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**SAMPLE QUESTIONS
ENGLISH (COMMUNICATIVE)
CLASS-X**

READING AND COMPREHENSION

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

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India has deployed aerial drones over Kaziranga National Park in Assam state in a bid to protect endangered one-horned rhinos from poachers.

Kaziranga chief NK Vasu said the maiden drone flight on Monday was a “milestone in wildlife protection”.

The park is home to two-thirds of the world’s one-horned rhino population and also has a large number of elephants, tigers and other wildlife.

In recent months, rhinos have been killed in large numbers by poachers. Drones and other successful anti-poaching measures have also been used by the WWF in nearby Chitwan

National Park in Nepal, where the hunting of one-horned rhinos has been drastically reduced.

“The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) was up in the sky for 15 minutes. It landed safely,” Mr. Vasu said. “We hope this technology will go a long way in effective surveillance of the park.”

Assam Forest Minister Rockybul Hussain said this was the first time that drones had been used for wildlife protection anywhere in India.

“The UAVs will deter poachers who will now have to reckon with surveillance from air as well as on ground,” MrHussain said.

The minister said it would now be possible to keep an eye on the remotest parts of the 480 sq km (185 sq miles) park.

The drones can fly a pre-programmed route at a maximum elevation of 200m (656ft) for up to 90 minutes, officials say.

They are light enough to be launched by hand and will be able to take images of the ground below with a still or video camera, they add.

Twenty-two one-horned rhinos were killed in Kaziranga by poachers last year.

In the first three years of this month, 16 rhinos have been killed, triggering a furore in Assam where the animal is seen as a symbol of regional pride and is also valued for drawing tourists to the state. A rhino census in Kaziranga last month said that there were about 2,300 of the animals in Kaziranga.

BBC NEWS

Read the passage and answer the following questions:

- a) This passage states that drones And not only for wars between nations.
- b) The drones will be able to do two things: they are
- 1).....
- 2).....
- c) 22 one horned rhinos killed by poachers means.....
- d) The introduction of drones for surveillance is a -----measure. (one word)
- e) The author states that there has been a public outburst because 16 rhinos were killed-the term he uses is-----
- f) This passage suggests that the greatest enemy of wildlife is -----
- g) The passage begins with the idea that drones will be a “milestone in wildlife protection”. This actually means that-----
- h) An elevation is a term that tells us that-----in the sky.

2 Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**7****From Cocoon Forth a Butterfly**

FROM cocoon forth a butterfly
 As lady from her door
 Emerged—a summer afternoon—
 Repairing everywhere,
 Without design, that I could trace 5
 Except to stray abroad
 On miscellaneous enterprise
 The clovers understood.

Her pretty parasol was seen
 Contracting in a field 10
 Where men made hay, then struggling hard
 With an opposing cloud,

Where parties, phantom as herself,
 To Nowhere seemed to go
 In purposeless circumference, 15
 As 't were a tropic show.

And notwithstanding bee that worked,
 And flower that zealous blew,
 This audience of idleness
 Disdained them, from the sky, 20

Till sundown crept, a steady tide,
 And men that made the hay,
 And afternoon, and butterfly,
 Extinguished in its sea.

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On the basis of your understanding of the poem, read the following questions and choose the best options, and write the complete answer in your answer sheets.

1. The poet compares the emerging butterfly to a lady who comes through the door to tell us that
 - a) the butterfly is also a lady
 - b) the lady and the butterfly are both delicate
 - c) the lady is beautiful
 - d) the butterfly and lady are friends
2. 'Stray abroad' suggests that the butterfly will actually
 - a) fly away
 - b) fly and explore new lands
 - c) go abroad
 - d) become astray
3. 'purposeless circumference' reflects that she will eventually
 - a) take a new direction
 - b) fly away to a circle
 - c) fly in the form of a circles around flowers
 - d) fly to a flower
4. The poet uses the alliteration 'pretty parasol' to tell us that
 - a) the butterfly is an umbrella
 - b) the butterfly has great beauty
 - c) the butterfly flies
 - d) the butterflies has its wings and the lady her parasol

5. The poet refers to ‘ audience of idleness ‘-she is talking about
 - a) the world of nature
 - b) the elements of nature
 - c) herself as she sits and watches when she is idle
 - d) lazy people who do no work
6. The poet uses the term ‘tropic show ‘ to suggest that this scene belongs to
 - a) the land of rains
 - b) the tropical lands that have summer
 - c) the season of winter
 - d) the time of a topic
7. This poem deals with a butterfly and a lady –but it has a tone that is
 - a) simple
 - b) whimsical with very little depth
 - c) light
 - d) amusing

