



# ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SAMPLE PAPER

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### General Instructions

- (a) The question paper is divided into three sections.
  - (i) Section – A Reading (20),
  - (ii) Section – B Writing and Grammar (20)
  - (iii) Section – C Literature (40)
- (b) All the questions are compulsory.
- (c) You may attempt any section at a time in the correct order.



### SECTION – A (READING)

[20]

(10x1=10)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### THE MANDARIN DUCK SPOTTED IN TINSUKIA

1. On February 8, Madhab Gogoi, a bird-watching guide in Maguri Motapung *Beel* (wetland) in Tinsukia district, Assam, was simply alert as usual – and that's how he spotted the rare, and magnificent, Mandarin duck.
2. "I was on my regular visit to the Maguri-Motapung Beel to check out the birds in the surroundings when I happened to notice this very colourful duck floating on the surface," Gogoi told *The Wire Science*. "Upon a closer look, I realised that it was the rare Mandarin duck. I could not believe my eyes, and it took me some time to register its presence."
3. Once he was sure, Gogoi rang a friend of his, a photographer, who rushed to the site and captured the images.
4. According to the *eBird database*, a male Mandarin duck (*Aix galericulata*) is "very ornate with big orangey 'sail fins' on the back, streaked orangey cheeks and a small red bill with a whitish tip". The female has "narrow white spectacles on a shaggy grey head, bold pale dappled spots along flanks and a pale bill tip."
5. "The bird was swimming calmly, doing its usual stuff, eating and resting at one particular spot for three days, oblivious of the curious eyes at some distance."
6. It proved to be a short-lived spectacle, however: "the bird was last seen on the evening of February 10 and flew away sometime in the night," Gogoi said.
7. Ornithologist Anwaruddin Choudhury, a former joint secretary of the forest department and a member of the state wildlife advisory board, said that a Mandarin duck was last spotted on the Dibru river in Tinsukia in 1902.
8. "It was a British official who shot down one Mandarin duck in a flock of five to six birds in Dibru river," Choudhury said. "He would display shot birds in his museum. This is the last record of the bird we have in the same area."
9. According to him, bird-watchers had also spotted a Mandarin duck a handful of times in the Loktak lake in Manipur in 2013 and in Saatvoini Beel in Assam's Manas National Park in 2014.

10. Choudhury said the Mandarin duck isn't listed as being 'endangered' or 'vulnerable' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, so there was no need to be concerned over much about their populations.
11. "It seems the bird strayed from its regular migratory path," he added. "They breed in Russia, Korea, Japan and the north-eastern parts of China – as the name Mandarin also suggests. The species is also found in Western Europe and the US."
12. Sanjay Sondhi, a bird and butterfly expert, agreed that it isn't "uncommon for migratory birds to stray from their flight routes. For example, ducks like common goldeneyes and Baer's pochards have been spotted a few times in the Asan Conservation Reserve in Uttarakhand." However, Sondhi also said there haven't been any studies on how these birds rejoin their flocks and reach their originally intended destinations.
13. Conservationists like Gogoi are also heartened by the fact that distressing images like that of the Gangetic dolphin charred by fire from the Baghjan blowout in May 2020 have been replaced by something as refreshing as the Mandarin duck. To him, it's a sign of nature finding a way to restore itself, and which should be helped along.

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**(A) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best option.**

1. **Which of the following sentences uses the word 'register' in the same sense as used in paragraph 2 of the passage?**
  - (a) Within two weeks of arrival all foreigners had to register with the local police.
  - (b) People chatting at a party usually talk in an informal register.
  - (c) I could scarcely register the fact that he was there in the room.
  - (d) If a child is absent, the teacher notes it down in the class register.
2. **If something or someone is 'ornate', he/she/it is**
  - (a) highly decorated
  - (b) is loaded with ornaments
  - (c) orangey in colour
  - (d) very extraordinary
3. **Which of the following paragraphs will help you most in identifying a specimen of the Mandarin duck?**
  - (a) Paragraph 2
  - (b) Paragraph 4
  - (c) Paragraph 7
  - (d) Paragraph 12
4. **"It proved to be a short-lived spectacle." (Paragraph 6) Which 'spectacle' is referred to here?**
  - (a) The beautiful scene of the Maguri-Motapung Beel where the Mandarin duck was spotted.
  - (b) The sight of photographers photographing the Mandarin duck.
  - (c) The ornate plumage and beak of the Mandarin duck spotted by Madhab Gogoi.
  - (d) The sight of the beautiful Mandarin duck swimming, eating and resting in one place.
5. **What should be helped along, according to Madhab Gogoi and the author (Paragraph 13)?**
  - (a) Rehabilitation of the Gangetic dolphin
  - (b) A safe sanctuary for the Mandarin duck in Maguri-Motapung wetland
  - (c) Restoration of nature's balance through conservation and rehabilitation
  - (d) Ensuring a safe transit stop and passage for migratory birds



