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

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

Pheasants are shy, charming birds known for their brilliant plumage. These beautiful birds occupy an important place in nature's scheme of things.

There are 51 species of pheasants in the world. Except for the Congo Peafowl, all the other pheasants are from Asia. Scientists believe that all pheasants originated from the Himalayas and then scattered into Tibet, China, Myanmar, South and South East Asian countries as well as the Caucasus mountains. The jungle fowl and the peafowl spread to South India and Sri Lanka long before the early settlers in the Indo-Gangetic plains.

About a third of all the pheasants in the world are found in India. The male blue peafowl (the peacock) is the best-known member of the pheasant family which is vibrant in colors and is India's National bird. It occupies a prominent place in Indian art, culture and folklore.

According to history, Egyptian pharaohs kept peafowl as pets. Alexander the Great was so taken up by the beauty of the birds that he took them back to Greece. The Red jungle fowl may be the most important species of pheasants in the world. It is the ancestor of the domestic chicken.

The Common or Ring neck pheasant has been introduced almost all over the world for the sake of sport.

The Himalayan Monal is a bird of nine colors. It is the state bird of both Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal. It is also the National Bird of Nepal. The state bird of Nagaland is the Blyth's tragopan, that of Sikkim is the Blood pheasant and both Manipur and Mizoram have the Hume's pheasant.

However, their very survival is under threat through the expansion of agriculture, commercial felling, overgrazing and the increase in human population.

Pheasants are highly adaptable to aviculture and this has played a major role in their survival. For example, one species – the Edward's Pheasant, was once believed to be extinct in the jungles of Vietnam. But sustainable populations of this bird were found in aviaries and a reintroduction program ensured that they did not become extinct.

Q 1. What are Pheasants known for ?

Q2. Which pheasant does not belong to Asia ?

Q3. Where did pheasants originate from ?

Q4. How many pheasants are found in India ?

Q5. What is the other name for the peacock ?

Q6. Give an example to show that kings and emperors of earlier times were charmed by the beauty of these birds.

- Q7. Which pheasant is used for sports ?  
 Q8. Which is the state bird of Manipur and Mizoram ?  
 Q9. Why do pheasants have to fight for their survival ?  
 Q10. Which quality of the pheasants has played a chief role in their survival ?

**(b) Give the synonyms of the following (10)**

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| 1. Coarse  | 6. Occur         |
| 2. Unlucky | 7. Unintentional |
| 3. Foe     | 8. Quick         |
| 4. Error   | 9. Worth         |
| 5. Middle  | 10. Gather       |

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

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| 1. Presence  | 6. Departure |
| 2. Ignorance | 7. Gain      |
| 3. Coward    | 8. Straight  |
| 4. Exclude   | 9. Encourage |
| 5. Certainly | 10. Victory  |

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ danger \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ trust \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ willing \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ taken \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ judge \_\_\_\_\_

**(b) Select the appropriate form of verb (10)**

- a) Vedant walked into the office \_\_\_\_\_ the file lying on the table. (get)
- b) My father always \_\_\_\_\_ that all is well that ends well. (say)
- c) Shiva \_\_\_\_\_ the message well in time but did not act upon it (receive)
- d) Avi \_\_\_\_\_ to be the only person to have completed the task. (claim)
- e) They \_\_\_\_\_ a close eye on all the defaulters since past 2 years. (keep)

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

- a) She often gave him reasons \_\_\_\_\_ push himself.
- b) We waited \_\_\_\_\_ the announcement \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday evening but it never came.
- c) While walking \_\_\_\_\_ the door, I realized that the door was already ajar.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ Neeti \_\_\_\_\_ Sudha, every girl in the hostel has a different personality.
- e) Everyone went quiet as soon as he stepped \_\_\_\_\_ the room.
- f) Basements are dug \_\_\_\_\_ the ground.
- g) The post office is \_\_\_\_\_ the road \_\_\_\_\_ the grocery store.

- h) She dealt \_\_\_\_\_ the entire situation \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of courage and grace.  
i) We need \_\_\_\_\_ finish this task \_\_\_\_\_ one hour.  
j) \_\_\_\_\_ being a doctor, he was also a pro at playing tennis.

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

- a) Helmet is essential for all bike riders  
b) My favorite book

**(b) Write an essay (Any Two) (20)**

1. Contribution of technology in Education
2. Healthy Lifestyle
3. Actions speak louder than words.
4. If I could live my childhood again, I would...

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

1. Write a letter of application for the post of Marketing Manager in GenZ Pvt. Ltd.
  2. Your cousin just passed his / her 10-std. examination. Advise him / her about the selection of stream of education.
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