

3. Read the text and answer the questions given below.

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(10 marks)

A CONSERVING FUTURE

In the context of an ever increasing world population and the consequent rise in demand for living space, food and raw materials, it has been predicted by some economic forecasters that a crisis in the supply of our most important mineral resources is **imminent**. Although the mining industry has been successful in continuing to discover new resources ahead of demand, it is suggested that the number of new discoveries of ores yet to be made must be **finite** and that sooner or later mankind will be faced with an absolute shortage of many key commodities which are **essential** to an industrial society.

At the simplest level of argument, conservation of minerals is proposed as a **desirable** object of international co-operation simply to delay for as long as possible the point at which society can no longer rely on supplies. A diametrically opposed view is, however, often supported, not least by the mining industry itself. This argues that the efficient utilization of all resources that are available and can be extracted **economically** at the present time, far from being discouraged, should be **vigorously** pursued. Only this will give an innovative society the economic encouragement that it needs to discover technical solutions to the problems of raw material shortages that may occur in the near future.

Expressed in this way, arguments for and against mineral conservation appear to be some what academic. However, recent history has shown that for two reasons, political and environmental, conservation or, more accurately, the efficient utilization of mineral resources is a desirable end. In the political sphere, the growth of producer cartels such as OPEC (petroleum), CIPEC (Copper) and the IBA (Bauxite) may well have the effect of encouraging countries which are net importers of the commodities concerned to examine more closely the efficiency with which those commodities are **utilized**.

The growing pressure of mining on the environment is partly the result of increased demand requiring bigger mines, but it can also be attributed to the exhaustion of **high-grade ore deposits**, resulting in a shift of emphasis towards large-scale extractive operations that are able to work vast low-grade deposits at a profit.

Political and environmental pressures, although **fundamental in encouraging** the efficient use of non-renewable resources, can often act **indirectly**. For example the increases imposed for political reasons upon the price of **crude petroleum** not only encourage less wasteful use of the refinery products themselves but also, at second hand, the efficient use of, say, metals produced in smelters dependent upon oil-based energy.

1. What rises as a consequence of ever increasing world population? (01 mark)
2. What has been predicted by some economic forecasters as imminent? (01 mark)
3. What has the mining industry been successful in? (01 mark)
4. Despite their success why is it that man kind will face an absolute shortage of key commodities? (01 mark)
5. What two reasons are attributed to the growing pressure of mining on the environment? (02 marks)

Librarian : May I know your name and occupation.

You :

Librarian : In which university are you studying ?

You :

Librarian : And what's your address?

You :

Librarian : Well, here's the application form. Please fill it in. You have to be introduced by a person who is already a member of the library

You :

Librarian : I see. Can you get it attested by the Head of the Department where you are studying ?

You :

Librarian : One thousand five hundred rupees annually.

You :

Librarian : You can borrow five books.

You :

Librarian : One month.

You :

Librarian : We are open from Tuesday to Saturday. The opening hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

You :

Librarian : You're welcome.

3. You go home and find the house is locked. As you don't have a key, you go to your neighbour. Write the conversation you had with your neighbour. Each one must speak at least five times. (10 marks)

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A. Answer the questions

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(10 marks)

- (1) What was Raju accused for?
- (2) What did Raju ask for according to the prosecution?
- (3) What according to the prosecution counsel was Neelan's complain against Raju?
- (4) How did Raju attack Naleen?
- (5) According to the defence why did Raju act in such a manner ?
- (6) How did Neelan get his injuries ?
- (7) How dose Neelan treat his employees according the defence counsel ?
- (8) According to the defence counsel what did Neelan try to do when he became angry ?
- (9) According to the defence counsel why did Neelan remain in hospital ?
- (10) What did the prosecution ask the judge to do with Raju?

