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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This paper has **two** parts, **A** and **B**, **both** of which are compulsory. Students will attempt any **THREE** questions from each **Part A** and **Part B**.

PART A

Attempt any Three. (3×15=45 marks)

1. Comprehension (15)

Read the passage given below to answer the questions that follow :

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The colour of animals is by no means a matter of chance; it depends on many considerations, but in the majority of cases tends to protect the animal from danger by rendering it less conspicuous. Perhaps it may be said that if colouring is mainly protective, there ought to be but few brightly coloured animals. There are, however, not a few cases in which vivid colours are themselves protective. The kingfisher itself, though so brightly coloured, is by no means easy to see. The blue harmonizes with the water, and the bird as it darts along the stream looks almost like a flash of sunlight.

Desert animals are generally the colour of the desert. Thus, for instance, the lion, the antelope, and the wild donkey are all sand-coloured. "Indeed," says Canon Tristram, "in the desert, where neither trees, brushwood, nor even undulation of the surface afford the slightest protection to its foes, a modification of colour assimilated to that of the surrounding country is absolutely necessary. Hence, without exception, the upper plumage of every bird, and also the fur of all the smaller mammals and the skin of all the snakes and lizards, is of one uniform sand colour."

The next point is the colour of the mature caterpillars, some of which are brown. This probably makes the caterpillar even more conspicuous among the green leaves than would otherwise be the case. Let us see, then, whether the habits of the insect will throw any light upon the riddle. What would you do if you were a big caterpillar? Why, like most other defenceless creatures, you would feed by night, and lie concealed by day. So do these caterpillars. When the morning light comes, they creep down the stem of the food plant, and lie concealed among the thick herbage and dry sticks and leaves, near the ground, and it is obvious that under such circumstances the brown colour really becomes a protection. It might indeed be argued that the caterpillars, having become brown, concealed themselves on the ground, and that we were reversing the state of things. But this is not so, because, while we may say as a general rule that large caterpillars feed by night and lie concealed by day, it is by no means always the case that they are brown, some of them still retaining the green colour. We may then conclude that the habit of concealing themselves by day came first, and that the brown colour is a later adaptation.

(a) What are the benefits of having different colours in animals? (2)

(b) How can you say that bright colours of animals can also be protective? (3)

(c) What is the theme of this article? Explain in 100 words. (5)

(d) Find out synonyms of the following words/phrases from the given passage : (5)

coordinate, noticeable, crawl, enemies, hidden

2. Write a debate on the given topic as per the points that follow. You can write in favour of or against the following statement :

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(i) Write an overview of the topic and opening statement. (5)

(ii) Give two facts/anecdotes in support of your opinion. (5)

(iii) Write two questions which you think those with the opposite point of view might ask you. (5)

3. Write a job application letter to apply in response to the following advertisement :

Required young, dynamic graduates to work as Marketing assistants in a Japan-based electronics company. Good communication skills, proficient in English and Japanese language. Send applications to HR Manager, ABC Electronics, 10- Nehru Enclave, New Delhi 110019. (15)

4. Write a dialogue between a customer and a Bank Manager in which the former seeks help to apply for a Personal loan. (15)
5. Write a paragraph on: Family is the biggest support in the time of need. (15)

PART B

Attempt any Three. (3×10=30 marks)

6. Write a summary of the passage given in Section A Q.1. (10)
7. Write a letter to your friend about your excitement at the reopening of your college after the pandemic and offline exams. (10)

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8. Write a letter from an artist to his daughter about shaping one's future by following one's passion.

(10)

9. Edit the following paragraph using appropriate spellings and punctuation marks :

(10)

Facebook, with more then (1) One Billion users is celebrated (2) it's (3) 10th birthday this year. The company was launching (4) by mark (5) Zuckerberg at (6) 4th Febuary (7) 2004. The site was conceived in a Harvard dorm in (8) a way to connect student (9) and let them build an identity for himself (10) online.

- 10. Edit the following paragraph using appropriate spellings and punctuation marks :

(10)

Paper were (1) first made by the Egyptians in (2) a plant names (3) papyrus. For the (4) long time, papyrus was used extensively as writing matrial (5) before a (6) Chinese perfected the processes (7). demand (8) of paper growing (9) with the advent of book (10) worldwide.