

Class Notes

Class: VIII

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Reading Comprehension

1. Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow:

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands to evade the extreme cold during winter. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.

Answer the following questions:

i) When do the birds make their return journey?

- a. autumn
- b. early winter
- c. early summer
- d. monsoon

ii) What is the migration speed of the birds?

- a. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 74 km an hour and rarely exceeds 70.
- b. The migration speed is usually from 58 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 90.
- c. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.
- d. The migration speed is usually from 45 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 100.

iii) Which is the greatest mystery in a bird's life?

- a. eating
- b. sleeping
- c. travelling
- d. talking

iv) Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'frequently'?

- a. blown
- b. rarely
- c. arise
- d. unless

v) When do the birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands and why?

- a. During winter to avoid the cold weather.
- b. During summer to bring materials for their nests.
- c. During spring to avoid the hot weather.
- d. Not mentioned in the passage.

2 . Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow:

Chyur tree is commonly known as 'Phulwara' in northern India, 'Chyur' in Nepal and 'Gopha' in Bengal. It is found in the Himalayan regions at an altitude of 500 to 1200 metres. Chyur tree resembles an umbrella. This tree is large and shady with dense leaves. Its pulpy fruit gets a thick skin on ripening. People in the mountains call it Kalpavriksha. It is also known as 'Indian Butter Tree' as it produces oilseeds, which are rich in oil contents and at lower temperature transforms into fat and looks like butter or ghee.

Fertile, moist soil is required for planting and growing of Chyur tree. It bears flowers and fruits from October to January. As this tree blossoms, the atmosphere becomes fragrant and fascinating. The honey made from its flowers is of high quality and is full of nutrients. The oil extracted is called the ghee of Chyur.

Local people extract juice from its flowers and boil it to make jaggery. Ayurvedic physicians use it as medicine. The seed oil, honey and gur make the tree prominent in rural economy. Many cosmetic industries in India use a chemical called palmolic oil which is made from the oil of this tree. Oil cake left after extracting the oil is used as manure in the fields. This oil cake contains a chemical called saponin from which pesticide is made. If the chemical is separated from the oil cakes, it can be utilised as a nutritious food for animals. Chyur trees contribute greatly towards prevention of landslides and soil erosion. Its long and broad leaves have the ability to collect soil, water and food materials.

For the past many years, Government of India have been formulating various plans for making the country self-sufficient in edible and non-edible oils. Whereas, the wasteland development has been one of the thrust areas in the Government plans, on the one hand, the self-sufficiency in edible and non-edible oils has been identified as a timely demand on the other. Keeping in view of the above, the plantation of Chyur trees on wastelands

throughout the Himalayan sub-tropical belt and in Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be a prudent and wise measure.

Answer the following questions:

i. What is the synonym for 'extricate'?

- a. Edible
- b. Extract
- c. self-sufficient
- d. fascinating

ii. What is the antonym for the word 'haven'?

- a. wasteland
- b. thrust
- c. prudent
- d. cosmetic

Fill in the blanks:

- i. Oil cake left after extracting the oil is used as manure in the fields. This oil cake contains _____ from which pesticide is made.
- ii. Chyur tree bears flowers and fruits between _____-and _____.

Answer the following questions:

i. How is jaggery made from this tree?

ii. What makes Chyur tree prominent in rural economy?

Writing Skill

3. A major bus mishap which left several people seriously injured took place at Nicholas Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai. Luckily no life was lost. Collect the information from the eyewitnesses and send a report in 150 words to 'The Nungambakkam Times'. You are Vinod/Vinodhini, a reporter. (Delhi 2011)

4. Write a diary entry in 100-120 words on your hesitation to speak in English and your wish to improve your English speaking skills.

Or

Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him to grant you two days' leave to attend your brother's marriage.

5. Suppose you have received a letter from your father complaining about the idleness and extravagant habits of your younger brother. In about 100-125 words write a letter to your younger brother expressing your disapproval of his conduct and asking him to mend his ways.

Grammar

Integrated Grammar:

6. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences:

1. they / wires yesterday / cut all / in the evening / the electric

2. Raghav / the drama/ the students / preparing / is / for

3. sang / of melodious / she / the Gandhi Auditorium / a number /songs at

7. The following passage is not edited. Each line is having an error. Write the incorrect word and write the correct word in the given blanks:

	Incorrect	Correct
The way you feel of yourself, is important;	(1) _____	_____
your self-esteem affected your	(2) _____	_____
level of happy, and also can make life	(3) _____	_____
more and less stressful for you.	(4) _____	_____
For example, till you trusting your	(5) _____	_____
ability to handle what came as	(6) _____	_____
hindrance, you will not have confidence.		

