

THE MOTHER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2017-2018)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE
CLASS X

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

The Royal Bengal is the most protected animal in India and its population is booming, but missing tigers are the weakest link in the conservation success story. There's hardly any mechanism to monitor tigers that have strayed out of their designated habitat.

Among the missing tigers in recent times was Ookhan of Tadoba-Andhari in Maharashtra. He was found this March at a place about 100 km away from where he was spotted last almost four years ago. The photograph taken in 2013 helped track the seven-year-old male. Stripe patterns are unique to every tiger and that is their identity marker. Ookhan is a lucky break on a long list of tigers that went missing and never found. The Maharashtra forest department has yet to trace Jai, the iconic tiger of Nagpur's Umred Karhandla wildlife sanctuary, who went missing on April 18, 2016. A year later, and after searches across Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, forest officials have no clue if the animal with a radio collar around its neck is alive or dead.

Ookhan or Jai are not stray cases. It is quite common in the wild for dominant tigers occupying the rich prey base to push out the weaker ones to the hinterland. A tiger's territory ranges from 10 to 12 square km, and the number of tigers moving out to different zones for food and water has increased recently with their population rising on the back of conservation efforts. Tracking them becomes important both for research and understanding the animal outside their protected core areas.

1.1. Complete the sentence given below: (1)

_____ are the weakest link in successful conservation attempts.

1.2. Complete the table given below. DO NOT COPY THE TABLE (2)

Write your answer against the correct blank number.

Name of the Tiger	Native of ...	Found (where?) or Missing	Went (on) Missing
Ookhan	Tadoba-Andhari in Maharashtra	a) _____	four years ago
b) _____	c) _____	Missing	d) _____

- 1.3. Why are 'stripe patterns' special for tigers? (1)
- 1.4. What has led to excessive movement of tigers to different zones? (1)
- 1.5. Why is it important to track the tigers? (1)
- 1.6. Complete the sentence given below: (1)
- Ookhan is a lucky break on a long list of tigers because _____.
- 1.7. Find one word from the passage which is the antonym of 'common/ ordinary' (1)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12)

With sophisticated cameras in our smartphones, we are all photographers these days. The ease they bring to the task can result in beautiful photographs or just heaps of mindless pictures. All these may give us joy anyway, but if we want to learn to see ourselves and our world in fresh ways, the camera can become our ally and sacred teacher through the special art of contemplative photography. But first we need to understand that this is about more than taking 'good' pictures; it's about fully connecting with the visual richness of our lives, about pausing to let the present moment touch us with its beauty and lessons.

Elliot Erwit, a documentary photographer with an amazing gift for noticing things said, "To me, photography is an art of observation ... finding something interesting in an ordinary place ... it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them." Contemplative photography helps us to possess the ability to see the world the way children do; they marvel at ordinary things that the rest of us often overlook.

A teacher of contemplative photography suggests that when you go out to photograph, ask yourself where you sense the energy focused at that particular moment, and to then compose your photograph around that area, yet remembering it will not be the same the next day. There is a transitory aspect that makes the moment precious. Your role as a contemplative photographer is to make connection and meaning from what you perceive, at that particular moment.

Often what we 'see' is clouded by our interpretation of what we see. Practising contemplative photography teaches us to become more mindful of how much we add to everyday noticing. Approaching nature and life with your unlikely mindfulness teacher, the camera -- being open yet not trying too hard -- you find that the photographs you make will resonate with personal meaning and life lessons for you.

It doesn't happen every time, maybe just once in a while, but when it does, you feel blessed.

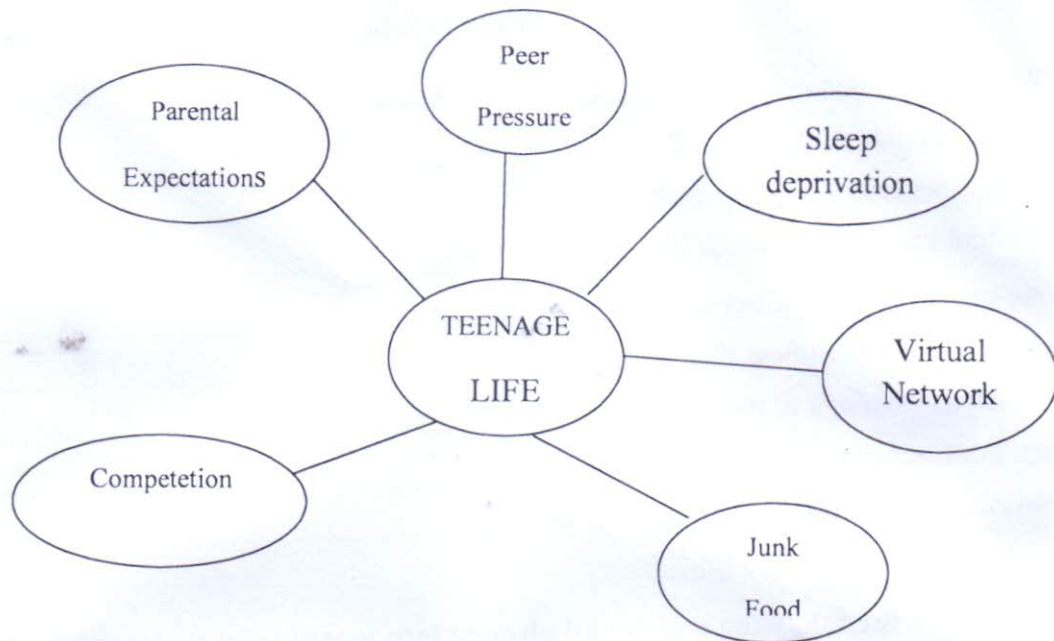
- 2.1. What can be the two contrary outcomes of the ease in photography brought about by smartphones? (2)
- 2.2. List the two pre-requisites mentioned by the author to practise contemplative photography? (2)
- 2.3. According to Elliot Erwit, what is the most important aspect of photography? (1)
- 2.4. Explain in your own words: '*There is a transitory aspect that makes the moment precious.*' (1)
- 2.5. Contemplative photography can be a great teacher. How? Answer with reference to the last paragraph. (2)
- 2.6. Find one word from the passage which means the same as the following: (4)
- a) accomplice or associate/ partner (para 1)
- b) wonder or be in awe (para 2)

