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Time : 3 Hours ]

[ Max. Marks : 80

Note : (i) This question paper is divided into Four **Sections-A, B, C and D.**

(ii) **All** questions are **compulsory**. Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION - A (Reading)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-

In the last few years, India has witnessed a degradation of its dense forest cover at an unprecedented rate. Despite having strong policy frame work and much financial aid forest cover in the country has grown by just 0.56 percent or 3,976 km<sup>2</sup> since 2017. It is essential to revisit India's forest governance to become a leader in forest restoration.

There is need to redefine 'forests' and how to measure them. Rather than rely on satellite mapping of canopy cover or hectares of trees, focus should shift to the measurement of the relative density of a 'thriving forest' or an 'ecosystem'. Employing the latest satellite or aerial remote sensing and GIS technologies for real-time mapping of the forest land, would offer an important solution.

There is need for new policy formation to provide an overarching framework and direction for the management and regulation of forests. Employing a science-based methodology with a participatory approach will help government agencies determine the right type of tree-based interventions most suitable to certain land use. The Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (ROAM)

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framework could be adopted at scale for rigorous analysis of spatial, legal and socio-economic data to plan for the best interventions for forest restoration.

- (a) What has India witnessed in the last few years? 1
- (b) How can forests be redefined? 2
- (c) Why is there a need for new policy formation? 1
- (d) What is ROAM and why it should be adopted? 2

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-

The song of many birds seems beautiful to us. If we watch a male song-bird such as a nightingale early in the morning in early spring, we shall notice that it is alone and has not yet got a mate. It sings every morning from the same few perches. It stops singing when a female has arrived. Thus, many birds sing to attract females.

How then, males of species that do not sing, manage to attract females? Many species such as gulls live in groups and return year after year to the same colony sites. There they see each other and need not sing to attract females. Other species do not sing but do make specific loud noises which have exactly the same function as song. A male grey heron gives a loud hoarse cry every half minute or so as long as it is unmated and this cry attracts the female herons. The great spotted woodpecker 'drums' and probably attracts females by this 'instrumental music'. I think if you took one of Ludwig Koch's fine gramophone records of bird songs, and played it in the suitable habitat in spring, you would get surprising results.

The song has a second function as well; it signals the presence of males to other males. Most bird songs are not very easy to imitate. But a golden oriole is easily fooled by a poor imitation of its melodious call. If you play one of Ludwig Koch's records near the place where a male of the species is living, it will reply at once and, further, it will come to you. If you are well concealed, it may come

very close, as if searching for something. A male bird goes to where it hears a rival singing, then looks for it and attacks it.

- (a) How does a male song-bird such as a nightingale attract the female bird? 2
- (b) How does a male grey heron attract the female heron? 1
- (c) What, according to the writer, is the second function of the song? 1
- (d) How does a male bird respond to the song of another male bird? 1
- (e) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book:  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) Find the word from the passage which means 'appears' -
- (A) attracts (B) drums  
(C) seems (D) attacks
- (ii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite in meaning of 'late' -
- (A) alone (B) function  
(C) searching (D) early
- (f) Select the correct option and write in your answer-book:  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) In given passage, the word 'melodious' means-
- (A) sharp (B) loud  
(C) hoarse (D) pleasant to listen to
- (ii) The opposite of the word 'female' given in the passage is -
- (A) Unmated (B) manage  
(C) male (D) concealed

### SECTION - B (Writing)

3. You are Pradeep/Pooja living at Swastik Plaza, Banjarawala, Dehradun. The residents of your colony are very much disturbed about the hopeless state of drainage. Write a letter to the Executive officer of the Municipality, Dehradun to get the situation improved before the monsoon. 6

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You are Vaibhav/Vishakha living in Hostel, St. Franklin School, Nainital. Your school has organised an educational tour to Chamoli during summer holidays. Write a letter to your father seeking his permission for the tour.

