

# TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE

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Time: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Instructions: 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

## SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

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

Bruno, my wife's pet sloth bear. I got him for her by accident. Two years ago, we were passing through the sugarcane fields near Mysore. People were driving away the wild pigs from the fields by shooting at them. Some were shot and some escaped. We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun. I will not shoot a sloth bear wantonly, but unfortunately for the poor beast, one of my companions did not feel that way about it, and promptly shot the bear on the spot.

As we watched the fallen animal, we were surprised to see that the black fur on its back moved and left the prostrate body. Then we saw it was a baby bear that had been riding on its mother's back when the sudden shot had killed her. The little creature ran around its prostrate parent making a pitiful noise. I ran up to it to attempt to capture. It scooted into the sugarcane field. Following it with my companions, I was at last able to grab it by the scruff of its neck while it snapped and tried to scratch me with its long, hooked claws.

We put it in one of the gunny-bags we had brought and when I got back to Bangalore, I duly presented it to my wife. She was delighted! She at once put a coloured ribbon around his neck, and after discovering the cub was a 'boy' she christened it Bruno.

Bruno soon took to drinking milk from a bottle. It was but a step further and within a very few days he started eating and drinking everything else. And everything is the right word. He ate porridge made from any ingredients, vegetables, fruit, nuts, meat (especially pork), curry and rice regardless of condiments and chilies, bread, eggs, chocolates, sweets, pudding, ice-cream, etc. etc. etc. As for drink: milk, tea, coffee, lime-juice, aerated water, buttermilk, beer, alcoholic liquor and, in fact anything liquid. It all went down with relish!

Choose the correct option: [2]

- The mother bear was killed by (the narrator/the narrator's companion).
- The mother bear lay dead on her (stomach/back).
- The baby bear was named 'Bruno' by (the narrator/the narrator's wife)
- The narrator and his family were living in (Bangalore/Mysore).

2. How did the baby bear react when the narrator caught him? [2]

3. Explain the line: It all went down with relish. [2]

Pick out one word from the passage for: (a) lazy/slow moving (b) for no good reason (c) taking short and quick breaths (d) spices [2]

5. Do as instructed: [2]

(a) He promptly shot the bear on the spot. [Pick out the adverb]

(b) She was delighted. [Turn into exclamatory sentence]

## SECTION B

**Q. 2** A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10)

- They are called \_\_\_\_\_ different names.
- This is a comfortable home to live \_\_\_\_\_.
- I gave him a chair to sit \_\_\_\_\_.
- She poured the tea \_\_\_\_\_ the mug.
- Where do you come \_\_\_\_\_?
- I haven't seen you \_\_\_\_\_ ages.
- The bridge is \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- We should spend money unnecessarily \_\_\_\_\_ luxuries.
- Let's meet \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon, and not \_\_\_\_\_ night.
- 'I' comes \_\_\_\_\_ 'K' in the English alphabet.

(B) Make action words (verbs) from the following words: (10)

Poverty, dead, adventure, qualification, endurance, assumption, speech, intention, length, loose

**Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option:** (10)

1. They (live/lives) in a city which (have/has) a high crime rate.
2. In the corner of the living room (is/are) two china dogs.
3. The cost of refrigerators (have gone up/has gone up) lately.
4. Why (are/is) Paul and Simon so tired?
5. She (goes/go) to Douglas College which (has/have) three campuses.
6. In the sky (is/are) millions of stars.
7. Each of the girls (is wearing/are wearing) her best dress.
8. On the top of the mountains (is/are) two small temples.
9. Mike, like many other students (has been trying/have been trying) to decide on the best gift to buy.
10. The couple (shares/share) an apartment which (has/have) three bedrooms.

**(B) Fill in the gaps with appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets:** (10)

- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt last summer.
- (b) It's already 9:30 pm, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) here for over an hour.
- (c) If nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (want) it, I'll throw it away.
- (d) He tried his best, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (do/not) succeed.
- (e) She worked hard that she \_\_\_\_\_ (may) achieve her goal.
- (f) Yesterday, the patient \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better than he feels today.
- (g) They noticed that they \_\_\_\_\_ (already/fly) for three hours.
- (h) They asked if the work \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) by tomorrow.
- (i) She was not lame, but she walked as if she \_\_\_\_\_ (be).
- (j) The principal will call you as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ (come).

**Q. 4 [A] Change the voice in the first five sentences, and report the remaining five sentences in the indirect speech:** (10)

1. The government is planning a new road in our locality.
2. I attended the conference on digital marketing yesterday.
3. The cleaner has cleaned the office.
4. He had written three novels before 1976.
5. They will contact you tomorrow.
6. The man said to the inspector, "I want to lodge a complaint against my landlord."
7. The doctor asked the patient, "Did you eat anything in the morning?"
8. The teacher said, "When heated, water turns to vapour."
9. The boss said to her, "If you don't improve your performance, I will fire you."
10. The professor said to the students, "You are going to learn a new poem today."

**(B) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words:** (20)

1. The most unforgettable incident in my life.
  2. The thing I hate most.
  3. Clean City; Smart City.
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