

SECTIONA: READING

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I. Read the following poem.

CRICKET

Cricket is a game

From which players get fame.
Some people watching are tense,
When they see the opposition hit the ball to the fence.
Some people buy tickets,
To watch the bowlers take wickets.

There is a batsman, who works hard to concentrate,
While the bowler tries hard to him frustrate.
There is an umpire, who always makes the right decision,
To help the players who are out to accomplish a mission.
But these days there is a lot of chaos in cricket,
Because the players play badly deliberately on the wicket.
I hope cricket is played sincerely,
So that everyone can enjoy it happily.

Write the correct option in your answer sheets.

(a) The word 'concentrate' in the poem can be replaced by -----.

- (i) assemble
- (ii) gather
- (iii) focus
- (iv) attentive

(b) By saying "While the bowler tries hard to him frustrate", the poet means that

- (i) the bowler is a mean person.
- (ii) the bowler is a frustrated person.
- (iii) the bowler tries to bowl well making it difficult to score runs.
- (iv) the batsman does not like the bowler.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- c.** Write any two pairs of rhyming words from the poem.
- d.** Why does the poet feel that there is chaos in cricket?
- e.** What does the poet hope for at the end?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

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II. You are Prabhu Dayal living at H-19, Dayal Bagh Colony, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in not more than **100** words, complaining about the bad condition of water supply in your locality. **4**

III. . Combine the following pairs of sentences, using an appropriate conjunction. **1**

1. He can buy the book. He can borrow it from the library.
2. I have never visited Asia. I have never visited Africa.

IV. Combine the sentences using too or enough. **2**

1. The sofa wasn't comfortable. We didn't buy it.
2. The beach was crowded. We couldn't swim.

VI. Complete the sentences using suitable participle phrase. **1**

1. _____, we approached the top of the hill.
2. _____, the children got bored.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

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VII. Answer the following questions briefly:

- Q1. Why did the narrator not want to learn to read and write? Who had the same opinion? **2**
- Q2. From a height of six miles poet notices two physical facts, what are they? He also notices three things about the earth that are not physical facts. What are they? **2**
- Q3. Why do you think Antarctica was named *Terra Incognita*? **1**

VIII. Write the meanings of the following words and make meaningful sentences using these words. **2**

1. smouldering
2. dreaded
