

PERIODIC TEST - 2

(Based on Units 3–4)

Time: 1 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Let's Read

Read the following passage carefully.

Sunderbans covers about 10,000 sq km. It is situated in West Bengal on the eastern coast of India. It is a part of the delta formed by the rivers Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna. These rivers make Sunderbans the world's largest delta. Sunderbans has wide mangrove forest, spread over 4,262 sq km. The name 'Sunderbans' comes from Sundari, the most common mangrove tree meaning 'beautiful' because of its elegant look.

Some 50 very small islands, surrounded by countless tributaries of the rivers provide dwelling-place to different kinds of flora and fauna. The animals include tiger, fishing cat, wild boar, chital, rhesus macaque, a variety of dolphins, crocodile, turtles, monitor lizard and a wealth of birds and fish. The creeks are known for 90 species of fish, 48 species of crabs and a large variety of molluscs.

The waterways in the Sunderbans area carry a little freshwater as they are mostly cut off from their parent rivers. Rainfall in the Sunderbans is heavy due to the nearness of the Bay of Bengal. Storms are common in May and October-November. Sometimes, they develop into cyclones that usually go along with tidal waves rising upto 75 metres. These cause much loss of life and damage to forests. Sunderbans protects the inland areas from the ravages of the cyclones from the Bay of Bengal.

A part of these mangrove forests has been declared a sanctuary to provide protection to the endangered tiger. The tiger population of Sunderbans, estimated at 264, is the largest in India. The activities of the people working in forests include collecting timber, firewood and honey, fishing, etc.

Bankim Chandra Chatterjee has given a vivid picture of ever-changing Sunderbans landscape of water and land in his Bengali novel 'Kapal Kundala'.

Sunderbans was declared a World Heritage Site in 1997.

A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

(5)

1. Sunderbans is situated in

(a) Assam.

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(b) West Bengal.

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(c) Bihar.

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(d) Uttar Pradesh.

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2. Which of the following animals is found in Sunderbans?

(a) Lion

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(b) Tiger

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(c) Elephant

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(d) Zebra

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3. What causes loss of life in Sunderbans?

(a) Cyclone

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(b) Flood

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(c) Drought

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(d) Earthquake

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4. In which year were the Sunderbans declared a World Heritage site?

(a) 1990

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(b) 1993

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(c) 1995

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(d) 1997

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5. The population of tigers in the Sunderbans is estimated to be about

(a) 156.

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(b) 300.

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(c) 264.

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(d) 250.

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B. Fill in the blanks with information from the text.

(3)

1. Sunderbans cover almost _____ sq km.
2. Sunderbans delta is formed by the rivers Ganga, Brahmaputra and _____.
3. The name 'Sunderbans' has been derived from the word _____.
4. _____ protects the inland areas from the cyclones originating from the Bay of Bengal.
5. There is a description of life in the Sunderbans in the novel _____.
6. A part of Sunderbans has been declared a sanctuary for the endangered _____.

C. Find sentences from the text in support of the following statements.

(2)

1. Sunderbans is spread over a large area.

2. Sunderbans is created by three rivers.

Let's Write

D. Imagine you saw an old man who slipped and fell on the road. Describe the incident and how you tried to help him. Also, mention the reaction of the people who were around and how the old man appreciated your gesture. **(10)**

E. You had fever and did not go to school. Write a short diary entry describing how your mother took care of you, taking you to the doctor and giving you the medicines. Explain your feelings towards your mother who looked after you during your illness. **(5)**

Grammar Spotlight

F. State whether the following sentences are in simple present, present progressive or present perfect continuous tense. **(3)**

1. The athletes have been running on the tracks for an hour.

2. The milkman delivers the milk every morning at 6 p.m.

3. Father is watching the news on TV.

F. Fill in the blanks with appropriate auxiliary verbs.

(3)

1. Sir, _____ I come in?

2. How _____ I come to your house if I don't know the address?

3. When I was young, I _____ walk five kilometres.

H. Identify the adjectives and write their kinds.

(3)

1. This is the book I was looking for in the library yesterday.

2. What an interesting story!

3. Only I could answer the question correctly.

I. Read the following sentences. Write S for statements, IN for interrogative sentences, IM for imperative sentences and EX for exclamatory sentences. (3)

1. Wow! That was a fantastic movie.
2. Today is Friendship Day.
3. Don't waste water.
4. Please give me some cookies.
5. What is your name?
6. How nice of you to have come!

J. Underline the material nouns. (3)

1. Iron is a useful metal.
2. Cotton dresses are always comfortable.
3. The cat drank the milk.

Literature

K. Answer the following questions. (10)

1. What did Andrew's mother ask him to do?
2. What did Andrew's mother prepare for him after he came back?
3. Why did Raj's family go to Kolkata?
4. Why did King Krishnadevaraya admire Tenali Rama?
5. Why did the king punish Avik?