

PONDA SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

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Marks : **80**

Sub : **ENGLISH**

STD. : **X**

Date : **27:10:2018**

SEAT NO. :

TIME : 2½ hrs

SECTION A

Q.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it:

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibres. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots. They hatch between eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their bodies. They also bathe in water, or in dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

- A) With reference to the passage do as directed: (2)**
- a) Which word in para 1 is opposite in meaning to the word 'often'?
 - b) Find a word in para 3 which means the same as 'cleaning'.

- B) In each of the following choose and write the appropriate alternative: (4)**
(Do not copy the stem)

- i) Sparrows are appreciated by many people because _____
 - a) of their different species
 - b) of their beautiful song
 - c) of their small nests
 - d) because of their length
- ii) Sparrows use their large feet for _____
 - a) finding seeds
 - b) eating seeds
 - c) scratching seeds
 - d) throwing seeds

- iii) Water bathing for the sparrows shares a similarity to _____
- dry snow bathing
 - melting snow bathing
 - sponge bathing
 - dust bathing
- iv) Bathing for the sparrow is a _____
- social activity
 - emotional activity
 - inspirational activity
 - difficult activity

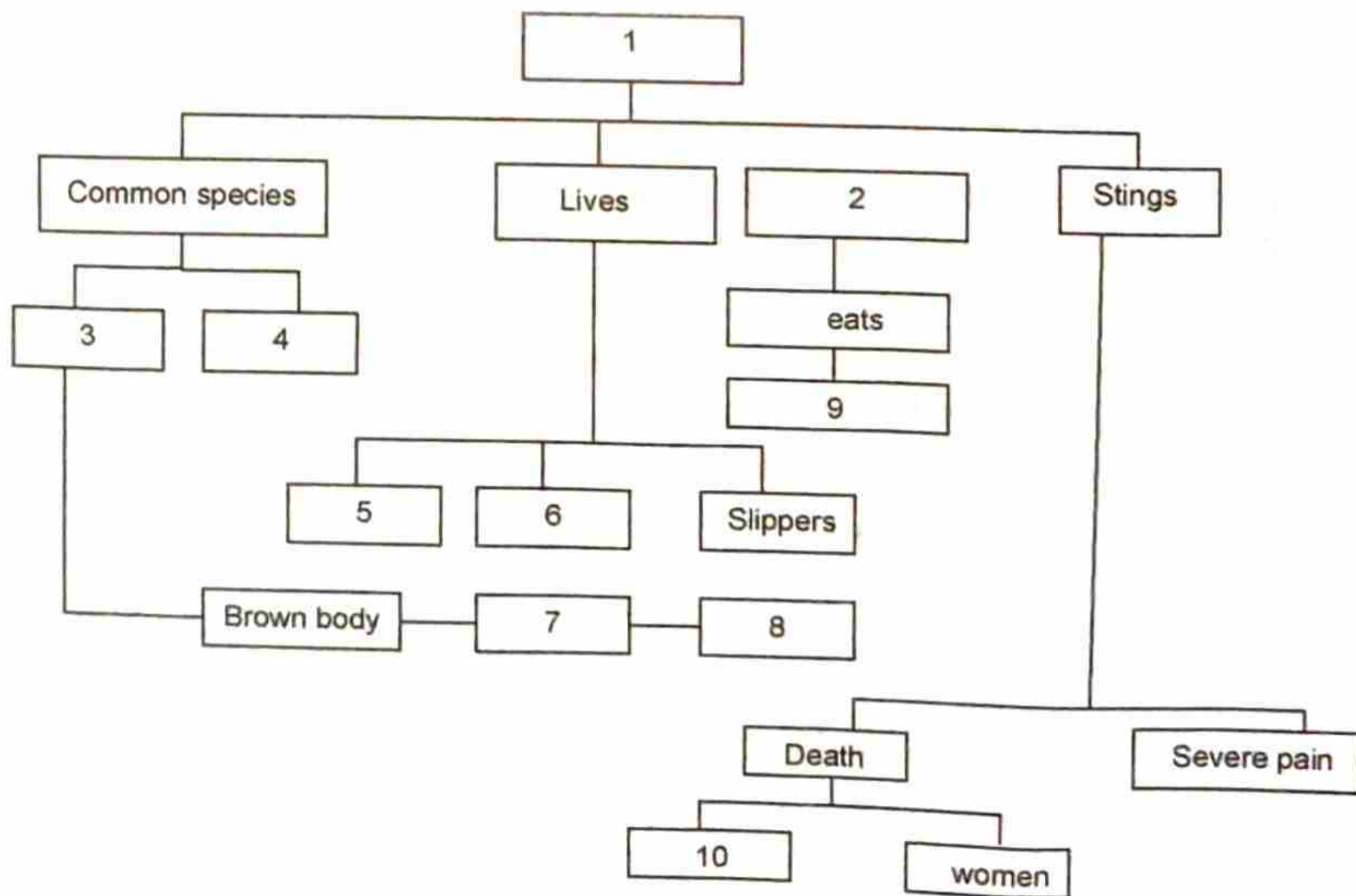
Q.2. Read the following passage and complete the flow chart given below.

