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SECTION –A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

Ikal, a small town famous for its ethnic sarees, is in the Northern district of Bijapur in Karnataka. But soon the sound of the loom may belong to the past as more and more weavers leave this art to join more profitable occupations. These sarees are unique for their four to six inch broad reddish maroon borders with traditional, distinct designs. It is the families of dyers and weavers who together produce the Ikal saree – a deep blue –black indigo body with red borders. It is woven in cotton or silk, or a combination of both. The cotton, before the advent of chemical colours, was indigo dyed, and the red border dyed with colours derived from flowers.

A weaver's living room includes a handloom pit, where the weaver works on the loom, at the same time entertaining guests and customers. The bedroom is the store room for yarn and also doubles as the domain of womenfolk of the house. It takes around a week to complete a saree. It is a tiresome work.

“The wholesale dealer gives us the required raw materials, mainly yarn, and we weave the saree on a piecemeal basis.”, he elaborates. “We are then sure the saree is sold and we are not stuck with dead stock. This is how the system works now.”

Traditionally, Ikal sarees were made using natural indigo dyes. Then, in 1970s, the synthetic German indigo replaced this vat dyeing process. Today, this has given way to naphtha based dyes. The centuries old famous indigo dyeing is now on the verge of extinction. As the new generation steps into more profitable avenues, the skyline of Ikal is fast changing too.

“The most profitable business in the area is now granite”, states a weaver. With this stone being available in plenty here, a number of granite selling agencies and chimneys of granite processing units are proliferating all over. As more and more of the town's younger citizens step into newer ventures like that of selling stones, the loom may become a mere memory.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) What was Ikal famous for ?
 - (a) Its art form
 - (b) Its ethnic sarees
 - (c) Its weavers
 - (d) its handloom

- (ii) The weavers are leaving this profession to
 - (a) join more profitable organizations
 - (b) join industries
 - (c) join more manufacturers of raw materials
 - (d) none of these

- (iii) The more profitable business in the area now is :
 - (a) Saree weaving
 - (b) Granite
 - (c) Chimneys

(d) Indigo dyeing

(iv) Ilkal a small town is situated in

- (a) Maharashtra**
- (b) Assam**
- (c) Karnataka**
- (d) Pondicherry**

(v) The word _____ means threshold .

- (a) vat**
- (b) naphtha**
- (c) piecemeal**
- (d) synthetic**

(vi) The natural indigo dye was replaced by naphtha based dyes

- (A) synthetic German dyes**
 - (B) red dyes**
 - (C) Flower based dyes**
 - (D) German indigo**
- (a) Only B**
 - (b) Band C**
 - (c) A and D**
 - (d) Only D**

(vii) A weaver's bedroom is also used as _____.

(viii) Even today Ilkal sarees are made using indigo dyes . (True / False)

QNo 2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

1.The worst form of pollution that affects us the most is air pollution. The way the environment is being polluted today stands testimony to the fact that we are irresponsible occupants of this Earth and by polluting the air , we are meticulously working towards our own destruction. According to the World Health Organisation, about 2.8 million people die each year due to indoor pollution (over 500,000 occur in China alone). And About 200,000 deaths are due to indoor air pollution . These data should act as an eye – opener for all of us . There are so many ways in which we contribute to air pollution, the largest being smoke. Smoke emitting from industries , factories , vehicles and even cigarettes is a major source of air pollution . It is due to air pollution that a number of diseases have surfaced. There are several respiratory diseases which affect us adversely .

2.It is said that cigarette smoking is injurious to health. But it is not injurious to the health of only those who smoke cigarette but also to those who come in contact with the smoke emitted from the cigarettes. People who take in the smoke of cigarettes while breathing normally don't realise that they are passive smokers and smoking cigarette or not is no different when the result is the same. Therefore , air pollution through smoking is the worst form of pollution to have hit us due our own negligence.

3.Air is polluted even by burning garbage heaps , dry leaves , wood for cooking and even by fire crackers. What is worse is that most of us understand the ill-effects of pollution , yet we are not so indifferent towards our own health that we do not avoid the avoidable . Garbage heaps can be recycled instead of being burnt .Similarly , dry leaves can be buried in the soil inside the pits . This will not avoid pollution but also benefits the soil by fertilizing it .Stoves ,LPG and other non-conventional sources of energy should be used for cooking .Air pollution not only affects our health but also historical

monuments .For instance , the Taj Mahal is under the threat due to the rising levels of air pollution .Therefore, if we prevent air pollution , we not only keep ourselves healthy but also our historical monuments .

4. One of the most common types of outdoor pollution is smog .Smog is brown ,hazy mixture of gases and particulates .It develops when certain gases released by combustion of petrol and other petroleum products react with sunlight in the atmosphere . This reaction creates harmful chemicals that make up smog .Smog is a toxic form of oxygen called Ozone .Exposure to high concentrations of ozone causes headaches , burning eyes , and irritation in the respiratory tract in many individuals .

