

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU
Foundation Worksheet
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Subject :English
Class:X

Part A
READING

1. Read the passage given below.

1. Evolution has designated vultures to be the ultimate scavengers. Enormous wingspans allow them to circle in the air for hours. Their beaks, while rather horrifying, are weak by bird standards, made to scoop and eat flesh.
2. However unappealing they may seem, vultures serve an important role in the ecological cycle: processing dead bodies of animals. Only 20 years ago, India had plenty of vultures—flocks so enormous they darkened the skies. But by 1999, their numbers had dropped due to a mysterious kidney ailment. By 2008, 99.9 percent of India's vultures were gone. It was finally discovered that they had been killed by a drug called diclofenac (a pain reliever along the lines of aspirin or ibuprofen).
3. Indians revere their cows, and when a cow showed signs of pain, they treated it with diclofenac. After the animal died, the vultures would eat the corpse. And though they boast perhaps the world's most efficient digestive system, vultures cannot digest the drug.
4. India banned the use of diclofenac for veterinary use in 2006, but it's still widely used. The near extinction of vultures has caused a disease in the country, as rats and dogs moved in to take their place—spreading pathogens that would have otherwise been destroyed by the vultures.
5. Vultures need large ranges to scan for food and undisturbed areas in which to nest. They also need an abundance of prey species since they rely more on chance than their own hunting skills to eat. All of these things have been reduced by human activity. Meanwhile, there is a dramatic increase in secondary poisoning. Vultures feed on carcasses laced with poison, intended to kill jackals or other predatory carnivores. Or they are poisoned by the lead in animals left behind by hunters.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten questions from the twelve that follow:

A. Vultures serve an important role in the ecological cycle as

- a. They eat less
- b. For the process dead bodies of animals

c. They help to maintain food web

d. They clean grounds with their big wings.

B. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes:

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| “It is not the strongest of the species that surround, nor the most intelligent; but the one most responsive to change.” ---Charles Darwin (1) | “Death is nature’s way of saying, “Your table is ready.” --- Robert Williams 2 | “Hunger is the best sauce in the world” --- Miguel de Cervantes 3 | “Just remember it’s the bird that’s supposed to suffer, not the hunter.” ---- George w. Bush 4 |
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a. Option (1)

b. Option (2)

c. Option (3)

d. Option (4)

(C) Which of the following characteristic are apt about the writer in the following context

“Meanwhile, there is a dramatic increase in secondary poisoning. Vultures feed on carcasses laced with poison, intended to kill jackals or other predatory carnivores or they are poisoned by the lead in animals left behind by hunters”.

- 1. Negligent
- 2. Concerned
- 3. Caring

- 4. Patient
- 5. Worried
- 6. Informative

a. (1) and (3)

b. (4) and (5)

c. (2) and (5)

d. (3) and (6)

(D) Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage:

- a. Mystery of Vultures
- c. The Extinct Species

- b. Survival of the Fittest
- d. Birds

(E) The reason behind vultures dying is :

- a. They feed on carcasses laced with poison, intended to kill jackals or other predators.
- b. They are hunted
- c. They don’t get enough to eat.
- d. They are diseased.

(F) What does the phrase “moved in to take their place” mean in the given paragraph.:

- a. Contributed in the task
- c. Replaced them

- b. Helped them
- d. Removed them

(G) Why are vultures beak considered weak?

- a. They are of no use
- b. They are meant to scoop and eat flesh only

- c. They are used to kill their prey.
- d. None of them

(H) The author attempts to make the readers through their write up.

- a. concerned
- b. inspired
- c. awakened
- d. aware

(I) What's an interesting fact given in the passage about the vulture?

- a. They eat corpse
- b. They cannot digest drugs
- c. They are enormous
- d. They have weak beaks

J. Choose the option that correctly states the two meaning of 'boast' as used in the passage.

- 1. To brag about oneself
- 2. To exaggerate
- 3. To talk very proudly
- 4. To show off
- 5. To show pride and arrogance

- a. (2) and (3)
- b. (1) and (2)
- c. (4) and (5)
- d. (3) and (1)

K. Select the option that makes the correct usage of 'designated' as used in the passage to fill in the blank space.

- a. He was as Prime Minister.
- b. Uttarakhand is as land of Gods.
- c. Reeta was as chief secretary of her club.
- d. as the head boy of the school performed his duties with perfection.

L. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

- a. Human activities need to be controlled to provide vultures open spaces to scan for food and nest.
- b. Vultures are killed by jackals.
- c. Vultures are an extinct species.
- d. Vultures are responsible for their own extinction.

GRAMMAR

2. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the message:

Poor environment quality has its greater impact (A)..... whose health status is already (B) therefore, environmental health must address the societal and environmental factors that increase the likelihood of exposure (C)

- A) a. on people b. over people c. for people d. of people
 B) a. at risk b. on risk c. over risk d. of risk
 C) a. for disease b. of disease c. to disease d. by disease

3. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the narration: 1x3=3

It feels like I've been inside(A.)..... I can't go to the movie theatre or pizza theatre. I miss my classmates . Grandfather said that Anne Frank and her family (B) Two years in the Attic. He further said that he (C)that blank look and no comment.



- (A) a. never b. forever c. nowhere d. always
 (B) a. reached b. passed c. spent d. cut
 (C) a. expected b. accepted c. excepted d. realised

4. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options from any four of the six sentences given:

A. Unfortunately I have talent for music although I have always wanted to be a famous singer.

- a. A few b. little c. plenty of d. few

B. The report concludes sadly that students have Knowledge of nuclear physics.

- a. very few/some b. both/whole c. every/ no d. none/ any

C. Although species of fox are reddish in colour, Arctic fox is often pure white.

- a. most/the b. any/the c. a great amount of/an d. None

D. The Amazon in Brazil is longest river in South America.

- a. the/an b. an/the c. the/the d. None of these.

E. We could barely get any information at the airport. people seem to have.....
idea about the flights.

- a. Only a few/some b. A lot of/any c. Many/any d. Few /no

F. his friends speak English.

- a. Neither of b. Some c. Both of d. None of the above

PART –B
WRITING

5. Attempt Any One of the following in 100-120 words.

(A) Taking help from the information given below, write a letter to the editor of a national daily showing your concern at the outdated education system which has not helped in creating more jobs in India. Also suggest some measures to make it more meaningful and job-oriented. (Word Limit: 100-120)

*Hints: Influence of western education due to colonisation -----More theoretical than practical-----
-----Not job oriented -----vocational training required*