B. Find words in the above passage which have the same or similar meaning as the ones given below. (10 marks)

- (1) The main cook =
- (2) One who gives jobs =
- (3) Very serious =
- (4) Asked for =
- (5) Pay less but get more work done =
- (6) Squeeze one's neck to kill =
- (7) Overstating =
- (8) Got well =
- (9) Prison =
- (10) Without any harassment =

Part D - Writing (20 marks)

1. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter. Write a report about the survival of the child who fought with a crocodile. (Use about 30 - 35 words) (05 marks)
2. Write an essay on "Responsibilities of a good citizen". (Use about 200 words.) (15 marks)

2. Read the two passages and answer the questions given below.

(05 marks)

THE MALDIVE ISLANDS

The Maldivian Islands are a collection of islands in the Indian Ocean to the South West of India and Sri Lanka with an area of 298 sq km. extending 795 km North to South and 159 km from East to West. The second smallest country in Asia, Maldives consists of 1087 islands. Only 200 of them are inhabited. Its equatorial climate is hot and humid with an average temperature of about 27°. Its annual rainfall averages 160 inches. According to the 1974 census, the population was 128, 697

SINGAPORE

The Republic of Singapore the third smallest country in Asia, consists of Singapore Islands and several smaller adjacent islets, situated in the Southern extends about 50.7 km East North East to West South West and 31.4 km South, South East to North North West. Singapore is connected to the nearby western portion of Malaysia by a cause way, 1.2 km in length.

The climate is tropical with heavy rainfall and high humidity. The average temperature is 30.6° C. The annual rain fall is 95 inches. Singapore's estimated population is 22,48,000. About 1/3 of the population is under 15 years of age and half is under 21 years.

1. Which one of the two islands has a bigger area?
2. Which one of the two islands is less hot ?
3. Which one of these two islands is closer to Malasiya?
4. Which island is thinly populated ?
5. Which island gets a higher average rainfall?

Part C - Comprehension (30 marks)

1. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, underline the one that best expresses its meaning. (

(1) Sakunthala kept me waiting.

- (a) Sakunthala was waiting for me.
- (b) I was waiting for Sakunthala.
- (c) I had to keep away because of Sakunthala.

(2) We saw the ship leaving the harbour.

- (a) We saw how the ship went off the harbour.
- (b) We saw the ship and left the harbour.
- (c) We looked at the ship and left.

- (3) **Thilak stopped to talk to me.**
(a) Thilak has stopped talking to me.
(b) I have stopped talking to Thilak.
(c) Thilak waited to speak to me.
- (4) **Nihal's answer is far from satisfactory.**
(a) Nihal's answer is very bad.
(b) Nihal's answer is very good.
(c) Nihal's answer is very long and satisfactory.
- (4) **Shantha found Ranjan sad.**
(a) Shantha was sad.
(b) Ranjan was happy.
(c) Ranjan was sad and Shantha understood that.

2. Read this poem and answer the questions given below.

Forgive My Guilt

(05 marks)

Not always sure what things called sins may be,
I am sure of one sin I have done
It was years ago, and I was a boy
I lay in the frostflowers with a gun,
The air ran blue as the flowers, I held my breath,
Two birds on golden legs slim as dream things
Ran like quicksilver on the golden sand,
My gun went off, they ran with broken wings
Into the sea, I ran to fetch them in,
But they swam with their heads high out to sea,
They cried like two sorrowful high flutes,
With jagged ivory bones where wings should be

For days I heard them when I walked that headland
Crying out to their kind in the blue,
The other plovers were going over south
On silver wings leaving these broken two.
The cries went out one day; but I still hear them
Over all the sounds of sorrow in war or peace
I ever have heard, time cannot drown them,
Those slender flutes of sorrow never cease.
Two airy things forever denied the air!
I never knew how their lives at last were split,
But I have hoped for years all this is wild.

3. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets

(10 marks)

One of the following Friday I was pacing the little Malgudi Station in great agitation. I had never (1).....(know) such suspense before. She was certain to arrive with a lot of luggage, and the little child. How (2).....(be) all this to (3).....(be transfer) from the train to the platform? and the child must not be hurt. I (4).....(make) a mental note, ' Must shout as soon as the train (5).....(stop) " Be careful with the baby". This (6).....(seem) to my fevered imagination the all important things to say on arrival as otherwise I fancied the child's head (7).....(be) sure to be (8)(bang) against the doorway. And how many infants (9).....(be damage) and destroyed by careless mothers in the process of (10).....(come) out of trains. Why couldn't they make these railway carriages of safer dimensions?

