

Section -I Seen Passage:-

Q IA) Read the passage and complete the given activities. (2)

At Read the extract and write the following

- Place where Hemingway had experience of fishing .
- Hemingway was injured by _____ during the first world war
- Language of the novel.
- Hemingway's novels based on _____

Hemingway's novel is based on real events and it also draws heavily on his own life. He had experience of fishing in the Cuban waters and like the old man he was also a fan of baseball. He worked for the Red Cross during the First World War and was injured by shrapnel when he was in Italy. Hemingway always talks about the need to struggle against defeat or death and how determination and endurance can help one to win in this struggle. The old man is at the end of the novel very near death, but we know that the story of his suffering and loss will live on in the memories of the people of his village. Ultimately his story becomes one of triumph because the tales of his life will live on even after his death. The novel was published in 1952, when people were trying to recover from the mass destruction wrought by the two world wars, and this tale of endurance and ultimate triumph immediately struck a chord with the readers.

Writing Style:

Hemingway's language is simple and pithy. He mostly writes in short and straight-forward sentences and practises an extreme economy in his use of words. This simplicity is deceptive and a reader can read his work again and again and find new layers of meaning every time.

My Thoughts:

I first read this novel years ago, when I did not understand it at all

and was left unimpressed. In spite of this a vivid image remained with me – an old man holding on to his fishing line with the last of his strength. Recently I read this book again and was extremely moved. The formidable strength of the old man's character, the quiet devotion of the empathetic Manolin and the relationship between the two are heartwarming. Hemingway's descriptions of the sea and the creatures of the water are beautiful. The marlin fights for its life desperately and it's hard to know whether our sympathies should lie with the old man or with the marlin. But as the novel progresses the old man and the marlin are inseparably linked because both stand for the same ideals, that is, a noble struggle against destruction.

A 2 Correct the following sentences using facts from the review (2)

- a) This novel is a pure fiction.
- b) Hemingway's style of writing does not unfold the hidden meaning.
- c) Hemingway's descriptions of the sea the creatures are simple.
- d) Hemingway always talk about struggle against life.

A 3 1) Find the synonyms of : (1)

- 1) Triumph 2) injured 3) ultimately 4) formidable

ii) Form nouns: (1)

- 1) destroy 2) simple 3) heavy 4) real

A4 Grammar: (2)

- i) Hemingway's language is simple and pithy.
(Use not only ... But also)
- ii) He had experience of fishing in the Cuban waters.
(Frame a question to which the underline words are the answer)

(2)

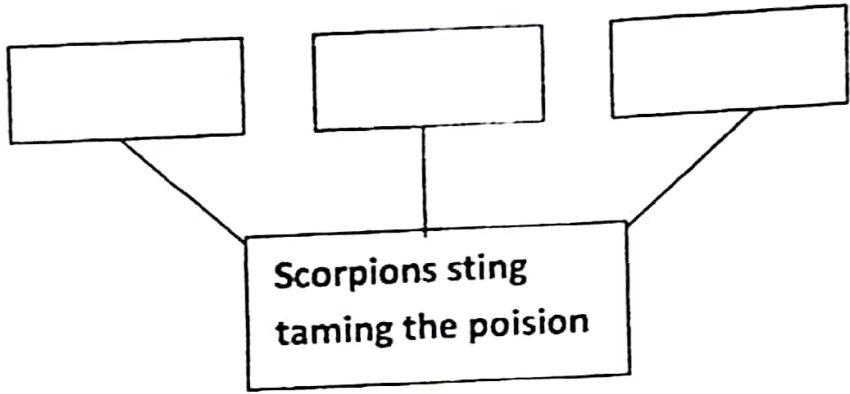
A5 Personal Response:

What do you understand by writer's thoughts about Hemingway's books?

Section – II : POETRY

Q2 A) Read the extract carefully and complete the activities (5)

A1 Fill in the web with what the father did to tame the poison of the sting. (2)



My father, sceptic, rationalist,
trying every curse and blessing.
powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.
He even poured a little paraffin
upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.
I watched the flame feeding on my mother.
I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the
poison with an incantation.
After twenty hours it lost its sting.
My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.

- Nissim Ezekiel

A2 Personal Response:

(1)

Why according to you, did the father try every 'curse and blessing'.

A3 i) What is the rhyme scheme of the extract. (2)

ii) Match the sentences in 'A' with figures of speech in 'B'.

