

**ENTRY TEST**

**ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-20**

**ENGLISH**

**GRADE VII**

**Total Marks: 25**

1. Dolphins are very much in vogue these days. Along with rainbows, they have become a symbol of a new age of love, peace and harmony. Although, like human beings, they are mammals, they have adapted surprisingly well to an environment completely different from our own. There is no doubt that people love these aquatic creatures, considering them to be both intelligent and beautiful.

2. This fascination with dolphins is not a novelty; they have delighted people for centuries and they occupy a special place in folklore around the world. For example, the ancient Mediterranean cultures believed that the dolphin represented the vital power of the sea, and early Greek mythology describes many encounters between their gods and dolphins. Dolphins graced many forms of art in ancient societies. Killing a dolphin was punished by the death penalty. Around the world, many cultures believed that any intentional harm done to a dolphin could cause ill-fortune or mortal sickness.

3. Dolphins are able to make sounds in the form of little clicks, through which they communicate with each other. Many dolphins are able to leap high out of the water, sometimes to indicate the presence of fish to their companions, and sometimes simply out of exuberance. As well as making clicking sounds, they make other sounds which damage the balance of their prey, making it easier to capture. They are also able to work out where their prey is by listening to the echoes of the sounds which their prey makes. This special ability is called echolocation, and it enables dolphins to explore their environment over a wider distance than eyesight allows, and to find their prey in a dark, watery world where sight is often of little use.

4. Modern, efficient methods have been introduced that allow fishermen to bring in record catches. However, these methods make no distinction between fish and dolphins, so that the latter then often become the victims of these environmentally destructive fishing methods. In some parts of the world, fishermen have noticed that particularly large tuna fish swim underneath dolphins. Realising, therefore, that financially rewarding catches of tuna fish await those willing to take advantage of the tuna-dolphin bond, the fishermen deliberately net these dolphins in order to catch the tuna swimming below them.

Read the passage and then answer all the questions which follow below.

You are recommended to answer the questions in the order set. Mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar may be penalised in any part of the Paper.

From paragraph 1:

1. What have the dolphins become a symbol of? [ 1 ]

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2. Give one reason why, according to the writer, people love dolphins. [1]

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From paragraph 2:

2. (a) What do you understand by the word “folklore”? [1]

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(b) How can we tell that in some cultures dolphins were considered to be as important as human beings? [1]

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(c) What did people in many cultures believe could be the result of intentionally harming a dolphin? Answer in your own words. [1]

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From paragraph 3:

3 (a) In what two ways do dolphins use their ability to make sounds? Number your answers (i) and (ii). [1]

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(b) Give two reasons to explain why dolphins ‘leap high out of the water’. Answer in your own words. [1]

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(c) What single feature of the dolphins’ environment means that their eyesight is ‘often of little use’ in catching their prey? [1]

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From paragraph 4:

4 (a) According to the writer, what benefit do fishermen derive from the modern fishing methods? [1]

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(b) In what way are modern fishing methods ‘environmentally destructive’? [1]

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(c) Explain fully the benefits gained by fishermen who ‘take advantage of the tuna-dolphin bond’. [2]

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Make meaningful sentences from any three words given below: [ 3]

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Recent

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Ability

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Doubt

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Indicate

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**Write an essay of about 200-400 words on any of the following topics:**

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- A Difficult Choice You Had to Make
- A Nightmare