

Reading Section

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. Some animals move great distances at certain times of the year. This mass movement of animals from one place to another is known as migration. Animals migrate to escape harsh weather to search for food and to reach their breeding grounds. Some birds like storks, Siberian cranes and mallard ducks from other countries visit India every winter.

2. Migratory fishes like eels spend their life in rivers. They travel from the river to the sea to lay eggs. When the eggs hatch, the parent eels die and the young ones travel back to the river from where the parents had started their journey.

3. Locusts are harmful migratory insects. Swarms of locusts settle on standing crops and destroy them. Many kinds of butterfly also migrate. The monarch butterfly fly from Canada to Mexico.

4. Migration is most common in birds. The Arctic tern travels the distance of nearly 35,000 km between the Arctic and the Antarctic twice a year. The European stork travels from Europe to Africa every winter. When spring comes, it returns to Europe to the same nest. The Siberian cranes nest in Western Siberia and migrate to India. Their migration route stretches to about 6450 km. It is a great mystery how migrating animals decide where to go and in which direction to fly. Some animals take the help of sea currents. The reindeers find their direction with the help of the sun's rays. Birds follow the coastline.

1. What do you mean by migration?

2. Why do some birds and animals move from one place to another?

3. Why do fishes like eels travel from the river to the sea?

4. What is the great mystery about the migratory animals?

5. Find out the antonym of the word 'preserve'. (Paragraph 3)

6. Make sentence of the word 'stretch' in your own words.

GRAMMAR SECTION

II. Do as directed

- a) In his _____ (excite) he forgot his documents at home. (Fill in the blank using abstract noun form)
- b) I need a _____ (little, some) help to replace the tyre of my car. (Fill in the blank with the correct option)
- c) Your handwriting has become ____ (bad) than it was earlier. (Fill in the blank using comparative degree of adjective)
- d) The teacher _____ on the blackboard. (Fill in the blank with simple present tense of write)
- e) She is a hardworking girl. (Replace the underlined word with a suitable synonym)
- f) The plan was always to live a varied life and to write about it _____. (occasionally/ocasionally)
(Choose the correct option)
- g) I am borrowing the book from Tina. (Change into negative sentence)
- h) They play cricket in the ground. (Change into interrogative sentence)