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Diploma in English Communication
(DIEC – COURSE 10 – FINAL EXAMINATION]
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Time: 2 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 50

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Instructions:

1. Write legibly
2. Answer all the questions in the space provided
3. Give examples wherever necessary

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SECTION - A

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

HARMONY

Elephants live in peace with other creatures. They graze comfortably alongside buffaloes, pigs and even horses. Their large feet touch the ground causing the least possible disturbance. While small elephants may intrude upon the space of other animals, adult elephants usually avoid fights. They even relocate to other areas to maintain peace. After many years of observing elephants in Sri Lanka one environmentalist concluded,

'I am of the opinion that the elephants live on terms of amity with every quadruped in the forest; that elephants neither regard them as their friends nor foes- and that, with the exception of human beings, an elephant's greatest enemy is a fly!'

It is a commonly held belief that the sheer size of the elephant, combined with its enormous appetite causes environmental destruction. But researchers and observers have noted that in fact, in their natural habitat, elephants actually help the environment. A study of elephants in the south-east of Sri Lanka by the Smithsonian Institution highlighted a number of elephant behaviours that helped plant life as well as other creatures. Some are listed here.

- Because of their migratory habits, elephants create pathways, which are useful to other creatures. Indeed, engineers often use these pathways when building roads.
- During the dry season, elephants use their forefeet to dig holes, tapping underwater springs, thereby providing new watering places for themselves and other animals.
- Seeds spread by elephant dung germinate, resulting in new plants and trees which enrich the environment and produce a new food supply.
- Elephants provide food from their dung to a great variety of insects which in turn are good for other creatures such as birds.
- Elephants use only 50 percent of the foliage they obtain from the upper parts of trees. By leaving the remainder on the ground they provide a food source otherwise unavailable to ground animals.

- Removal of some parts of plants and trees by elephants has a pruning effect which helps them grow in a healthy manner.
- Elephants convert woodlands into grasslands thereby creating new habitats for other species.

For many scientists, elephants are very important to the environment. Such scientists classify them as a 'keystone species'. By this they mean that the elephant's ecological role is so significant, it is a key factor to the maintenance and continuity of the ecosystem. According to these views, if the elephant disappears, the entire ecosystem may be lost.

(Courtesy: Gul Mohar Companion, Orient Longman)

1. What is the commonly held belief about elephants that the researchers have proved wrong? [1M]

2. What do you mean by migratory habits? How do these habits of the elephants help the other creatures? [2M]

3. How do the elephants contribute towards enriching the environment and providing food for other living beings? [2M]

4. What do you mean by 'Keystone Species'? Do you think the elephants are rightly considered to be one? [2M]

5. What do you mean by 'Pruning'? How do the elephants help the plants and trees in this regard? [2M]

6. Draw examples from the passage to show that elephants live in peace with other animals. [3M]

7. Find words from the passage which mean the same as [2x1=2M]

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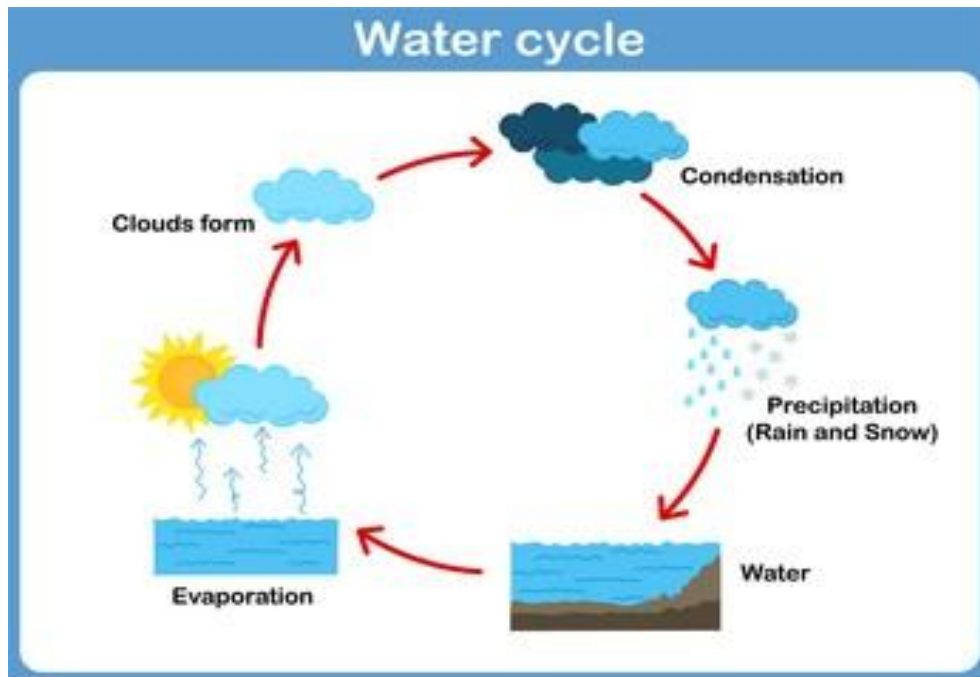
2) Natural surroundings _____

