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Section - A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:8
The Aravalli Range is affected from human activities like stone crushing, cutting of trees in forest area of Aravalli, construction on large scale, mining, dispense and dumping of water. Such activities affect the environment of Aravalli and its surrounding areas environment. Some of the famous lakes like Badkhal lake Dhauj Jheel, Surajkund Lake, Damdama Lake on the Aravalli range have gone dry in last five years because of illegal mining and change of pattern in the natural drainage system. These lakes are dumped with waste material which affect ground water flow. Drying of these lakes also indicates that in future ground water will not be available in this area if the relevant steps force covery are not taken. The mindless mining in one of the oldest hills in the world has devastated the range. In several places, the mines have gone so dup that the water level has been exposed, forming lake midst the blasted ranges. The Rajasamand Lake in Udaipur, which always had water has dried up recently.
In May 2009, after four months of media and public protests, alongwith several environmental groups, the Supreme Court banned mining in an area of 448 square km, across Faridabad, Gurgaon and Mewat districts in Haryana, that was once supposed to be set aside for a national park. This comes after SC's earlier judgement in 1994 that allowed limited mining on he basis of the sustainable development principle and under strict guidelines, which were violated by local miners as the court ruled.
The Supreme Court on February 20, 2010 directed cancellation of 157 mining leases operating in Rajasthan's eco-sensitive Aravalli Hills and asked the forest Survey of India to carry out satellite imagery of the entire 50,000 sq km range spread across 15 districts of the state to assess the extent of ecological damage. Giving four
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months time to the FSI to Chief Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Justice S.H. Kapadia and Aftab Alam directed all miners in the area to stop operation till then.

The direction follows an earlier order passed by the Supreme Court in May 2009 freezing all mining activities along the Aravalli Range situated in Haryana.

- (i) How is the Aravalli Range affected? 1
- (ii) Why have some of the lakes on the Aravalli range gone dry? 1
- (iii) What does the dryness of these lakes indicate? 1
- (iv) Who chaired the special Bench of the Supreme Court? 1
- (v) How was the ecological damage across 15 districts of Rajasthan to be assessed? Find out a word from the passage which means. 1
- (vi) Shows that something exists. 1
- (vii) Instructions telling how to do something. 1
- (viii) Make a judgement about somebody/something. 1

2. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer: 5

Delhi is believed to be the site Indraprastha, capital of the Pandavas in the Indian epic Mahabharata, founded around 5000 BC. Hindu texts state that the city of Delhi used to be referred to in Sanskrit as hastinapur, which means "elephant - city". Archaeological evidence suggests that Indraprastha once stood where the old fort is today. The earliest architectural relics date back to the Maurya period (300BC); since then, the site has seen continuous settlement. The famous Iron pillar near the Qutub Minar was commissioned by the emperor Kumara Gupta I of the Gupta dynasty (320-540) and transplanted to Delhi during the 10th century. Eight major cities have been situated in the Delhi area. The first four cities were in the southern part of present day Delhi.

The Tomara Rajput dynasty founded the city of Lalkot in 736 AD. near the Qutub Minar. The epic Prithviraj Raso names the Rajput Anangpal as the founder of Delhi. The Chauhan Rajput Kings of Ajmer conquered Lalkot in 1180 A.D. and renamed it Qila Rai Pithora. The Chauhan King Prithviraj III was defeated in 1192 by the Afghan Muhammad Ghori. From 1206, Delhi became the capital of the Delhi Sultanate under the Slave Dynasty. The first Sultan of Delhi, Qutub-ud-din Aybak was a former slave who rose through the ranks to become a general, a governor and then Sultan of Delhi

. Qutub-ul-din started the construction of the Qutub Minar to commemorate his victory but died before its completion. In the Qutub complex he also constructed the Quwwat-al-Islam (might of Islam), which is the earliest extent mosque in India. After the end of the slave dynasty, a succession of Turkic and central Asian dynasties, the Khilji dynasty, the Tughluq dynasty, the Sayyid dynasty and the Lodi dynasty held power in the late medieval period and built a squence of forts and townships that are part of the seven cities of Delhi.

In 1526, following the First Battle of Panipat, Zahiruddin Babur, the former ruler of Fergana, defeated the last Lodhi Sultan and founded the Mughal dynasty which ruled from Delhi, Agra and Lahore.

