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Mahilong, Ranchi.

Revision Test (English)

Class - X

SECTION A (READING)

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:-

The Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean are a rocky, lonely spot, but they are also one of the most unusual places in the world. The reason is that they are the home of some of the last giant tortoises left on earth.

Weighing hundreds of pounds, these tortoises wander slowly around the rocks and sand of the islands. Each of these islands has its own particular kinds of tortoises. There are seven different kinds of tortoises on the eight islands.

Hundreds of years ago, thousands of tortoises wandered around these islands. All that changed when people started landing there. When people first arrived, their ships had no refrigerators. This meant that the fresh food was always a problem for the sailors on board. The giant tortoises provided a solution to this problem.

Ships would anchor off the islands, and crew would seize as many tortoises as they could. Once the animals were aboard the ship, the crew would roll the tortoises onto their backs and use them for soups and stews.

Answer the following questions:

- a. Why does the author call the Galapagos Islands an unusual one?
- b. Describe the Galapagos Islands.
- c. How did the tortoises provide solution to the problem of fresh food?
- d. How many islands are there on the Galapagos Islands?
- e. Which word in the passage means 'capture'?

SECTION B (WRITING and GRAMMAR)

Q2. Write a letter to the in-charge of text-books section of NCERT, New Delhi complaining about the non-availability of text books even one month after beginning of new session. You are Rashmi/Rohit reading in St. Joseph School, Dwarka, New Delhi.

OR

You are Sunil/Sunita. Write an article on 'Grow more trees to reduce pollution' in about 120 – 150 words.

Q3. 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.

	Incorrect	Correct
a. In this letter I am write about
b. the picnic what I enjoyed. It
c. was a more pleasant day. A
d. cool breeze is blowing. It
e. was a season of mangoes.
f. We carry ripe mangoes with
us. The music proved very		
g. sweetly in such natural
h. surroundings. We enjoyed us at
the river bank.		

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q8. Read the following extract and answer the question that follow :-

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I could not believe my eyes: the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead, too. It would not work! I tried the radio. There was no answer.

- a. Why did it become impossible for the writer to see?
- b. How did the old aeroplane behave?
- c. What could have happened as a result of compass failure?
- d. Where did he get no answer from?

OR

“Soon, with shoes, an overcoat and a wide-brimmed hat, he became a fully dressed visible person.”

- a. Name the person, the narrator is talking about.
- b. Where was this man getting dressed?
- c. Explain ‘fully dressed visible person’.
- d. How did the invisible man first become visible?

Q9. Answer any two questions in 30-40 words:

- a. What precaution did Horace Danby make before reaching the safe? Mention two of them.
- b. How does the poet describe Belinda and her animals’ bravery? How was custard different from them?
- c. How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay?