## BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, LDH. **ASSIGNMENT** SUBJECT- ENGLISH **CLASS-VII SECTION- READING** Read the following passage carefully. 1. The giraffe is the tallest of all living land animals. A male can tower up to eighteen feet and a female up to fifteen feet. This immense height enables them to escape the competition for ground-level vegetation that exists among other leaf-eaters. Also, this height allied with keen eyesight gives them a long range of vision and early warning of the approach of predators. 2. Giraffes eat a variety of foliage but acacia leaves form their staple diet. In spring when many trees are not in leaf, they may spend eighty percent of their daylight hours eating. In summer, when trees are in full leaf, they need only fifty percent. The rest of the time is spent chewing the cud. resting and sparring. 3. A giraffe's long neck is made up, like that of man and most other mammals, of only seven vertebrae. The individual bones are elongated, and they are attached to one another with ball and socket joints, which make the neck flexible. When walking, its head and neck move forward and backward, shifting the center of gravity forward and helping it to move easily. It can gallop at 50 km. per hour quite rhythmically. 4. Rising from a lying position is a problem for such a large animal. So, a giraffe usually remains standing up while it sleeps. To reach water with such a long neck and legs, a giraffe spreads its front legs wide apart before lowering its neck to drink. This awkward position makes it very vulnerable to its main enemy, the lion, which chooses drinking time as the best moment to attack. **Answer the following questions:** (a) Choose the correct option. Ι. In a pair of giraffes, the taller one is more likely to be . . (i) Male (ii) Female Which of the following is NOT mentioned among the favourite II. activities of giraffes? (i) eating (iii) sparring (ii) resting. (iv) playing (b) Answer the following questions.

List two advantages that giraffes' height gives them.

- II. Why do giraffes spend more time eating in spring than in summer? What does this reveal about their feeding behaviour?

  What lesson can humans learn from the giraffe's way of
- III. What lesson can humans learn from the giraffe's way of adapting to challenges in its environment?

## (c) Complete the following sentences

- I. Sharp eye sight helps giraffes not only have a long range of vision, it also helps them.....
- II. During... giraffes spend most of their daylight time in eating because.....
- III. A giraffe's neck is usually flexible due to......

## **SECTION -LITERATURE**

## 2. Answer the following Questions:

- a) What was the author's opinion about Mr. Gessler as a bookmaker?
- b) Why couldn't the poet understand what the fan said in the poem "Mystery of the talking fan'.
- c) "Death in an open field is better than a life in small hut." Who said these words and why?