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Class - VIII

SECTION A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)

Hibernation is one of the main adaptations that allows certain northern animals to survive the long, cold winter. Hibernation is like a deep sleep that allows animals to save their energy when there is little or no food available. The body function of the true hibernators go through several changes while they are hibernating. The body temperature drops by more than 30 degree Celsius.

Other true hibernators including the jumping mouse, little brown bat, eastern chipmunk, and several ground squirrels. Other animals such as the skunk and the raccoon are not considered true hibernators as they wake up in the winter to feed and their body functions do not change as much. Since they only sleep for a little bit at a time. The term 'dormancy' or 'light sleeping' is used to describe their behavior. The largest animal to hibernate are bears. Their heart rate may slow down from a usual 40-50 beats per minute to 8-12 beats per minute but their body temperature changes very little, so they are able to wake up quickly.

Hibernating animals have a special substance in the blood called the Hibernation Inducement Trigger or HIT. This substance becomes active in the fall when the days become cooler and shorter. When HIT becomes active, the animals start preparing for winter. Some animals store food so that they can eat when they wake, and some animals eat a lot in late summer and fall to add excess fat to their bodies. This fat keeps them warm and acts as a source of energy while they are sleeping. Some animals also shift to the place where they will sleep. They add leaves and grass to keep themselves warm.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:-

- a) What is hibernation ?
- b) Why do animals hibernate ?
- c) Why are skunk and raccoon not true hibernators ?
- d) Why are bears able to wake up quickly ?
- e) Why do some animals store food ?
- f) When do animals start preparing for hibernation ?
- g) What kind of substance do hibernating animals have in their blood ?
- h) What do animals add to keep themselves warm ?

SECTION B (WRITING and GRAMMAR)

Q2. Complete the story in 150-200 words which begins as the following : (8)

The train was late. My examination centre was ten kilometres away. Exam was to start at 9 a.m. I came out of station-----

Q3. Rearrange the words/ phrases given below to form meaningful sentences. (1X4=4)

- a) the colony/ a stray/ has/ panic/ created/ monkey/ in
- b) for/ not/ this/ been/ months/ has/ room/ cleaned
- c) of/ ten/ a group/ students/ science/ exhibition/ the/ visited
- d) necessary/ happiness/ for/ health/ good/ is/ success/ and

Q4. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Penguins spent no more time on	(a) -----	-----
land then is necessary for	(b) -----	-----
sleeping and to rearing their	(c) -----	-----
young. Their food consists of	(d) -----	-----
the small creature of the sea .		

Q5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. (4)

	Before	Missing	After
True charity doesn't mean giving lot of money,	(a) -----	-----	-----
gold silver. It means a lot of	(b) -----	-----	-----
sacrifice the part of the donor.	(c) -----	-----	-----
It is not done to show off wealth or power.	(d) -----	-----	-----

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q6. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-

" He looked into the mirror and squared the helmet on his head."

(1x4=4)

- (a) Who is 'he' here ?
- (b) Why is 'he' dressed like this ?
- (c) What do you mean by the word 'squared'?
- (d) Name the lesson and the author.

Q7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (Any four)

(2x4=8)

- (a) What was the reaction of the Germans on Jesse's arrival ?
- (b) Why did Mrs. Bostock say that Shirley, the prompter had nothing to do ?
- (c) What is the attraction of going to Darjeeling ? What is the risk ?
- (d) What attitude did the speaker's enemy have in the poem ' A Poison Tree' ?
- (e) What does 'a regime of alarming brutality' means ?
- (f) What are the different qualities of the ' heaven of freedom' which the speaker prays for in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?