(5)

Scorpions are creatures with an evil reputation. Deaths from scorpion stings have been known in India, but in most cases the victims have either been small children or women in weak condition. The poison is rarely strong enough to kill a healthy man, but it can give him several hours of severe pain.

Scorpions avoid being seen, so they live under stones or fallen tree trunks, in deep burrows and sometimes in shoes or slippers. There are over 35 different species of scorpions in the world and India provides a home for at least 80 of them.

One of our commonest species is the red scorpion. It has a reddish brown body, yellowish legs and a robust yellow tail with sting attached. Another common species is the knock scorpion, a black and hairy beast. All scorpions are carnivorous, feeding mainly on insects. How a creature such as the cockroach allows itself to be caught by the slow moving scorpion is a marvel. The effect of the poison varies according to the size and health of the scorpion.



Q. 3. Read the following passage and answer the question set below:

The 'generation gap' is not a new phenomenon. In every generation, the old men are found shaking their heads about the good old days when young people knew better and showed due reverence to age and tradition. The generation gap is actually the difference between the high spirits and impatience of youth on one hand and the caution and prudence of old age on the other. Young people are always full of vigour, life and energy; they are adventurous, bold, even reckless and are always willing to take risks. Caution; calm reflection, careful calculation before taking any plunge, etc are not a part of their mental make up. Infact young people laugh at elders who habitually think calmly and profoundly before taking a decision and calculate the perils, if any, that may arise there of. The young and the old will always disagree because their basic approach to life is different and their thoughts are like parallel lines, seemingly always converse. While the young are always ready for fresh adventures they are often confronted by elders who warn them against the risks they can face.

Neil Armstrong who was the first human to land on the moon said, "one small step for a man but one giant leap for mankind." Such major leaps would not have been possible if the youth did not have an adventurous spirit. "No pain, no gain" is a well known saying. The old would perhaps impress saying "Let us not have anything more, we have enough". But is that reason enough to prevent the young from experimenting?

- A) With reference to the passage, do as directed. Write your answers only:** (2)
- Which word in para 1 is similar in meaning to 'showing care for the future'?
 - Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'situation of immediate danger'.
- B) Complete the following in not more than ten words each:** (3)
- The old people are found talking about the good old days when _____.
 - There is a disagreement seen between the young and the old because _____.
 - According to Neil Armstrong, major leaps for mankind would not have been possible if _____.

SECTION B

- Q.4. A) With reference to context, complete the following in not more than 10 words each: (Do not copy the stem)** (4)
- Nelson Mandela began to learn that his boyhood freedom was an illusion when _____.
 - The narrator in the black clouds saw another aeroplane which had no light on its wings but _____.
 - Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol just as _____.
 - Mr. Keesing was annoyed with Anne for ages because _____.
- B) Answer any four of the following questions in about 15-20 words each** (8)
- What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?
 - Why did Lencho call the post office employees a bunch of crooks?
 - What justification was provided by Anne in her essay to prove the essence of a chat-terbox?
 - Which was the important decision taken by Maddie?
 - Who invites the comment that, 'he is dressed like a pader' and why'?
 - What is the Chinese legend about tea?

- C) **Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow in not more than 30 words** (4)
1. "That day had come about through the unimaginable sacrifices of thousands of my people".
 - Q) Which day is being referred to in the above statement? and also emphasize its essence.
 2. "What did I say!" said Peggy, "she must have really liked us anyway".
 - Q) What made Peggy remark so in the light of the above statement?
- D) **Replace the underlined words/phrases with words/phrases similar in meaning and rewrite the sentences. If necessary reframe the sentences.** (2)
1. The teacher upbraided the student for not completing her homework.
 2. Anita's ingenuity of her science assignment received a loud applause.
- Q. 5. A) **Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow** (4)
1. I wonder where they get those tokens
Did I pass that way huge times ago and negligently drop them?
 - a. Who does I refer to?
 - b. Which are the tokens that are being referred to?
 2. What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do?
 - a. Name the figure of speech in the underlined extract.
 - b. The boy has lost his ball. What does he learn from that?
- B) **Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each** (4)
1. What does Robert Frost feel when the crow shakes down some snow on him?
 2. If the tiger could terrorise the villagers then why could he not terrorise the visitors?
 3. What is the central idea of the poem 'Amanda'?
- Q. 6) **Answer any two of the following in about 50 words each** (6)
1. "Oh, Mr. Herriot" she cried, "how can I ever thank you? This is a triumph of surgery!"
Why does Mrs. Pumphrey make the above statement?
 2. Why was working for and living with Anil a pleasant experience for Hari Singh?
 3. "..... he felt sure that this year's robbery was going to be as successful as all the others".
Why did Horace fail in his attempt to rob Shotover Grange?
 4. "Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person".
How would you elaborate the above statement?

