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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

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

The biggest animal in the world is the whale. The blue whale is the largest animal that ever lived. It is even bigger than the great dinosaurs of long ago. Whales are close cousins to dolphins and porpoises, but these animals are fewer than 13 feet in length.

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Whales spend their entire lives in water, usually in the ocean.

Because of this, many people think that whales are fish. They are not. They are mammals. There are four things that prove that whales are mammals instead of fish :

(i) Whales breathe with lungs instead of gills. A whale must come to the surface to breathe. It blows the old air from its lungs out of a hole in the top of its head.

(ii) They are warm blooded.

(iii) They have hair-though not very much!

(iv) Baby whales are born alive and get milk from their mothers.

Because whales often live in cold water, they have a thick layer of fat under their skin to protect them. This fat is called blubber. For many centuries, people have hunted the whale for its blubber.

Whales are very sociable animals and talk with each other by making different noises, including clicks, whistles, squeaks, thumps and low moans. Because sound waves travel well in water, the 'song' of some whales can be heard more than 100 miles away.

This big mammal in water faces the fear of extinction for its hunting since long. There is an evident of whale hunting early as 875 A.D.

The hunting of whales is called-Whaling. The act of whaling is a process of hunting whales for their usable products such as meat and blubber which can be turned into a type of oil called-"Whale oil or Train oil". This oil became increasingly important in the 'Industrial Revolution' by the 16th century, it had risen to be the principal

industry in the coastal regions of Spain and France. The depletion of some whale species to near extinction led to the banning of whaling in many countries by 1969. The demand for whale oil and then in the 18th century by a demand of margarine and later whale meat has risen to the highest. However modern whaling is primarily done for food; for pets, for farms, sledge dogs and humans and for making carvings of tusks, teeth and vertebrae and as a full supplement for whaling ships.

5+5=10

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

Clouds are made from billions and billions of tiny water droplets in the air. Clouds come in many sizes and shapes. On some days, clouds blanket the whole sky. Other times, clouds look like wispy puffs of

smoke. There are other types of clouds as well. Weather experts have named clouds. Big, fluffy clouds that look flat on the bottom are called cumulus clouds, stratocumulus is the name for rounded clouds that are packed very close together. You can still see patches of sky, but stratocumulus clouds are thicker than cumulus ones. If you spot cumulonimbus clouds, go inside. These clouds are wide at the bottom and have thin tops. The tops of these clouds are filled with ice-crystals. On hot summer days, you may even have seen cumulonimbus clouds growing. They seem to boil and grow as though they are coming from a big pot. A violent thunderstorm usually occurs after you see these clouds. Often, there is hail. Clouds are good indicators of weather.

Regardless of many types with different names, there are three main cloud forms; they are High clouds (CH), Medium clouds (CM), and Low clouds (CL). As a matter of fact, High clouds are usually above 20,000 feet, medium clouds tend to be between 6,000 to 20,000 ft but not above low clouds tend to be at 6500 ft or below. The clouds that form or appear below 6500 ft could be called fog, since they are almost on the ground.'

Many people see clouds and ignore everything they can get to know about them. Their names, shape, colour, altitude as everything tells us something different about the cloud. However, studying them and analyzing them is no easy task. We need to put an effort if we want learning about clouds a routine. If you do it, it can bring excellent

results. For example, we can possibly predict the weather just by looking at the sky. It is because some clouds only appear when specific meteorological conditions meet. Cloud spotting is also a fun activity so we should not miss out on the opportunity to do it.

Questions :

(i) What can we learn if we develop the habit of studying clouds in the sky ?

(ii) What kind of big fluffy clouds look flat on the bottom ?

(iii) In 'clouds blanket the whole sky' the word 'blanket' is :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

(iv) Give the synonym of 'fluffy'.

(v) The names of different types of clouds are with respect to their shape and altitude. (Yes/No)

(vi) Write an appropriate title for the passage.

(vii) What makes stratocumulus different than cumulus cloud ?

(viii) Write a sentence using the phrase 'puffs of smoke'.

(ix) Mention the possible height of :

(A) High clouds

(B) Medium clouds

(C) Low clouds

(x) Use 'wonder' in your own sentence.

1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

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 Sports 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 skiing competition in Gulmarg. Ask the students to get the consent letter of their parents along with them.

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 moments 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) (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. $1 \times 8 = 8$

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 ? 2x1=2

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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