

Reading (6+6=12)

1. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

Thousands of bees live in a hive. There are three types of bee in a hive. They are the Queen bee, the drones and the workers. The Queen is the head of the colony of bees. She doesn't command them, but she is essential to the life of the colony. She keeps its members together. She also lays eggs that produce the future members of the colony.

The drones are the males of the colony. The name drone has come to mean a lazy person, because the drones of a colony of bees do not take part in the work of the hive; but the life of the colony could not continue without them. They are not numerous in comparison with the total population of the family of bees, and they live for only three months, but in that time they perform the essential function of fertilizing the eggs of the Queen bee by mating with her. Fertilized eggs produce worker bees. Unfertilized eggs produce drones, a very small number in the entire family.

The worker bees carry out all the work of the colony. Wild bees build their homes in the hollows of the trees. Colonies of bees also live in hives that men provide for them. They fly out into forests, fields and gardens to gather nectar from flowers. They take the nectar back to the hive. There it is made into honey and stored in cells as food for the winter. As they fly from flower to flower they carry with them pollen that clings to their bodies and legs. This pollen fertilizes the blossoms that will later become fruit.

A. Make your own sentences with the following phrases. (Sentences quoted from the passage will not be given any credit) 1×2=2

- i. Could not continue, ii. Carry out

B. Answer the following question in **one** complete sentence. 1×1=1
In what way is the queen bee the head of the colony of bees?

C. Rewrite the following statements in different structures keeping the meanings unchanged and replacing the italicized words/phrases. 1×2=2

- i. They *are not numerous* in comparison with the total population of the family of bees
ii. Colonies of bees also live in *hives that men provide for them*.

D. Fill in the gaps with words taken from the passage. 0.5×2=1

- i. Regular attendance in the class is _____ for better result.
ii. This road is muddy. If you walk on it dirt will _____ to your shoes.

2. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

The Election Commission (EC) has decided to use electronic voting machines instead of traditional ballot papers in the maximum 150 constituencies out of 300 ones in the next general election likely to be held late next year. The decision came from a meeting of the election agency on Tuesday with Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal in the chair at the Nirbachan Bhaban in the city's Agargaon area. "The EC has taken decision that the polls will be held through EVMs in the maximum 150 constituencies in the next national election. But it could also be in a single constituency," EC's additional secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath told reporters after the meeting. He said the commission would require purchasing more EVMs to use the machines in the 150 constituencies. So, the EVMs will be used in the

maximum 150 constituencies subjected to procurement of the machines, he added. In reply to a question, the EC official said the commission took the decision taking the recommendations, placed by the political parties in the talks with EC in June last, in cognizance and analyzing all aspects. He said now the EC has 150,000 EVMs enough for use in 70-75 constituencies. The meeting also discussed the procurement of more EVMs, he said replying to another question.

"If the commission takes the decision for buying more EVMs, we'll go for procuring the machines," said the EC official. In the dialogues with the EC, almost half the participating political parties supported the use of EVMs in the national election, while others opposed it. But BNP and its allies, who didn't join the talks, are opposing the use of EVMs in the parliamentary elections.

- A. Fill in the gaps with suitable words from the passage. 0.5×4=2
- i. Researches are being conducted to change the _____ way of teaching.
 - ii. We need to consider many things before _____ a new thing.
 - iii. The inauguration of the project is likely to be delayed because of delay in _____ of the equipment.
 - iv. The committee made several _____ for the enhancement of the quality of education.
- B. Find the synonyms of the following expressions from the passage. 0.5×4=2
- i. in place of ii. election iii. speaking against something iv. associates
- C. Identify true/false. If false, give correct information. 1×2=2
- i. EC already has sufficient EVMs for conducting election at 150 constituencies.
 - ii. All the political parties supported this decision to use EVMs in the forthcoming general election.

Grammar Part-08

3. Answer the following questions as directed in the bracket- 1×8=8
- i. The number of students who attended class yesterday _____ (be) not satisfactory. (use appropriate form of verb in the gap)
 - ii. This picture of the soldiers of the War of Independence _____ (bring/brings) back many memories. (Choose the verb which agrees with the subject)
 - iii. Make a sentence with demonstrative pronoun 'These'. (Sentence with demonstrative adjective 'these' will not be given credit.)
 - iv. Tell me _____ you have understood. (Fill in the gap with appropriate relative pronoun.)
 - v. The assignment must submit in due time. (Correct the sentence.)
 - vi. He is less meritorious than I thought. (Transform the sentence into negative)
 - vii. It dews in winter. (Transform it into complex sentence.)
 - viii. Rahman was expelled from KSA for having an expired visa. He _____ have renewed his visa on time. (Use appropriate modal in the gap)

Writing-5

4. Write a story imagining what might have happened afterwards. (Write at least 150 words.) 5

Once upon a time there lived a farmer in a certain village. He was very hardworking. With his utmost effort, diligence and relentless labor he procured a huge estate. But his sons were very lazy. He was much tensed about the future of his sons after his death. -----

Or Write a paragraph on the following topic.

The Role of Computer in Promoting Education

5. Speaking /Listening test will be taken at a convenient time by the course teacher.