c) interpret or understand in a particular way (para 3)

d) reverberate (para 4)

Q3.

(8)



Life is certainly not a bed of roses for the teenagers today, whose life-style is affected by the above factors. The temptations have increased manifold and so have the stress levels, making life and choices difficult for them. As Asha/ Ashim Pradhan of 10 Jangpura, New Delhi, write a letter to the editor of a national daily, using the inputs given above. Suggest ways to cope with these factors and lead a healthy life in 100 -120 words.

Q4. Write a short story using **any one** of the openig lines including all elements of short story writing . Provide a suitable title. (10)

- Victory was only a click of the button away.

OR

- 'So what !' said the commander-in-chief.

Q5. Fill in the blanks with **one word** only. Write your answer against the correct blank number. DO NOT COPY THE PASSAGE (4)

The role of friends in (a) _____ life is very important. So when choosing them, (b) _____ must be very careful and selective. We cannot (c) _____ friends randomly (d) _____ their association sometimes proves to be more dangerous (e) _____ anything else. Good friends are (f) _____ good books — those that give us knowledge (g) _____ different fields and enrich our lives. Good friends are (h) _____ less than a valuable treasure in one's life.

- Q6. There is one word omitted in each line in the following passage. Write the word before, the word supplied and the word after against the correct blank number. One has been shown as an example for you. (4)

	Word before	<u>Word supplied</u>	Word after
We learn ups and downs	Example:	<i>learn</i>	<i>that</i>
a part and parcel of life, so if	a)	_____	_____
there is success there also be failure.	b)	_____	_____
Without knowing, failure is like, no	c)	_____	_____
one can feel the joy glory of	d)	_____	_____
success. Real happiness doesn't lie, the	e)	_____	_____
materialistic things in these lessons	f)	_____	_____
that life teaches us for that is, true	g)	_____	_____
essence of life. Living each day as comes, h)	h)	_____	_____
is what makes one enjoy life.			

- Q7. Re-arrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences: (4)

Example: the use of/ as a rhetorical device/ hyperbole is/ exaggeration/ or figure of speech

Hyperbole is the use of exaggeration as a rhetorical device or figure of speech.

- is derived/ Greek word/ meaning 'excess'/ the term/ from a
- simply understood/ it may be/ of 'understatement'/ as the opposite
- it can / but ^{is} ~~are~~/ literature and/ not meant to be/ taken literally/ be found in/
oral communication
- research papers/ not be found in/ such as/ it would/ medical journals and/ non-fiction
writings

- Q8. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

Well, poor bird-she should have known.

That your song must be your own.

That's why I sing with panache....

- Do you think the speaker is justified in calling the bird 'poor'? Why/why not?
- What had happened to the bird and why?
- Explain the irony in the second line.
- Provide a synonym for 'panache'.

OR

*We are two lions litter'd in one day.
And I the elder and more terrible....
And Caesar shall go forth.*

- (i) Who speaks the above lines? What was the reason for him to speak thus?
- (ii) Who are the two lions he refers to?
- (iii) Who is the elder and terrible and why?
- (iv) What trait of the speaker's character is revealed through the above lines?

Q9. Answer the following questions in 50-60 words:-

(2x4=8)

- 1. Explain the symbolism in the concluding lines of part II of the poem. 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.
- 2. 'We do many things, Sir'. Explain this statement in the context of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.
- 3. Bring out the suitability of the title 'The Letter'.
- 4. 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger' is a satire. Explain with help of any two examples from the story.

Q10. We are living in an increasingly materialistic society where moral values and fellow feeling have taken a back seat. Express your views on the given statement with reference to 'The Frog and the Nightingale' and 'Mrs. Packletide's Tiger' in about 120-150 words.

(8)

OR

Parental duty and affection are obviously taken for granted whereas filial affection (love of children for their parents) somehow remains a matter of choice. Ali, in the story 'The Letter' gives up hunting, the passion of his life. He realizes the power of love and the sorrow of separation. With reference to the story, express your views on the need for children to care for their ageing parents and be sensitive to their needs in 120-150 words.

Q11. Attempt any one of the following questions: (200 -250 words)

(10)

'The winter of 1892 was darkened by the one cloud in my childhood's bright sky'.

Describe the incident being mentioned by Helen Keller in the above lines. How did it impact her? What effect did it have on her relationship with Mr. Anagnos?

OR

Helen's parents were a constant support and a pillar of strength for her. Substantiate the given statement using appropriate examples from the novel.