

SECTION A – READING

1. Read the following passage carefully.

The giraffe is the tallest of all living land animals. A male can go up to 18 feet and a female upto 15 feet. Such height enables them to escape the competition for ground level grass that exists among other leaf-eaters. It also gives him a long range of vision. He takes the warning of the approaching enemy early.

Giraffes eat a variety of leaves, but acacia leaves are their favourite diet. In spring when many trees are not in leaf, they spend 80 per cent of the day eating. In summer, when trees are in full leaf, they need only 15 per cent. The rest of the time is spent in resting and quarrelling.

A giraffe's long neck is made up like that of man and most other mammals, of only seven vertebrae. The bones are attached to one another with ball and socket joints. These make the neck flexible. It can run at 50 km per hour.

Rising from a lying position is a problem for such a large animal. So it usually keeps standing even while it sleeps.

To reach water with such a long neck and legs, a giraffe spreads its front legs wide apart. Then it lowers its neck to drink. This awkward position makes it easy for the lion to attack it.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage fill in the blanks with suitable words:

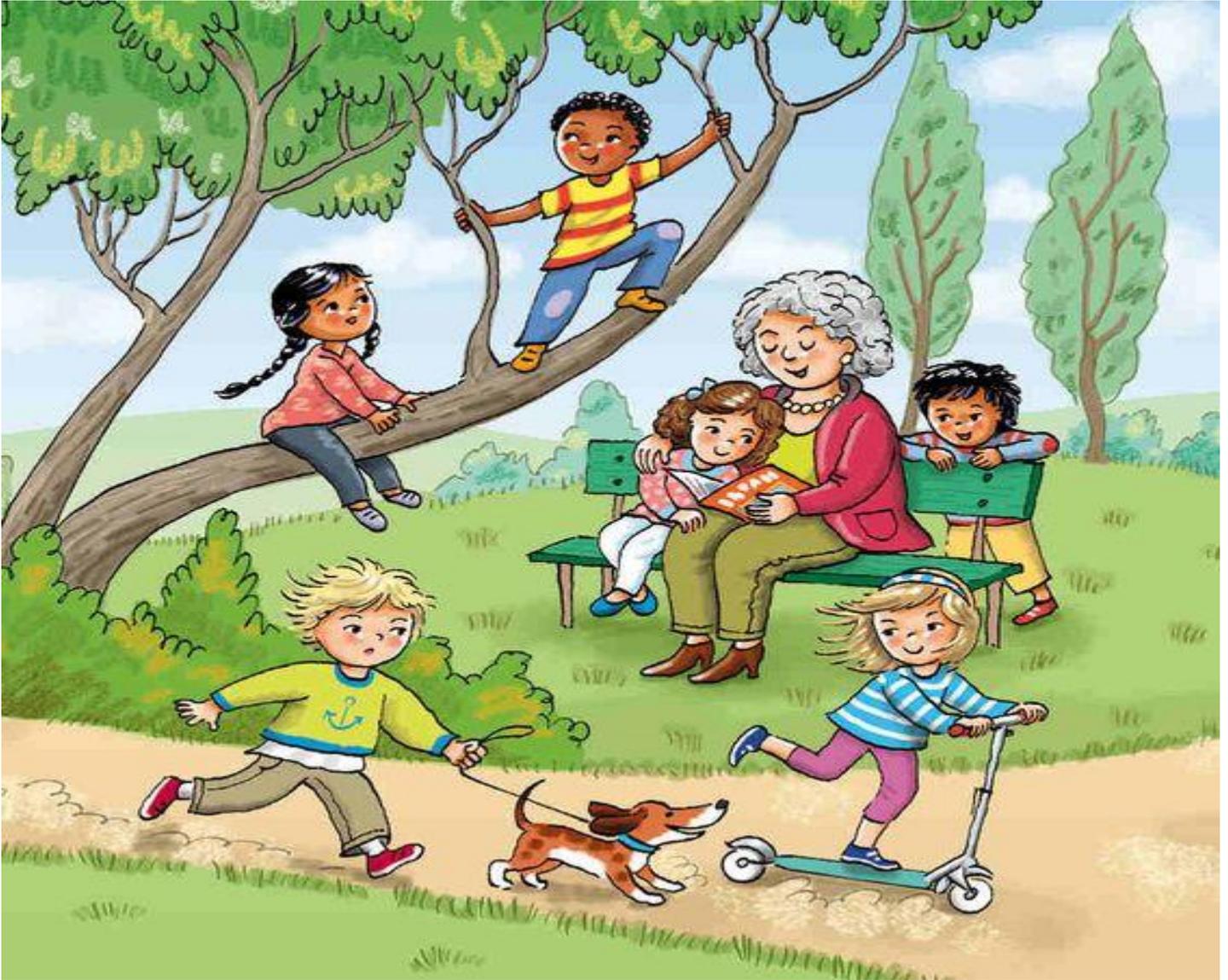
A giraffe is the (a) of all land animals. The height of a (b) giraffe can go up to 18 feet. The (c) of a female giraffe can be up to 15 feet. With this height it doesn't have to (d) with other animals for leaves. This enables it to see its (e) from a long distance. It, however, creates problem in reaching (f) in tanks.

1.2. Find words from the above passage that mean opposite to the following:

- (a) dead (b) detached (c) stiff (d) hind.

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

2. Write an interesting **story** based on the given picture. Also give a suitable title to it.



3. Identify the kinds of the sentences given below:

- Supriya works at a supermarket.
- Where have you been since morning?
- Take this paper with you.
- How disgusting!
- Give me a piece of paper.
- What are you doing there?

4. Circle the subject and underline the predicate in the following sentences:

- a. The pretty girl was wearing a blue frock.
- b. My younger brother serves in the army.
- c. The man and his wife were working in their garden.
- d. My mother and my aunt are trained classical dancers.
- e. You don't have to wait for me.
- f. We will no longer tolerate this.

SECTION C – LITERATURE

5. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

He wore a question mark for tail,
An overcoat of gray,
He sat up straight to eat a nut.

- a. Who is 'He' here?
- b. What is he doing?
- c. What is compared with gray overcoat?
- d. Name the poem and the poet.

6. Answer the following questions:

- a. Why was the king advised to listen to his soldiers?
- b. Why did the king refuse to give reward to anyone?
- c. How did the king prepare himself before meeting the hermit? Why?
- d. Describe the hermit in one or two sentences.
- e. 'Here comes someone running'. Who has been referred to in this sentence?