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Subject: Advanced English-I (MCAE-111)

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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm

Instruction:1) All questions are compulsory.2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q.1. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (10)

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears have been categorized as a "threatened" species.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered primarily due to global warming. Global warming is caused by carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere. Heating homes, driving cars, and burning garbage all require fossil fuels that lead to global warming. The polar bear's habitat is more vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is where they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live off their stored fat. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. If they have to swim too far they will drown from exhaustion and hunger. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 25% of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 30 years.

It is not only the polar bear that is at risk in the Arctic. Every species of plant, animal, and insect there is threatened by global warming. It is important that animals such as the polar bear make it onto the endangered species list. Once they are on the list there are laws that protect these animals from being hunted for food or sport.

1. What do you mean by 'endangered species' ?
2. Why is the Polar Bear classified as "endangered species" ?
3. What is Global warming ?
4. What is the effect of Global warming in the Arctic ?
5. What will happen to the Polar bears if they have to swim too far ?
6. How much of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the last 30 years ?
7. Besides the Polar Bear who else are at a risk in the Arctic ?
8. Why is it important for the Polar Bear to make it onto the endangered species list ?
9. What is the synonym of a) endangered b) exhaustion ?

(b) Give the meaning of the following and make sentences using the words (05)

1. Trustworthy
2. Awestruck
3. Baffled
4. Vanishing
5. Restrict

Q. 2. Give the antonyms of the following (05)

1. Makeshift
2. Shallow
3. Extravagant
4. Terrific
5. Cowardice

Q. 3. (a) Fill in the blanks with prefixes and suffixes (05)

1. _____definite_____
2. _____regular_____
3. _____trust_____
4. _____calculat_____
5. _____taste_____

(b) Choose the appropriate options from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)

1. A man saw a thief breaking_____ house. (across / into/ beside/ with)
2. _____ the door was locked the thief broke the lock and went in. (Until / Since /Neither/ Provided that)
3. He decided to catch the thief red handed and not call anyone ____ help (for / from/ without/ towards)
4. The man turned _____ the light and caught the thief. (on / with/ off/ over)
5. The man was awarded _____ his bravery. (beneath / for/ with/ onto)
6. It _____ night time and unusually dark everywhere yesterday. (was/ were/ had/ is)
7. The man's family had gone to _____ a Cinema. (watched/ watching/ watch/ see)
8. Suddenly, the dogs outside _____ barking (start/ started/ starting/ starts)
9. A man was all alone _____ home. (into/ at/ onto/ with)
10. He was just _____ to sleep when he heard something. (across/ along/ about/outside)

Q. 4. (a) Write a paragraph each on the topics given below(Any one) (05)

1. Medical Services in India should be given for free to all - Agree or Disagree: - State Why.
2. Education must be given for free in India - Agree or Disagree: - State Why.

(b) Write an essay (Any one) (10)

1. A world without mobile phones
2. The best ways to connect with people

Q. 5. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

Write a letter to your Father asking him permission to go for a college trip to Kerala.

OR

You see the following advertisement of Titan Watches in a magazine. You want to purchase one Metal strap watch for your sister and one Black leather strap watch for yourself. Place an order with Titan Watches.