A	B
A) Trying every curse and blessing	i) alliteration
b) Thank god, the scorpion picked on me	ii) Tautology
c) I watched the flames feeding on my mother	iii) Apostrophe

B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it in paragraph format with the help of the given points: (10)

A Thing of Beauty is a joy for Ever :

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever :
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet breathing.
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching : yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves a way the pall
From our dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon,
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep ; and such are daffodils
With the green world they live in ; and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season ; the mid forest brake,
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms :
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read
An endless fountain of immortal drink

Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink,
Nor do we merely feel these essences
For one short hour ; no, even as the trees
That whisper round a temple become soon
Dear as the temple's self, so does the moon,
The passion poesy, glories infinite,
Haunt us till they become a cheering light
Unto our souls, and bound to ^{su} so fast,
That, whether there be shine, or gloom o'ercast
They always must be with us, or we die.

- John Keats

Points:-

- 1) Title
- 2) Poet.
- 3) Central Idea
- 4) Rhyme scheme
- 5) Figure of speech
- 6) Special features
- 7) Favourite line
- 8) I Like/Don't Like The Poem (why)

Section III Unseen passage

Q.3 A) Read the following passage and complete the activities given below:

(10)

A) 1. Find reasons:

(2)

- i) The effect of receding forest
- ii) The number of animals is reduced because
- iii) Elephants entered the city because
- iv) Elephants lived a wary life.....

On the left bank of the Ganga, Where it emerges from the Himalayan foothills, there is a long stretch of heavy forest. There are villages on the fringe of the forest, inhabited by bamboo cutters and farmers, but there are few signs of commerce or pilgrimage. Hunters, however, have found the area an ideal hunting ground during the last seventy years, and as a result, the animals are not as numerous as they used to be. The trees, too, have been disappearing slowly, and,

as the forest recedes, the animals lose their food and shelter and move further on into the foothills. Slowly, they are being denied the right to live.

Only the elephants can cross the river. And two years ago, when a large area of the forest was cleared to make way for a refugee resettlement camp, a herd of elephants- finding their favourite food, the green shoots of the bamboo, in short supply-waded across the river. They crashed through the suburbs of Haridwar, Knocked down a factory wall, pulled down several tin roofs, held up train, and left a trail of devastation in their wake until they found a new forest which was still untouched. Here, they settled down to new life – but an unsettled, wary life. They did not know when men would appear again, with tractors, bulldozers and dynamite.

A.2. Find out ;

Mention four things the elephants did when they found shortage of food : (2)

- i).....
- ii).....
- iii).....
- iv).....

A.3 Phrases :

Make meaningful sentences by selecting any two of the following phrases : (2)

- i) to make way for
- ii) in short
- iii) on the fringe of

A.4 Language study :

Select the proper alternative to make the correct voice : (2)

- i) Hunters have found an ideal hunting ground.
-An ideal hunting ground found by hunters.
(had been, has been, was)

- ii) They are being denied the right to live.
- The peoplethem the right to live.
(are denying, were denying, denying)

A.5 Personal Response :

What would be your contribution to protect the natural habitat of animals ? (2)

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Q.3 B) Summary Writing

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Read the passage and write a summary of it. Suggest a suitable title.

As a human being, you possess the invaluable gift called Imagination. It is this wonderful faculty which allows you to enter worlds that you have never been to, to picture an event before it actually happens, to construct things in your mind combining any number of images. Most important, however, it enables you to project yourself into the future and to determine what kind of a tomorrow you want for yourself.

Travel ten or twenty years into the future and see yourself becoming the person you want to be. You have to live in the Forward. Block the whole world out. Spare half an hour, go into a dark room and press the Tab Key. The problem with us is that we live too much in the present and think too much about the past. As a result, we give no opportunity for the imagination to flourish, to develop and to help us realize our full potential.

Life is full of obstacles and barriers that need to be overcome if one is to reach the pinnacles of success. Imagination plays a key role in giving us clues as how to overcome them. Imagination takes us beyond pain, beyond suffering, even beyond death. Scan the future. Backspace the past. Shift your viewpoint to the next level. Press the control key to know who you are and what you want to be. Do all this and you will enjoy a better quality of life.

And if you fall, fall Forward. Don't give up . Fall Forward.

Section IV : CREATIVE WRITING

Q.4 A) Expand the theme :

(5)

A1. Expand the following idea into two paragraphs.
'We are part of nature not apart from it'.

OR

A.2 News Report

Write a News Report based on the following headline :
'Dengue Fever claims 9 lives'

Q.4 B) Developing a story / Narrating an experience :

(5)

B1. Develop a story in about 80-100 words with the following ending.

Give a suitable title :

.....Why did I count my chickens before they were hatched ?

OR

B.2 Develop a story in about 80- 100 words the following beginning. Give a suitable title :

I heard a police siren
