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**Section-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

① Giraffes are tall, beautiful, graceful animals that live in Africa. When they are grown, male giraffes are about 18 feet tall. Adult females are about 14 feet tall. Giraffes are not fat animals, but because they are so big, they weigh a lot. The average male weighs 2800

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pounds. Females weigh about 400 pounds less. Giraffes reach their full height when they are four years old. They continue to gain weight until they are about eight years old.

If you have ever seen giraffes, you know their necks and legs are very long. They are not awkward, though! Giraffes can move very quickly.

They like to jump over fences and streams. They do this gracefully.

They do not trip over their long legs. If they are frightened, they can run 35 miles an hour. When giraffes gallop, all four feet are sometimes off the ground! Usually, young and old giraffes pace along at about 10 miles an hour. Giraffes are strong. They can use their back legs as weapons. A lion can run faster than a giraffe, but a giraffe can kill a lion with one quick kick from its back legs. Giraffes

do not look scary. Their long eyelashes make them look gentle. They usually have a curious look on their faces. Many people think they are cute.

There is a very rare type of giraffe. It is totally black. This kind of giraffe is melanistic giraffe. The name comes from the word 'melanin' which is the substance in cells that gives them color.

Giraffes prefer to eat new shoots and leaves, mainly from the thorny acacia tree. They are prodigious eaters, and a large male consumes about 65 kg of food per day. The tongue and inside of the mouth are coated with tough tissue as protection. The giraffe grasps leaves with its prehensile lips or tongue and pulls them into the mouth. Giraffes obtain most water from their food, though in the dry season they drink at least every three days. They must spread their forelegs apart in order to reach the ground with the head.

The giraffe had long been classified as a species of least concern by the 'International Union of Conservation of Nature' (IUCN) which places all giraffes in the species *G. Camelopardis*. A study in 2016 determined that habitat loss resulting from expanding agriculture, increased morality brought on by illegal hunting, and the effects of on going civil unrest in a handful of African countries had caused giraffe populations to plummet by 30–40 percent between 1985 and 2015. The IUCN has classified the conservation status of the species as vulnerable. It must now be properly protected and saved.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

Neil Armstrong is one of the great pioneers of space. On July 20, 1969, Armstrong was Commander of Apollo 11, the first manned

American spacecraft to land on the moon. He was the first person to walk on the Moon.

Armstrong was born in Ohio in 1930. He took his first airplane ride when he was 6 years old. As he grew older, he did jobs to earn money to learn to fly. On his 16th birthday, he received his student pilot's license.

[Armstrong served as a Navy fighter pilot during the Korean war. He received three medals.] Later, he was a test pilot. He was known as one of the best pilots in the world. He was also an engineer. He contributed much to the development of new methods of flying. In 1962, he was into an astronaut training program. Armstrong had much experience when he was named to command the historic flight to the Moon. It took four days to fly to the Moon. As he climbed down the ladder to be the first person to step onto the Moon, [he said these now famous words; 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.']

It is interesting to know that the 'a' was lost to radio static, but later analysis of the sound wave showed that Armstrong did say it. Armstrong and Aldrin together explored the surface during a moon walk. They collected 48.5 pounds (22 kg) of material from the surface-including 50 moon rocks, deploying some experiments, planting the U.S. flag and speaking to U.S. President, Richard Nixon.

[ Neil Armstrong retired from NASA in 1971 and remained active in the aerospace community, although he chose to keep mostly out of the public spot light. He was famously reticent about his accomplishments, preferring to focus on the team that helped him get to the moon rather than his own first step. "I guess we all like to be recognized not for one piece of fire works, but for the ledger of our daily work" he said it in an interview with CBS's. In another interview, when asked what

it feels like to have his footprints remain on the moon's surface for thousands of years. He said smilingly, "I kind of hope that some body goes up there one of these days and cleans them up." This great astronaut died on Aug. 25, 2012 at the age of 82.

**Questions :**

(i) What was Neil Armstrong's attitude towards his achievements after he retired from NASA ?

(ii) Write the antonym of 'giant'.

(iii) Neil Armstrong expressed the view that his footprints on moon's surface would always remain there. (True/False)

(iv) What did Neil Armstrong say while just putting his foot on moon's surface ?

(v) Write about two contributions of Armstrong besides his stepping on Moon.

