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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II

ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 70

General Instructions :

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A — Reading

20 marks

Section B — Writing and Grammar

25 marks

Section C — Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 marks

(ii) **All** questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A – (Reading)**20 marks**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : $1 \times 8 = 8$

A white elephant is a freak of nature in the same way as a white tiger and a white python are. Only white elephants are less of a rarity. In ancient India elephant breeders treated a white elephant with great attention. Valmiki mentions how there were, in the stables of Ravana, elephants which resembled white clouds in colour. In 1961, a white elephant was captured in the central lands near Baegethu Ot in South Vietnam. The Vietnamese believe that a white elephant is an incarnation of some celestial king.

A white elephant captured in northern Siam had an interesting journey when he was taken to the royal stables. A wide path was first cleared in the jungle along which the elephant was taken to a river where a floating house waited to receive him. The house had a straw roof and was draped all round with red hangings. The journey was long and fatiguing. When the elephant wanted to rest, troupes of singers and dancers entertained him. When he landed, he stepped on to a carpet interlaced with gold. He was bathed in water scented with jasmine. Then he was given a huge quantity of rice flour cakes and sugarcane to eat. The king, the courtiers and the priests had gone all the way to receive him. On arrival at Bangkok, the elephant was taken into a well-decorated *pandal*, ceremoniously rubbed with oils and adorned with chains of gold. Then for nine days the populace made offerings to him and worshipped him before he was taken in a procession to the royal stables.

In August 1996, a white elephant was the victim of a mishap. He was being taken to the USA as a present to President Johnson from the Government of Thailand. In the boat he broke away and became disorderly. As a result the boat sank.

White elephants are sometimes found in the jungles of Burma. Here also they once used to receive the same ceremonious welcome that is accorded to them in Thailand. Princes and courtiers were in attendance on them. They were fastened to their posts with ropes made of red silk. They were given food in gold and silver troughs.

- (a) How was a white elephant treated by breeders in ancient India ?
- (b) What is the Vietnamese belief about the white elephant ?
- (c) Where was the white elephant caught in northern Siam kept ?
- (d) How was it entertained when it wanted to rest ?
- (e) When it landed after having rested, how was it welcomed ?
- (f) What treatment did the white elephant receive when it arrived at Bangkok ?
- (g) Why did the boat ferrying the white elephant sink ?
- (h) How were white elephants treated in Burma ?

2. Read the passage given below :

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- 1 Most people read and hear regularly about the importance of staying healthy and living longer through diet and exercise. While it's definitely smart to follow that advice, you can do something else to help keep your mind and body in optimum condition. Connect with a critter — it goes a long way toward making you happy and healthy.
- 2 Studies have shown that forming a relationship with an animal can have important health and psychological benefits. Owning a pet or interacting regularly with animals can lower humans' blood pressure, reduce anxiety and depression, and increase their social interaction. People who have dogs also tend to get more exercise from regular walks.
- 3 It doesn't really matter what kind of pet you have, whether it's a cat or a dog, a fish or a ferret, an iguana or a horse. What's important is developing a relationship with an animal. Having a pet often provides people with a reason for enjoying life and connecting with others. This can be especially critical for older adults, who sometimes get socially isolated or struggle with finding a sense of purpose. It commonly happens after seniors retire, their spouses die, their children and grandchildren grow up, or their families move away.
- 4 Owning a pet serves as a wonderful way to rediscover a sense of purpose. It helps people feel needed and wanted. After all, most people can't help but smile when their dog greets them with its tail wagging or their cat curls up cozily on their lap.

5 Providing for an animal's needs by going to the pet store or taking a dog for a walk helps reduce seniors' social isolation by encouraging them to get out into the world. They may meet new friends at a dog park or at the pet store when they go to buy more birdseed.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What are the health benefits of owning a pet ?
- (b) Why is developing a relationship with an animal important for older adults ?
- (c) How does a pet give its owner a sense of purpose ?
- (d) In what ways does a pet help reduce seniors' social isolation ?

2.2 Choose the meanings of the words given below from the options that follow : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) optimum (Para 1)
 - (i) fantastic
 - (ii) great
 - (iii) ideal
 - (iv) enviable
- (b) interaction (Para 2)
 - (i) friendship
 - (ii) association
 - (iii) affection
 - (iv) action

- (c) critical (Para 3)
- (i) crucial
 - (ii) good
 - (iii) useful
 - (iv) beneficial
- (d) isolated (Para 3)
- (i) bored
 - (ii) annoyed
 - (iii) unhappy
 - (iv) lonely

SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar)

25 marks

3. Krishan Vihar is a big slum inhabited by poor working class people. There is no primary health centre for the residents of this locality. The District Hospital is 4 km away. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the need for opening a government dispensary in the area. You are Govind/Gopi. 5

OR

Write an article in 100 – 120 words on the topic, ‘A Day in the Life of a Student’. You may use the following clues :

- busy day
 - getting ready for school
 - rushing to catch school bus
 - busy schedule at school
 - home work
 - not much time for games and entertainment
 - exhausted at the end of the day
4. Develop a story in 150 – 200 words with the help of the input provided below : 10
- dense forest — poachers on the prowl — animals disappearing one by one — general fear — animals decide

OR

— children enjoying boating — fine weather — boat sailed towards deep water — overturned — shouting — screaming

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the options that follow : 1×3=3

Goats grazed (a) _____ short grass (b) _____ grew on the island, and on (c) _____ prickly leaves of thorn bushes.

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| (a) | (i) at | (ii) in | (iii) on | (iv) over |
| (b) | (i) who | (ii) which | (iii) whom | (iv) what |
| (c) | (i) the | (ii) a | (iii) some | (iv) an |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error along with its correction as shown in the example. 1×4=4

Error Correction

The chameleon is the small reptile.

e.g. the a

Chameleons are famous in their

(a) _____

ability to changing the colour of their

(b) _____

skin. At different times they should

(c) _____

look green, yellow but gray-black.

(d) _____

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences : 1×3=3

- (a) singing / male / communicate / whales / by
(b) female / to / whales / they / attract / sing
(c) loud / their / complex / songs / and / are

SECTION C
(Literature : Textbooks and Long Reading Text)

25 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×3=3

“But I can get a hair-dye
And set such colour there,
Brown, black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair.”

- (a) What do young men love the speaker for ?
- (b) Why does she think of dyeing her hair ?
- (c) What is the antonym of ‘love’ ?

OR

The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this.

- (a) How do you know that baking was a profitable profession ?
- (b) What does plump physique indicate ?
- (c) What does the word ‘testimony’ mean ?

9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each : 2×4=8

- (a) What are some of the many surprises that wait to be discovered by visitors to Coorg ?
- (b) What game had Mijbil invented to amuse himself ?
- (c) How did the angry Natalya react when she learnt that Lomov had come to propose to her ?
- (d) Write briefly about Ebright’s hobbies.
- (e) Why did the author not like his job as a junior assistant clerk in the law firm ?

10. Answer the following question in 80 – 100 words :

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Compassion is a noble quality. It shows our concern for the sufferings of others. Describe Valli's compassionate nature in the light of the above remark with reference to the dead cow.

OR

Social customs like the dowry system are a curse for our society. Describe how Bholi by rejecting Bishamber shows the way to deal with dowry seekers.

11. Answer the following question in 150 – 200 words :

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Describe Helen Keller's views on museums and art stores as sources of great pleasure.

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Bishop Brooks.

OR

What does Anne in her diary tell us about the worsening economic and social conditions in Amsterdam during the war ?

OR

Otto Frank is a source of comfort and strength to the residents of the Secret Annexe. Comment.