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ENGLISH GRAMMAR

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**Comprehension**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-**

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It is roughly the size of the continent of Australia and covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon River which runs through the heart of the region. Amazon is also the second largest river in the world. The rainforest is simply the drainage basin for the river and its tributaries. The vast forest consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals. The forest floor is the lowest region. Since only two percent of the sunlight can filter through the top layers to the understory very few plants grow there. The forest floor, however, is rich with rotting vegetation and bodies of dead animals which quickly break down and get integrated into the soil as nutrients. Tree roots stay close to these available nutrients and decomposers such as millipedes and earth worms use these nutrients for food. The understory is the layer above the forest floor. Much like the forest floor, only about 2 to 5 percent of the sunlight reaches this shadowy realm. Many of the plants in the understory have large, broad leaves to collect as much sunlight as possible. The understory is so thick that there is very little air movement. As a result, plants rely on insects and animals to pollinate their flowers. The layer above the understory is the canopy. This is where much of the action in the rainforest occurs. Many plants growing in this layer have specially adapted leaves with drip tips. Drip tips allow water to flow off the leaves and thus prevent mosses, fungi and lichens from infecting the leaves. Leaves in the canopy are very dense and filter about 80 percent of the sunlight. The canopy is where the wealth of the rainforest's fruits and flowers grow.

**Answer the following questions.**

1. Which is the world's second largest river?
2. How important is the Amazon River for Amazon rainforests?
3. Why do very few plants grow in the understory of the rainforests?
4. Why is there very little air movement in the understory?
5. What is the layer above the understory called?
6. Find the word from the passage which means 'grand'.

**2- POEM COMPREHENSION**

The Frost performs its secret ministry,  
Unhelped by any wind. The owl's cry  
Came loud – and hark, again ! loud as before.  
The inmates of my cottage, all at rest,  
Have left me to that solitude, which suits  
Abstruser musings: save that at my side  
My cradled infant slumbers peacefully.  
'It's calm indeed ! so calm, that it disturbs  
And vexes meditation with its strange  
And extreme silence.....

**Answer the following questions.**

- A. The 'secret ministry' of the frost is that
- (a) it is falling on the ground
  - (b) it ministers the earth
  - (c) it deals with the air
  - (d) it has a secret deal with the nature

- B. There is silence all round. This is seen in the phrase  
(a) and hark, again (b) all at rest  
(c) that solitude (d) abstruser musings
- C. Who is sleeping in the cradle?  
(a) the poet's nephew (b) the poet's niece  
(c) the poet's son (d) a strange child
- D. What disturbs the calm?  
(a) weather (b) nature  
(c) calmness (d) the surroundings
- E. The word 'meditation' means  
(a) prayers (b) deep thought  
(c) deep ideas (d) thought

### **Study Material (Letter Writing)**

A letter is a written message that can be handwritten or printed on paper. It is usually sent to the recipient via mail or post in an envelope, although this is not a requirement as such. Any such message that is transferred via post is a letter, a written conversation between two parties.

#### **Let us have a look at the few types of letters.**

- **Formal Letter:** These letters follow a certain pattern and formality. They are strictly kept professional in nature, and directly address the issues concerned. Any type of business letter or letter to authorities falls within this given category.
- **Informal Letter:** These are personal letters. They need not follow any set pattern or adhere to any formalities. They contain personal information or are a written conversation. Informal letters are generally written to friends, acquaintances, relatives etc.

#### **Letter writing tips**

i) Identify the type of letter

This obviously is the first step of the letter writing process. You must be able to identify the type of letter you are to be writing. This will be dictated by the person the letter is addressed to and the information that will be conveyed through the letter. Suppose you were writing to the principal of your college to ask for leave, this would be a formal letter. But say you were writing to your old college professor catching up after a long time. Then this would be a personal (informal) letter.

ii) Make sure you open and close the letter correctly

Opening a letter in the correct manner is of utmost importance. Formal letters open with a particular structure and greeting that is formal in nature. Informal letters can be addressed to the person's name or any informal greeting as the writer wishes.

**Format-**

Sender's address

43Z-Ashok Vihar

Mathura-2812005

Date

11 April,2011

Address of the addressee

The Editor

The Times of India

(Receiver's designation and

New Delhi

Address)

Subject:-

Salutation

Sir,

Subject Line to focus attention

Body of the letter: 1. Introduction

2. Main Content

Body

3. Conclusion

Complimentary close

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely/faithfully/truly,

Sender's Name

Raghav

Designation (if applicable)

(Designation)

### Solved Example

1. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city seeking a solution to the problem of waterlogging in your area. You are Raj / Rani of Dharma Colony, Ramgarh.

14 / 8,  
Dharma Colony,  
Ramgarh.

13th April, 2020.

To,  
The Mayor,  
Ramgarh.

Subject: Complaint regarding the problem of water logging in Dharma Colony

Sir / Madam,

I am Raj, a resident of Dharma Colony, would like to draw your attention towards the residents of the area who are facing a lot of problems due to waterlogging.

Every year in the monsoon season, the area gets filled with water as the drainage system gets choked. We have requested the area committee many times, but the situation is still the same. The residents' lives have become miserable as many water-borne diseases have spread. All the houses are submerged, and we are facing a tough time.

I therefore request you to kindly consider the issue as seriously and find a solution at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,

Raj.

### Assignment

1. Write a letter to the Noida Authority on the topic "Street light problem" ?

