

II. Read the following passage carefully:

Today, there are six species of pelicans living. Two of these, the White or Rosy Pelican and the Spotted-billed Pelican, are found in India.

Little is known why the bird is called a pelican. It is said that since a very long time Greeks, the Romans and most Europeans have known this bird by this name. However, the Portuguese and Spanish call it Alcatraz. A rocky island in San Francisco Bay in the United States is called Alcatraz. The word literally means a place of no escape, a prison. Pelicans once lived on this rocky island. Of the six species of pelican, only one, the Brown Pelican of the Americas, is a coastal and marine bird. It is a fish-catcher, smashing headlong into the water with a tremendous splash. Other pelican species are highly social. Their food is fish and their feeding strategy is charming. On an average, a pelican eats three kilos of fish a day. Once full, the pelicans either continue floating on water or clumsily walk into some dry spot, where they spend time resting.

With a weighty body and a ridiculous large beak, one would think that pelicans find flying impossible. But they are among the best fliers of the bird kingdom. Only during take-off the pelican needs some effort. Once airborne it is a strong flier that can fly for hours. The heaviest pelican weighs 11 kilos.

Fill in the blanks with suitable word:

5 x 1 = 5M

- 1 Of the six species of pelican, two are found in _____
- 2 Pelican is called Alcatraz by the _____
- 3 The Brown Pelican of the Americas is a _____
- 4 A Pelican's food is _____
- 5 The word **ridiculous** means _____

Section – B

(Writing)

III. Write a paragraph describing the daily routine of a nurse using the time order words like, first, second, next, before, after and finally.

5M

Section – C

(Grammar)

IV. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (Past Tense)

4 x ½ = 2M

- a) I _____ to her house on foot (go).
- b) My father _____ a new house last month. (buy)
- c) Columbus _____ America. (discover)
- d) Gangu _____ ten rupees from me. (borrow)

V. Fill in the blanks with the past continuous tense of the verb given in brackets. 4 x ½ = 2M

- a) We _____ to the radio all evening. (Listen)
- b) It _____ darker. (get)
- c) When I saw him, he _____ chess. (play)
- d) The light went out while I _____. (read)

VI. Choose the correct form of the verb from the bracket to fill in the blanks. (Present Tense) 4 x ½ = 2M

- a) He _____ milk every morning. (takes, took)
- b) My brother _____ the newspaper every morning. (read, reads)
- c) An apple a day _____ the doctor away. (kept, keeps)
- d) My watch _____ good time. (keeps, kept)

VII. Make sentences of your own using the following words. 2 x 1 = 2M

- a) before
- b) hard working

VIII. Fill in the missing letters: 1M

- a) Co _ _ otion
- b) P _ ck _ ocket
- c) Rem _ m _ er
- d) B _ c _ cl _

Section – D
(Literature)

IX. Answer the following questions in three or four lines. 3 x 2 = 6M

- 1. What does Raghu do at dhobi ghat every day?
- 2. Why did Chakravarthy have an atlas?
- 3. Why do you think detectives wear a hat and sunglasses?