

Std – E 9 – 3
Sub: English

Unit :2

Marks -20
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Q.1 Read the following passage and do the activity : [05]

Out of the nigh that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate.
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate :
I am the captain of my soul.

- A1. What is the poet thankful for? (1)
- A2. Which lines show that the poet has suffered hardships and pain? (1)
- A3. Black as the pit from pole to pole. (1)
- A4. Out of the night that covers me. (1)
- A5. 'I am the matter of my fate
I am the captain of my soul' (1)

Q.2 Read the following passage and do the activity : [10]

An amazing characteristic of turtles is that when the female turtle reaches maturity, that is, nearly after a gap of 15 years, she returns to the shore to lay her eggs at the same place where she was born. The female comes on shore, just to make a nest in the sand and lay her eggs, and immediately returns to the sea. She does not return to the nest after that. The eggs hatch after a period of 45 to 50 days, using natural heat. Innumerable dangers await the little hatchlings in the deep sea, and they have to face them all on their own. Their survival rate is therefore as low as just one or two turtles out of a thousand. Turtles perform an important function – they keep the sea clean. Thus, they occupy an important place in marine ecology. Considering all these factors, it is vital to undertake their protection on a large scale.

After the success at Velas, we started implementing the project in other places too. Within five years, the entire coastline of Maharashtra was surveyed. Protection was offered in eighty of the villages where turtle nests were found. Our strategy was to engage those who had so far been involved in the work of protection, we started the 'Turtle Friend Awards' (Kasav Mitra) to encourage more people to be a part of the protection campaign. A comprehensive booklet and a short film on the protection of turtles was prepared to spread the message.

- A1. State whether the following questions are true or false. (2)
- 1) The volunteers started the 'Turtle Festival Awards' (KasavMahotsave) to encourage more people to be a part of the protection campaign.
 - 2) A comprehensive booklet and a short film on the protection of turtles was prepared to spread at night.
- A2. Why were those who had stolen the eggs earlier involved in the work of protection? Give at least two reasons. (1)
- A3. Why do the turtles occupy an important place in marine ecology? (1)
- A4. Give one word from the passage that means: (2)
- (a) looked closely at or examined
 - (b) a small, thin book with paper covers, typically giving information on a particular subject

- A5. Why is it important to undertake the protection of the turtles on a large scale? (2)
- A6. The tourists were accommodated in the homes of the villagers. (Change the voice) (1)
- A7. All villages would now offer the same rate for 'homestay'. (1)
(Being with : No ...)

Q.3 Read the following passage and do the activity : [05]

The autumn comes, a maiden fair
In slenderness and grace,
With nodding rice-stems in her hair
And lilies in her face.
In flowers of grasses she is clad;
And as she moves along,
Birds greet her with their cooing glad
Like bracelet's tinkling songs.

A diadem adorns the night
Of multitudinous stars;
Her silken robe is white moonlight,
Set free from cloudy bars;
And on her face (the radiant moon)
Bewitching smiles are shown:
She seems a slender maid, who soon
Will be a woman grown.

- A1. What is the cooing of birds compared to? (1)
- A2. How is Autumn dressed at night? (1)
- A3. Name and explain the Figures of Speech (2)
- 1) She seems a slender maid.
 - 2) Her silken robe is white moonlight.
- A4. Write Rhyming words : (1)