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Q.2: Comprehension passage –

(15 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A landowner was brought by one of his farmers a roasted chicken and a bottle of fruit juice. The landowner called his servant boy and told him to take the farmer's gift to his house. Knowing how cunning the boy was, he explained to him that under the cloth was a live bird and also a bottle of poison. He advised him not to uncover the gift on the way, for if he did so, the bird would fly away and even the smell of the poison in the bottle was enough to kill him.

The boy, knowing his master too well, found a comfortable corner, and not only ate the roasted chicken, but also drank away the delicious juice to the last drop.

When, at lunch time, the landowner went to his house, he asked his wife to bring him food. His wife asked him to wait as the meal was not yet cooked. The landowner, thinking of the farmer's gift, said to his wife that the chicken and the juice which he had sent through the servant would be good enough. He was very surprised and angry when his wife told him that she had not seen the boy since morning.

Without losing a minute, the landowner ran back to his place of work, and there he found his servant fast asleep. He shouted and kicked the boy to wake him up. Then he angrily enquired about the farmer's gift. The boy said, "O Master, on the way to your house a strong wind blew away the cloth which covered the bird and it flew off. I was afraid that you would punish me, so

I drank the poison which was in the bottle. And now, the boy continued, "I am lying down here waiting for death to come."

(a) What gift did the farmer bring for the landlord? **(1 Mark)**

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(b) What did the farmer ask the servant boy to do? **(1 Mark)**

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(b) What did he tell his servant about what was under the cloth? **(1 Mark)**

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(c) What advice did he give him and why? **(2 marks)**

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(c) When his wife had not prepared the lunch what did the farmer decide to eat? **(2 marks)**

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(d) What excuse did the servant give to his master for having consumed his gift? **(2 marks)**

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(e) Give one word to describe the servant boy. **(1 mark)**

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Q. 3: Find words in the passage which mean the following: (5 marks)

(a) Counseled :

(b) Asked about something :

(c) Tasteful :

(d) Cooked on dry heat :

(e) Master of the land :

GRAMMAR:

Q.4: Rewrite the following sentences, changing the Gender of the Nouns: (10 marks)

- (a) The bull attacked the man.
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- (b) The fox ran after the gander.
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- (c) The hero in that film fought with a tiger.
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- (d) The boys rode on their horses.
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- (e) The gentleman looked at the peacocks with joy.
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Q.5: Underline the Adverbs in the following sentences: (10 marks)

- (a) The boys walked slowly.
- (b) The poor woman wept bitterly.
- (c) The child slept soundly.
- (d) Fortunately he had arrived.
- (e) The glass was nearly full.

Q.6: Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions: (10 marks)

- (a) He likes _____ read books.
- (b) The dog jumped _____ the table.
- (c) I have great sympathy _____ him.
- (d) Beware _____ false friends.
- (e) The teacher was unhappy _____ him.

Q.7: Complete the following sentences using the correct Degree of Adjectives given in brackets: (10 marks)

- (a) Iron is _____ than any other metal. (useful)
- (b) The Nile is the _____ river in Africa. (long)

- (c) There are _____ people in the garden than in the house. (many)
- (d) This exercise is the _____ of all the exercises. (easy)
- (e) Bali is _____ than Harish. (strong)

Q.8: Put the correct Article (a, an, the) into the following sentences: (10 marks)

- (a) What _____ interesting idea.
- (b) _____ word to _____ wise is sufficient.
- (c) _____ Ganges is _____ sacred river.
- (d) I got _____ watch and _____ English book when I passed the exam.
- (e) The man is _____ Chinese but his wife is _____ Italian.
- (f) I saw _____ python in the Zoo.

Q.9: Complete the sentences by filling in the correct form of the verb given in brackets: (10 marks)

- (a) I am _____ my work at this moment. (do)
- (b) She _____ every Saturday. (swim)
- (c) Grandfather _____ a new kitten to the house yesterday. (bring)
- (d) He _____ himself last evening. (hurt)
- (e) Bees _____ honey. (make)

Q.10: Put the words in the correct order and write the sentences: (10 marks)

- (a) in / gathered / a large / the street / of people / number
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- (b) finger / hurt / the little / girl / her
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- (c) the cold / crow / water / drank / the thirsty
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- (d) those / people / foolish / like / not / i do
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- (e) put on / the old / a black / man / coat
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