

Q1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow –

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A panther was terrorizing the Khulna district of Bangladesh, just outside the Sundarbans. It had recently carried off a little girl. She was the seventh person killed in two months by the animal. It was growing bolder. The previous victim who had been attacked in broad daylight in his field. The beast dragged him off into the forest and his Corpse was later found hanging from a tree. The villagers kept a watch nearby that night, hoping to surprise the panther and kill it, but it never appeared.

The Forest Department hired a professional hunter set up a small hidden platform in a tree near a river where two of the attacks had taken place. A goat was tied to a stake on the river's bank. The hunter waited several nights. He assumed the panther would be an old, wasted male with worn teeth, incapable of catching anything more difficult than a human. It was a sleek tiger that stepped into the open one night: a female with a single cub. The goat bleated. Oddly, the cub who looked to be about three months old, paid little attention to the goat. It raced to the water's edge where it drank eagerly. Its mother followed it. Of hunger and thirst, thirst is the greater urge. Only once the tiger had quenched her thirst did she turn to the goat to satisfy her hunger.

The Hunter had two Rifles with him: one with real bullets, the other with immobilizing darts. This animal was not the man eater, but so close to human habitation she might pose a threat to the villagers specially as she was with a cub. He picked up the gun with the darts. He fired as the tiger was about to attack the goat. The Tiger reared up and snarled and raced away. But immobilizing darts don't bring on sleep gently—they knock the creature out without warning. A burst of activity on the animal's part makes it act all the faster. The hunter called his assistants on the radio. They found the tiger about 200 yards from the river. She was still conscious. Her back legs had given way, and her balance on the front legs was shaky. When the men got close, she tried to get away but could not manage it. She turned on them, lifting a paw that was meant to kill. It only made her lose her balance. She collapsed and the Pondicherry Zoo had two new tigers. The cub was found in a bush close by, meowing with fear. The hunter whose name was Richard Parker, picked it up with his bare hands and remembering how it had rushed to drink in the river, named it Thirsty. But the shipping clerk at the Howrah train station was evidently a man both confused and diligent. All the papers received with the cub clearly stated that its name was Richard Parker. That the hunter's name was Thirsty and that his family name was None Given. Richard Parker's name stuck. I don't know if the hunter was ever called 'Thirsty None Given.'

A. Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage:

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- corpse *dead body*
- quenched *satisfied one's thirst*
- diligent *show care & consciousness towards one's duties*
- immobilizing *preventing from moving or operating as normal*
- urge *a desire/want/wish*

B. Answer the following questions:

[5X2=10]

- Why does the author say that the panther was getting bolder?
- What did the hunter expect to encounter? What did he actually see that night?
- Between thirst and hunger, what was the tiger's priority and why?
- Why did the hunter decide to shoot the tiger though he knew it was not a man eater?
- What name was given to the cub and why? *Thirsty how he had to quench his thirst*

C. In not more than 60 words, narrate how the hunter and his assistants captured the tiger and her cub. [5]

Q2. Select any ONE of the following: [15]

a) Write a letter to the Postmaster complaining about the irregular delivery of letters in your locality.

OR

b) Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindustan Times' about the stray dog menace in your area.

Q3. A. Choose any ONE of the following: [5]

i) Design a poster on the theme

'SAVE WATER'

OR

ii) Write a journal on the advantages of 'Online learning'. Make it as interesting as possible.

Q4. Design an Advertisement for FACE MASKS and FACE SHIELDS. Make it attractive and eye catching. [5]

Q5. Do as directed: [7]

- i) They didn't open the shops today. (underline the adverb and state its kind)
- ii) My neighbours wife (is/are) a clever woman.
- iii) Savita is an honest and a hardworking employee in this firm. (insert articles)
- iv) He has made two mistakes. The teacher has not deducted any marks. (Join the sentences using conjunctions)
- v) Vani gets angry. (hardly ever) (Rewrite the sentence positioning the adverbs given in the bracket.)
- vi) Love people to the core of your heart. (Fill suitable prepositions)
- vii) I finished my dinner at 9 last night. I had finished all my homework before that. (use the suitable form of - have, finish.)

Q6. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given: [8]

- i) She is too proud to apologize. (Rewrite using so....that) She is so proud that, she will not ~~apologize~~.
- ii) He tried every plan. (Change into negative form) He left no plan untied.
- iii) There is nothing greater than love. (Change into an interrogative sentence) Is there anything ~~greater~~ than love?
- iv) Santro is one of the most fuel efficient small cars. (Use positive degree) Very few cars are as efficient as Santro.
- v) Neeraj said to Deepa, "I will come and meet you in the evening." (Change into indirect speech) he would come and meet her.
- vi) He said to them, "Get out the place." (Change into indirect speech) He ordered them to get out the place.
- vii) She is so weak that she cannot walk. (Rewrite using 'too') She is too weak to walk.
- viii) He says, "It is very difficult." (Change into indirect speech) He says that it is very difficult.