

**TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE**  
**SANSKRIT VISHARAD (B.A.)**  
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**FIRST SEMESTER**  
**Sub. : English - I (19E417)**

**Date: 11/01/2023**

**Total marks: 80**

**Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 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)**

Once upon a time, a Russian nobleman and his wife were going to a distant city in a carriage drawn by four horses. Their way led them through a wood. When they had travelled for a few miles, they were attacked by a pack of wolves. Their servant, on seeing the wolves, came nearer, begged his master to let him abandon one of the horses. The nobleman consented and one of the horses was sacrificed to the wolves. The wolves seized the horse and soon tore it into pieces and devoured it. But this did not stop them their pursuit of the carriage. The wolves were upon them again. Having tasted blood, they became more vicious. Again another horse was sacrificed.

But no sooner had the wolves devoured another horse, they came rushing from all sides, more vicious than ever. The servant realized that their situation was now very desperate and desperate situations demand desperate solutions. He said, "Please master, there is no other way to satisfy than for me to give myself up to these vicious wolves. While they are following me, you will get enough time to escape. All I ask is that you act as a caretaker to my family and children when I am gone."

The nobleman refused to let his faithful servant sacrifice himself, but the servant was firm in his decision. Before his master could stop him, he jumped off the moving carriage and began to run towards the trees. The wolves seeing the fleeing man gave up their pursuit and fell upon their new prey. Some wolves followed the carriage for a short distance, but now they were nearing the outskirts of the city. They gave up their chase, and stood howling at the edge of the woods, while the carriage made its way safely to the city.

1. Complete the following sentences: (2)
  - (a) The wolves saw the servant running and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) The chase was given up by the wolves when \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Select the correct option: (2)
  - (a) The wolves devoured (two/three) horses.
  - (b) The phrase 'new prey' refers to the (horse/servant).
  - (c) The carriage had (three/four) horses
  - (d) The carriage carried (three/two) persons.
3. Loyalty is the greatest virtue. Do you agree? Justify. (2)
4. Pick out synonyms from the extract for: (a) ate hungrily and quickly (b) fierce (c) took something suddenly and forcibly (d) hopeless (2)
5. Do as instructed: (2)
  - (a) Some wolves followed the carriage for a short distance. (Add question tag)
  - (b) The wolves became more vicious. (Frame a w/h question to get the underlined part as an answer)

**SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)**

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

- 1) Most people, by and large, are ignorant \_\_\_\_\_ nutrition and nutritional needs.
- 2) His parents stood \_\_\_\_\_ him when he was in financial crisis.
- 3) The sea abounds \_\_\_\_\_ fish.
- 4) At least twenty flights bound \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi were diverted to Chandigarh due to bad weather.
- 5) He called \_\_\_\_\_ help when he was in trouble.
- 6) Her success is attributed \_\_\_\_\_ her hard work.

- 7) He saw me \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant, and he came to join me.
- 8) Unfortunately, the court case went \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- 9) The singer mesmerized the audience \_\_\_\_\_ his wonderful performance.
- 10) My neighbour had to sell the house as he was \_\_\_\_\_ debt.

**(B) Make opposites of the following:**

**(10)**

Propose, freedom, natural, dull, leaders, stale, attack, vanish, punishment, praise

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

**(10)**

- 1) Her (vacation/vocation) is painting.
- 2) A (beneficent/beneficial) man is respected by all.
- 3) The tent is made of (canvas/canvass).
- 4) He is a man of (childish/childlike) simplicity.
- 5) The Chinese army (erupted/irrupted) into Arunachal Pradesh.
- 6) Don't let your dog (lose/loose).
- 7) A severe (decease/disease) may cause (disease/decease).
- 8) The unauthorized building was (razed/raised) to the ground.
- 9) The pole star is (stationary/stationery) in the heavens.
- 10) The government has (waved/waived) all the taxes.

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

**(10)**

- a) The Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very busy, but he came to give away the prizes.
- b) Rajdhani Express almost always \_\_\_\_\_ (run) on time.
- c) Manasi \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for the UK next week.
- d) The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) since morning.
- e) By 2030, computers \_\_\_\_\_ (take over) many of the jobs that people do today.
- f) We \_\_\_\_\_ (finished) our breakfast before she came.
- g) If you deserve it, you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) the prize.
- h) If she had asked me before, I \_\_\_\_\_ (help) her.
- i) Look! How she \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) madly!
- j) I warned him, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (ignore) my advice.

**Q. 4 A) Complete the following table:**

**(10)**

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
Protection		
Courage		
Hardness		
Comfort		
Variety		
Confidence		
Friend		
Sale		
Memory		
Necessity		

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

**(20)**

- 1) The worst nightmare I ever had
- 2) Disadvantages of online education
- 3) Reasons behind the popularity of fast food

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