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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

A telescope is an instrument that makes distant objects, such as the stars and planets, seem closer and bigger. This allows us to get a better look at them and scientists to learn more about them. In 1990,

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a very special telescope was launched into the sky aboard the space shuttle Discovery, The Hubble Space Telescope (HST), which is named for the man who invented it, cost almost two billion dollars to make HST is a powerful eye in the sky that may help answer questions scientists have asked for a long time. How did the universe begin ? How will it end ? Is there other life in the universe ? Scientists need big telescopes to explore the universe. On earth, there are two big problems that keep scientists from clearly seeing the heavens. The lights from the cities are so bright that they wash out the lights from the stars. A bigger problem is the blanket of air that covers earth. It blurs the view The HST will overcome these problems.

In space there are no clouds and no bright city lights. The HST is

a huge telescope, it is 43 feet long and 14 feet across. It weighs

24,250 pounds. It is very powerful too. Scientists say that if you put

a dime on the top of the Washington Monument in Washington D.C,

you would be able to clearly read the date on it from New York city

using the HST. That is 175 miles away!

The Hubble Space Telescope can see out to a distance of several

billions of light-years. A light year is the distance that light travels in

1 year. Since light has a speed of 1,86,000 miles per second, light travels about 5865,696,000,000 miles just in one year. Now the farthest that hubble has seen so far is about 10–15 billion light-years away. The farthest area looked at is called the Hubble Deep Field. Hubble's low-earth orbit also kept it within a safe and accessible range for astronauts, who used the space shuttle to visit the telescope repeatedly over the years to repair and upgrade its components. Hubble is currently located 340 miles (547 km) above Earth's surface. Hubble races through its orbit at about 17,000 miles per hour (27000 kph), completing an orbit about every 95 minutes. That means it sees 15 sun rises every day.

5+5=10

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

Bats sleep all day because they cannot see well in the bright sunlight.

They hang upside down in dark places such as barns, caves or hollow trees. As soon as darkness begins to fall, bats wake up. They fly around easily and quickly at night.

Bats make sounds that help them fly, since they cannot see well.

People cannot hear these sounds. When bats make sounds, the sounds hit objects in front of them and bounce back at them. Bats can tell if something is in their way because there is an echo. Some people say this is like a radar system !

There are many different kinds of bats. Some bats fly all night while others fly only in the evening or the early morning. Most bats eat mosquitoes and moths but there are some bats that will catch fish swimming in water and eat them. Still other kinds of bats eat birds or mice. Bats that live in very hot areas eat only some parts of flowers.

Bats that live in cold areas of the country sometimes sleep all winter.

That means they hibernate. Other bats that live in cold areas fly to warmer places for the winter. We call this migration.

As a matter of fact, Bats are mammals of the order *Chiroptera* with their forelimbs adapted as wings. They are the only mammals capable of true and sustained flight. Bats are more maneuverable than most birds, flying with their very long spread out digits covered with a thin membrane or patagium.

Questions :

- (i) What the only trait bats have as mammals ?
- (ii) Human beings can hear the sound that bats produce.

(True False)

- (iii) Bats hung upside

(Complete it)

(iv) Do you think a bat would make a good pet ? Why ? Why not ?

(v) Why do bats make sounds ?

(vi) Hollow is the antonym of

(vii) Where do, bats, that eat only parts of flowers, live ?

(viii) Difference between migration and hibernation.

(Describe very briefly)

(ix) Are bats blind ?

(Yes or No)

(x) Make one sentence using words 'bounce and hit.'

1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are a coordinator of the various programmes on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Your school is going to stage a play on 'We are one people, one Nation.' Draft a poster (not exceeding **50** words) describing the theme of the play and other necessary details. The play will be staged in Tagore Hall with the Lieutenant Governor as the chief guest.

Or

You are Student Editor of your School Magazine. Write a notice (not exceeding **50** words) to be put up on the School Notice Board asking the students to submit their writes up to be published in the school magazine.

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4. The neighbourhood around your school have made the ground of your school as a garbage dump. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about this problem and also request him for the duty sweepers of the area who have not been on duty in the area for a month. (120–150 words)

Or

Cyber crime has become a common practice. You are a victim, your money has been fraudulently taken from your account. Write a letter to the head of the cyber crime cell giving all the details of the incident. (120–150 words)

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5. Write an e-Mail to your classmate congratulating him on receiving a moments from the Honorable Lieutenant Governor for scoring 1st position in state level painting competition. (50–80 words)

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6. Incidents of 'Child Abuse' are increasing. As a student editor of your school magazine, Write an article on "What measures should be taken to fight against this evil." (200–250 words)

Or

A puppy fell into a deep open well in your school. A few people volunteered to rescue the puppy. Write a report of the incident giving a detailed information for a local daily newspaper.

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7. Edit the following passage and correct the errors underlined as 1 to 8 :

She (1) (kneel) down and (2) try to wrench the lock off, but her little hands were as slender as little twigs, and she had not the strength. She (3) (throw) the stone away and

..... (4) (begin) to cry. The Zhilin set to work again at the lock,
and Dina (5) (squat) beside him with her hand on his shoulder.
Zhilin looks (6) round and saw a red light to the left behind
the hill. The moon was just rising. Ah! he thought, before the moon
has (7) (rise). I must have (8) (pass) the valley
and be in the forest. So he rose and threw away the stone. 1×8=8

Section-C

(Literature)

8. Read the extracted from a poem given below and answer any *two* questions given at the end :

The cardboard shows one how it was

When the two girl cousins went paddling

Each one holding one of my mother's hands

And she the big girl-some twelve years or so.

All three stood still to smile through their hair.

At the Uncle with the Camera. A sweet face

My mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea, which appears to have changed less.

Washed their terribly transient feet.

Questions :

(i) What does the poet depict in this stanza ?

(ii) Who is the big girl ?

(iii) 'Terribly transient' is an example of which poetic device ? 2×1=2

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

- (i) Comment on the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)
- (ii) Do you think it is reasonable to take adventure expeditions inspite of the risks involved ? (We're not Afraid to Die.....)
- (iii) Do you think the title 'The Ailing planet' is an appropriate title for our planet ? Why ?
- (iv) Does the narrator of the story 'The Address' want to forget the address ? Why ?
- (v) How did the narrator arrange a meeting between Ratna and Ranga ?
- (vi) What does the white horse symbolise in 'The summer of the beautiful white horse ?'

2x5=10

3. Do you think the play Mother's Day has a very strong message for social reform ? How far has the writer been successful to convey the message ? (120-150 words)

Or

The poem 'The Tale of Melon City' mocks the process of proper judgement and fair trial ? Comment. (120-150 words)

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11. Describe Nick Middleton's journey from the top of the pass till his stay at Hor. (Silk Road)

Or

King Tut's body has been subjected to repeated Scrutiny. Nature echoed the unnatural happenings with King Tut's body. Comment.

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12. Bring out the character sketch of Andrew Crocker-Harris and his wife Millie.

Or

Contrast the Chinese view of art with the European view with a few examples.

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