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#### 2025

#### **ENGLISH**

(Second Language)

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

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(First 15 Minutes for reading the question paper only, 3 Hours for writing)

Full Marks: For Regular Candidates - 90 For External Candidates - 100

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Answer All the questions in the space provided. There is enough space for the answers. However, extra sheets will be supplied by the Invigilator, if required.		
Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.		
Section – A – Reading Comprehension (Seen) – 20 marks Reading Comprehension (Unseen) – 20 marks		
Section – B – Grammar and Vocabulary – 20 marks		
Section – C – Writing – 30 marks		-
Section - D - Supplementary (For External Candidates Only) - 10 marks		
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# SECTION – A READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:



When the family sits down to tea, the cat puts in an appearance to get his share. He purrs noisily and rubs himself against the legs of the family members. If there is a guest at the table the cat is particularly civil to him, because the guest is likely to have the best of what is offered. Sometimes, instead of giving him something to eat, the guest stoops down and strokes the cat, and says, "Poor pussy!" The cat soon tires of that. He puts up his claw and quietly but firmly rakes the guest in the leg. "Ow!" says the guest, "The cat stuck his claws into me!". The delighted family remarks, "Isn't it sweet of him? Isn't he intelligent? He wants you to give him something to eat."

The guest dares not do what he would like to do - kick the cat out of the window. So, with tears of rage and pain in his eyes, he affects to be very much amused, and sorts out a bit of fish from his plate and hands it down. The cat gingerly receives it, with a look in his eyes that says, "Another time, my friend, you won't be so slow to understand." He purrs as he retires to a safe distance from the guest's boot before eating his food.

	te the correct alternative in the given space to complete the	
10110	owing sentences :	1×5=5
(a)	The cat is particularly civil to the	
	(i) children (ii) family members	
	(iii) strangers (iv) guest of the family	
	Ans :	
(b)	At tea-time the cat puts in an appearance to	
	(i) see if there is anyone new	
	(ii) disturb the family members	
	(iii) get his share of food	
	(iv) rake the legs of the guest	
	Ans:	



	(0)	(i) offering food	i and si		***************************************
		(ii) kicking it			
		(iii) ignoring it			
		(iv) having food			
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	(d)	The purring cat rubs himself again	st the I	egs of the	
		(i) guest of the family	(ii)	members of the family	
		(iii) guest and family members	(iv)	people outside the house	
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	(e)	With tears of rage and pain in eyes	s, the g	uest affects to be very	
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		(i) angry	(ii)	amused amused	
		(iii) honoured	(iv)	unhappy	
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		Ans:	OF THE		
В.	Cor	mplete the following sentences w	ith info	rmation from the text :	1×3=3
	(i)	The guest wishes to			
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	(ii)	Putting up his claw the cat	-		
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	(iii)	The cat retires to a safe distance to	0		
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	'T'	te whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. W for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the boxes on the right-hand si o provide sentences/phrases from the passage in support of your	rite ide.
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	(i)	The guest was amused when the cat raked him in the leg.	
		Supporting sentence :	
	(ii)	The family members were not ashamed of the behaviour of the cat.	
		Supporting sentence :	
2.	Read th	ne poem and answer the questions that follow :	
	I must g	o down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,	
	And all	I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;	
	And the	wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,	
	And a g	rey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.	
	I must g	go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide	
	Is a wild	d call and a clear call that may not be denied;	
	And all	l ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying	
	And the	flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.	
	I must g	go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life	
	To the	gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife	
	And all	I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover,	
	And qu	iet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.	
	A. Tic	k the correct alternative to complete the following sentences :	1×4=4
	(a)	During his journey the poet's ship will be guided by	
		(i) the sail (ii) the wind	
		(iii) the star (iv) the whale	

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(b)	"I mu	ust go down" - this line expresses th	ne poet's
	(i)	frustration about sea voyage	
	(ii)	determination to go on sea voyages	1866
	(iii)	anxiety about hardships of sea voyage	
	(iv)	depression for not being able to go on	a voyage
(c)	The	living creatures mentioned in the poem	are
	(i)	gulls and whales (ii)	mariners, gulls and whales
	(iii)	fellow rovers and whales (iv)	the poet and fellow rovers
(d)	The	poet desires his fellow rover to be in a	
	(i)	a gloomy mood	
	(ii)	pensive mood	
	(iii)	reckless mood	
	(iv)	joyous mood	the later have be seen a
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B. Ans	swer	the following questions :	2×2=4
(i)	Why	does the poet compare the life of a m	ariner with the life of gypsies?
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(ii)	Wha	at does the poet ask for at the end of a	voyage ?
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#### READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

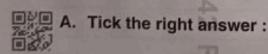


It was back in 1975 that India launched its Crocodile Conservation Project in Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park, the former hunting grounds of kings from the Kanika princely state.

