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Time: 02.00 pm to 05.00 pm

Instruction: All questions are compulsory.

Q.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (10)

The Bermuda Triangle is a strange triangular area on the Atlantic Ocean where many ships sailing through it and planes passing over it have disappeared without a trace. In few of such cases where wrecks could be found, the crew had vanished. It is also called the “vortex of doom” because more than a thousand ships and planes have disappeared in the triangle area over the past five centuries and continue to do so.

Apparently, this seems to happen when there are no human errors, equipment failures or even natural disasters. People have even gone so far as to speculate that it’s an area of extra-terrestrial activity or that there is some bizarre natural scientific cause for the region to be hazardous, but most likely, its simply an area in which people have experienced a lot of bad luck. Strangely, the ships and aircrafts just vanish when everything seems to be okay. Many believe that devil is at play here and therefore call the area as the “Devil’s Triangle”.

The facts, however, are quite far from what is generally known or believed to be true. There are many stories and myths created through sheer imagination by writers who have used them rampantly to draw publicity to their books. However, one thing which is beyond doubt is that far too many incidents have taken place in this area for it to be ignored casually or interpreted to be just another normal ocean area.

However, since the inception of the myth, many have blamed the triangle’s supposed lethality on everything from aliens and sea monsters to time warps and reverse gravity fields. The more scientifically minded theorists have pointed to magnetic anomalies, waterspouts or huge eruptions of methane gas from the ocean floor. In spite of all this, the Bermuda triangle remains to be the greatest unsolved mystery of modern age.

1. What is the Bermuda Triangle?
2. What happens to the ships and aircrafts passing over the Bermuda Triangle?
3. What is the other name for the Bermuda Triangle?
4. Since how long are ships and planes disappearing on the Bermuda Triangle?
5. What do people speculate about the Bermuda Triangle?
6. Why is it called “Devil’s Triangle”?
7. Why do writers use their imagination about the Bermuda triangle in their books?
8. What is the lethality of the Bermuda Triangle blamed upon?
9. What have the scientific minded theorist pointed out?
10. What type of a mystery is the Bermuda Triangle ?

Q.2(a) Give the synonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Build | 6. Organize |
| 2. Honest | 7. Famous |
| 3. Beautiful | 8. Genuine |
| 4. Destruct | 9. Solution |
| 5. Fuss | 10. Massive |

Q.2(b) Give the antonyms of the following (10)

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| 1. Foe | 6. Discipline |
| 2. Regular | 7. Wealthy |
| 3. Dull | 8. Risky |
| 4. Weak | 9. Miser |
| 5. Horizontal | 10. Expensive |

Q.3(a) Fill in the blanks with prefixes and suffixes (10)

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| 1. _____ doubted _____ | 6. _____ thinking _____ |
| 2. _____ trust _____ | 7. _____ truth _____ |
| 3. _____ common _____ | 8. _____ legal _____ |
| 4. _____ sincere _____ | 9. _____ proper _____ |
| 5. _____ regard _____ | 10. _____ definite _____ |

Q.3(b) Select the appropriate form of verb (10)

1. They _____ the kitchen since 2 hours (cleans/cleaned/have been cleaning)
2. He _____ with me for a petty reason (was fighting/are fight/ were fighting)
3. Your time _____ now. (started/is starting/starts)
4. She always _____ me to remind me of important things. (calls/ will call/ will be called)
5. They _____ a surprise party for the entire team. (plan/has planned/have planned)
6. She _____ on the spot to face him. (turn/turns/turned)
7. I _____ your sentiments. (values/ value/ valued)
8. I _____ all the Harry Potter movies a numerous time. (watching/was watched/have watched)
9. He had _____ to be alone. (chosen/choose/chooses)
10. Her entire family _____ in the U.S.A. (have settled/ has settled/are settled)

Q.3(c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (10)

1. We accompanied her _____ the end of the road. (since/of/till)
2. She had tears _____ happiness in her eyes (for/of/with)
3. My drawer is overflowing _____ unwanted papers (with/to/beside)
4. I have known him _____ childhood. (since/till/until)
5. The child was crying _____ its mother (for/at/towards)
6. We travelled _____ bus to save money. (from/by/with)
7. While waiting _____ the room, he suddenly looked worried. (in/into/at)
8. Where are you coming _____. (for/to/from/with)
9. Psychology is _____ my understanding (beneath/beyond/besides)
10. My home is just 5 minutes away _____ the school. (in/across/from)

Q.4(a) Write a paragraph each on the topics given below (10)

1. Importance of mental health
2. Plant trees to save earth

Q.4(b) Write an essay (Any 2) (20)

1. Social media
2. All that glitters is not gold
3. An incident of your life that you will never forget
4. My favorite holiday destination would be...

Q.5 Write a letter to your friend inviting them to a trip to Manali with your family. (10)

Or

Write a letter to the principal of your college requesting them for a leave for 8 days.