**Wild Life**

 One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, *antelopes,* and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the *panther* is left with no other choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a tiny chital baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and *shooing* away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an *impertinent brat,* just as you would not dream of catching an offending crow cawing away in your verandah.

While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals *deliberately* seek.

It is difficult to describe the *pandemonium* kicked up by various animals when they spot or suspect a panther around. The chital strikes a shrill note, the kakar emits a deafening bark and the sambar rings a bell. The peacock on its perch, the jungle fowl on the ground, and the monkey on treetops, all join in the chorus of *condemnation* of the panther. They curse the panther in their own inimitable language. The resulting *confusion* of sounds is so irritating to the sharp ears of the panther that it is left with no other option except to go away.

The panther has thus to deal with its ever alert and watchful associates who show no mercy and expect none. It is a fight between finesse and flight, between clever attack and *skilful* defense.

Contrary to the common belief, the panther never springs upon its prey. It stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by rushing at it at a lightning speed.

Source :-National Geographic Kids’ 2007

1. The word 'Pandemonium' refers to :

(a) Condemnation

(b) Silence

(c) Chaos

(d) Irritating

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**Reading Literacy**

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| FRAMEWORK | CHARACTERISTICS |
| Situation/Scenario/Context | Educational |
| Text Format | Mixed |
| Text Type | Exposition |
| Cognitive Process | Understand |
| Item Format | Complex MCQ |
| Proficiency Level | 1A |

**Credit Pattern:**

**Full Credit: 02**

**Partial Credit: Nil**

**No Credit: 0**

**Description of Answer Key and Credits:**

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| **Explain expected answer and the respective credits**  **Full Credit : (c) Chaos**  **No Credit : in accurate, irrelevant, incomplete vague off task-or missing answer.** |

2. On the basis of the write up explain:

What effect does the loud noise made by birds and animals have on the panther?

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| Text Format | Mixed |
| Text Type | Exposition |
| Cognitive Process | Locate Information |
| Item Format | Short Response |
| Proficiency Level | 2 |

**Credit Pattern:**

**Full Credit: 02**

**Partial Credit: 01**

**No Credit: 0**

**Description of Answer Key and Credits:**

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| **Explain expected answer and the respective credits**  **Full credit :**  **(1) It is left with no other option except to go away.**  **(2) It has to leave the spot quietly**  **Partial Credit : Any one of the above mentioned points**  **No Credit : Any other response or missing.** |

3. In the chorus of condemnation of the panther we find a great sense of

(a) Love

(b) fear

(c) gratitude

(d) criticism

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| Situation/Scenario/Context | Educational |
| Text Format | Mixed |
| Text Type | Exposition |
| Cognitive Process | Locate Information |
| Item Format | Short Response |
| Proficiency Level | 1B |

**Credit Pattern:**

**Full Credit: 02**

**Partial Credit: Nil**

**No Credit: 0**

**Description of Answer Key and Credits:**

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| **Explain expected answer and the respective credits**  **Full Credit : (d) criticism**  **No Credit : in accurate, irrelevant, incomplete vague off task-or missing answer.** |

4. The author has unearthed an important fact regarding panthers that :

(a) They like to stay in the company of grass eating animals?

(b) Panthers keep eye on carnivorous animals only.

(c) How does a panther struggles for its prey?

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| FRAMEWORK | CHARACTERISTICS |
| Situation/Scenario/Context | Educational |
| Text Format | Continuous |
| Text Type | Narration |
| Cognitive Process | Evaluate & Reflect |
| Item Format | Open Constructed |
| Proficiency Level | 2 |

**Credit Pattern:**

**Full Credit: 02**

**Partial Credit: Nil**

**No Credit: 0**

**Description of Answer Key and Credits:**

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| **Explain expected answer and the respective credits**  **Full Credit : (c) How does a panther struggles for its prey?**  **No Credit : in accurate, irrelevant, incomplete vague off task-or missing answer.** |

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