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IEO Major Test Class 7 Model Paper Questions and Answers Part 1

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Section-A

Reading (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

A species whose population is so small that it is under the threat of becoming extinct is called an endangered species. There are several animals in Asia that are under the danger of being wiped out completely from the face of the earth. Such a situation arises when human activities destroy their habitats and disrupt their food chains. Some animals are even killed for their skin, horns and other body parts. Some such species are: the birdwing butterfly, found in the forests of Papua New Guinea; the giant panda, found in bamboo forests located in the mountains of south western China; the Indian rhinoceros, found in India and Nepal; the orangutan, found in the forests of Borneo and Sumatra; the Asian elephant, found in countries of South-East-Asia; and the Asian tiger, found in India, Bangladesh, Sumatra, China and the Russian far East.

Five species of Asian tigers that can still be found are (i) the Royal Bengal tiger (ii) the Indochinese tiger (iii) the Siberian tiger (iv) the South China tiger and the Sumatran tiger. The status of existence of these species is declared to be critically endangered. There were three more species of Asian tigers that are now extinct. These are the Caspian tiger, the Javan tiger and the Bali tiger. Tigers are being killed for their skin, bones and other body parts. The bones of tigers are used to make traditional Asian medicine for the treatment of diseases like rheumatism, joint and back pain, paralysis and leprosy. The bones of a single tiger cost around US \$ 30,000 in Asia alone. The skin of a tiger is also in high demand for decoration and to make rugs.

I. Answer the following questions briefly.

(a) What is an endangered species? What are the reasons for any species to become endangered? (2 marks)

Answer: A species whose population is so small that it is under the threat of becoming extinct is called an endangered species. Some reasons are: human activities destroy their habitats and disrupt their food chains. Some animals are even killed for their skin, horns and other body parts.

(b) Write the names of any two types of Asian tigers that are now extinct. (2 marks)

Answer: Asian Tigers which are now extinct are (any two) :

(i) The Caspian tiger

(ii) The Javan tiger

(iii) The Bali tiger

(c) Find the word from the given passage which means the same as 'No longer used' . (1 mark)

Answer: (c) Extinct

II. Match the names of animals with the places they are found in. (3 marks)

A	B
Indian rhinoceros	India, Bangladesh, Sumatra, China and Fat East Russia
Birdwing butterfly	South-West China
Orangutan	South-East Asia
Giant panda	Papua New Guinea
Asian tiger	Borneo and Sumatra
Asian elephant	India and Nepal
<i>Match the Names of Animals with the Places They Are Found In</i>	

Answer:

A	B
Indian rhinoceros	India and Nepal
Birdwing butterfly	Papua New Guinea
Orangutan	Borneo and Sumatra
Giant panda	South-West China
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III. Write whether the following statements true (T) or false (F) . (2 marks)

(a) Asian tigers are a critically endangered species.

Answer: True

(b) Some animals in Asia alone are endangered.

Answer: False

(c) Asian elephants can be found in Sri Lanka.

Answer: False

(d) Tiger skin is very expensive.

Answer: True

2. Read the passage given carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One day, a guru foresaw in a flash of vision what he would be in his next life. So, he called his favorite disciple and asked him what he would do for his guru in return for all he had received. The disciple said he would do whatever his guru asked him to do.

Having received this promise, the guru said, "Then this is what I'd like you to do for me. I've learned that when I die, which will be very soon, I'm going to be reborn as a cat. Do you see that cat eating garbage there in the yard? I'm going to be reborn as the fourth kitten of its next litter. you'll recognize me by a mark on my brow. When that cat has littered, find the fourth kitten with a mark on its brow and, with one stroke of your knife, slaughter it. I'll then be released from a cat's life. Will you do this for me?"

The disciple was sad to hear all this, but he agreed to do as he had promised. Soon after this conversation, the guru did die. And the cat did have a litter of four little kittens. One day, the disciple sharpened his knife and picked out the fourth little kitten, which did indeed have a mark on its brow. Just as he was about to bring down his knife to slit its throat, the little kitten suddenly spoke. "Stop! don't kill me!" It screamed. Before the disciple could recover from the shock of hearing the little kitten speak in a human voice, it said, "don't kill me. I want to live on as a cat. When I asked you to kill me, I didn't know what a cat's life would be like. it's great! Just let me go."

Now answer the following questions briefly: (10 marks)

(a) What did the guru foresee for himself in his next life?

Answer: The guru foresaw that he would be dying soon and would be reborn as a cat in his next life.

(b) What promise did the Guru take from his disciple? How would the disciple be able to recognize the right kitten?

Answer: The Guru asked the disciple to promise him that when he is reborn as a cat, with one stroke of knife, he should slaughter it. The disciple would be able to recognize the right kitten as it would have a mark on its brow.

(c) What preparations did the disciple make to fulfil the promise he made to his guru? Why couldn't the disciple fulfil his promise?

Answer: The disciple sharpened his knife and picked out the fourth little kitten as per his guru's instructions.

The disciple couldn't fulfil his promise because when he was about to slit the kitten's throat, the little kitten suddenly spoke and asked him to stop and requested not to kill it.

(d) Why do you think did the guru change his mind?

Answer: When born as a human being, the Guru must have felt that life as a human would be far superior than a creature. But once he took the birth of a cat, he realized that life as an animal is far better. So, he must have changed his mind.

(e) Find out the words from the above passage similar in meaning.

(i) Overlooked

(ii) Student

Answer: (i) overlooked - foresaw

(ii) student - disciple

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