(vi) What did Armstrong do during the Korean war ?

(vii) Pioneer in the passage means :

(A) Astronaut

(B) A person who is among the first to explore a new area

(viii) On what date did a person first walk on the moon ?

(ix) Armstrong received his student's pilot's license in :

(A) 12 years

~~(B)~~ 16 years

(C) 14 years

(x) In 'the historic flight' the word 'historic' is :

(A) Noun,

(B) Verb,

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

1×10=10

**Section-B**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. You are a coordinator of the various programmes on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Your school is going to stage a play on 'We are one people, one Nation.' Draft a poster (not exceeding **50** words) describing the theme of the play and other necessary details. The play will be staged in Tagore Hall with the Lieutenant Governor as the chief guest.

*Or*

You are cultural secretary of your School. Write a notice (not exceeding **50** words) to be put up on the School notice board asking the students to enroll their names for cultural items like patriotic songs, poems, skits on social themes etc. to be presented in the 'Cultural Programme' being organised by your school on the eve of Republic Day.

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4. The neighbourhood around your school have made the ground of your school as a garbage dump. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about this problem and also request him for the duty sweepers of the area who have not been on duty in the area for a month. (120–150 words)

*Or*

Cyber crime has become a common practice. You are a victim, your money has been fraudulently taken from your account. Write a letter to the head of the cyber crime cell giving all the details of the incident. (120–150 words)

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5. Write an e-Mail to your classmate congratulating him on receiving a memento from the Honorable Lieutenant Governor for scoring 1st position in state level painting competition. (50–80 words)

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6. Incidents of 'Child Abuse' are increasing. As a student editor of your school magazine. Write an article on "What measures should be taken to fight against this evil." (200–250 words)

*Or*

A puppy fell into a deep open well in your school. A few people volunteered to rescue the puppy. Write a report of the incident giving a detailed information for a local daily newspaper.

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7. Edit the following passage and correct the errors underlined as 1 to 8 :

She ..... (1) (<sup>knee</sup>kneel) down and ..... (2) try to wrench the lock off, but her little hands were as slender as little twigs, and she had not the strength. She ..... (3) (throw) the stone away and

..... (4) (begin) to cry. The Zhilin set to work again at the lock,  
and Dina ..... (5) (squat) beside him with her hand on his shoulder.  
Zhilin ..... looks (6) round and saw a red light to the left behind  
the hill. The moon was just rising. Ah ! he thought, before the moon  
has ..... (7) (rise). I must have ..... (8) (pass) the valley  
and be in the forest. So he rose and threw away the stone. 1x8=8

**Section-C**

**(Literature)**

8. Read the extracted from a poem given below and answer any two questions given at the end :

The cardboard shows one how it was

When the two girl cousins went paddling

Each one holding one of my mother's hands

And she the big girl-some twelve years or so.

All three stood still to smile through their hair.

At the Uncle with the Camera. A sweet face

My mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea, which appears to have changed less.

Washed their terribly transient feet.

*Questions :*

- (i) What does the poet depict in this stanza ?
- (ii) Who is the big girl ?
- (iii) 'Terribly transient' is an example of which poetic device ?  $2 \times 1 = 2$

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

~~(i)~~ Comment on the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) Do you think it is reasonable to take adventure expeditions inspite of the risks involved ? (We're not Afraid to Die.....)

~~(iii)~~ Do you think the title 'The Ailing planet' is an appropriate title for our planet ? Why ?

(iv) Does the narrator of the story 'The Address' want to forget the address ? Why ?

(v) How did the narrator arrange a meeting between Ratna and Ranga ?

(vi) What does the white horse symbolise in 'The summer of the beautiful white horse ?'

2×5=10

10. Do you think the play Mother's Day has a very strong message for social reform ? How far has the writer been successful to convey the message ? (120–150 words)

*Or*

The poem 'The Tale of Melon City' mocks the process of proper judgement and fair trial ? Comment. (120–150 words)

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11. Describe Nick Middleton's journey from the top of the pass till his stay at Hor. (Silk Road)

*Or*

King Tut's body has been subjected to repeated Scrutiny. Nature echoed the unnatural happenings with King Tut's body. Comment.

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12. Bring out the character sketch of Andrew Crocker-Harris and his wife

Millie.

*Or*

Contrast the Chinese view of art with the European view with a few

examples.

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