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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

- Instructions:** 1) Attempt all Questions
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions (10)

A Sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places, usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities, they build their nests in building nooks and holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch between eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies with flicks of their wings. They also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings also ducking its head under the water both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

- Q1. What is the size of a sparrow ?
Q2. Where do sparrows prefer to build their nests ?
Q3. Out of what do sparrows build their nests ?
Q4. How many eggs do sparrows lay at a time ?
Q5. What is the color of their eggs ?
Q6. After how many days do the eggs hatch ?
Q7. What do sparrows engage in ?
Q8. What is dust bathing ?
Q9. What is water bathing ?
Q10. Why are dust bathing and water bathing called social activities ?

Q. 2. Give short responses to the following (Any 5) (10)

1. "How do you do?" Write an appropriate response for the given expression.
2. Your friend wants to borrow your laptop for two days. You do not want to give it to him. How will you refuse him?
3. Write an appropriate expression to indicate your happiness when somebody compliments you on your resourcefulness.
4. How will you introduce yourself to your new boss?
5. Excuse me. Do you mind if I join you ? Respond to this if one of your not so close friends asks you while you are with your friend.
6. "Cigarette is good for health". Disagree with this statement.
7. You have to make an urgent call but have forgotten your mobile at home. How will you request your colleague for his mobile?

Q. 3. Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below. (10)

1. You want to purchase some books for your library. Write a conversation between you and the shopkeeper.
2. Your friend has just returned from a trip to Manali. Ask him / her for information regarding mode of journey, weather, food and accommodation so that you can plan your vacation to Manali.

Q. 4. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

1. Write a letter to place an order of books from Saraswati Stationers.
2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to join you for a trek from Katraj to Sinhagad.

Q. 5. Write an Essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics given below: (10)

1. An incidence that I will never forget
2. How can we make this world a better place?

Q. 6. Rewrite the sentences referring to the brackets (10)

1. Last evening, I reached home late. After taking dinner, I _____ (retire) to bed.
2. She unwrapped _____ gift and squealed with delight. (its / mine / hers / her)
3. _____ the coming few weeks, we intend _____ reach as many people as we can _____ boost our activities _____ this campaign. (to/ for/ In/ to/ with/ from/ by/ After)
4. Give the comparative and superlative form of 'Intelligent' is _____ (Intelligenter, Intelligentest/ More intelligent, Most intelligent)
5. _____ he worked hard _____ he did not get the desired result. (No sooner-than/ Although-yet/ Not only-but also/ Neither-nor)
6. _____ being a doctor, she is also a musician. (Beside/Besides/ With/For)
7. _____ honest person finds it very difficult if they have to lie for any reason.

(A/An/The)

8. If we work hard, we _____ success eventually. (achieved/ will achieve/ have achieved/ achieves)
9. The past participle of the verb 'hide' is _____. (hide / hid/ hidded / hidden)
10. The youngest boy _____ in the closet when he saw armed men searching the house at night. (hidden/ was hiding/ is hidden/ hides)
