

## MODEL QUESTIONS

2019

ENGLISH ELECTIVE

FULL MARKS: 100

PASS MARKS: 33

TIME: 3 HOURS

### SECTION-A

#### (READING COMPREHENSION)

(MARKS: 20)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in your own language.

Birds are warm blooded creatures. Their bodies are covered with feathers that help to keep them warm and dry. Though all birds have wings, some, like the penguin and ostrich cannot fly. The body of the birds are designed to be as light as possible, like hollow bones and a streamlined body, which help them in flying.

Birds have various kinds of beaks, feet and claws according to their diet and way of life. Birds have no teeth and their beaks are made of horn.

The heron has a long slender beak for spearing fish, while a hawk has a sharp curved beak for tearing meat. A parrot has a very strong beak for cracking nuts.

When a bird flaps its wings its feathers push the air back and downwards, so that the bird moves forward and up. Together with the tail, the wings help the bird to steer, brake and land.

Birds differ enormously in colour, size and shape. The largest bird, the ostrich, which can grow upto two and half metres tall cannot fly but can run very fast. The smallest bird is the humming bird which hovers in mid air and even flies backwards, beating its wings at great speed. Birds eat different food. For example, quails eat grass and parrots eat fruits and nuts.

Because of only waterproof feathers, some birds can swim too. These birds eat food like fish, snails and water plants.

Some birds like the heron cannot swim, but live on the edge of water. Some birds like the wood peckers and bee-eaters eat insects.

Some large birds like the eagle, kill the prey with their strong beak and claws. Their eyesight is very good which enables them to see any small movement on the ground. Thus they can identify their prey from a long distance.

- a) What kind of feet and claws do the birds have? 2
- b) How does a bird move forward and upwards? 2
- c) What is said about the largest bird? 2
- d) What is rare about the way a humming bird flies? 2
- e) How is the body of a bird designed? 2
- f) What is special about the eyesight of an eagle? 2

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

The world is finite, resources are scarce,  
Things are bad and will be worse,  
Coal is burned and gas exploded,  
Forests cut and soils eroded  
Wells are dry and air's polluted  
Dust is blowing, trees uprooted,  
Oil is going, ores depleted,  
Drains receive what is excreted.  
Land is sinking, seas are rising,  
Man is far too enterprising.  
Fire will rage with man to fan it,  
Soon we'll have a plundered planet.

- a) What is the most important problem being faced by the Earth today? 2
- b) What are some of the ways in which man has 'plundered' the earth? 2
- c) What is the effect of man's thoughtlessness and greed? 2
- d) Who do the poet hold responsible for the depletion of the Earth's resources? 2

**SECTION-B**  
**(WRITING)**  
**(MARKS: 20)**

3. Write an essay on any one of the following: 10
- a) Role of Advertisement in our Life
  - b) Impact of Fashion on students
  - c) India as you would like to see in the next twenty years
  - d) A visit to a Hill Station

4. You are Rohan/Rihana, 20 Mall Road, Delhi. You feel that city roads are no longer safe for the pedestrians and cyclists .write a letter addressed to the Editor of a national daily, giving your views on this problem.

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Write an article for your school magazine justifying the need for education of girls in the country for national development. (125-150 words)

**Section C**  
**(Applied Grammar)**  
**(Marks: 10)**

5. The passage has not been edited. There are errors. Write the incorrect word and correction as shown in example. 5

E.g. which ->who

Overeating is one of the more wonderful practices among those which think that they can afford it. In fact that is said that almost all those who can get as much as he desire, overeat to their disadvantage. This class of peoples could save a great deal more food than they can save by missing one meal per week and also improving their health.

6. Change the following from Direct Speech to Indirect Speech. 5
- Mohan said, "Two and three is five".
  - He said to me, "I am reading a story".
  - "I am very happy", Mother says.
  - She said, "This is my book".
  - Sunil said to his servant, "Post the letter at once".

**Section D**  
**(Literature)**  
**(Marks: 50)**

7. Choose any two of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

4X2=8

- When Tao Ying rides on the bus alone, quite often she does not bother to buy ticket. Why should she? Without her, the bus would still be stopping at every stop, a driver and a conductor would still have to be employed, and the same amount of petrol used.  
Clearly Tao Ying has to be astute. When the bus conductor looks like the responsible type, she would buy a ticket as soon as she got on board. But if he appeared to be casual and careless, she would not dream of paying, considering it a small punishment for and a little saving for herself?
  - Why is Tao Ying undecided about buying a ticket when she rode a bus that day? What logic does she present? 2
  - How does the first sentence of this extract connect the theme of the story? 2
- Stand still and i will read to thee  
A Lecture, Love, in loves philosophy,

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| i.   | Name the poem and the poet.  | 2 |
| ii.  | Why is the poet asked to “stand still”?  | 2 |
| c.   | “I only come to tell you that I dreamed about you Last night”, she said. “You must leave right away and not come back to Vienna for five years”. |   |
| i.   | Who is the dreamer here?   | 1 |
| ii.  | What is the dream?   | 1 |
| iii. | What is the effect of the dreamer on the writer?   | 2 |
8. Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words :- 6x2=12
- a. How genuine is the love that Manjula expresses for her sister?
  - b. What aspects of Indian society and history get highlighted in the poem ‘Blood’?
  - c. What made Tao Ying whether to buy a ticket or not when she rode a bus alone?
9. Answer any five of the following : 4x5=20
- a. A film maker is nothing more than a conjuror who lets his audience believe what he wants to tell them. How does Ingmar Bergman explain this?
  - b. Eveline is tossed between past and future. Explain her dilemma.
  - c. Why does Tao Ying want the officers that she had done no wrong?
  - d. What is the role of mother in Prakriti’s self realisations?
  - e. Why does author compare Neruda to a Renaissance pope?
  - f. How does Yeats portray the beauty of autumn?

**Note: Answer either Group-A or Group-B**

**Group-A**

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 words: 6x1=6
- a. Comment on the role of Dr. Pal in Margayya’s life.
  - b. Margayya hates poverty and his ambition to become rich pre dominates the novel. Justify the statement with suitable examples.
11. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. 4x1=4
- a. Describe the Laxmi Puja conducted by Margayya. Why did he do it?
  - b. Balu always brought bad luck to Margayya. Justify this statement with the help of examples?

**Group-B**

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 words: 6x1=6
- a. What idea of human beings did the tiger have while he was at the circus? When and why did he change his opinion about them?
  - b. “ ‘Beast’ or ‘brute’ are ugly words coined by man in arrogance.” In the light this statement, explain how men are different from animals.
13. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : 4x1=4
- a. Why did the tiger follow the children to school?
  - b. What is the role of the hermit in the novel, ‘A Tiger for Malgudi’?