8. Make a sentence of your own using each of the following words. [2x1=2M]

1) Enormous

2) Pathways

II. Write a paragraph using the details given in the following flow chart on the process of 'Water cycle'. [4M]



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III. Imagine you are the President of the Cultural Association of your school. Write a notice informing all the students amount the Annual Day celebration in your school.

[5M]

SECTION - B

I. Answer the following questions in brief.

a) Find out the words related to health and fitness.

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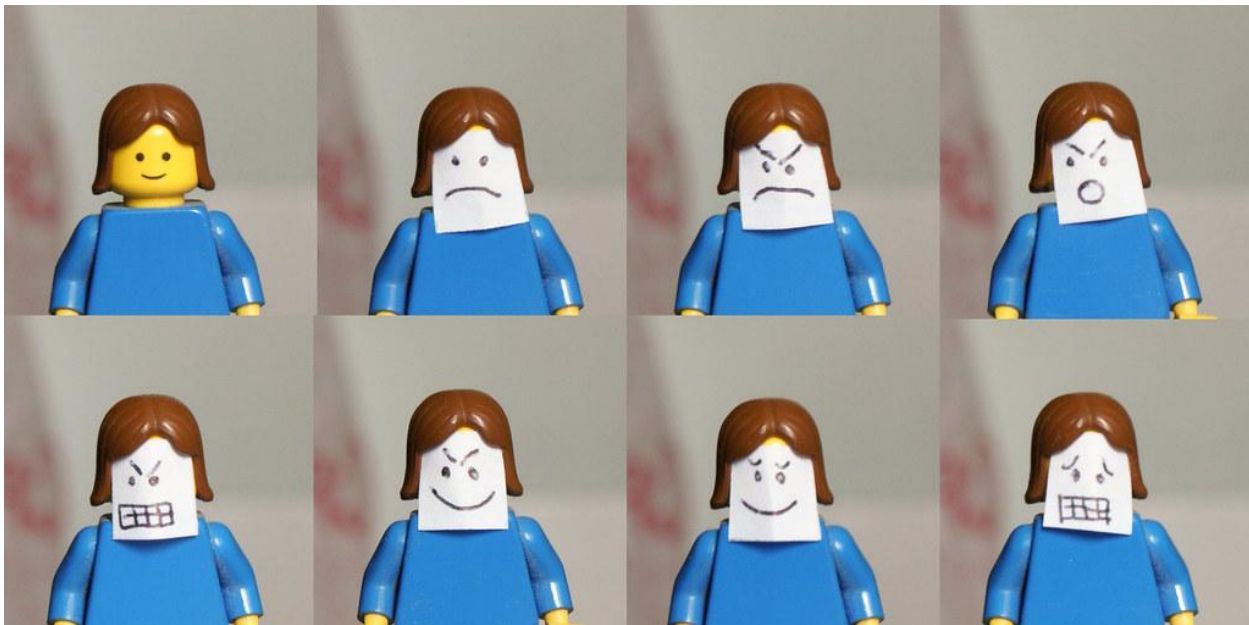
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EXERCISE

b) In olden days people would treat illness at home. Have you heard of home remedies? If yes, name few home remedies that you have used at home. [3 M]

c) Draft a notice inviting students to participate in a debate on the topic 'Say no to animal testing'? [5 M]

ii. Observe the picture and write your impressions about the same.

[5M]



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III. **Write an instructions for the students visiting trip to madikeri for three days. (Ten instructions).** [5M]

IV. Write dialogues between you and your brother/sister who is appearing for his/her first board exams. (five exchanges each) [5M]