

SECTION-A **(READING)**

A.1. Read the following passage carefully: [10]

Some animals move great distances at certain times of the year. This mass movement of animals from one place to another is known as migration. Animals migrate to escape harsh weather, to search for food and to reach their breeding grounds. Some birds like storks, Siberian Cranes and Mallard Ducks from other countries visit India every winter.

Migratory fishes like eels spend their lives in rivers. They travel from the river to the sea to lay eggs. When the eggs hatch, the parent eels die and the young ones travel back to the river from where the parents had started their journey.

Locusts are harmful migratory insects. Swarms of locusts settle on standing crops and destroy them. Many kinds of butterflies also migrate. The Monarch Butterflies fly from Canada to Mexico.

Migration is most common in birds. The Arctic Tern travels a distance nearly 35,000 km between the Arctic and the Antarctic twice a year. The European Stork travels from Europe to Africa every winter. When spring comes, it returns to Europe to the same nest. The Siberian Cranes nest in Western Siberia and migrate to India. Their migration route stretches to about 6450km. It is a great mystery. Migrating animals decide where to go and in which direction to fly. Some animals take help of the sea currents. The reindeers find their direction with the help of the sun’s rays. And birds follow the coastline.

A.1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a) Why do some birds and animals move from one place to another?

- b) When do fishes like eels travel from the river to the sea?

- c) Why are locusts harmful migratory insects?

- d) When does the European Stork return to Europe to the same nest?

e) What type of animal is the reindeer? Why does it take help of the sun's rays?

SECTION B (GRAMMAR)

B.1.Fill in the blanks using the Question tags – why/who/what/where/which/whose/when. [2]

- a) _____ is your bag lying near the school gate?
- b) _____ do you know about India?
- c) _____ voice was it?
- d) _____ are you planning to go to Shimla?

B.2.Choose the correct word from the bracket and fill in the blanks. [2]

- a) This tree was the home _____ many birds. (of/in)
- b) As the parrots flew _____ the tree ,they were trapped.(with/up)
- c) The girl was very happy _____ see her new bicycle. (to/by)
- d) The frogs jumped _____ the pond.(into/in)

B.3. Punctuate the following with comas. full stops and capital letters in the right places: [2]

Birds, specially, are famous for their migration swallows cuckoos and warblers move from europe to africa and back. They travel over 22000 kilometers a year.

B.4. Here the words are jumbled. Put them in order to make meaningful sentences: [4]

- a) money/have/I/enough/buy/to/bicycle/a
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- b) be/should/books/shared/friends/with
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- c) tame/zoo/are/there/many/animals/the/in/wild
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- d) clock/a/there/is/on/wall/the/hanging
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B.5 Underline the correct word in the brackets in the following passage: [2]

Neha wanted to know (*weather/whether*) Priya would act in the school Annual Day Show or not, so she called her. When she called her, the phone was answered by her (*made/maid*) who said that Priya was not at home and she didn't (*know/no*) when she would return. So Neha said that she would (*right/write*) a note and send it to her.

B.6. Join the two sentences using 'and', 'but', or 'because': [3]

a) I was nervous. I had to deliver a speech on the stage.

b) She wore a formal dress. Her friend wore a casual dress.

c) I went back to the hostel. I had forgotten my English text book.
