

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SESSION 2014-2015

Class: IX

Subject : English

Assignment No. 2

Section A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

Bonding for Life

In Kutch, in western Gujarat, the sarus crane is so revered that there is a local radio programme put up by village women, in which the sutradhaar or narrator is Kunjal, a sarus crane. The sarus crane is the world's tallest flying bird, with the male standing 1.8 metres tall. Besides India, it is found in Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Australia. The sarus is believed to live with its partner for life, so people consider this sign of conjugal devotion, a good omen and welcome the birds when they nest in the paddy fields. The sarus, like other crane species, performs a magnificent courtship dance. The male and female circle around each other with wings spread out, bowing and leaping high into the air. Both fiercely guard the nest when one or two eggs are laid. Today, only around 10,000 Indian sarus cranes remain, because despite protection, its habitat has shrunk. The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers is another reason for decline in sarus crane population.

- (a) "...the sarus crane is so revered that---" here revered means _____
- (i) tamed (ii) popular pet (iii) well-regarded (iv) kept
- (b) Conjugal means _____ .
- (i) extreme (ii) religious (iii) relating to marriage (iv) combination
- (c) Today, only around 10,000 Indian sarus cranes remain, because _____.
- (i) of the use of pesticides
- (ii) they fiercely guard the nest when one or two eggs are laid
- (iii) despite protection, its habitat has shrunk
- (iv) the use of chemical fertilizers destroys its eggs.
- (d) The sarus like other crane species _____.
- (i) nests in the paddy fields (ii) lives with its partner for only 2 months
- (iii) is the world's tallest running bird. (iv) performs a magnificent courtship dance.
- (e) When the sarus cranes nest in the paddy fields _____.
- (i) people shoot them away. (ii) they bring water and food for them.
- (iii) they welcome them. (iv) they make radio programme of them.

Section : B (Writing)

2. While coming to school. in the morning you witnessed a horrible accident between a speeding truck and a bus full of school children. Write an eyewitness report for a newspaper in 150-200 words.
3. Given below is a profile of Mr. Rajesh Kumar, the school gardener. Write a short bio-sketch taking help of the clues given below.
- Age : around 50 years
Height / Weight: six feet / solid built
Family : large – six children, four boys, two girls
Education : High School
His likes / dislikes: plant, nursery, manure, organic
Why he is popular / unpopular: believes children are like young saplings.

Section : C (Grammar)

4. The following passage has not been edited there is an error in each line. Write down the error along with the correction in your answer sheet as shown in the example.

	e.g:	error	/	correction
You can train your brain to sharper		to	/	for
memory. Aerobic exercises is known		a) _____	/	_____
to preserve grey matter or meditation		b) _____	/	_____
helps hone connection between reason		c) _____	/	_____
and emotion. We want to been able to not		d) _____	/	_____
only know more but also understand much		e) _____	/	_____
deeply, made greater creative leaps,		f) _____	/	_____
retain which we read ,see connections		g) _____	/	_____
invisible to others- in short I want to be		h) _____	/	_____
smarter and cleverer. By take smarter		i) _____	/	_____
decision in our work and life.		j) _____	/	_____

Section : D (Literature)

5. How can the song of the solitary reaper help the weary traveller?
6. What type of father was Lord Ullin?
7. Lord Ullin"s daughter is terribly afraid of meeting her father. Give reasons for her fear,
8. What makes Gaston a better businessman than Juliette? Mention any two characteristics.

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