4. Complete the following questions so as to get the answer given below each of them

(05 marks)

- (1) Why _____?
Rajan went abroad to study computer technology.
- (2) How _____?
He goes to university by car.
- (3) Whose _____?
That is Ganga's house.
- (4) When _____?
News in English is telecast at 9 p.m.
- (4) What _____?
Nylon is made of coal, air and water

5. Fill in each blank with a suitable word from those give in the list below

(05 marks)

- caused life and the security
- destory is region physical one
- soil on type provides a

Soil is an invaluable natural resource. It (1)..... raw materials for plants (2).....which we depend for food. The (3)..... and the living organisms of (4)..... region are interdependent. On the (5)..... hand soil is affected by (6)..... flora and fauna of the (7)..... on the other hand the (8)..... of soil determines the flora (9)..... fauna of the region.

Consequently, damage to soil will (10) the balance of nature. It (11)..... danger to human (12)..... and to man's economic (13)..... . Causes of damage can be (14)..... or chemical. Damage can be (15)..... by man or by natural phenomena.

(15 marks)

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Part A - Vocabulary (25 marks)

Underline the correct word ending, selecting from those given in brackets.

(05 marks)

1. Fatal accidents have decreased in frequen (tly, cy, t) over recent years.
2. Take an umbrella just as a precau (tion, tionary, tions).
3. She has contributed several poems to litera (ry, cy, lly) magazines.
4. It is impossible to say with any accu (rate, rately, racy) how many are affected.
5. Journalists are trained to be obser (vance, ved, vants.)

Underline the correct word from those given in brackets.

(05 marks)

1. It would be more (economic / economical) to switch the machine off at night.
2. He flew home to arrange for his father's (funeral / funereal)
3. In the nineteenth century, childbirth often proved (fatal / fateful)
4. There are (forceful / forcible) arguments in favour of this.
5. The stolen paintings have now been restored to their (righteous / rightful) owners.

Cross out the wrong words in these sentences and write the correct word, that should replace them in the brackets provided

(05 marks)

1. The cobbler put a new ~~sole~~ for my old shoes. (sole)
2. Kings enjoy hunting hair with the help of their hounds. ()
3. Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pale of water. ()
4. I like to eat the yellow yoke of the egg. ()
5. The bus fair goes up as the fuel price goes up. ()
6. Ninety percent of the people of Sri Lanka can read and right. ()

Fill in the blank in the following sentences with a word from the list below that means the same as the word in the brackets

(05 marks)

- accustomed anticipates curtail deliverance wanton
1. The government(expects) more trouble in the city following the announcement of the election results.
 2. The(wasteful) destruction of the beautiful birds by men on a hunting spree should be stopped.

Part D - Writing (30 marks)

1. Write a note to your Friend by excusing your absence for a farewell party of your retired teacher. Give a suitable reason. (05 marks)
2. You went to see a book fair recently. Write a report on it including the following Use about 100 words. (10 marks)
 - Name of the book fair
 - Date and venue
 - Who organized it
 - The section that attracted you most
3. The road to your village is in a poor state. During the rainy season the road is impassable. Write a letter to the Chairman of your " Pradeshiya Sabha " requesting him to allocate funds to develop the road. (15 marks)



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- Answer all the questions

Part A - Grammar (40 marks)

1. Underline the correct preposition given in brackets.

- (1) You have to start getting serious (about / of / at / for) your studies.
- (2) He always seems to be short (with / for / by / of) money.
- (3) She was similar (in / with / by / to) me in height and build.
- (4) This film is suitable (at / for / with / of) children.
- (5) Were you successfull (on / at / with / in) persuading him to change his mind?

2. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given

- (1) I was driving to work / I saw an accident (as / since / because)
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- (2) I waited / I read the newspaper (if / while / because)
.....
- (3) I had locked up / I went to bed (while / after / if)
.....
- (4) We have packed / We can leave (before / as soon as / as well as)
.....
- (5) We have finished / We can go and have lunch (unless / once / while)
.....

3. The poor people of that nation prayed for (freedom) from the military dictators ruling the country.
 4. Afghan people living in the war zone are (familiar) to bombing, shelling and the noise of rattling rifles.
 5. The treasury has advised the government departments to (cut down) their expenses keeping with a policy of austerity
5. Select any five words from the list given below and use each of them in a sentence to bring out its meaning clearly. You may use the verbs in any tense. (05 marks)
- specific confirm occasionally expand frustrated
violence approval necessary profession attentively

Part B - Dialogues (25 marks)

