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**Total marks: 100**

**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)**

Humming Birds are the most amazing birds. They are the smallest of the birds and weigh less than even a penny. The bee humming bird, at barely two inches long, is the smallest bird in the world. The most beautiful humming birds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest on the tiny head shines like a sparkling crown of colored light.

Unlike most birds, humming birds have shimmery feathers. The shades of color that adorn its breast are equally brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like any living being. All humming birds have long bills to insert into flowers. They are called humming birds because they make a soft, humming noise by the rapid motion of their wings – a motion so rapid, that as they fly you can hardly see that they have wings. They are the only birds that can fly backwards.

One day when walking in the woods, I found the nest of one of the smallest humming birds. It was about half the size of a very small hen's egg and it was attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. It seemed to have been made of cotton fibers and was covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. It had two eggs in it, and each was about as large as a small sugarplum.

When you approach the spot where one of these birds has built its nest, it is necessary to be careful. The mother bird will dart at you and try to peck your eyes. Its sharp beak may hurt your eyes most severely and even destroy your sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that you might carry off its nest if you find it.

1. How much do Humming birds weigh?
2. Which is the smallest bird in the world?
3. Where are the most beautiful humming birds found?
4. Describe the look of a humming bird.
5. Why are they called humming birds?
6. Why do humming birds have long bills?
7. What is the uniqueness of a humming bird?
8. Describe the humming bird nest the author finds.
9. What is the size of the humming bird's eggs?
10. Why do you have to be careful when you approach the nest of a humming bird?

**Q2 (a) Give the synonyms of the following (10)**

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| 1. Construct   | 6. Arrange   |
| 2. Trustworthy | 7. Reputed   |
| 3. Gorgeous    | 8. Authentic |
| 4. Destroy     | 9. Answer    |
| 5. Complaint   | 10. Large    |

**Q2 (b) Give the antonyms of the following (10)**

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| 1. Friend    | 6. Indiscipline |
| 2. Irregular | 7. Poor         |
| 3. Vibrant   | 8. Safe         |
| 4. Strong    | 9. Extravagant  |
| 5. Vertical  | 10. Cheap       |

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

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

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

1. Yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_ the entire house tirelessly (cleans/cleaned/have been cleaning)
2. Some kids \_\_\_\_\_ for the window seat. (was fighting/are fight/ were fighting)
3. First lecture \_\_\_\_\_ at 8:15 am every day. (started/is starting/starts)
4. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ you to give the invitation. (calls/ will call/ will be called)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ out everything properly for tomorrow's event. (plan/has planned/have planned)
6. Our visit to the clients \_\_\_\_\_ out to be very successful. (turn/turns/turned)
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ your loyalty. (values/ value/ valued)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ all the Harry Potter movies a numerous time. (watching/was watched/have watched)
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ to be alone as she fears to get hurt again. (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 were trying to reach you \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. (since/of/till)
2. She had tears \_\_\_\_\_ happiness in her eyes (for/of/with)
3. The shoe rack \_\_\_\_\_ the wall is overflowing with footwear (toward/to/beside)
4. My friend shares all the secrets \_\_\_\_\_ me (for/with/from)
5. He hides the keys \_\_\_\_\_ the doormat when he is not home. (under/over/below)
6. We travelled \_\_\_\_\_ bus to save money. (from/by/with)
7. While waiting \_\_\_\_\_ the room, he suddenly looked worried. (in/into/at)
8. Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ all the help. (for/to/with)
9. I am reaching \_\_\_\_\_ an hour. (within/without/witherto)
10. I am standing \_\_\_\_\_ the street. (in/across/from)

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

1. Importance of healthy living
2. Save water, Save life

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

1. School life was better than college life
2. Honesty is the best policy
3. A memory that I will always cherish
4. If I become a Billionaire, I would ...

**Q.5 Write a letter to your cousin telling them about an award that you won recently. (10)**

**OR**

Write a letter to the newspaper editor telling them about the frequent power cuts in your area.

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