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Total marks: 100

Time: 10.00 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)

1. One of the greatest mysteries of birds' life is migration or travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter birds travel from their breeding places in the other regions of Asia, Europe and America to the warmer southern lands. They make their return journey again during spring and early summer.
2. They are very punctual too unless they are delayed because of bad weather. Birds usually travel in flocks. The V-shaped formation of cranes and geese attracts much attention as they speed across the sky. Usually the male birds go first to their breeding grounds and the female birds follow in a few days.
3. The movement of birds with the changing seasons was known from the earliest times, but people had strange ideas as to why the birds travelled or where they went. To explain their absence, they said that the birds buried themselves in the mud and slept there throughout the winter.
4. Later, detailed studies of migration were undertaken. Information was gained by directly observing the habits of birds and also by ringing. Ringing is done by capturing a bird and putting on its leg a light band of metal or plastic. The band has a number, date, identification mark and the address to which the finder is requested to return the ring.
5. The bird is then set free. The place where such a bird is shot, captured or found dead gives a clue to the direction and locality to which the bird has migrated. Birds migrate primarily to escape the bitter cold and limited food supply.
6. The migration of birds is a fascinating study indeed, and there are still many unsolved mysteries. For example, how do birds know when to start? How do they know the way over the sea without any landmark? How do they manage to return year after year to the same locality? These and many more interesting questions are waiting for you to solve.
  1. Say if the following statements are true or false: (2)
    - (a) Birds always migrate in isolation.
    - (b) Birds migrate from colder regions to warmer regions.
  2. Complete the following statements: (2)
    - (a) Birds are not punctual if \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) The two methods mentioned in the passage that people gained information about migration of birds are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Why do you think birds travel in groups? (2)
  4. Pick out one word from the passage for: (a) 'watching carefully' [para 4] (b) 'very interesting' [para 6] (c) 'being away' [para 3] (d) 'hint' [para 5] (2)
  5. Do as instructed: (2)
    - (a) Birds usually migrate in flocks. (Add question tag)
    - (b) There are still unsolved mysteries. (The underlined word is 'Verb/Adjective/Adverb'. Select the correct option)

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

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

- 1) Don't ask me to add up the bill. I'm really bad \_\_\_\_\_ maths.
- 2) The teacher was angry \_\_\_\_\_ her students for not doing their homework.
- 3) My parents always stood \_\_\_\_\_ me whenever I was in crisis.
- 4) The chairman will preside \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
- 5) The king was blind \_\_\_\_\_ one eye.
- 6) I saw a policeman running \_\_\_\_\_ a thief.
- 7) The leader is popular \_\_\_\_\_ his followers.
- 8) They have lived in this town \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.
- 9) Afflicted \_\_\_\_\_ corona, he died a miserable death.
- 10) Heavy penalties deter drivers \_\_\_\_\_ speeding.

**(B) Complete the following table:**

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NOUN	VERB (ACTION WORD)	ADJECTIVE (DESCRIBING WORD)
1. Confidence		
2. digit		
3. strength		
4. difference		
5. integration		
6. speed		
7. confusion		
8. width		
9. terror		
10. suitability		

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

**(10)**

- 1) When the rescue team arrived at the (sight/site), they found that a few passengers were still alive.
- 2) Those companies that safe and reliable for investments are called blue(chip/cheap) companies.
- 3) Even if it is far, they want to go to Paris for a weekend (brake/break).
- 4) She is an (adept/adapt) in painting.
- 5) I'm afraid. I cannot (exceed/accede) to your request.
- 6) He smokes to (excess/access).
- 7) A mirage is an optical (illusion/allusion).
- 8) The court granted him (bale/bail).
- 9) I can't (bear/bare) this insult.
- 10) Shoes made of (canvas/canvass) are not durable.

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

**(10)**

- a) A lie may sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) a life.
- b) If he \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) your letter, he would have replied.
- c) Mala \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her work for today.
- d) He finished first though he \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) late.
- e) You \_\_\_\_\_ (not succeed) unless you work harder.

- f) My friends \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the Prime Minister yesterday.  
 g) He used to visit us every week, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (rarely come) now.  
 h) The guests \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), and they are sitting in the garden.  
 i) By 2025, robots \_\_\_\_\_ (take over) many of the jobs that people do today.  
 j) The mother \_\_\_\_\_ (scold) her daughter for staying out too late.

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

**(20)**

VERBS (BASE FORM)	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
1. rise		
2. flee		
3. fly		
4. blow		
5. lay		
6. pay		
7. sit		
8. forget		
9. comfort		
10. glorify		

**B) In the following table, List A contains some words. List B contains their synonyms (similar meaning words) Match the words:**

**(10)**

LIST A	LIST B
1. Amaze	copy
2. compel	whole
3. glory	shine
4. imitate	repulsive
5. ban	fame
6. glitter	uncover
7. entire	comfort
8. ease	astonish
9. expose	force
10. unpleasant	prohibition

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

**(10)**

- 1) Modern means of communication
- 2) Discipline-A major ingredient of success recipe
- 3) Travel a lot; Learn a lot