

Q. 1 A. Edit the following passage, making the necessary changes in style, punctuation, grammar and organization of ideas : (08)

Children is impressionable and need to be taught moral values. These values will form there beliefs and attitudes, determine how they leave and help them function effectively in society. Children are finally dependent. they absorb values they experience and believe the misus influences in the media. They need an antidote to the depravity of today culture. they must learn to control their natural responses to their needs. They must learn that some things was just wrong, that there are alternatives, & they would supported if they make right choices. they are the future leaders whose will made decisions based on values they has. Therefore they must be equipped with a moral compass to guide them sot mat the problem of declining standards and values can be arrested. Child are finally dependent.

B. Write a summary of the given passage and provide an appropriate title : (07)

As what geographers have estimated, about twenty percent of the earth's surface is occupied by deserts. A majority of us view deserts as one unique kind of landscape -- areas with little or no rainfalls.

In actual fact, there are differences between the deserts, though in varying degrees. While it is common for laymen like us to see deserts as rocky or covered with gravel or pebbles, there are some where large sand dunes inhabit. Despite the fact that rainfall is minimal, temperatures do change in deserts, ranging from seasonal ones to daily changes where extreme hotness and coldness are experienced in the day and night.

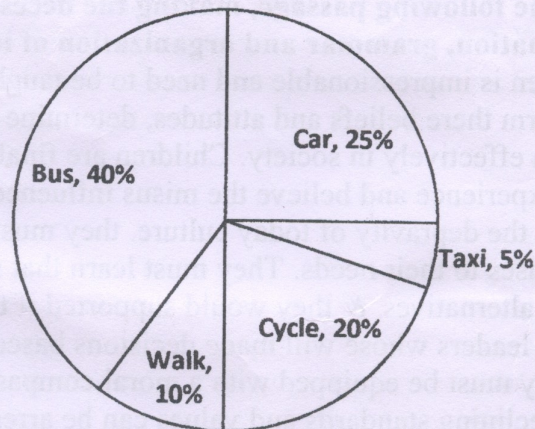
Unfavorable conditions in the deserts, especially the lack of water, have discouraged many living things from inhabiting these landscapes. Nevertheless, there are exceptionally surviving ones which through their superb tactics, have managed to live through and are still going strong. One such kind is the specialist annual plants which overcome seasonal temperature changes with their extremely short, active life cycles. In events of sudden rain, the plant seeds pullulate and grow very quickly to make full use of the rain water. Their flowers bloom and set seeds that ripen quickly in the hot sun too. Once the water runs dry, the mother plant dies, leaving behind the drought-resistant seeds, waiting patiently for the next rainy season to arrive.

The Cacti, a native in American deserts, adapts to the dry surroundings by having unique body structures. The plant has swollen stems to help store water that carries it through months. By having sharp pines instead of leaves, water loss through respiration is minimized. Besides, these pointed pines also help the plant ward off grazing animals, thus enhancing its survival period.

Besides plants, there are also animals with distinct surviving tactics in deserts too. For instance, Skinks (desert lizards) metabolize stored fats in their bulbous tails, producing water to supplement their needs, just like what camels do with the stored food in their humps during long journeys through deserts. Antelopes like the addax, have very low water needs and hence are able to tolerate the conditions in deserts, extracting moisture from the food they eat.

Finally, there are the sandgrouses (desert birds) which do not have special features to overcome the drought-like nature in deserts. Hence, to survive in these hot, dry deserts, they need to spend a large part of their time flying in search of waterholes.

- Q. 2 A** Write a paragraph explaining the following pie chart showing forms of transport used by students. (08)



- B.** Write a paragraph on Any One of the following : (07)
- Importance of Sports
 - A movie you have recently seen

- Q. 3** Read the following poem and answer the questions below. (15)
- Where The Mind Is Without Fear**

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
 Where knowledge is free
 Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
 By narrow domestic walls

Where words come out from the depth of truth;
 Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
 Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
 Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit

Where the mind is led forward by thee
 Into ever-widening thought and action
 Into that heaven of freedom, Father, let my country awake.

- Analyze the first stanza of the poem. (3)
- How can truth and perfection be achieved? (3)
- What does the poet pray to the heavenly father? (3)
- Do you find the title suitable? Why? (3)
- What message do you get from the poem? (3)

- Q. 4 A.** Draft a Committee Report on the decline in sales of computer books in a bookshop. (15)

OR

- B.** Draft a detailed report on the blood donation camp organized by the NSS Unit of your College. (15)

- Q. 5** Write a newspaper report on the harmful effect of Junk food on children. (15)