Today there are 1811 saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarkanika, a vast tract of forest and saltwater swamp, but back in 1975 the number of saltwater crocodiles was only 74. In 1975, barely three years after the passage of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, crocodiles were very much threatened and were on the verge of extinction in India due to indiscriminate killing for commercial purposes and severe loss of natural habitat. "The main objective of the crocodile conservation project was to protect the animal's natural habitat and revive the population through captive breeding" said Mr. Sudhakar Kar, Odisha's 'Crocodile Man'.

Kar, after his retirement as senior scientist, has been imparting technical expertise and methodology on the conservation of these saltwater monsters. He added, "the conservation of crocodiles is not a passing fact for me but a mission."

[Adapted from an article published in The Hindu dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024]



1×6=6

(i) India launched its Crocodile (	Conservation I	Project in
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- (a) 1978
- (b) 2024
- (c) 1975
- (d) 1974

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(ii)	Curr	rently in Bhitarkanika National Park the number of cro	ocodiles is
	(a)	About three thousand	
	(b)	More than two thousand	E SV.P.
	(c)	About two thousand	
	(d)	Less than thousand	
(iii)	The	number of crocodiles in India has increased due to	
(111)	(a)	Forced breeding	
	(b)	Captive breeding	
	(c)	Natural breeding	
	(d)	Segregated breeding	Supple - Supple
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(iv)		year 1972 is significant for wild life enthusiasts in Inc year	ala because
	(a)	The Wild Life Protection Act was passed in India	
	(b)	The Crocodile Conservation Project was launched	in India
	70.77	Bhitarkanika was declared a national park by Indian	
	(c) (d)	The Crocodile Man of Odisha started working as a	
	The same		
(v)	"Cor	nservation of these saltwater monsters" refers to con	servation of
	(a)	Monsters living in saltwater	
	(b)	Wild animals living in Bhitarkanika	
	(c)	Crocodiles living in saltwater	
	(d)	Animals living in saltwater	
(vi)	Ana	appropriate title for the passage would be	
	(a)	An endeavour to protect crocodiles	
	(b)	Ways to conserve wild animals of India	
	(c)	50 <sup>th</sup> year of India's Crocodile Conservation	
	(d)	The visionary scientist - Mr. Sudhakar Kar	
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В.		ch of the following statements is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for	2
	suit	table line(s) or phrase(s) from the passage in support of your  wers:  (1+1)×3=	1
		Since 1975 the number of crocodiles in India has decreased drastically.	0
	(1)	Supporting sentence :	
	(ii)	The Bhitarkanika National Park used to be the hunting grounds of kings from Kanika Princely states.	n
		Supporting sentence :	
	(iii)	After retirement Mr. Sudhakar Kar is no longer associated with crocodile conservation.	
		Supporting sentence :	
C.	Ans	swer the following questions :	1=8
	(i)	What were the main objectives of the crocodile conservation project?  Ans:	
	(ii)	Why were the saltwater crocodiles on the verge of extinction in 1975 ?	国和公司
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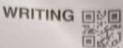
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	(iii) Who is referre	d to as Odisha's 'Crocodi	e Man' ? Which post did he r	retire
	from ?			
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A. I	Fill in the blanks	with appropriate articles		1×3=3
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1	notel	the river. Though	hotel was	s a bit
	expensive it was v	ery nice.		
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B. (	) We patched the kite up with a letter. (Change the voice) 1x3=3
	Ans:
(i	Father asked him, "Have you no school today ?" (Change into indirect speech)  Ans:
(iii)	The people were very much stunned. They could not speak in the beginning. (Join the sentences into a simple sentence)
	Ans:
the	oose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on right-hand side changing the form where necessary. There is one ra phrasal verb in the list:
(i)	The officer demanded his explanation for the work.
(ii)	We must reduce our daily expenses.
(iii)	I cannot remember his name.  [call up, cut off, call for, cut down]
passag	below are the meanings of four words which you will find in the e in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the riate boxes on the right-hand side :
(i)	the natural home or environment of an animal
(ii)	to bring something back to life
(iii)	important assignment or vocation
(iv)	target 8



SECTION - C



7. Write a letter to the editor of an English daily complaining about the pollution caused by fire crackers. (in about 100 words)

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Your letter should include the following points:

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Air and sound pollution - health hazards - suffering of children and aged





8. Write a paragraph (within 100 words) about the advantages of morning walk.

You may use the following points :

Introduction — easiest form of exercise — early start for the day's work — increase

energy and prevent weight gain — improve memory — fresh air freshens

mind — lower risk of heart disease — conclusion.

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9. Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on a dacoity in your area. You may use the following points :

Locality and place of occurrence — date and time — valuables looted — the

number of dacoits — impact — steps taken.

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