban on logging, mahouts had to find other ways to support their huge charges. This is why mahouts began begging in the streets and turned to illegal logging and to tourism via trekking, rides or entertainment. Along the Thai-Burma border illegal logging still occurs. It is a dangerous environment where landmines are still hidden, the risk of fines is always present and injury or death could be just around the corner. To get the most from the elephants, they are often given amphetamines to reduce their appetite and increase their work output. Not only does this take a horrific toll on the elephant, it cannot continue for long also and many elephants simply die of overwork and starvation. The tourism industry may be a viable alternative but it can be a tricky one, because there is always a risk of exploitation when animals and

commercialisation meet. The Elephant Asia Rescue and Survival Foundation says, „it believes responsible elephant tourism can help to save the elephants throughout Asia but only if the camps maintain the highest level of elephant care, food requirements, hygiene and environmental enrichment“.

- (a) Why did the industry stop using elephants?**
- (b) What problems did it create for the mahauts?**
- (c) Why is illegal logging dangerous along Thai-Burma border?**
- (d) Why are some elephants given amphetamines?**
- (e) What is meant by the word „revered“?**
 - (i) loaded (ii) Used**
 - (iii) respected (iv) Killed**
- (f) What is meant by the word „notion“?**
 - (i) idea (ii) game**
 - (iii) uproar (iv) writing**
- (g) Find the word opposite in meaning to „downfall“?**
 - (i) upkeep (ii) collapse**
 - (iii) control (iv) outcome**
- (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to „safe“?**
 - (i) hidden (ii) output**
 - (iii) dangerous (iv) overwork**

SECTION – B

Q.3 Nowadays, we see the rise in prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils and some other products. The layman is facing hardship on account of it. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a reputed daily requesting him to highlight the difficulties faced by common man due to rise in prices. Sign yourself as Pranjal/Praneeta living at 124, Vivek Vihar, Delhi. *5marks*

OR

“A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait.” This quote highlights the importance of good manners in life. Write an article for your school magazine on “Good Manners.’ You may use the following hints with your own ideas.

Hints: First step to success – need for good manners – make life easy with politeness – create goodwill – use words like thank you, please, sorry – important words – well mannered people liked by all.

Q.4. Write a story in 150-200 words from the outline given below: *10 marks*

Cold winter night – all sound asleep – a thudding sound – switched on lights – hurried footsteps – followed –

OR

“The date of examination was declared _____ I was horrified _____ My parents helped me _____ reached the examination centre _____ examination commenced _____ took a sigh of relief _____ stood first in the class.

The hints of the story are given above. You can start the story by using hints with your own ideas but you cannot change the end. Write the story in 150-200 words.

Q.5. Read the sentence given below and fill in the blanks in it by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow : *3 marks*

He was (a) _____ at the news (b) _____ the success of a poor candidate (c) _____ got the highest number of votes in Bihar election.

(a) (i) surprising

(ii) surprise

(iii) surprised

(iv) having surprised

(b) (i) of

(ii) for

(iii) to

(iv) by

(c) (i) which

(ii) whose

(iii) whom

(iv) who

Q.6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. 8 marks

Research is an detailed study of a subject undertaking on a systematic basis in order to increase a stock of knowledge, including knowledge for man, culture and society, that the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

Error

Correction

e.g. an

a _____

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

Q.7. Rearrange the jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 3 marks

Example: in/the cactus/very hot,/grows/dry places

The cactus grows in very hot, dry places.

- (a) do not/leaves/have/they/but/spiny/needles**
- (b) flowers/and/bloom/some of them/cacti/at night/are big**
- (c) absorb/from fog/water/in the air/cacti can**

SECTION - C

Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: The old man, shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he came out of the town gate on to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself on his old staff. 3 marks

- (a) Who was the old man and why was he shivering ?**
- (b) Where was he going so early**
- (c) Why was he going there ?**

OR

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: Well, he must have gone round to the „Ring-O-Bells“ afterwards, for he came in `as merry as a sand boy“.

- (i) What is `Ring – O- Bells“?**
- (ii) Why did the old man come in as merry as a sand boy after going round to the `Ringo-Bells“ ?**
- (iii) What does the phrase „as merry as a sand boy mean?**

Q.9.(i) Why was the grandfather so keen on changing his will ? 8 marks

- (ii) Why is the mirror rewarded with tears and agitation of hands by the woman?**
- (iii) What was the motive behind Mrs Packletide“s decision to shoot a tiger?**
- (iv) Do you agree with the mirror“s claim : “I am not cruel, only truthful” ?**

Q.10. Answer the following question in 80-100 words: 4 marks

**“The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain”
With this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral value that Kisa Gotami learnt
after the death of her child.**

OR

**“Don’t you worry, Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and mother”. Through
this statement the narrator wants to highlight the moral values Bholi was imbued
with. Based on the reading of the lesson, what made Bholi aware of her rights and
how did she use them?**

**Q.11. What made Anne insensitive towards her mother ?Explain the reasons behind
it. 10 marks**

OR

**Describe the character traits displayed by the members of Annexe during their
celebration of Hanukkah and St. Nicholas’s Day**

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