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Class:- VI
Time- 2½ Hrs.

Subject:- English
F. M:- 80

SECTION A (READING) [20 marks]

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully. [12 marks]

Animals are great builders, using simple materials but employing sound engineering principles. Man has long used suspension bridges – ropes of steel and concrete-which bear loads in tension. The webs of spiders provide the most vivid examples of animal structures built entirely in tension. Spider web silk is so strong that many species of birds use it to build their nests. Unlike steel, silk stretch to more than twice its original length before breaking.

Beavers are natural engineers. They use tree branches to construct dams. The divided end is pressed into the walls; this makes the dam strong enough to withstand the pressure of water. The dams of the beaver have an angle of 45 degrees on the downstream side. These also help the dam to resist the pressure of water.

Constructing a very thick wall is uneconomical. Strength could also be provided to a thin wall by making the base wide. The nest of the termite *Amitemes Meridionalis* is more than two meters high with a wide base which tapers at the top. This ensures greater resistance to wind forces.

1.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions in brief. [1x5=5]

- a) Write a suitable title to this passage
- b) Mention any one aspect of engineering which is touched upon in this passage?
- c) What do spider-web silk and bridges have in common?
- d) Why do beavers build dams on an angle of 45 degrees?
- e) What can we learn from a species of termites?

1.2 Fill in the blanks with the ideas from the passage. [1x5=5]

- a) Animals use i)_____ building materials but ii)_____ engineering principles.
- b) The idea of building bridges is taken from the i)_____ who build their webs on the principle of ii)_____.
- c) Beavers who are known as i)_____ use tree branches to construct their dams.

1.3 Find words from the passage that mean: [1x2=2]

- a) Producing strong, clear images in the mind (Para 1)
- b) Try to prevent (Para 2)

Q.2 Read the following passage with care. [8 marks]

There was great feasting in the city of Troy that night. Sinon had told his story well, and the Trojans really believed that they were safe at last, their long siege was ended, and, with their own eyes, they had seen the hated Greeks sail away. The walls had been broken and the great wooden horse had been dragged into the city and placed before the temple of Athens. Now all the Trojans were lying in a heavy, dreamless sleep, and Sinon stole gently through the silent streets towards the high watch – tower. No guard was there : they were all sleeping or feasting still. Sinon lighted a great fire in the tower, and then made his way to the temple, to where the wooden horse shone white in the moonlight. He called in a low voice to the heroes inside, and they all came out, down the ladder which Epeus had built for them. Each man’s heart beat loudly as he seized his weapons and made ready to attack the sleeping city. They ran to the doors of the nearest houses and began to burn and kill, and the rest of the army --- returning in their ships--- poured in through the break in the walls, and Troy was won.

2.1 Choose the correct option from below. Write the answer along with the question number.

[1x5=5]

- i. There was feasting in the city of Troy because
 - a) it was New Year
 - b) the Trojans believed that they were safe
 - c) Trojans were very hungry
 - d) none of the above.
- ii. The great wooden horse had been dragged before -
 - a) the temple of Greece
 - b) the temple of Euphrates
 - c) the temple of Athens
 - d) the temple of Epeus.
- iii. Sinon signalled to the soldiers by
 - a) lighting a fire in the tower
 - b) lighting a fire in the temple
 - c) lighting a fire in the hut
 - d) lighting a fire in the palace.
- iv. All the Greek heroes came out from
 - a) the houses
 - b) the boats
 - c) the wooden horse
 - d) behind the wooden horse.
- v. Troy was won because
 - a) of the clever planning of the Trojans
 - b) of the clever planning of the Greeks
 - c) of the foolishness of the Greeks
 - d) of the tiredness of the Trojans

2.2 Answer the following questions in brief:

[1x3=3]

- i) Why had the walls surrounding the city of Troy been broken?
- ii) What did the Trojans do after the wooden horse was dragged into the city?
- iii) How did the rest of the Greek army enter into the city of Troy?

Section - B Writing, Grammar & Vocabulary

[40 marks]

Q.3 You are Aman/Amina, the sports captain of Guru Teg Bbahadur School, Amritsar. Write a notice for selection of the school football team. Write the notice in about 50 words. [4]

Q.4 Complete the dialogues between a tourist and a hotel receptionist. (Word limit - 100 words) [5]

- Receptionist : Good evening, Sir.
Tourist : Good evening. i)?
Receptionist : ii) to have?
Tourist : I want a decent single bed AC room, preferably on the ground floor.
Receptionist : iii) There are rooms vacant only on the 1st and 2nd floor.
Tourist : Then iv)
What v).....?
Receptionist : It'll cost you Rs. 2000 per night.
Tourist : Okay, give me the room for one night.
Receptionist : Thanks. Here's the key.

Q.5 Write a story on the basis of following outline in about 120 words. Provide a suitable title and a moral to the story. [6]

A slave runs away from his cruel master --- a lion in the forest - crying for pain - the slave takes out a thorn from his foot - a few months later - the slave caught by his master's men - ordered to be thrown before a hungry lion - the lion rushes at him - licks his feet - remembers his old kindness - people are touched by seeing this friendship - the slave and the lion set free from the prison.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks with correct determiners from the box

[1x3=3]

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- a) We don't have _____ mangoes in the shop now.
- b) Only _____ flowers that bloom on the tree do not bear seeds.
- c) I want _____ money to buy a blanket.

- c) To whom are these words spoken to? [1]
d) Why did the speaker tell that 'he should not be thanked'? [1]

Q.18 Answer the following questions briefly. (Word limit 30- 40 words) [2x3 = 6]

- a) Why do you think Jim hesitated to look at the time in his pocket watch?
b) What happened to the narrator in the poem 'Someone' on a still dark night?
c) Why was Uncle Podger's handkerchief difficult to find?

Q.19 The little girl looks at the painting of fruits on the ceiling and thinks that they are going to fall any time through the ceiling. What does this tell you about the painting? Which characteristic traits of the little girl are expressed here? (Word limit - 60 words) [1½ + 1½ = 3]

Q.20 Love is very often associated with sacrifice. To make the loved and respected ones happy, people even go to the extent of sacrificing their most prized possessions. Do you agree with this? Justify your view with reference to the story "The Gift of the Magi". (Word limit - 80 words) [4]

Q.21 Write a brief character sketch of Monks. (Word limit 50-60 words) [3]