

SPECTRA PRACTICE PAPER (2024-25)

SPECTRA CLASSES

CLASS -6TH

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

M. M: 80

General Instructions:

This paper is divided into 4 sections:

Section- A Reading 20 marks

Section- B Writing 20 marks

Section- C Grammar 15 marks

Section- D Literature 25 marks

Section A: Reading (20 Marks)

(1) Unseen Passage (10 Marks)

The forest is a magical world full of amazing creatures and towering trees. Among its most fascinating residents are the birds. The brightly coloured parrots, with their ability to mimic sounds, often bring joy to anyone who hears them. Owls, on the other hand, are quiet hunters of the night, using their sharp eyes to spot small animals in the dark.

The forest floor is alive with activity too. Tiny ants work together in teams to build their homes, while shy deer tiptoe carefully, always alert for danger. Every animal, big or small, plays an important role in keeping the forest healthy.

Forests are not just homes for animals—they help humans too. Trees clean the air we breathe and provide shade and coolness during hot days. Protecting forests means protecting the life and beauty of our planet.

Questions Based on the Passage

- 1. Name two birds mentioned in the passage and their unique traits. (2 Marks)**
- 2. How do ants work together on the forest floor? (2 Marks)**
- 3. What role do trees play in helping humans? (2 Marks)**
- 4. Why is it important to protect forests? Write two reasons. (4 Marks)**

Questions Based on the Passage

(2) Passage from Honeysuckle (10 Marks)

Deserts are some of the hottest and driest places on Earth, yet they are home to a variety of fascinating animals. These animals have developed unique ways to survive the harsh conditions. The camel, often called the "ship of the desert," is well-known for its ability to travel long distances without water. Its humps store fat, which it can break down into energy and water when needed.

Another remarkable creature is the desert snake, which avoids the intense heat by hiding under rocks or burrowing into the sand during the day. At night, when the desert cools down, the snake comes out to hunt for food. Similarly, the kangaroo rat can survive without drinking water at all. It gets the moisture it needs from the seeds it eats.

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Even the tiniest creatures, like desert insects, have incredible adaptations. They conserve water by remaining inactive during the heat of the day and only becoming active at dawn and dusk. Life in the desert is a constant challenge, but these animals show how nature equips its creatures to thrive even in the harshest environments.

Questions Based on the Passage

1. What is the camel often called, and why? (2 Marks)
 2. How does the kangaroo rat survive without drinking water? (2 Marks)
 3. What strategy do desert snakes use to avoid the heat? (2 Marks)
 4. List two adaptations that help desert insects survive. (2 Marks)
 5. Write two lines explaining how animals in deserts inspire us to face challenges. (2 Marks)
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Section B: Writing (20 Marks)

(3) Essay Writing (10 Marks)

Write an essay on "*The Importance of Teamwork*," drawing examples from the story "Fair Play."

(4) Story Writing (10 Marks)

Write a story that begins with the line:

"One day, I found a mysterious old book in the library..."

Section C: Grammar (15 Marks)

Change the voice of following sentences. (5 Marks)

1. The chef prepared a delicious meal.
2. The homework was completed by the students.
3. The teacher is explaining the lesson.
4. They are painting the house.
5. Who wrote this book?

(5) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles or prepositions: (5 Marks)

1. He is standing ____ (on/in) the balcony.
2. She brought ____ (a/an) umbrella to the picnic.
3. The ball rolled ____ (under/over) the table.
4. They waited ____ (for/in) the teacher outside the classroom.
5. We should always ____ (with/without) respect for others.

(6) (1) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals (can, could, may, might, should, must): (1 Mark each)

1. You ___ finish your homework before going out to play.
2. ___ I borrow your book for a day?
3. She ___ solve this puzzle easily when she was younger.
4. We ___ respect our elders at all times.
5. It's cloudy. It ___ rain later today.

(7) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed: (5 Marks)

1. She is eating her lunch. (Change to past tense)
2. They will go to the market. (Change to present continuous tense)
3. He writes stories. (Change to future tense)
4. We saw the movie yesterday. (Change to present tense)
5. The boy runs fast. (Change to past tense)

Section D: Literature (25 Marks)

(8) Short Answer Questions (15 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

1. What lesson did Patrick learn in the story "Who Did Patrick's Homework?" (3 Marks)
2. How did Kalpana Chawla inspire people, as mentioned in "An Indian-American Woman in Space"? (3 Marks)
3. Why did the guru and his disciple decide to stay in the Kingdom of Fools? (From "A Pact with the Sun") (3 Marks)
4. What is the central idea of the poem "Vocation"? (3 Marks)
5. Why was Taro's father delighted with the sake? (3 Marks)

(9) Reference to Context (10 Marks)

Read the following lines from *Honeysuckle* and answer the questions:

*"And yet, I don't know,
If I'll ever go,
Back to the barn
To sleep again."*

1. Which poem are these lines taken from? (2 Marks)
2. Who is the speaker in the poem? (2 Marks)
3. What emotions are reflected in these lines? (3 Marks)
4. Write two sentences explaining how the poem connects to nature. (3 Marks)