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Section - A: Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Prose (Unit 1 from 'The Passing Away of Bapu')

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: (1 × 5 = 5)

- Big Half Moon is the name of a/an **(iii) island**
- The age of Claude is **(ii) twelve years**
- Esther is the **(iv) sister of the narrator's father**
- Claude and the narrator used to quarrel **(i) with the mainland children**
- Father looked sad when **(iv) he was asked about relatives**

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (1 × 3 = 3)

- The father of the two children worked as **the keeper of the Big Half Moon Lighthouse.**
- The family used to move over to the mainland because **the harbour was frozen over in winter.**
- People of the mainland pitied the narrator's family when **the time came for them to return to the island, thinking they must be lonesome with no other children near them.**

C. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'. Provide supporting statements: (2 × 2 = 4)

- The family found their relative because of the kite. **True**
Answer: Supporting Statement: "The family found their relative because of the kite." (Or contextually from the complete text: "We went to uncle Ned's...").
- No family living on the mainland had relatives. **False**
Answer: Supporting Statement: "Everybody on the mainland had relations. Why hadn't we?"

2. Poem ('The Snail' by William Cowper)

A. Tick the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: ($1 \times 4 = 4$)

- (a) The snail sticks to the wall as if (i) **he grew there**
- (b) With the slightest touch the snail shrinks with (iii) **displeasure**
- (c) The phrase "danger imminent" in the second stanza refers to dangers (ii) **likely to happen soon**
- (d) Wherever the snail lives, it lives (iv) **with none**

B. Answer the following questions: ($2 \times 2 = 4$)

- (i) **What does the snail do when it meets another snail?**
When the snail meets another snail, it does not share its banquet or need a partner, but rather feeds only the faster.
- (ii) **With whose life is the life of the snail compared and what similarity can be found in their lives?**
The life of the snail is compared to that of a hermit. The similarity is that both live entirely alone, self-sufficient, well-satisfied with their own treasures, and independent of any companions or partners.

Section - A: Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3. Unseen Passage (Kingfisher Day in Bengal)

A. Tick the right answer: ($1 \times 6 = 6$)

- (a) Kingfisher Day is going to be celebrated in Bengal on the (ii) **third Sunday of July**
- (b) Bengal birders will undertake a survey to know the (iii) **status and distribution of Kingfishers all over Bengal**
- (c) The number of associations involved in organizing Bengal Birders' Meet 2025 is (iii) **two** (*The Birdwatchers' Society in association with eBird and Bird Count India - count is two main organizing bodies*).
- (d) Bengal Birders' Meet started on a (iv) **Saturday**
- (e) Ardhendu Das is a BWS member and an (iii) **ecologist**
- (f) The number of participants in Bengal Birders' Meet 2025 was (i) **more than three hundred and fifty**

B. State whether True or False and provide supporting statements: ($((1+1) \times 3 = 6)$)

- (i) The Birdwatchers' Society of Bengal hopes that observing 'Kingfisher Day' will become a national movement in future. **True**
Answer: Supporting statement: "As awareness grows, we envision Kingfisher Day evolving into a national movement..."
- (ii) Kingfishers are critical indicators of only urban ecosystem health. **False**
Answer: Supporting statement: "Kingfishers are critical indicators of fresh water eco-system health."
- (iii) Jiju Jasper is an eminent conservationist and ornithologist. **False**
Answer: Supporting statement: "...DFO Malda Jiju Jasper..." (He is a Deputy Field Officer / forest official, whereas Asad Rahmani is the eminent conservationist and ornithologist).

C. Answer the following questions: ($2 \times 4 = 8$)

- (i) **Which Kingfisher is the state bird of Bengal? How many other species of Kingfishers can be found in Bengal?**
The white-throated Kingfisher is the state bird of Bengal. Besides this, the state is home to

11 more species of Kingfishers.

- (ii)
- What will be the focus of 'Kingfisher Census Week'?**

The focus of 'Kingfisher Census Week' will be on documenting the distribution and diversity of Kingfishers across Bengal.

- (iii)
- Which ecological honour does Bengal have? What is essential to secure the future of Kingfishers?**

Bengal has the unique ecological honour of having recorded all 12 species of Kingfishers found in India. Targeted conservation efforts are essential to secure their future.

- (iv)
- Write the names of two speakers who attended the Bengal Birders' Meet 2025?**

Two speakers who attended the meet were Asad Rahmani and Aparajita Dutta (other acceptable answers: Justin-Jones, Jiju Jasper, Aswin Viswanathan, Major B. S. Parihar, Milan Mandal).

