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Total marks: 100

Time: 10.00am to 01.00pm

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)

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears have been categorized as a "threatened" species.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered primarily due to global warming. Global warming is caused by carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere. Heating homes, driving cars, and burning garbage all require fossil fuels that lead to global warming.

The polar bear's habitat is more vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is where they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. If they have to swim too far they will drown from exhaustion and hunger. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 25% of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 30 years.

It is not only the polar bear that is at risk in the Arctic. Every species of plant, animal, and insect there is threatened by global warming. It is important that animals such as the polar bear make it onto the endangered species list. Once they are on the list there are laws that protect these animals from being hunted for food or sport.

1. What do you mean by 'endangered species' ?
2. Why is the Polar Bear classified as "endangered species" ?
3. What is global warming ?
4. What is the effect of Global warming in the Arctic ?
5. What will happen to the Polar bears if they have to swim too far ?
6. How much of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the last 30 years ?
7. Besides the Polar Bear who else are at a risk in the Arctic ?
8. Why is it important for the Polar Bear to make it onto the endangered species list ?
9. What is the synonym of a) endangered b) exhaustion ?

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

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| 1. Unpleasant | 6. Portion |
| 2. Anger | 7. Tale |
| 3. Weep | 8. Display |
| 4. Decide | 9. Manufacture |

5. Ruin

10. Necessary

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

1. Deny

6. Modern

2. Awake

7. Flexible

3. Freedom

8. Inferior

4. Miserable

9. Frequent

5. Dull

10. Cheap

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

1. _____ taken _____

2. _____ definite _____

3. _____ certain _____

4. _____ obvious _____

5. _____ friend _____

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

a) Last Sunday, Jack _____ (have visited, visit, was visiting, visited) many historical places.

b) Jack is going _____ (fly / is flying / to fly / flew) to London next week.

c) On his visits he tries _____ (met / to meet / will meet / has met) all his relatives.

d) He loves _____ (will take /to take / taken / takes) photographs of all his relatives with him.

e) He _____ (came / has come / is coming / comes) to India once in three years.

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

a) It will all be done _____ the end of this week. (by/at/from/with)

b) _____ we discovered this cool food joint, we used to hang out at my friends hotel. (Beyond/Beneath/Between/Before)

c) Registration forms for the competition will be accepted _____ midnight. (to/in/until/because)

d) The horse runs _____ the track all morning. (below/besides/around/above)

e) He displayed his disinterest _____ the topic. (at/towards/behind/on)

f) The trouble _____ Sanjay is that he does not listen. (for/from/with/to)

g) The police held an inquiry _____ the murder. (in/on/into/for)

h) Mountaineers often have to travel _____ rough terrains. (above/over/through/on)

i) The girl travelled _____ Indian for an entire year. (after/ towards/ across/ beside)

j) The man was awarded _____ his bravery. (beneath / for/ of/ beyond)

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

a) Education should be free for all

b) Corruption

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

1. Actions speak louder than words
2. An impressive personality
3. Effect of social media on today's youth
4. An incident that changed my perspective

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

1. Write a letter to the newspaper editor informing them about the poor condition of roads in your area.
 2. Write a letter to your friend informing them about an upcoming trekking event that you are interested in. Invite them to join you.
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