SECTION C

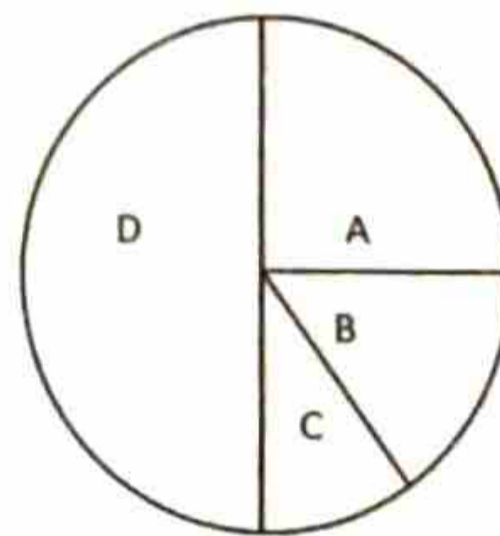
- Q.7.A) **Fill in the blanks with a suitable missing word. Write your answer against the number of the blank** (3)
- The wisdom of _____ 1 _____ proverb "early to bed, early to rise makes _____ 2 _____ man healthy, wealthy _____ 3 _____ wise" is never seriously disputed _____ 4 _____ in practice _____ 5 _____ is highly neglected. The same idea is expressed in the Indian proverb "Go to bed early, rise before the sun peeps _____ 6 _____ your window" and I'm sure the goddess of wealth will not desert you.

- B) What would you say if you were the speaker in each of the following situation? Frame a sentence for each situation, using a suitable modal. Do not repeat the modal.** (3)
- Advise your friend who is a good singer, to take part in the 'All Goa English Singing Competition'.
 - Request your neighbour to help you in Maths.
 - Warn your younger brother not to ride a motorbike without a licence.
- C) Do as directed without changing the meaning of the sentences given below.** (4)
- As soon as the hunter fired the shot, the deer ran away. (use no sooner)
 - He is very old. He can't walk properly (combine using too)
 - A holiday was declared. This made the children jump with joy. (join the sentence by nominalising the verb)
 - She finished with her studies, she went out to play. (use hardly)
- D) Report what was said by Mohit and Priya using appropriate reporting verbs.** (3)
- "Hello Priya! Why were you absent yesterday"? (Mohit to Priya)
 - "I had to go to the hospital as my brother met with an accident". (Priya to Mohit)
 - "Dont worry, he will be fine soon. Don't make him miss out on his medicines". (Mohit to Priya)
- E) Fill in the blanks with suitable tense of the verbs given in the brackets.** (3)
- Last evening when I ____ 1 ____ (to return) home from Mall de Goa, I ____ 2 ____ (to see) a man lying on the road. I ____ 3 ____ (to stop) my car to see what ____ 4 ____ (to happen). I ____ 5 ____ (to realise) that the man was our village painter. I immediately ____ 6 ____ (to manage) to call the ambulance.

Section D

- Q. 8. A) A survey was undertaken of the students of std X. They were asked the question, "Which subject do you like the most to study"? Their answers are shown in the pie chart below. Write a report in 2 paragraphs adding your own comments. (80 words).** (3)

- A- English
 B- Mathematics
 C- Social science
 D- Science



OR

- B) You are Anthony D'souza the monitor of std X. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board, informing the students about a class picnic which will be conducted in the month of December 2018. Give all the necessary details.** (3)

Q. 9. You are Vasant Naik of Apt.3, Kamat Complex, Miramar, Panaji. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer, PWD, Panaji, to repair the roads which have been dug up for cable and pipe laying. (5)

Q.10. Write an article for your school magazine on the 'Importance of the Media Today'. Use the points given below. You may include your own ideas (250 words) (8)

Print Media : Newspapers

Electronic Media : TV, Radio

Usefulness

Some negative impact

OR

Q.10. Write an article on 'The Value of Friendship'. Use the points given below, you may include your own ideas. (250 words) (8)

Qualities of a true friend

What you like about your friend

How to make a friend

Influence of a friend