Section - B: Grammar and Vocabulary

4. Choose correct alternatives for verb forms:

(1 × 3 = 3) One day the Giant **was** (was/has been/had been) to visit his friend the Cornish Ogre and **had been staying** (had stayed/had been staying) with him for seven years. **comes** (comes/came/was coming) back. He **came** (Wait, check contextual flow: "When the seven years were over he had said all that he had to say... and the Giant came back."). Let's provide exact correct option selections:

- (i) **had been** (was / has been / had been)
- (ii) **had been staying** (had stayed / had been staying)
- (iii) **came** (comes / came / was coming)

5. Grammar and Phrasal Verbs

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: (1 × 3 = 3)

On 4th August 2023, **the** Indian women's archery team achieved a historic feat **by** securing the gold medal **at** the World Archery Championship in Berlin.

B. Do as directed: (1 × 3 = 3)

- (i) My father lives in a big house. The house is near the river. (Join into a single sentence)
My father lives in a big house which is near the river. (Or: **My father lives in a big house near the river.**)
- (ii) "You are half an hour late," Samuel said. (Change into indirect speech)
Samuel told (or informed) me (or him/her) that I (or he/she) was half an hour late.
- (iii) At every station sorrowful crowds filled the platform. (Change the voice)
The platform was filled with sorrowful crowds at every station.

C. Phrasal Verbs replacement: (1 × 3 = 3)

- (i) Nandini has published her first novel. → **brought out**
- (ii) I will wear a new dress tomorrow. → **put on**
- (iii) We should abandon bad habits. → **give up**
(Extra phrasal verb in list: *give in*)

6. Vocabulary (Words from Unseen Passage)

(2 × 4 = 8)

- (i) The natural home of a plant or an animal → **Habitat**

- (ii) Variety → **Diversity**
(iii) Preservation → **Conservation**
(iv) Famous and respected for outstanding quality → **Eminent**

Section – C: Writing

7. Story Writing based on hints:

(8 + 2 = 10)

Title: The Greedy Dog

Once, a dog managed to steal a juicy piece of flesh from a butcher's shop. Holding the meat tightly in its mouth, the dog trotted happily towards a stream to find a quiet place to enjoy its meal. While crossing a narrow wooden bridge over the stream, the dog looked down into the clear water.

To its surprise, it saw its own reflection in the water. Foolishly, the greedy dog mistook the reflection for another dog holding an even larger piece of meat. Greed overwhelmed its mind. Wanting that extra piece as well, the dog opened its mouth and barked fiercely at the reflection, "Woof!"

As soon as it opened its mouth, the piece of flesh dropped from its jaws and fell straight into the rushing water below, sinking instantly. The reflection vanished. The foolish dog realized its mistake too late and went away hungry, regretting its immense greed.

8. Notice Writing (Magician Visit):

(10)

ABC HIGH SCHOOL, KOLKATA
NOTICE

Ref. No: 42/SC/2026

Date: August 14, 2026

SUBJECT: ENJOY A SPELLBINDING MAGIC SHOW!

This is to notify all students that our school student-council has organized a grand Magic Show by a renowned magician next month. The details of the event are given below:

- **Date:** September 5, 2026
- **Time:** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Venue:** School Auditorium

Students who are eager to witness this enchanting performance are requested to collect their entry tickets **free of cost** directly from their respective class teachers by August 30, 2026. Cooperation from all students is earnestly solicited to make this event a grand success.

Countersigned by,
Headmaster

Supratik Sen
Secretary, Student-Council

9. Personal Letter (Advising cousin to plant saplings in the rainy season):

(10)

14/2, Park Street
Kolkata - 700016
August 14, 2026

My dear Rohit,

Hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing this to share a wonderful idea with you as the monsoon has finally arrived.

Since the rainy season is upon us, I strongly advise you to plant as many saplings and new trees around your neighborhood as possible. Trees are our best friends; they clean our air, bring rain, and save our planet from global warming. Planting trees every year is essential to combat the rising environmental crisis.

I specifically chose the rainy season for this because rainwater provides natural, abundant hydration for young saplings, ensuring their high survival rate without needing heavy artificial watering.

Do plant at least five saplings this week and send me pictures. Convey my regards to Uncle and Aunt.

Yours lovingly,
Amit



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