



Date - 13/06/24 GRADE - X	MT- : 1 [2024-2025] ENGLISH	Max Marks - 20 TIME - 50 minutes
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A	Read the following passage and answer the questions below	1x6=6
1	<p>1. Nature is our mother, our first teacher. The greatest lesson that she teaches us is to maintain an equilibrium in life. We learn to maintain composure through our joys, sorrows, and fears. In fact, there are a thousand lessons that nature can teach us, provided we look for them.</p> <p>2. With time, a sapling grows into a full-grown tree; something so tiny and delicate develops into a strong tree capable of supporting others. No matter how tall it grows, how much it may flourish, or how many animals and birds it may support, its roots are firmly buried from where it once rose. That's a lesson to keep ourselves grounded, respect and embrace our roots and give something back to those humble beginnings that nurtured us into who we are.</p> <p>3. Then there is the message of peaceful coexistence. 'I am because we are.' Nature provides every creature a chance to exist. However, the existence of one creature or being depends on the existence of the other. The tiger eats the antelope; without the antelope, the tiger wouldn't survive. Likewise, without tigers, the over-abundance of antelopes would cause them to starve to death.</p> <p>4. I wonder if you have noticed that when birds or squirrels see a predator, they give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures, of the lurking danger. They put themselves in danger to save the lives of others. Many animals, like the salmon, usually die after they spawn, but this doesn't stop them. One life extinguished for the betterment of others is a small price to pay.</p>	

5. The snow melts in the warmth of spring to give birth to fresh green leaves. In autumn these leaves age into shades of gold only to be buried in the cold grave of winter. Change is inevitable; the sooner we embrace this, the better it is for us. We must also understand that even in pain there is growth. If you cut a hole in the tree, it will grow around it. No matter what may come in its way, a river will continue to flow. Similarly, no matter what grief may break your heart, nature teaches us that life goes on.

6. Keep in mind life isn't about making lists and trying to be one step ahead of others. Life is to live. Take a break-stop being a workaholic and smell the roses, do whatever makes you feel happy and most of all spend some time with nature to pick up invaluable lessons.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option.

1. According to the author, what, from the following, is the greatest lesson being taught by nature?

- (a) Maintain an equilibrium in life.
- (b) Partial to joys in our life.
- (c) Afraid of unhappiness in life.
- (d) Indifferent to fears in life.

2. What do the birds and squirrels do when they sense danger?

- (a) Give out an alarm call to their fellow creatures.
- (b) Tendency to get easily frightened.
- (c) Try to protect themselves.
- (d) Determination to protect their own species.

3. Which of the following is shown by the changing of seasons?

- (a) The beauty of nature.
- (b) Nature's creativity.
- (c) All seasons are equal.
- (d) Nothing lasts forever.

4. 'I am because we are'. What does the author mean by this statement?

- (a) Tigers are dependent on antelope
- (b) Antelope is dependent on the tiger
- (c) Nature is dependent on salmon
- (d) Everyone is dependent on each other

	<p>5.A Portmanteau word like smog (smoke + fog), is a blend of words in which parts of multiple words are combined into a new word. From the options given below, select a Portmanteau word that appears in the para 6.</p> <p>(a) Coexistence (b) (b) Workaholic (c) Full-grown (d) (d) Flourish</p> <p>6.Suggest an appropriate title for the passage.</p>	
B	<p>Answer all the questions.</p> <p>1. Given the recent increase in road accidents and miss happenings, you are concerned about road safety. Write a letter to the editor of a popular magazine to showcase the same.</p> <p>2. Imagine that you are Kisa Gotami from the lesson 'Sermon at Benares' and you are writing a diary entry after being enlightened by Buddha. Complete the below diary entry in not more than 120 words expressing the painful proceedings you had to go through.</p> <p>07 June, Monday Today is one of the most important days of my life. I lost the only...</p>	3x2=6
c	<p>Answer the following questions in not less than 120 words. (Summary of the lesson is not accepted as an answer and the keywords in the answers should be highlighted or underlined with a pencil).</p>	4x2=8
1	Do you think that Kisa Gotami was a selfish person? Explain with reference to the lesson 'The Sermon at Benares'.	
2	"If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year." Lencho had faith in God but he didn't manage to solve the problem by himself. Did he lack the courage to resolve his matter himself? What values did he lack? Explain it in not less than 120 words.	