WRITING

1. Salwan Public School Agra has been invited to present a program on Doordarshan on 13th January 2014. Ravi/Rani , the secretary is asked to write a notice in 50- 60 words for the school notice board inviting talented students to appear for selection for the different programs. Write the notice as Ravi/Rani, the Cultural Captain of the School. **3**
2. Your school collected a lot of clothing and articles for the recent Uttarakhand Tragedy. Write a report on the process and collection in your school and how you gained from the experience in terms of learning about welfare and outreach in times of an emergency. Your name is Joyal/Joey. Write your report in 50 words. **3**
3. **Given below is a bio sketch of cricketer Shikhar Dhawan.** **4**
Shikhar Dhawan (born 5 December 1985, **Delhi**)
Indian international **cricketer**.-left-handed **opening batsman**
 debut for **Delhi** – November 2004.
Sunrisers Hyderabad in **Indian Premier League**.
 Highest score 248 runs of 150 balls for India A against South Africa A on 12th August 2013.
 International debut – **Australia** in October 2010 – Visakhapatnam.
 Test debut – March 2013 – **Mohali** –fastest century – **Test debut** (187 runs off 174 balls).
 Newspaper Guardian: Most Watchable New Star
 Write out a bio sketch using a headline in about 100 words.
4. Rains have hit different parts of India last year. Torrential rains have shown how poor cities are in preparedness for rains-they also lack cleanliness and hygiene. As Secretary of the Resident’s Association of your colony in Bangalore, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on the poor sanitary conditions in the locality/city, with suggestions for improvement. Take ideas from your Unit on Environment in the MCB. Write the letter in 120-150 words. **5**
5. Reports in newspapers state that violence towards women is on the rise. “Places in cities are not safe any more,” says a report on rising violence and fear amongst women. Tourism figures show that India is not such a safe destination anymore. **5**

As a student who cares deeply about the dignity and respect accorded to women and the need for security and the value of safety and respect write a speech on the importance of traditional values of respect and sensitivity towards women at all times and how media and schools can come together to sensitize young men from all walks of life to protect and care for women even as they show their care for society. Use your ideas from your MCB.(120-150 words)

GRAMMAR

1. **There is one word missing in the following sentences. Write the correct answer in the blank.** **3**

Is necessity the mother _____ {of, in, for, from} invention? Well, not always. Determined to find a cheap sustainable fuel, _____ {the, an, it, for} engineer, Chitra Thiyagarajan developed a unit that converts plastic waste _____ {with, to, in, into} a fuel similar to diesel.

2. **Fill in the blanks with one word only:** **3**

After a series of tests in a sustained three-year effort, Thiyagarajan (i) -----
 a) finally b) equally c) swiftly d) ultimately
 perfected the device and applied for a patent. C S M Sundaram, Thiyagarajan's guide, said the device was the (ii) -----
 a) consequence b) result c) effort d) work
 of backbreaking (iii) -----, persistence and dogged tenacity.
 a) Result b) task c) work d) proposal

3. **Rearrange the jumbled words to make complete sentences: the first one has been done for you.** **3**

a) is debating/ the Indian parliament / /Food Security Bill/ the controversial
 b) to provide / this aims/ subsidised food/ /of the population/ to two-thirds
 c) Food Minister KV Thomas/ / by highlighting the details/ in the lower house/ began the debate/ of the bill/

4. **Read the following conversation between two friends, Raja and Suraiya and complete the paragraph that follows.** **3**

Raja : Our school is celebrating its sports day tomorrow.

Suraiya : Will you have a March Past?

Raja : Yes we will also have the lighting of the torch.

Suraiya : That is quite incredible.

Raja told Suraiya (a)_____. Suriya wanted to (b)_____ Raja replied, in the (c)_____.

Suraiya was delighted and commented that it was quite incredible.

5. **Expand the following headlines:** **3**

a) Market mayhem continues, rupee breaches 67 against dollar

As the market mayhem continued the rupee -----67 against the dollar in an all time low.

b) Govt to double pension of retired bureaucrats who turn 100

A news report stated that pension of retired bureaucrats who turned 100-----

c) Two buildings collapse in Vadodara; 5 dead, many trapped

As many as five people were dead and many trapped ----- in Vadodara.

LITERATURE

- 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3**
 "Being earth-brown, earth-golden from the burning
 bowels of the earth
 On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking."
- a) Name the poetic device in the term 'burning bowels'.
 b) Why does the poet describe the snake with the word earth?
 c) Why does the poet mention Etna?
- 2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3**
 "I thought you were Helen of Troy."
 (a) Who said these words and to whom?
 (b) How does the listener answer?
 (c) Where were these words spoken?
- 3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3**
 "This dream is all amiss interpreted. It was a vision fair and fortunate."
 a) Who says these words?
 b) Who are the listeners?
 c) What is the speaker's plan?
- 4. Answer any two questions in about 50-60 words: 3x2=6**
 (a) What was Michael's theory about how Sebastian had entered the games?
 (b) How did the sailors feel when their ship was stuck in ice?
 (c) Who said, 'Et tu Brute'? When were these words spoken? Why?
- 5. Does the poet talk to us indirectly about his inner voice and the need for man to forget age old prejudices and love nature's creations like the snake? Discuss it with reference to D. H. Lawrence's poem Snake. (120 to 150 words) 5**

Long Reading Text

- 1. "Kitty had immortalized Anne" .How did it become the best friend Anne ever had? Describe in about 150 -200 words. 5**
- 2. Create a pen portrait of Anne Frank as she narrates the horrors of war and persecution of the Jews in the Wold War years. Describe in about 150-200 words. 5**
- 3. Helen Keller says she depended on books for pleasure, wisdom and knowledge-mention what she says about books and how they affected her. 5**
- 4. After reading the book we realize Helen's teacher Anne Sullivan was indeed a Miracle Worker in the life of Helen Keller. Comment with examples. 5**

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