**SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ SUB: ENGLISH**

**CLASS - XII**

**ASSIGNMENT- 2 (Lost Spring)**

# Q1. Read the passage given billow and answer the following questions.

When another old cave is discovered in the south of France, it is not usually news. Rather, it is an ordinary event. Such discoveries are so frequent these days that hardly anybody pays heed to them. However, when the Lascaux cave complex was discovered in 1940, the world was amazed. Painted directly on its walls were hundreds of scenes showing how people lived thousands of years ago.

The scenes show people hunting animals, such as bison or wild cats. Other images depict birds and, most noticeably, horses, which appear in more than 300 wall images, by far outnumbering all other animals. Early artists drawing these animals accomplished a monumental and difficult task. They did not limit themselves to the easily accessible walls but carried their painting materials to spaces that required climbing steep walls or crawling into narrow passages in the Lascaux complex.

Unfortunately, the paintings have been exposed to the destructive action of water and temperature changes, which easily wear the images away. Because the Lascaux caves have many entrances, air movement has also damaged the images inside. Although they are not out in the open air, where natural light would have destroyed them long ago, many of the images have deteriorated and are barely recognizable. To prevent further damage, the site was closed to tourists in 1963, 23 years after it was discovered.

1.1 Which title best summarizes the main idea of the passage?

* + 1. Wild Animals in Art
    2. Hidden Prehistoric Paintings
    3. Exploring Caves Respectfully
    4. Determining the Age of French Caves

1.2 Based on the passage, what is probably true about the south of France?

* + 1. It is home to rare animals.
    2. It has a large number of caves.
    3. It is known for horse-racing events.
    4. It has attracted many famous artists.

1.3 According to the passage, which animals appear most often on the cave walls?

* + 1. Birds
    2. Bison
    3. Horses
    4. Wild cats

1.4 1Why was painting inside the Lascaux complex a difficult task?

* + 1. It was completely dark inside.
    2. The caves were full of wild animals.
    3. Painting materials were hard to find.
    4. Many painting spaces were difficult to reach.

1.5 According to the passage, all of the following have caused damage to the paintings except \_ \_ \_.

* + 1. temperature changes
    2. air movement
    3. water
    4. light

**Q2. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option which you consider the most appropriate as your answer.**

(i) What is the central theme of the story Lost Spring?

(a) Pitiable Poor children and their lost childhood  
(b) Garbage  
(c) Saheb and Mukesh  
(d) Spring Season

(ii) According to the author what was garbage for the parents?

(a) Means of entertainment  
(b) Means of joy  
(c) Means of  sorrow  
(d) Means of survival

(iii) Why did Saheb -e- Alam not go to school?

(a) Not interested  
(b) Had no money to pay fees  
(c) Wanted to go for movie  
(d) Wanted to earn money

(iv) Why is the author calling garbage as 'gold' in the story?

(a) Because of jewels in it  
(b) Because of gems in it  
(c) Because of gold in it  
(d) Because of its encashment value

(v) What does the title 'Lost Spring' symbolise?

(a) Lost blooming childhood  
(b) Autumn season  
(c) Lost money  
(d) Lost age

(vi) What efforts can help Mukesh materialise his dream of becoming a car driver?

(a) Hard work  
(b) Going to garage  
(c) Guidance of his owner  
(d) All these

(vii) What makes the working conditions of the children worst in the glass industry?

(a) Dark dingy cells without light and air  
(b) Dazzling and sparking of welding light  
(c) High temperature  
(d) All of these

(viii) What excuse do the rag pickers give for not wearing chappals?

(a) Mothers don't give  
(b) No interest  
(c) A tradition  
(d) All these

(ix) Synonym of ‘Lineage’ is

(a) Ancestry

(b) Fate

(c) Favour

(d) Blessings

(x) Hurtle means

(a) diverted

(b) running away

(c) to move in different direction

(d) to move fast in a particular direction

**Answer the following questions**

Q3. Whom did the author meet every day? Where had that person come from and why?

Q4. What did Saheb find sometimes in the garbage? What did he do then?

Q5. What does the reference to chappals in “Lost Spring” tell us about the economic condition of the rag pickers?

Q6. What promise did the author make with Saheb? Why had she to feel small?

Q7. What does the writer mean when she says, ‘Saheb is no longer his own master’?

Q8. What does the title, ‘Lost Spring’ convey?

Q9. Why does the author say that the bangle makers are caught in a vicious web?

Q10. Why could the bangle makers not organise themselves into a cooperative?

Q11. Lost Spring’ explains the grinding poverty and traditions that condemn thousands of people to a life of abject poverty. Do you agree? Why / Why not?

Q12. Garbage has two different meanings—one for the children and another for the adults. Comment.

# Q13. In the question below, there are jumbled up parts. Rearrange these parts, which are labelled A, B, C and D to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.

13.1 One cannot recall any movement……

1. which has gripped the imagination of the entire human race
2. in world history
3. which started nearly twenty-five years ago
4. so completely and so rapidly as the Green Movement

**a.** CBAD **b.** CDBA **c.** ADCB **d.** BADC

13.2 It is possible that he thinks his …..

1. job is to be a clerk
2. and to read the results out loud as he stands at the cash register
3. to keep people from stealing things
4. to type letters into a computer

**a.** ABCD **b.** DCAB **c.** BCAD **d.** ACDB

13.3 I have been sharing Roger’s …..

1. production curve for a long time
2. what’s actually happening
3. but I realize that it doesn’t
4. viscerally explain

**a.** ABCD **b.** DCAB **c.** BCAD **d.** ACDB

13.4 Once reluctant to be …….

1. seems to have
2. Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi
3. seen with Lalu Yadav
4. turned the page

**a.** DCAB **b.** CBAD **c.** ADCB **d.** DCBA

13.5 Stung by years of criticism that it has coddled …..

1. Wall Street criminals, the Justice Department issued new policies
2. to turn over evidence against their executives
3. on Wednesday that prioritize the prosecution of individual employees
4. not just their companies, and put pressure on corporations

**a.** ABCD **b.** DCAB **c.** BCAD **d.** ACDB

Q14. Yesterday you went to Sunrise Hospital, Market Road, New Delhi taking with you the victim of a hit and run accident. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department. The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time had been lost. Write a letter of complaint in 120-150 words to the Medical Superintendent. You are Karan, M14, Mall Road, Delhi.

Q15. You bought a refrigerator two months ago from Mohan Sales, Ashok Vihar, Bangalore. It has developed certain problems regarding its functioning. Cooling has stopped and it is making a lot of noise. Write a letter of complaint to the Manager asking him for immediate repair/replacement of the same. You are Sachin/Shashi, 61 Pratap Enclave, Bangalore.

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