## 2. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follows.

1. While India celebrates Science Day on February 28 and remembers the contribution of Raman, it is also an opportunity to take stock of the status of science in India. Such introspection is necessary as science and technology have become the most important drivers of the economy of a nation. Information Technology and Biotechnology are two live examples of knowledge-based industry. With globalisation and the WTO (World Trade Organisation) in place, those countries, which do not update themselves with the latest scientific and technological advancements, would fall behind. Technology has changed the business models of companies across the world.
2. Since Independence, India has travelled a long distance in research and development activities. Our scientific and technical manpower is amongst the largest in the world. Two scientists of Indian origin, Hargobind Khorana and S. Chandrasekhar, have won Nobel Prizes in Medicine and Physics respectively. It is difficult to find a good university or research institute of repute in the US, where Indians are not working at the top positions.
3. There are, however, a few disturbing trends which need immediate attention. First, good students, undergraduate and graduate, have started moving away from sciences – Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology. Those who do join sciences keep looking for a changeover at the first opportunity to more lucrative disciplines. Not many go willingly for doctoral programmes. Jobs in sciences are few and pay packets low.
4. Secondly, the universities have become teaching colleges, research having taken a backseat. As a result, students of universities hardly have exposure to frontline research work; they lack motivation to take up a career in research.
5. Thirdly, research institutes also need improvement. They should be made truly autonomous and professionally managed with more accountability. An effective system of rewarding good researchers should be evolved.
6. Fourthly, the view that research in basic sciences is not important as it is of little utility to India is short-sighted. Good technology cannot flourish without good science.
7. Fifthly, the universities face acute financial crisis. The universities themselves are unable to raise resources by way of increasing fee and user charges. Governments are unable to support them to the desired extent due to budgetary constraints. The result: these institutions are unable to keep pace with the changing times.
8. Sixthly, there is a need to look at the structure of universities, most of them being affiliating institutions. They suffer from the huge drag of the affiliated colleges. The biggest casualty is quality of education. Should we not try to move towards the system of unitary universities?
9. And finally, the time has come for inter-disciplinary research and education. Our university systems have become water-tight compartments within a department and people do not interact amongst themselves. We continue to promote very specialised institutions such as medical colleges, engineering colleges, agricultural universities, etc., whereas the scholars of leading institutions elsewhere are trying to collaborate with each other and promote all branches of knowledge. For instance, Massachusetts Institute of Technology is well known for Physics, Economics, Biology and Medicine!

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations and a format you consider suitable.

Also supply an appropriate title to it.

(5x1=5)

(b) Make a summary of the passage in about 72-80 words.

(5x1=5)

### **SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**[20]**

3. The Power Grid Corporation of India needs a poster for its nationwide “Save Energy”

Campaign. Draft a poster for the campaign highlighting some important points in not more than 50 words.

(5)

4. Your family has some spare accommodation that your father wishes to let out. On behalf of your father, draft a suitable classified advertisement.

(5)

5. Select the most suitable option to fill in the blanks given below.

(10x1=10)

(a) Ashima \_\_\_\_\_ to be a space scientist when she grows up.

(i) wants (ii) had wanted (iii) is wanting (iv) wanted

(b) On September 12, 1970 the Soviet space exploration programme Luna 16 \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) launches (ii) is launching (iii) has launched (iv) was launched

(c) Watch out! Stones are \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) falling (ii) have fallen (iii) were falling (iv) have been falling

(d) I \_\_\_\_\_ home next month.

(i) went (ii) have gone (iii) am going (iv) had been going

(e) Hurry up! The ballet \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) starts (ii) had started (iii) is about to start. (iv) started

(f) The patient \_\_\_\_\_ before the doctor arrived.

(i) dies (ii) will die (iii) had died (iv) has died

(g) He \_\_\_\_\_ at four o' clock.

(i) will sleep (ii) is sleep (iii) was sleep (iv) shall sleep

(h) He \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden when the accident took place.

(i) was sitting (ii) is sitting (iii) sat (iv) could sit

(i) I \_\_\_\_\_ school before the bell rang.

(i) will reach (ii) reached (iii) am reach (iv) could reach

(j) It started to rain while we \_\_\_\_\_ cricket.

(i) play (ii) were playing (iii) are playing (iv) have played

### **SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

**[40]**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

(5x1=5)

And who art thou? Said I to the soft- falling shower,

Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated :

I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea.

(a) Name the poem and the poet.

(2)

(b) Why does the rain call itself as the “Poem of Earth”?

(1)

(c) Which literary device has been used in the third line of the extract?

(1)

(d) Why is the rise of the rain called ‘impalpable’?

(1)

**9. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

(5x1=5)

The whole tree trembles and thrills  
It is the engine of her family  
She strokes it full, then flirts out to a branch- end  
Showing her barred face identity mask

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. (2)
- (b) Which poetic device has been used in the second line of the extract? (1)
- (c) Which literary device has been used in the first line of the extract? (1)
- (d) Who is referred to as the engine of her family? (1)

**10. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each.**

(5x3=15)

- (a) Briefly sum up Mourad's character in your own words.
- (b) Why was Mrs Dorling surprised to see Mrs. S's daughter?
- (c) What signs of revival did Dr. Andrew notice in Mrs. Morgan's child?
- (d) What does the father expect his son to do in the poem 'Father to Son'?
- (e) How did the waves injure Gordon Cook?

**11. Answer the following questions in about 150 words.**

(3x5=15)

- (a) "The Adventure" by Jayant Narlikar is about a probable or alternative history of India under the Maratha rule. Comment.
- (b) Do you think Carter was justified in removing the hardened ritual resin deposits on Tut's mummy? Why/Why not? Explain in detail.
- (c) Do you approve of Mourad's act of stealing the horse for pleasure rides? Why/Why not? Explain in detail.