

## COMPREHENSION PASSAGES:

### I. Comprehension Passage

1. Vipers are classified as ovoviviparous because **they hatch their eggs inside their body and give birth to live young.**
2. Pit vipers are so called because **they have a small hollow or pit in the side of their head just below the eyes.**
3. When snakes bite, the muscles around their poison sacs contract. This contraction causes the venom to squirt through the hollow fangs.

### Table completion

	North America	South America
	Rattlesnake	bushmaster
	Water moccasin	fer-de-lance
	Copperhead	

1. Young birds – **nestlings**
2. Deadly – **fatal**
3. Stories and knowledge passed down through oral communication – **folklore**

### II. Comprehension Passage

1. Indians first began to stunt trees. (Even before the Tibetan monks started stunting trees, the art was known in some remote areas of India.)
2. The cherry blossom is breathtakingly beautiful.
3. Japan leads in the art of stunting today.
4. We can take care of bonsais by providing the correct environment. We also need to prune, water and shape the plants.
5. Bonsais are used for decorating the lobbies, dining halls and drawing rooms of hotels, homes, farm houses, restaurants and guest houses.
6. The writer says that a thing of beauty is a joy forever because the bonsais last in our imagination even after the plant has lived its lifespan.
7. *Fascinated, captivated or enchanted*

### III. Comprehension Passage

1. Why did Curies call the element they just discovered 'radium'? **It gave out a beautiful ray of light.**
2. How many years did they take to complete the research on radium? **Four years**

3. The discovery of radium was a major breakthrough because **it provided the first effective cure for some forms of cancer.**
4. What is the color of Uraninite? **Black**
5. Marie extracted the new element from **purified uraninite.**
6. Marie told her husband not to light the lamps because **she was hoping that light would come out of the evaporating bowls.**
7. The light came from the element **crystalized in the bowls.**
8. The Curies discovered radium in the form of **radium chloride.**

#### IV. Comprehension Passage

1. Amazon is the world's second largest river.
2. The Amazon rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the Amazon River and its tributaries. The river flows through the heart of the forest and is the source of water for the plants and trees growing in the forest.
3. Only about 2 percent of the sunlight filters through the top layers of the forest into the understory, so very few plants grow there.
4. The understory is very thick and hence there is very little air movement there.
5. The layer above the understory is called the canopy.
6. Majestic

#### V. Comprehension Passage

1. The brain cells will die if they do not receive oxygen for more than 5 minutes.
2. The heart keeps oxygen-rich blood flowing throughout the body by working as a pumping machine.
3. The heart transplant surgery made Dr. Christian Bernard a household name.
4. He is also credited with the invention of a new design for artificial heart valves and finding a solution to the problem of blood supply to the foetus during pregnancy.
5. To avoid the risk of
6. Unwittingly
7. Constantly

**GAP FILLING EXERCISES:**

**A)**

1.led

2.in

3.on

4.to

5.be solved

6.is wasted

7.has

8.drive

9.are

10.in order to

11. be broadened

12. stable

**B)**

(a) (i) of

(b) (iii) to

(c) (iv) for

(d) (i) an

**C)**

(a) (i) was

(b) (ii) are

(c) (iv) is

(d) (iv) in

**D)**

(a) (iv) though

(b) (iv) its

(c) (ii) can

- (d) (iii) the
- E)
- (a) (ii) went
- (b) (i) damaged
- (c) (iii) off
- (d) (i) wouldn't

### EDITING EXERCISES

#### I. Answers:

Incorrect Word	Correct Word
(a) great	greatest
(b) of	off
(c) there	their
(d) other	others
(e) cause	causes
(f) involving	involved
(g) alongwith	along
(h) so	very

#### II. Answers:

Incorrect Word	Correct Word
(a) overcrowding	overcrowded
(b) the	a
(c) to	in
(d) driver	drivers
(e) into	to
(f) wise	wisely
(g) would	should
(h) severely	Severe

#### III. Answers:

Incorrect Word	Correct Word
(a) to	for
(b) largest	Larger
(c) mean	means
(d) There	Their
(e) difference	different
(f) but	and
(g) later	latter
(h) making	make

**IV. Answers:**

<b>Incorrect Word</b>	<b>Correct Word</b>
(a) or	and
(b) peoples	people
(c) enjoy	enjoyed
(d) the	a
(e) for	of
(f) down	up
(g) thinks	thought
(h) danger	dangerous

**V. Answers:**

<b>Incorrect Word</b>	<b>Correct Word</b>
(a) then	than
(b) things	thing
(c) more	most
(d) depend	depends
(e) steps	step
(f) takes	take
(g) their	his
(h) feel	feels

**OMISSION EXERCISES**

<b>1. Before</b>	<b>Missing Word</b>	<b>After</b>
(a) not	<u>all</u>	are
(b) in	<u>that</u>	direction
(c) lot	<u>of</u>	discipline
(d) maintain	<u>a</u>	regular
(e) most	<u>of</u>	the
(f) up	<u>with</u>	excuses
<b>2. Before</b>	<b>Missing Word</b>	<b>After</b>
(a) always	loved	sports
(b) till	today	it
(c) father	was	against
(d) my	favourite	sports
(e) player	is	Dhoni
(f) film	being	made
<b>3. Before</b>	<b>Missing Word</b>	<b>After</b>
(a) written	by	Ruskin
(b) beautiful	piece	of
(c) reflects	many	explorations
(d) discoveries	of	the
(e) character	a	boy
(f) of	his	identity
<b>4. Before</b>	<b>Missing Word</b>	<b>After</b>
(a) is	a	rise
(b) cases	of	dengue
(c) situation	has	arisen

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|--------------|-------|-----------|
| (d) diseases | cause | serious   |
| (e) to       | be    | empowered |
| (f) that     | these | diseases  |

- | <b>5. Before</b> | <b>Missing Word</b> | <b>After</b> |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (a) There        | is                  | no           |
| (b) tasty        | and                 | is           |
| (c) quickly      | but                 | it           |
| (d) obesity      | among               | children     |

### SENTENCE REORDERING

1. (a) He had a noble wife and they were happy.  
 (b) The people of the kingdom were also happy.  
 (c) The royal couple paid attention to all the needs of their subjects.  
 (d) they sacrificed their own comforts for the good of the public.
2. (a) It is important to observe traffic rules.  
 (b) children below the age of eighteen years must not drive.  
 (c) We must wear helmets for our own protection.  
 (d) Mobile phones must not be used while driving.
3. (a) We cannot change our neighbours.  
 (b) But we may change our friends anytime.  
 (c) So we should try to compromise on some matters.  
 (d) This is the only way to remain peaceful.
4. (a) Laughter relieves and amuses the depressed soul.  
 (b) It is an antidote to stress and pain.  
 (c) It is a good exercise for toning up facial muscles.  
 (d) Body functions are established and blood circulation is improved.
5. (a) One of our major problems is that of unemployment.  
 (b) We need to open new factories and mills.  
 (c) It is not easy to solve this problem.  
 (d) A rational and long-term planning is essential.