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**Instructions:**

1. Write your Roll number on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper has two parts, A and B. Both parts are compulsory.
3. Attempt any **three** questions from **Part A**, and any **three** questions from **Part B** of this paper.

**Part A***Attempt any three questions from this part*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it.

Marco Polo is famous for his travels through Asia. He was one of the first Europeans to travel into Mongolia and China. He became famous for his book that told the story of his travels along the Silk Road to China.

Marco Polo was born in Venice, Italy around 1254. In 1271, when he was seventeen years old, he travelled to Asia with his father and uncle. On this journey, he became a favourite of Kublai Khan, the Mongol Emperor. He roamed through Mongolia and China for seventeen years. He travelled farther into China than any European had gone before. Finally, he took a ride to Persia and then back home. In all, he was gone for twenty-four years!

When he returned to Venice in 1295, he became a popular storyteller. People gathered at his home to hear his stories of his travels in the Far East.

In 1298, there was a conflict between Venice and Genoa. Polo was captured by the Genoese and imprisoned by them. While in jail, Marco dictated the story of his travels to a writer who published the book, *The Travels of Marco Polo*. The book helped to make Europeans very interested in trading with China and the Far East, and that led to the explorations of Columbus and many others who were searching for a quicker way to sail to China and India.

Marco Polo died in 1324.

- (a) What happened in each of the following years?

5 X 1

Year	Event
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1254

1271

1295

1298

1324

- (b) Write true or false against the following statements:

5 X 1

- (i) Marco Polo belonged to Mongolia.
- (ii) Marco Polo set out on his travels in his old age.
- (iii) Marco Polo's travels kept him away from home for twenty-four years.
- (iv) It was Marco Polo himself who published a book on his travels.
- (v) Polo's book led to increased interaction between people of Europe and the Far East.

2. Complete the given sentences by selecting the correct the word from the pair given in brackets. 10 X 1

- (a) The story of Helen Keller's life is very \_\_\_\_\_ (inspiring / inspiration).
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (depressed / depression) is a silent killer.
- (c) I feel very \_\_\_\_\_ (bored / boring).
- (d) The hunter heard something \_\_\_\_\_ (move / movement) in the bushes.
- (e) People flock to cities because city life has many \_\_\_\_\_ (advantages / disadvantages) over life in villages.
- (f) The movie was about to \_\_\_\_\_ (begin / end) by the time we managed to reach the theatre.
- (g) They decided to forget their differences and get \_\_\_\_\_ (apart / together) again.
- (h) She was feeling lonely as her best friend was \_\_\_\_\_ (absent / present) that day.
- (i) The neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ (come up / come over) for a cup of tea every now and then.
- (j) Let's \_\_\_\_\_ (get through / get together) to celebrate the success of our team.

3. For each of the following statements, decide whether it is formal or informal. Who might say it to whom? 5 X 2

- (a) Hi, Vinita! Long time no see!
- (b) We are honoured, Madam, that you could take time out of your busy schedule to be with us today for our jubilee celebrations.
- (c) Sis, could I please have 500 rupees for a class picnic?
- (d) Check to make sure that there are no chits or pieces of paper lying around your seat.
- (e) Excuse me, could you tell me the way to the nearest post office please?

4. Recently you visited Delhi *Haat* with your friends to enjoy *Teej* Celebrations. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on your experience. You may make use of the following ideas: 10

Fair at Delhi *Haat*... colourful decorations... heavy crowd of happy and excited



people... shops of all kinds... *mehndi* & bangle shops... swings... puppets... drum  
beaters... folk dances... games & lucky draw... eating stalls... good  
arrangement... police personnel... pickpockets... volunteers... lost children... we  
purchased... ate...

5. Using the information below, write a paragraph of about 100 words on rabbits.

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Kind	:	gnawing animal
Size of body	:	35 - 45 cms
Appearance	:	small tail, large ears, very strong legs; can run very fast with long leaps
Colour	:	grey or brown in natural state, white or black in domestic varieties.
Habitat	:	woods, cultivated land, river banks and dunes
Home	:	burrows
Food	:	crops, grass, leaves, bark
Habits	:	active mainly at dusk and dawn

### Part B

*Attempt any three questions from this part*

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it.

A million years ago there were a lot more species of animals than there are now. Of course, some species disappear naturally, but today they are disappearing faster than ever before.

