#### Case study based questions 10th English

## Mijbil the Otter

Passage - 1 5 Marks

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: I sat in the back of the car with the box beside me as the driver tore through the streets of Basra like a ricocheting bullet. The aircraft was waiting to take off; I was rushed through to it by infuriated officials. Luckily, the seat booked for me was at the extreme front. I covered the floor around my feet with newspapers, rang for the hostess and gave her a parcel of fish to keep in a cool place. I took her into my confidence about the events of the last half hour. I have retained the most profound admirations for that Ms hostess; she was the very queen of her kind. She suggested that might prefer to have my pet on my knee, and i could have kissed her hand for the depth of my gratitude. But, not knowing otters, I was quite unprepared for what followed.

- Q1. (3) There was a box beside the author in the car.
- Q2. (2) The author sat at the extreme front of the aircraft.
- Q3. (3) The author gave the air hostess a parcel which contained fish for the otter.
- Q4. (4) She suggested that she should have his pet on his knees.
- Q5. (1) The passage which means 'deep' is profound.

Passage - 2 5 Marks

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

Mij was out of the box in a flash. He disappeared at high speed down the aircraft. There were squawks and shrieks, and a woman stood up on her seet screaming out, "A rat! A rat!" I caught sight of Mij's tail disappearing beneath the legs of a portly white turbaned Indian. Diving for it, I missed, but found my face covered with curry. "Perhaps", said the air hostess with the most charming smile, "it would be better if you resumed your seat, and i will find the animal and bring it to you".

- Q1. (4) She stood up on her seat and screamed out "a rat a rat".
- Q2. (3) His face was covered with curry.
- Q3. (3) She said that she would find the animal and bring it to him.
- Q4. (2) False
- Q5. (1) The passage which means 'fat' is Portly.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: Mij and I remained in London for nearly a month. He would play for hours with a selection of toys, ping-pong halls, marbles, rubber fruit, and a terrapin shell that I brought back from his native marshes. With the ping-pong he invented a game of his own which could keep him engrossed for up to an hour at a time. A suitcase that I had taken to Iraq had become damaged on journey home so that the lid, when closed remained at a slope from one end to another. Mij discovered that if a he placed the ball on the high end it would run down the length of the suitcase. He would dash around to the other end to ambush its arrival, hide from it, crouching, to spring up and take it by surprise, grab it and trot off with it to the high end once.

- Q1. (4) Mij and the author remained in London for one month.
- Q2. (2) His play things were toys, ping-pong balls, rubber fruit and a terrapin shell.
- Q3. (1) He had invented the game of ball. He put it on the sloping cover and ran to the other side to catch the ball.
- Q4. (1) He would dash around to the other end of the suitcase cover to ambush the ball.
- Q5. (3) The passage which means 'catch' is grab.

Passage - 2 5 Marks

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

Outside the house, I exercised him on a lead, precisely as if he had been a
dog. Mij quickly developed certain compulsive habits on these walks in London
streets, like the rituals of children who on their way to and from school must
place their feet squarely on the centre of each paving block; must touch every
seventh upright of the iron railings, or pass to the outside of every second lamp
post. Opposite to my flat was a single-storied primary school, along whose
frontage ran a low wall this wall, jump on it, and gallop the full length of its thirty
yards, to the hopeless distraction both of pupils and of staff within.

- Q1. (3) The author exercised him on a lead, like he would have with a dog.
- Q2. (2) Mij developed compulsive habits on the streets on London.
- Q3. (3) The front wall was thirty yards.
- Q4. (1) It is to lie on its back and juggle with small objects between its paws.
- Q5. (1) The passage which means 'diversion' is distraction.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: It is not I suppose, in any way strange that the average Londoner should not recognise an otter, but the variety of guesses as to what kind of animal this might come as a surprise to me. Otters belong to a comparatively small group of animals called Mussel lines, shared by the badger, mongoose, weasel, stoat, mink and others. I faced a continuous barrage of conjectural questions that sprayed all the Mussel lines but the otter, more random guesses hit on a baby seal and a squirrel. 'Is that a walrus mister?" reduced me to goggles, and outside a dog show I heard a hippo, a beaver, a bear cub, a leopard-one, apparently, that had changed its spots-and a brontosaur: Mij was anything but an otter.

- Q1. (2) The author was surprised about the variety of guesses as to what kind of animal the otter would be.
- Q2. (3) They belong to a small group of animals called mussels.
- Q3. (4) The otter is similar to the badger, mongoose, weasel, stoat, mink and others.
- Q4. (2) He heard people call his otter a hippo, a beaver, a bear cub, a leopard-one.
- Q5. (2) The full form of the word 'hippo' is hippopotamus.

Passage - 2 5 Marks

#### Answer Key 10.6

Marks - 10

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

Two days later, Mijbil escaped from my bedroom as i entered it, and I turned to his tail disappearing round the bend of the corridor that I led to the bathroom. By the time I got there he was up on the end of the bathtub and fumbling at the chromium taps with his paws. I watched, amazed: in less than a minute he had turned the tap far enough to produce a trickle of water, and after a moment or two achieved the full flow.

- Q1. (1) Mijbil was an otter.
- Q2. (2) Mijbil loved baths.
- Q3. (3) Mijbil went to the washroom.
- Q4. (2) The narrator was surprised to see Mijbil open the tap successfully.
- Q5. (2) Mijbil escaped from the narrators bedroom.