4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following in about 60 words— 4
- (i) My Favourite Book
  - (ii) My Plan for holidays
  - (iii) My Grandmother
5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph in about 80 words on 'The Annual Day organised in my School.' 5

**Hints :**

On 20th November 2023\_\_\_\_\_ Chief guest arrived\_\_\_\_\_ welcomed by Principal & staff\_\_\_\_\_ function started\_\_\_\_\_ cultural programme\_\_\_\_\_ prize distribution\_\_\_\_\_ speech of chief guest, vote of thanks by senior teacher.

**SECTION - C (Grammar)**

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of non-finites given in the brackets :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
- (a) .....is a good exercise. (dance)
  - (b) You are too young.....this tree. (climb)
  - (c) Would you like.....with me? (go)
  - (d) Having.....his work he went out for a stroll. (complete)
7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using sentence connectors given in the brackets-  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (a) Take the blessings of your elders. Go to work (before)
  - (b) He saw a thief. He called the police immediately. (as soon as)
8. Join the following pair of sentences as directed-  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (a) Mt. Everest is the highest peak in the world. This is certain. (Begin with 'it is certain.....')
  - (b) Shakespear is a great dramatist. We know it. (Begin with 'We know.....')

9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets-  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Some children .....(play) in the garden. They .....(complete) their homework. Little Vibhu has not yet.....(finish) his assignment.

10. Complete the following sentences using suitable modals :  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(a) Work hard lest you ..... fail.

(b) She is so weak that she ..... not run fast.

11. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences-  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) East / in / the / rises / the / Sun.

(ii) to / is / happiness / the / contentment / key.

(b) Transform the following sentences into passive voice -  $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) The students are playing cricket.

(ii) I shall learn the poem easily.

### SECTION - D (Text Book)

#### (Prose)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

His parents and his brothers and sister had landed on this green flooring ahead of him. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it. He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther. He was floating on it, and around him his family was screaming, praising him.

(a) Whose parents, brothers and sister landed on the green flooring? 1

(b) What did he do to stand on the green sea? 1

- (c) What happened to his feet? 1
- (d) Find a word in the passage which means 'loud'. 1

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow -

He wandered for seven years and finally sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. Enlightened after seven days, he renamed the tree the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) and began to teach and to share his new understandings. At that point he became known as the Buddha (the Awakened or the Enlightened). The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, most holy of the dipping places on the River Ganges; that sermon has been preserved and is given here. It reflects the Buddha's wisdom about one inscrutable kind of suffering.

- (a) Who is 'He' in the passage? 1
- (b) When was he enlightened? 1
- (c) What does 'Bodhi Tree' mean? 1
- (d) Find a word in the passage which is the antonym of 'stupidity'. 1
14. Answer the following question in about 80 words - 5

How did Mandela's hunger for freedom change his life?

**OR**

Why does the Postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter "God"?

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words- 3
- Give a brief sketch of Chubukov.

**OR**

Justify the title of the play 'The Proposal'.

(Poetry)

16. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda  
writing long letters  
in which I scarcely mention the departure  
of the forest from the house.

The night is fresh, the whole moon shines  
in a sky still open.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1  
(b) What is the poet doing at the moment? 1  
(c) How is the night? 1

OR

Did you finish your homework, Amanda?

Did you tidy your room, Amanda?

I thought I told you to clean your shoes,  
Amanda!

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1  
(b) Who do you think is the speaker here? 1  
(c) What did Amanda not do? 1

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

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- (a) What do people say about the ending of the world? What does the poet think?  
(b) How did the dragon look in appearance?  
(c) What happened when the dust of snow fell on the poet?

**(Supplementary Reader)**

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words : 7  
How did the narrator find Anil as a man and as an employer?

**OR**

What makes you think that Griffin was a lawless person?

19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words : 3  
Who was Horace Danby and what kind of a person was he?

**OR**

Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable? Why was he disappointed?

20. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words : 2  
What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?

**OR**

Why is Mrs Pumphrey worried about Tricki?

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