Animals are in danger from natural accidents; some animals die because of small changes in weather. But animals are also in danger from our behaviour. We cannot protect animals – or people – from accidents or changing weather, but we can think about our behaviour and change that. We put new buildings on empty land and do not think about animals. We make new roads; we move rivers; we take away trees.

Sometimes we take animals from their homes to a different country. In this new home, other animals do not know the newcomer and are not afraid of it. Black rats went by ship from Asia to the Galpagos Islands and killed many different species of bird. Some of those birds lived nowhere but the Galpagos, but after the rats came, they disappeared.

Some visitors to new places take pictures of animals, but other visitors hunt and kill them. They do not kill the animals for food, but because they like hunting.

In many countries people can also make a lot of money from animals. Elephants die because people want ivory. Rhinoceros die because people want to buy their horns. Many bigger animals are in danger because their coats are beautiful and some people would like to have them to put in their houses, or to wear.

Pollution of our land, rivers, seas and sky is getting worse and worse. We are making our world a much dirtier place, so many animals cannot live in it.

Pollution is bad for all of us. It is killing animals. Sooner or later, it is going to kill people too.

The number of people in the world is getting bigger all the time. More people in bigger cities take more land and make more pollution. So, we are taking the natural homes of animals very fast. Where can they go? In the end, the answer is often nowhere... and they die.

- (a) Write the opposites of the following words that have been underlined in the passage: 5 X 1

- (i) now
- (ii) disappear
- (iii) natural
- (iv) protect
- (v) worse

- (b) Answer the following questions in brief using your own words as far as possible. 5 X 2

- (i) Are animals in danger? If yes, from what?
- (ii) How does the introduction of a new species affect the animals in a place?
- (iii) Why do people kill animals?
- (iv) Does the growing human population affect animal numbers? In what ways?
- (v) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

7. Complete each sentence / passage by selecting the correct word phrase from the pair given in brackets after each blank: 15 X 1

- \_\_\_\_ (a) (A / An) boy and \_\_\_\_ (b) (a / an) girl were in love. \_\_\_\_ (c) (A / The) boy had \_\_\_\_ (d) (a / an) aunt who opposed their relationship because \_\_\_\_ (e) (a / the) girl's family was very poor.
- Reaching home, she went \_\_\_\_ (f) (at / to) her room. She put her bag \_\_\_\_ (g) (in / on) the cupboard and hung her coat \_\_\_\_ (h) (in / on) a peg. She pulled out the dust bin from \_\_\_\_ (i) (on / under) the table and threw the bus ticket \_\_\_\_ (j) (into / on) it.
- (k) \_\_\_\_ (Which / Whose) bag is yours?
- (l) You locked the door, \_\_\_\_ (did / didn't) you?
- (m) They were caught cheating, \_\_\_\_ (were / weren't) they?
- (n) Do these children study English? – Yes, they \_\_\_\_ (do / don't).
- (o) Are your teachers lenient? – \_\_\_\_ (Yes / No), they aren't.

8. Supply questions to the following statements. The focus of your question should be on the underlined portion of the statement. 5 X 3



- (a) No, you can't park there.
- (b) The function will end at 5 p.m.
- (c) Yes, refreshments will be served after the function is over.
- (d) I was at a friend's house yesterday evening.
- (e) I went there because I wanted to borrow a book.

9. Frame suitable statements / responses for the following situations.

5 X 3

- (a) You are going out of town for two days. You want your neighbour to water your plants in your absence. What would you say to her / him?
- (b) You want to invite your Principal to a farewell that your class is organizing for the final year students. What would you say to her / him?
- (c) You have been rude to your mother in a moment of anger. You want to apologize to her. What would you say to her?
- (d) You want the receptionist at an office to help you fill out a form that you need to submit there. What would you say to her / him?
- (e) You want your younger brother to turn down the volume of the TV because you are not able to concentrate on your studies. What would you say to him?

10. Imagine that you are Suresh/Smita. You have seen the following advertisement in yesterday's *The Times of India*. Write an application in response to the advertisement.

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AKS International School, Indirapuram  
invites applications for the post  
a Nursery teacher.

Requirements:

Interested candidates should have:

- Certificate in Nursery Teacher Training course
- At least 5 years' experience of teaching tiny-tots
- A pleasant personality

Attractive salary is assured to the selected applicant.

Apply to the Principal within 10 days with detailed resume.