1. The following is a dialogue between two friends. In this dialogue, some parts of the sentences numbered (a) to (e) has been deleted. Select the most appropriate part of sentence / clause to complete each one from the list of options given below the dialogue. Write the number of the selected option in the appropriate blank.
- Siyath : You must come and see us if you have a free day
- Hiru : Thank you. I'd like that, Siyath (a) We'll have a day out together.
- Siyath : Fine. (b) What's your number there? (c)
- Hiru : Its 0112 345678
- Siyath : (d)
- Hiru : 0112 345678 (e)
- Siyath : Yes. I got it.
- (1) I'll mark it in my diary.
 - (2) Did you write it clearly.
 - (3) Can you repeat it.
 - (4) We must meet next Sunday.
 - (5) So I can phone you.
2. You want to be a member of the National Library. You meet the librarian. The following is the dialogue that takes place between you and the librarian. Complete your part of the dialogue. (10 marks)

You : Good morning

Librarian : Good morning. What can I do for you?

You :

Airy, and beautiful will forgive my guilt.

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(1) In line 2 what feeling does the speaker express?

(a) happiness (b) guilt (c) pride

(2) Which phrase tells us that he shot at something?

(a) my gun went off (b) as dream things (c) I held my breath

(3) What colour was the bird's legs?

(a) blue (b) gold (c) Silver

(4) What colour was the bird's wings?

(a) Silver (b) blue (c) gold

(5) Why didn't they fly away?

(a) Their legs broke (b) Their necks broke (c) Their wings broke

3. Read the following case and answer the questions below

(20 marks)

Neelan is a successful businessman in Colombo who owns a hotel and restaurant. His restaurant is one of the best in the area, and it is very popular. Raju is the head chef at the restaurant, and he has been working there as a chef for the past twelve months. Raju is accused of attacking his employer with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm.

PROSECUTION : The accused man, Raju, attacked my client on the night of the 27th July. He took a pan of boiling coconut oil and threw it over his employer without provocation.

JUDGE : What injuries did your client receive?

PROSECUTION : Your Honour! Neelan's face and chest are badly burnt. He is now an invalid.

JUDGE : Explain what took place

PROSECUTION : The accused man, Raju demanded an increase in his wages, even though he had received one only a month ago. When Neelan, his employer, told him this, he was so angry that he took the frying pan from the fire and threw the boiling oil at my client's face.

DEFENCE COUNSEL : I protest! My client acted in self defence. This employer exploits his workers. He makes the cooks work all day and all night for very little reward. On the night of the 27th July he told my client that the food he had prepared tasted terrible. He threatened Raju and became angry and advanced towards him intending to strangle him. My client was terrified and threw the oil at his employer. He acted in self defence, to stop him from coming nearer.

PROSECUTION : My Client will be forced to remain in hospital, severely injured, for several months! I move that the accused be put on remand.

DEFENCE : Your Honour! The prosecution is exaggerating. Neelan has recovered. He is staying in hospital so that Raju will be kept in jail. I move my client be given bail.

JUDGE : The court will adjourn. I shall deliver judgement later.

Part -B - Comprehension (20 marks)

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1. Read the letter and answer the questions below.

(05 marks)

68, Sedgwick Street
Cambridge CB1 3AL,
England
January 15th

Dear Rohan,

How are you? I was glad to have your letter and Christmas card. Did you receive the card I sent you as well?

You will be wondering why I have taken a long time to reply to your letter. In fact I only received it this week. It came by sea mail. Don't forget to write AIRMAIL on the envelope when you reply.

You say you are interested in hearing more about me and my family. I am just sixteen and go to a Comprehensive School in Cambridge. At the end of this year I will be taking my 'O' Levels which is the General Certificate of Education Examination. I am taking nine subjects. My favourite subject at Ordinary Level is maths.

It was interesting to hear about your family. Our family is small too. There are four of us: my parents, my sister who is 24 and me. My father is a builder and my mother is a secretary.

In my spare time I play football and I support Everton Football Club. I am very keen on photography and I have set up a dark room in my study. I will send you some of the photographs I have taken. My father helps me with my photography. He's very interested in it too.

We are thinking of visiting Sri Lanka and Thailand at the end of this year, and are looking at some travel brochures. I will keep you informed of our plans.

I hope your family is well, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes.
Yours
Ben

1. Where does Ben live?
2. How did Rohan's letter get delayed?
3. Has Ben got an elder sister or a younger sister?
4. Which subject does Ben like a lot?
5. What is Ben's leisure time activity?