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Class – VII

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## Section – A (Reading - 20 Marks)

**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.**

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles, which is nearly the size of the continent of Australia. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon river, the world's second largest river, which runs directly through the heart of the region. The rainforest itself is simply the drainage basin for the river and its many tributaries. The vast forest itself consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight filters through the top layers to the understorey, very few plants grow here. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and the bodies of dead organisms, which are quickly broken down into nutrients and integrated into the soil. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earth worms use nutrients for food.

The understorey is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2-5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understorey have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understorey is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers.

The layer above the understorey is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many canopy leaves have specially adapted leaves which form "drip tips". Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves which prevents mosses, fungi and lichens from occupying the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 percent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow. Bromeliads, cuplike plants, provide drinking pools for animals and breeding locations for tree frogs.

- (a) Why is the Amazon rainforest called the world's largest rainforest ?
- (b) Amazon river is the world's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) How important is the Amazon river for Amazon rainforests ?
- (d) Why do very few plants grow in the understorey of the rainforests ?
- (e) Why is there very little air movement in the understorey ?

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**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.**

At the foothills of the Himalayas are located tiger reserves such as Dudhwa and Corbett—the land of roar and trumpet. Such forests provide us with a glimpse of pre-history.

Undisturbed for aeons, nature manages the grasslands, glades and watercourse in the virgin wilderness with magnificent efficiency. Trees fruit in sequence, so that animals are never short of food. Water is abundant, even when sources outside the forest dry up, underlining the intricate connection between natural vegetation and the hydrological cycle.

Higher up are alpine forests such as the Great Himalayan National Park, accessible from Kulu, which clothe the Sainj and Tirthan valleys. These trekking trips are not for the faint-hearted or frail of foot.

One of my abiding sorrows is the fact that Kashmir's Happy Valley has been so traumatised the past few years. I have often walked up 2,000 metres to the famous oak forests of the Dachigam Sanctuary near Srinagar. Home of the last surviving herds of Hangul deer, it seems difficult to imagine that so much blood has been shed in the beautiful Kashmir valley and I worry now about the fate of Kashmir's endangered wildlife.

**Questions**

(5 × 2 = 10)

1. Name the two famous tiger reserves located at the foothills of the Himalayas.
2. Between whom does the nature manage complex relation?
3. For which type of people are not the great trekking trips?
4. Why has the Kashmir's Happy Valley been so traumatised for the past few years?
5. Find a word in the passage which means 'plenty'.

**Section-B (Writing and Grammar - 30 marks)**

3. Considering the rise in road accidents you strongly feel that "Traffic rules is a must for road safety." As a responsible citizen you have decided to write about this to the Editor of a national daily for publishing this article in the newspaper to make people more aware. (5)
4. Read this telephonic conversation between Mr. Sundaram and Vaibhav. Write Vaibhav's message for his father. (4)

Sundaram: Hello! I'm Sundaram from Chennai. May I speak to Mr. Anand.

Vaibhav: Hello, Uncle! Papa isn't back yet. He usually comes home around 7. May I take message for him?

Sundaram: Please tell him. I've been transferred to Delhi office. I'll be reaching Delhi by Flight No. IC 8107 at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Vaibhav: Do you want him to receive you at the airport.

Sundaram: That'll be most kind of him.

Vaibhav: I'll make sure he gets your message, Uncle.

5. Construct a story from the outline given below: (80-100 Words) (6)

Three men find a purse of gold.....agree to divide the money.....feeling hungry.....one goes to buy food.....decides to poison their food.....other two, plan to kill him on his return.....result.

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (1/2X4=2)
  - i) I have applied \_\_\_\_ two day's leave.
  - ii) Don't be jealous \_\_\_\_ your neighbours.
  - iii) I am not aware \_\_\_\_\_ the new rules.
  - iv) He is true \_\_\_\_\_ his words.

7. Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliary: (1/2X6=3)
  - i) We \_\_\_\_\_ obey our teachers.
  - ii) He \_\_\_\_\_ come today.
  - iii) We \_\_\_\_\_ abide by the rules.
  - iv) They \_\_\_\_\_ complete the task easily.
  - v) It \_\_\_\_\_ rain today.
  - vi) He \_\_\_\_\_ get a new bi-cycle on his birthday.

8. Change the voice: (3)  
i) May God bless you.  
ii) Let him face the situation.  
iii) Who will arrange the tickets?
9. Write the sentences in indirect speech: (3)  
i) She said to me, "What can I do for you?"  
ii) You said to him, "I shall soon return your money."  
iii) Mother said to the children, "Don't play in the sun."
10. Give the opposite of the following words: (1/2X2=1)  
i) bottom                      ii) Foe
11. Use the following phrases in your own sentences (1/2X2=1)  
i) put out    ii) cut off
12. Identify the clause and also write its kind. (2)  
a) He went home as he was not well.  
b) The painting you see on the wall was made by my sister.

**Section-C (Literature – 30 marks)**

13. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (3X2=6)  
a) Walk softly through the velvet grass  
And listen by the brook  
i) Who is the speaker?  
ii) What does he want us to listen?  
iii) What does the poet try to convey through his poem?  
b) Just three things are needed to start a fire.  
i) What are the three things that is needed to start a fire?  
ii) What would happen in absence of one of the thing?  
iii) Narrate any one method of extinguishing fire?
14. Write the meanings of the following words and frame sentences with them: (1X4=4)  
a) smothered              b) inexplicable              c) compatriots              d) scoffed
15. Answer the following questions: (Any Five) (3X5=15)  
a) How is test cricket a unique game in many ways?  
b) Why is the garden snake considered as harmless?  
c) Why was Timothy transferred to the zoo?  
d) Why was Tilloo forbidden to enter the passage?  
e) Why and when was the bear tied up with a chain?  
f) Why was the fan talking?  
g) Why did Chandni hate the rope around his neck?
16. Answer the following question: (5)  
Freedom is precious. Justify the statement with reference to "Chandni".