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## **MASTER OF COMMERCE (M.COM.)**

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#### **Sub: Advance English - I (MCAE-111)**

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**Date: 09/12/2022**

**Total marks: 100**

**Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm**

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**Instruction: All questions are compulsory.**

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

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears have been categorized as a "threatened" species.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered primarily due to global warming. Global warming is caused by carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere. Heating homes, driving cars, and burning garbage all require fossil fuels that lead to global warming.

The polar bear's habitat is more vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is where they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. If they have to swim too far they will drown from exhaustion and hunger. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 25% of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 30 years.

It is not only the polar bear that is at risk in the Arctic. Every species of plant, animal, and insect there is threatened by global warming. It is important that animals such as the polar bear make it onto the endangered species list. Once they are on the list there are laws that protect these animals from being hunted for food or sport.

1. What do you mean by 'endangered species'?
2. Why is the Polar Bear classified as "endangered species"?
3. What is Global warming?
4. What is the effect of Global warming in the Arctic?
5. What will happen to the Polar bears if they have to swim too far?
6. How much of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the last 30 years?
7. Besides the Polar Bear who else are at a risk in the Arctic?
8. Why is it important for the Polar Bear to make it onto the endangered species list?
9. What is the synonym of a) endangered b) exhaustion?

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

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|---------------|--------------|
| a. Honest –   | f. Pricey -  |
| b. Silent -   | g. Infant -  |
| c. Colorful – | h. Journey - |
| d. False –    | i. Exit -    |
| e. Occur -    | j. Huge -    |

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

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Careful X _____     | f. Foe X _____         |
| b. Borrow X _____      | g. Guest X _____       |
| c. Timid X _____       | h. Failure X _____     |
| d. Extravagant X _____ | i. Interesting X _____ |
| e. Noisy X _____       | j. Intentional X _____ |

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| a. _____ danger _____    | d. _____ legal _____ |
| b. _____ decisive _____  | e. _____ treat _____ |
| c. _____ fortunate _____ |                      |

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

- She \_\_\_\_\_ everyone respectfully. (treat)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ participated thrice in this competition. (participate)
- It \_\_\_\_\_ since morning today. (rain)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of information through our interaction these days. (gain)
- He \_\_\_\_\_ when he read the report as the figures showed a difference. (confuse)

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

- My village is \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- While looking \_\_\_\_\_ the window, I saw the kids chasing he puppies.
- He looked \_\_\_\_\_ her back hoping to find something to eat.
- My faith \_\_\_\_\_ God almighty is unwavering.
- We decided \_\_\_\_\_ have a word with them.
- The subject was stretched \_\_\_\_\_ limit and it affected everybody concerned.
- My great grandfather opened the restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ the year 1949.
- We will be taking a flight \_\_\_\_\_ Cochin and reaching Pune on Monday morning.
- My mother always has her meal \_\_\_\_\_ everybody has eaten.
- Please remove your shoes \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

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

- Effects of the frequent climatic changes
- Addiction in any form is dangerous

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

- Social Media
- The best holiday destination for me is ...
- Failure teaches you more than success does
- School life v/s college life

**Q.5 Write a letter (Any One) (10)**

- Write a letter to your friend inviting/convincing him/her to join you on a trekking trip next month.

**OR**

- Write a letter to a newspaper editor informing about the condition of roads in your area.

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