A. On the basis of your reading of the passage , answer the following questions :

1. What shows that we are irresponsible occupants of the earth ?
2. What are the major sources of air pollution ?
3. How is air polluted ? What can we do to check air pollution ?
4. In what ways is smog a health hazard to you ?

B. On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer any four of the following :

- (i) _____ heaps should not be burnt but recycled .
(a) Dung (b) food (c) plastic (d) garbage
- (ii) _____ is a hazy mixture of gases and particulates .
(a) Smoke (b) smog (c) cloud (d) fog
- (iii) In paragraph 1 , _____ means appeared .
(a) Surfaced (b) looked (c) contributed (d) affected
- (iv) In paragraph 4 , the synonym of burning process is _____.
(a) Irritation (b) combustion (c) concentration (iv) tract
- (v) We are _____ occupants of this Earth .
(a) Old (b) irresponsible (c) disciplined (d) regular

SECTION –B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

Q3. Write a letter to M/s Subash Garments ,Chaura Bazar Ludhiana ,complaining against the delay in the delivery of woolen clothes ordered by you . You are Sourabh / Neelima of 45 , Model House new Delhi . (100-150 words)

OR

You are Arvind / Samitra of 150 –C , Sector 45 , Panchkula .Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern over the rise in the prices of all commodities .

Q4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words using the given hints :

It was a hot day .A blind man was crossing the road . Suddenly a car came

Or

My grandmother used to take me to my school in the morning . One day we were walking towards

Q5. A. Edit the given passage :

Mahatma Gandhi did not set out too evolve
The philosophy of life .He had either the
Inclination nor the time for do so .
He has , however , firm faith in
Truth and Ahimsa .

Error	Correction
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____

B. One word is missing in each line . Write the missing word which comes before and the word which comes after it.

This poem brings the foolishness of
Following someone blindly describing a
Contest between a frog and nightingale
Both claim to be the best singers .It
Is true that the nightingale sang melodious songs .

	Before	Missing	After
a.	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____

Q6. Complete the paragraph given below with appropriate words :

Before starting (a) _____eat drink water .Honour (b) _____food and handle (c) _____ carefully .Eat slowly and enjoy the taste of (d) _____ item. Concentrate on the task at hand with.

- (a) (i) on (ii) to (iii) at (iv) into
- (b) (i) its (ii) our (iii) your (iv) my
- (c) (i) them (ii) it (iii) him (iv) that
- (d) (i) their (ii) every (iii) each (iv) all

Q7.Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- (a)jobs/every field/India/lack of/in /there is/in
- (b)to settle/youngsters/India/leaving/some/are/abroad
- (c)no heed/trend/politicians/pay/this/dangerous/to
- (d)for our/adequate/must create/jobs/they/youth

SECTION –C (LITERATURE)

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow :

(I am Rapuzel, I have not a care ;

Life in a tower is tranquil and rare ;

I'll certainly never let down my bright hair !)

Stop that sulking at once , Amanda !

You're always so moody ,Amanda !

(i)How does the speaker describe Amanda?

- (a)Sulking
- (b)Moody
- (c) Obstinate
- (d)Both (a)and (b)

(ii)Who has imprisoned Rapunzel ?

- (a)The king
- (b)The Prince
- (c)A witch
- (d)Amanda's mother

(iii)Find a word from the stanza which means the same as 'serene'.

- (a)Care
- (b)place
- (c)Rare
- (d)Tranquil

(iv) Explain : 'I have not a Care .'

- (a) No nagging (b) Absolute freedom
(c) Nothing to worry (d) Both (b) and (c)

OR

I heard an old religious man

But yester night declare

That he found a text to prove

That only God , my dear ,

Could love you for yourself alone

And not your yellow hair .

- (i) He referred to in the extract is _____.
(ii) According to the speaker , God love the woman for _____.
(iii) What physical feature of the young woman are described here ?
(a) Yellow hair (b) Smile (c) eyes (d) inner beauty
(iv) _____ is an antonym of 'conceal'.
(a) Proclaim (b) Declare (c) Mention (d) Raise

Q9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words : (any 5)

- a. Why was the narrator sent to New Mullion by his law firm ?
b. What was the favourite pastime of Valli ?
c. How did Mijbil behave in the aircraft ?
d. Griffin was a lawless man .Discuss.
e. What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely ?
f. Why was Kisa Gautami in deep grief ?

Q10. Answer the following question in 100 -150 words :

A little confession would have changed the life of Matilda .Should we confess our mistakes courageously ? Write your opinion .

OR

Presence of mind and intelligence are more powerful than a gun .How far is it true in the case of Ausable , the secret agent ?

Q11. Answer one of the following questions in about 100-150 words each :

What did Mandella recall of the history of freedom struggle ? How does Mandela pay them his respect ?

Or

Do you think not handing over Hari over to the police was the right thing to do ? Why /Why not ?

