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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)**

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 colour 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 ?

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

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Furious  | 6. Peaceful   |
| 2. Certain  | 7. Appetizing |
| 3. Conclude | 8. Fake       |
| 4. Conceal  | 9. Maintain   |
| 5. Critical | 10. Concept   |

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

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| 1. Deceased  | 6. Modern     |
| 2. Opponent  | 7. Greedy     |
| 3. Dwarf     | 8. Deceitful  |
| 4. Proud     | 9. Accidental |
| 5. Ignorance | 10. Release   |

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ethical \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ health \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ proper \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ avoid \_\_\_\_\_

**(b) Choose the appropriate words (Noun / Adjective form) from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)**

- a) The form can only be signed by a \_\_\_\_\_ (authority) person.
- b) This \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) lawn is very beautiful.
- c) Cows graze in \_\_\_\_\_ (grass) meadows.
- d) The Pawar's own a \_\_\_\_\_ (palace) house.
- e) Class X is a little \_\_\_\_\_ (problem).
- f) The horrible incident happened on that \_\_\_\_\_ (fate) night.
- g) Navin was a \_\_\_\_\_ (mischief) boy.
- h) The soldiers of Alexander were \_\_\_\_\_ (courage).
- i) The \_\_\_\_\_ (judge) was passed in his favour.
- j) Indians are known for their \_\_\_\_\_ (patriot).

**(c) Choose the appropriate words from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)**

- a) We scored as many goals as \_\_\_\_\_. (they, them)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ I come in Sir ? (May, Can)
- c) Last year, there were a large number of mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ the tree. (on / in)
- d) I can't wait to show you \_\_\_\_\_ pictures we took. (a / the)
- e) He sells mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ oranges. (and, for)

- f) Rama is as old as \_\_\_\_ (I, me)  
g) The river flows \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge. (under / above)  
h) My brother is well \_\_\_\_\_ my sister is ill. (but / and)  
i) Is there \_\_\_\_\_ post office near here ? (a / an)  
j) The earth \_\_\_\_\_ round the sun. (moves, moved)

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

- a) Importance of wearing a helmet while riding a two wheeler  
b) Increasing Population

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

1. Effects of Mobile Phones on the youth today
2. Actions speak louder than words
3. A lesson that life has taught you
4. If you could be a super hero you would choose to be ...

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

1. Write a letter to your cousin to share the news of your achievement in the elocution competition that was held in your college.
  2. Write a letter to a newspaper editor describing them the improper garbage disposal management in your area.
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