- (i) Which city is believed to be the site Indraprastha? 1
 (a) Chennai (b) Kolkata
 (c) Mumbai (d) Delhi
- (ii) What does Hastinapur mean? 1
 (a) Lion city (b) Tiger city
 (c) Elephant city (d) Bear city
- (iii) Who commissioned the famous iron pillar? 1
 (a) Samundra Gupta (b) Kumar Gupta
 (c) Anangpal (d) Prithviraj-III
- (iv) When was the first battle of panipat fought? 1
 (a) 1426 (b) 1526
 (c) 1626 (d) 1726
- (v) Choose the following the antonym of 'minor': 1
 (a) pillar (b) dynasty
 (c) founder (d) major

Section - B

3. Mr. Rajveer Gupta is looking for a bride for his son. Write an advertisement to be published in the 'Matrimonials' column of a local newspaper. 3

OR

You are Mahendra/Mintu studying in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jaipur. Your school is organising a blood donation camp in your locality. Draft a notice, informing the students of class XII.

4. Write a report in about 100 words on the topic "Science and Culture Fair". 4

OR

Write a paragraph on importance of tree using the clues given below:4
 Trees best friends important role life
 cannot live without them give timber
 paper fire wood also give
 food medicine add beauty of life
 need them oxygen and good health help
 control pollution absorb carbon-di-oxide give
 rainfall try grow more trees.

5. You are Rakesh/Rani. You have read an advertisement in the Rajasthan Patrika for the post of a cashier in HDFC Bank, Alwar. Write an application to the manager with your C. V. or Resume. 5

OR

Write a letter to the editors of a newspaper on the necessity of a public park in your town. Give your suggestions.

6. Combine the sentences using the words given in brackets :
- (i) The girl is coming here. She is my sister. (who) 1
- (ii) I like the teacher. His teaching is effective. (whose) 1
7. Fill in the blanks by choosing words given in brackets :
- (i) the guests arrived, the function began. 1
 (As soon as/As/Because)
- (ii) The man is rich help you. 1
 (Enough-to/ so - as/ so-that)
8. Write the appropriate phrasal verbs given in the brackets :
- (i) The car on the way yesterday. 1
 (Broke down/broke out)
- (ii) People will the fire soon. (Put out/Put off) 1
9. Join the following sentences by using conjunction, given in brackets:
- (i) Deepika is smart. She is funny. (Both-and) 1
- (ii) I am getting good grades. I study everyday. (Because) 1

Section - C

10. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow:5
 Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where they slog their day light hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes. Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to

take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt. We walk down stinking lanes choked with garbage, past homes that remain hovels with crumbling walls, wobbly doors, no windows, crowded with families of humans and animals coexisting in a primeval state.

- (i) How are the working condition there? 1
- (ii) What great harm do children face there? 1
- (iii) How are the lanes there? 1
- (iv) (a) Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to "against law". 1
- (v) Find out the word from the passage opposite in meaning to "modern". 1
- (vi) How are the houses of the workers there? 1
11. Answer the following questions : (20-30 words)
- (i) What had been put up on the bulletin-board? 2
(The Last lesson)
- (ii) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler? 2
(The Rattrap)
12. Answer the following questions : (Any one) (80 words) 3
- (i) How did Gandhiji help the peasants in Champasan? (Indigo)
- (ii) Write a character sketch of Kothamanglam Subbu. (Poets and Pan Cakes) <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>
13. Explain anyone of the following stanzas with reference to context:4
- (i) Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything see me dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll court up to twelve.
and you keep quiet and I us'llgo.
- (ii) A thing of beauty a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and asleep
full of sweet dreams, and health and
quiet breathing.
14. Answer the following questions in about 30 words : 5
Write a short note on Kamala Das, use of imagery in "My mother at sixty six".

OR

What is the theme of Andrienne Rich's poem, "Aunt Jennifer's

- Tiger's"? 5
15. Answer the following questions in about (20-25) words : 4
 (i) Why is uncle's wedding band massive? 2
 (Aunt Jennifer's tigers)
- (ii) What can earth teach us? (Keeping quiet) 2
16. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 3
 Why does the name 'Tiger King' justify the story? (Tiger King)
- OR**
- Write the character sketch of Sadao. (The Enemy)
17. Answer the following questions in about (20-25) words : 3
 (i) Why did Charley decide to take the Subway? 3
 (The Third Level)
- (ii) What does Mr. Lamb do all day? (On the face of it)
18. Choose the correct alternative :
- (i) According to the narrator grand central station has 1
 (a) one level (b) two level
 (c) three level (d) four level
- (ii) How many tigers did he kill within ten years : 1
 (a) 60 (b) 70
 (c) 80 (d) 75
- (iii) The landscape of Antarctica is : 1
 (a) White (b) Green
 (c) Blue (d) Black
- (iv) The name of Sadao's wife is : 1
 (a) Hana (b) Julie
 (c) Maria (d) Elizabeth
- (v) Derry's face was burnt by : 1
 (a) Fire (b) Acid
 (c) Candle light (d) Electric Light
- (vi) Elber brother has come home for : 1
 (a) Study (b) Holidays
 (c) Meeting family (d) To attend ceremony



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