

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, MIYAPUR

SECTION A

COMPREHENSION

I. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option.

I was lying on a ridge scanning with field glasses a rock cliff opposite me for the most sure-footed of all Himalayan goats. On a ledge halfway up the cliff, a *tahr* (a mountain goat) and her kid were lying asleep. Presently the *tahr* got to her feet, stretched herself, and the kid immediately began to feed. After a minute, the mother freed herself and took a few steps along the ledge. She poised for a moment, then jumped down on to another narrower ledge some twelve to fifteen feet below her. As soon as it was left alone, the kid started running backwards and forward, stopping every now and then to peer down at its mother. But the kid was unable to summon the courage to jump down to the mother. For below the narrow ledge, was a sheer drop of a thousand feet. I was too far away to hear whether the mother was encouraging her young. But from the way her head was turned, I believe she was doing so. The kid was now getting more and more agitated. Fearing that it would do something foolish, the mother went to what looked like a mere crack in the vertical rock face. She climbed it and reached her young. Immediately on doing so she lay down, presumably to prevent the kid from feeding. After a little while, she got to her feet again and allowed the kid to drink for a minute. Once again she poised carefully on the brink, and jumped down. The kid again ran backwards and forward above her. Seven times in the course of the next half-hour, this procedure was gone through. Finally the kid, abandoning itself to its fate, jumped and landed safely beside its mother. The kid was rewarded by being allowed to drink its fill.



1. Which of the following statements suggests that Tahr was a sure-footed mountain goat?

- ☐ a. The mother goat was encouraging her young to jump.
- ☒ b. The mother poised carefully on the brink, and jumped.
- ☐ c. It was safe for the child to follow where the mother led.
- ☐ d. Both b and c.

Clear selection

2. Select the option/s that tell/s us the approach the mother goat adopted to teach her kid.

- i. With agility and surefootedness.
- ii. With severity and punishment.
- iii. With patience and perseverance.
- iv. With praise and reward.

- ☐ a. Only iii.
- ☐ b. i., ii, iii.
- ☒ c. iii and iv.
- ☐ d. Only i.

Clear selection



3. The mother goat feared that the kid 'would do something foolish' like-

- ☐ a. drink more milk than required.
- ☐ b. follow her down the vertical rock face.
- ☒ c. continue to pace up and down to jump.
- ☐ d. throw itself off the cliff.

Clear selection

4. What is the appropriate meaning of the phrase 'abandoning itself to fate'?

- i. Making the most of the situation by itself.
- ii. Giving up.
- iii. Resigning to one's luck.
- iv. Compromising with the situation.

- ☐ a. i, iii and iv.
- ☐ b. ii and iv.
- ☒ c. Only iii.
- ☐ d. iv and iii.

Clear selection



5. Identify the given statements as True and False.

- i. The passage is about how a mother goat teaches her child to jump off the cliff.
- ii. The young goat was timid and foolish.
- iii. The young goat tried several times and finally succeeded.
- iv. The mother goat rewarded the child by letting it drink to its fill.

- ☐ a. True, False, False, True.
- ☒ b. False, False, False, True.
- ☐ c. True, True, False, True.
- ☐ d. True, False, True, False.

Clear selection

6. Match the following words to their corresponding meanings.

1. ridge	a. muster or to gather
2. ledge	b. ready to move
3. summon	c. narrow hilltop or mountain range.
4. poised	d. a narrow horizontal shelf projecting from a wall or a cliff.
	e. calm and composed.

- ☐ a. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
- ☐ b. 1-c, 2-d, 3-b, 4-e
- ☒ c. 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b
- ☐ d. 1-d, 2-a, 3-e, 4-c

Clear selection

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