8. Use the correct forms of the given verbs in each of the following sentences:

- i. Rohan _____ kites when he heard the horn.
- flies
 - flying
 - was flying
 - have been flying
- ii. Meet _____ all the programmes in his school; he is very obedient.
- attends
 - attending
 - was attended
 - have attended
- iii. Ismail _____ writing a novel for the past 2 years; he will complete it soon.
- wrote
 - has written
 - has been writing
 - was writing
- iv. There will be a festival at the house. Alok and Ankita _____ the house tomorrow.
- decorates
 - decorated
 - shall have decorated
 - None of these

9. Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject from the given options:

1. Ten kilometres a long distance to walk.
- is
 - are
 - were
 - have
2. Sita, along with her cousin, next to my house. They are friendly neighbours.
- live
 - lives
 - are living
 - have been living
3. Bread and butter a wholesome food.
- is
 - are
 - have
 - have been
4. One of these three boys first in his class every year.
- stands
 - stand
 - have stood

d. has been stood

10. Choose the best option after changing the voice of the following sentences:

1. We had paid the bill.
 - a. The bill was paid by us.
 - b. The bill had paid.
 - c. The bill had being paid by us.
 - d. The bill had been paid by us.
2. We are playing the piano.
 - a. The piano are played by us.
 - b. The piano is played by us.
 - c. The piano is being played by us.
 - d. The piano was played by us.
3. Who gave you this pendant?
 - a. Who this pendant was given to you?
 - b. By whom were you given this pendant?
 - c. By whom is this pendant given to you?
 - d. Who is being given this pendant?

11. Change the voice of the following sentences:

- a. Mohit was being scolded by his teacher.
- b. Who sang the beautiful song?
- c. She has not taken her breakfast.

Literature

12.A. Answer the following by selecting the best option:

'Upar dekho! Look up!' said Zarine, pointing to the ceiling.

i. Where was Zarine?

- a. Jumla Park
- b. Akshar Dham Temple
- c. Aircraft museum
- d. None of these

ii. What made the speaker ask the others to look up?

- a. The ceiling was covered with fungus
- b. There was a beautiful intricate design
- c. There were red and blue velvet sheets

d. There were lizards

iii. Who were accompanying the speaker?

- a. Rehan
- b. Saba
- c. Khushi
- d. All of the above

B. Answer the following by selecting the best option

“They almost devour me with kisses,

Their arms about me entwine,

Till I think of the Bishop of Bingen

In his Mouse-Tower on the Rhine!”

i. Who are referred to as ‘they’?

- a. The speaker’s cousins
- b. The maids Alice and Cathy
- c. The three daughters of the speaker
- d. The dacoits

ii. Which poetic device is used when the speaker says ‘devour me with kisses’?

- a. Alliteration
- b. Synecdoche
- c. Metaphor
- d. Hyperbole

iii. Which word in the extract means the same as ‘interweave’/‘twist together’?

- a. Bingen
- b. Entwine
- c. Devour
- d. Bishop

13. Answer any four of the following in about 20 words:

i. What do the forests ‘hot as fire’ abound in?

ii. What did Beth do when the clock struck six?

iii. Where does the speaker wish to keep the intruders forever?

iv. Where should we accumulate our wisdom?

v. What was the narrator's opinion about the mention of *Panchatantra*?

14. Answer any two of the following in 60-80 words:

i. Summarize the content of Mr. March's letter in your own words.

ii. Describe how Ella Wilcox describes the act of spreading happiness in the last stanza of the poem 'Wishing'.

iii. Describe the third destination of Saba and company.

15. Answer any two of the following in 80-100 words:

i. What is your opinion of the young nurse in the story 'When the Mop Count did not Tally'?

ii. Love permeates the house of the March family. Justify the statement with reference to the characters and their acts as shown in the story.

iii. 'Wishing' is an optimistic poem that tells us about the art of living. Do you agree with the statement? Justify with reference.

16. Answer the following by selecting the best option:

i. The word which means the same as 'decay slowly' is _____.

- a. Raid
- b. Turret
- c. Caravan
- d. Moulder

ii. Which of the following words means the same as 'a conical structure on the top of a building'?

- a. Anchor
- b. Spire
- c. Octagonal
- d. All of these

iii. Which of the following words means the same as 'to speak in a mocking manner'?

- a. Scoff
- b. Sizzling
- c. Draft

d. **Hearth**

iv. I saw my brother in a _____ as he could not decide whether to go for engineering or to study literature.

- a. **stance**
- b. **recesses**
- c. **dilemma**
- d. **stout**

v. The discussion should be restricted to development of our economy; the content of TV programme is not quite _____ here.

- a. **optimistic**
- b. **relevant**
- c. **oversight**
- d. **relics**

vi. Which of the following is the antonym for 'carefulness':

- a. **accumulate**
- b. **folly**
- c. **sweep**
- d. **ere**
