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SECTION - A

Q.1. Read the passage carefully: 8 marks

I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagirathi river flowing nearby. My parents were a hard-working and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials my father taught us how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect – the most treasured family value till today. At the same time my parents also practised the creed, "Kindness is the essence of all religion." They were large-hearted, inviting village folk passing by to have tea at our home, and gave grain to the sadhus and pandits who came to the house. This characteristic has been ingrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives – whether it is in my home, in society or at the workplace.

I was the third child in the family – girl, boy, girl, girl and boy in that order – and quite a rebel. I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl-child. When I found my elder brother, Bachchan, encouraging our youngest brother, Raju, to make up mountaineering I thought, why not me? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

The general thinking of mountain people was that mountaineering as a sport was not for them. They considered themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work. On the other hand, as a student, I would look curiously at foreign backpackers passing by my village and wonder where they were going. I would even invite them to my house and talk to them to learn more about their travels. The full significance of this came to me later when I started working. The foreigners took the trouble to come all the way to the Himalayas in order to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering, as well as to seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

Answer the following questions :

- (a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents?
- (b) What is the most treasured value of the author's family?
- (c) Give an example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable.
- (d) What kind of girl was the author?
- (e) How do you know that the author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters?
- (f) Why do the mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers?
- (g) Why would the author invite foreign mountaineers to her house?
- (h) Why were foreigners drawn to the Himalayas?

Ans.

- (a) The author tells us that their family was poor and were barely managing the essentials.
- (b) The most treasured value of the author's family are dignity and self-respect.
- (c) The author's parents were very hospitable as they would invite the village folks passing by to have tea, and also gave grains to the sadhus and pandits who came to their house.
- (d) The author was quite a rebel. She developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl-child.
- (e) The author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters as the brothers would always get preferential treatment and all the opportunities and options were open to them.
- (f) The mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work.
- (g) The author would invite foreign mountaineers to her house to talk to them and to learn more about their travels.
- (h) The foreigners were drawn to the Himalayas as they wanted to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering, as well as seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

Q.2. Read the passage carefully: 12 marks

1 One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, antelopes, and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the panther is left with no other choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a tiny chital baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and shooing away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an impertinent brat, just as you would not dream of catching an offending crow cawing away in your verandah.

(c) condemnation (Para 3)

- (i) disapproval
- (ii) dismissal
- (iii) revenge
- (iv) annoyance

(d) associates (Para 4)

- (i) rivals
- (ii) neighbours
- (iii) superiors
- (iv) partners

Ans. 2.1 (a) The animals like deer, antelopes, etc. stand their ground and make such loud noise that the panther is left with no other choice except to leave quietly.

(b) The panther carefully avoids open spaces whereas the game animals deliberately seek for it. They like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds.

(c) The loud noise made by animals and birds results in confusion of sounds irritating the sharp ears of the panther and it is left with not other option except to go away.

(d) The panther never springs on its prey but stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by running at it at a lightening speed.

2.2 (a) high

(b) intentionally

(c) disapproval

(d) partners

SECTION - B

Q.3. Many students from different parts of the country come to Delhi to study. Finding affordable accommodation is the main problem faced by them. Landlords charge exorbitant rents and in some cases refuse to rent rooms to them because of their different food habits and culture. The hostel facility provided by educational institutions is too inadequate to met the demand. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing attention of the authorities and requesting them to take appropriate action. You are Raman/Raveena, 12, Station Road, Delhi. 5 marks

OR

Accidents happen when people violate traffic rules. Careless drivers cause suffering to themselves and to others. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on "Safe Driving".

Ans. Raman/Raveena

12, Station Road,

Delhi

Date: March 31, 2017

Editor

Delhi Buzz

Delhi

Subject: Problems faced in finding accommodation

Sir,

I would like to get the attention of the concerned authorities towards the various problems faced by many students in finding a proper accommodation in Delhi. Though many paying guest options are available in the city, the owners come up with their own specific demands and conditions while providing a space in their PG and that too in return of an expensive amount. It becomes more difficult for those students who come from minority groups to get a place to live in. Unfortunately the hostel facilities provided by educational institutions suffer from mismanagement in the form of unavailability of electricity, water, unhygienic conditions of wash rooms and so on.

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper, I would like to bring in the attention of the authorities to create some set standards and norms for the PG owners while providing accommodation and also to govern the educational institutions in improving the management of the hostels.

I thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Raman/Raveena

Or

Safe Driving

By Aisha

In this rapidly moving world, we all are in a hurry. This hurry is most visible on the roads of today. Everybody, with the very basic lame reason of getting late for their destination, try to over take each other through rash driving and end up losing their lives. Road

accidents have become very common due to the vehicle collisions and ignorance of proper road safety measures. Road accident is one of the most reasons that take up thousands of lives in a year.

Personal transportation is considered to be a necessity of all in these modern times, and so there is more traffic on the roads than ever before. Personal mode of transport does provide a sense of comfort but along with it comes a sense of responsibility too to follow traffic rules and road safety to practice safe driving, so that the road accidents can be reduced. Every person should have taken a proper driving training under the guidance of an experienced authorised instructor before taking their vehicles on road. Also, they should be familiar in handling serious situations related to vehicles or themselves on the roads to save various road accidents and lives.

Road safety measure should also be added in the school curriculum as an important subject so that students can get detail knowledge in their early age before driving. Proper service of the vehicles that are on roads is very much required to avoid any catalytic situation. Brake system should be properly checked and the vehicles should be well equipped with first aid box, emergency tool kit, etc. People should keep in mind that their careless driving can not only end their lives but can also cause harm to the other innocent souls.

Q.4. Develop a story in 150 – 200 words with the help of the hints provided: 10 marks

While coming out of the bank I saw a monkey walking menacingly towards me. I panicked. The monkey snatched my bag and ran up a nearby tree. I

OR

I was driving fast. As I hit the main road I saw an upturned motorbike and a man lying beside it. I decided to help but the thought of my grumpy boss and a prefixed business meeting

Ans. While coming out of the bank I saw a monkey walking menacingly towards me. I panicked. The monkey snatched my bag and ran up a nearby tree. I froze for a minute as I didn't know what to do, but then realized that I had to get my bag. The bag had my wallet, car keys and also important documents. So, I started to chase the monkey, tree after tree, but

could not obviously catch it. Suddenly, I got an idea and I convinced a lady, who was seeing all this, to lend me her bag. So, I threw the bag on the floor and on seeing me do this, the monkey also threw my bag from the tree. Returning the bag to the lady, I went back towards my car with my bag and a smile on my face.

OR

I was driving fast. As I hit the main road I saw an upturned motorbike and a man lying beside it. I decided to help but thought of my grumpy boss and a prefixed business with a new client. But I knew I had to help the man, so I stopped and went at the spot. Though he was not badly hurt, he did require some medical assistance. I took him to the nearby hospital and got him bandaged. While I was waiting in the hospital, there were ten missed calls from my boss, but I dared not to receive any of them. After coming of the hospital, I asked the man where should I drop him, and I was confused when I heard the address, but did not question back. So, when we reached the address, my boss came forward to greet our new client.



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