

## Class: VIII

### Subject: English

#### CASE STUDY

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (1×8=8 marks)

Galapagos penguin—species of penguin characterized by the presence of a narrow C-shaped band of white feathers, that extends from the eye to the chin on each side of the head and a single band of black feathers, that cuts across the large region of white feathers on the breast. Galapagos penguins, the most northerly of all penguin species, inhabit the western part of the Galapagos Islands; however, some individuals may occasionally venture to other islands in the archipelago. Compared with other penguin species, the population is small, numbering no more than a few thousand individuals.

Galapagos penguins are among the smallest of all penguin species. Their average size is about 53 cm (about 21 inches) in length and weighs from 1.7 to 2.6 kg (about 4 - 6 pounds), males are slightly larger than females. Juveniles, in contrast, have a grey head and black and white underside. They also possess white patches of feathers on their cheeks. The chicks are covered in a fluff of light grey downy feathers.

Galapagos penguins subsist on small fish. Adults and juveniles are food for sharks and Galapagos fur seals in the water. On land, all age classes are vulnerable to the native Galapagos hawk and to predators, such as dogs, cats, rats and other birds of prey.

The young are produced throughout the year and nests are built with rocks and twigs or within lava rock depressions within about 50 metres (about 165 feet) of the shoreline. Most breeding pairs are monogamous for life, and prolific pairs can produce up to three clutches of eggs per year, with females often laying two eggs per clutch. The eggs are deposited in the nest within four days of one another, and incubation is shared equally between the parents. The incubation period lasts 38 - 42 days, after which both parents provide for their chicks by alternating feeding and guarding duties on a daily basis until the chicks are 30 days old. The chicks continue to remain in the nest when they are between 30 and 60 days of age, sustained by periodic feeding by their parents.

Unlike most other penguin species, Galapagos penguin chicks do not join "creches" (groups). The fledging period continues until the chicks are 60 - 65 days old and they become completely independent at age 3 - 6 months. Galapagos penguins can live as long as 15 - 20 years, but most succumb to predation or to food shortages caused by the periodic, but dramatic, changes in nearby ocean currents.

(A) Answer the following questions : (1 × 4 = 4)

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ penguins are among the smallest of all penguin species. (ii) 'Creches' in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) For how long do the chicks continue to remain in the nest? (iv) The incubation period lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

(B) Choose the correct alternatives : (1 × 4 = 4)

- (i) For how many years Galapagos penguins live? (iii) The average length of Galapagos penguin is :
- (a) 5-10 years (a) 24 inches
- (b) 15-20 years (b) 34 inches
- (c) 20-25 years (c) 21 inches
- (d) 10-15 years (d) 14 inches
- (ii) At what age does the chick become completely independent? (iv) What color feathers does Galapagos penguin have?
- (a) 2-3 months (a) Brown
- (b) 4-6 months (b) Grey
- (c) 3-6 months (c) White
- (d) 6-9 months (d) Black

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :

(1×8=8 marks)

Subhash Chandra Bose passed through quarters inhabited by Englishmen and also met a large number of them in the tram cars. The British using these cars were purposely rude and offensive to Indians in various ways. The sensitive mind of Subhash revolted against such insulting and rude behavior of the British. On many occasions, there was an exchange of hot words between him and misbehaving British. Majority of the students of the Presidency College, where he studied, were free thinkers. The college continued to be a storm centre and was looked upon by the British Government "as a hotbed of sedition, rendezvous of revolutionaries" and was frequently searched by the police. The first two years of his life were greatly influenced by the group, which styled itself as the neo-Vivekananda group and Subhash developed intellectually during this period. The group generally followed the teachings of Rama Krishna and Vivekananda with special emphasis on social service as means of spiritual development and was non-aligned to a revolutionary group. The shock of the Great World War roused his political consciousness. He graduated at the age of 22 and enrolled himself for the postgraduate with experimental psychology as a special subject.

His father, however, wanted him to go to England to appear for the Indian Civil Services. In spite of his mental reservations, Subhash took it as a challenge. In England, he was greatly impressed with the freedom allowed to students at Cambridge. Every student behaved in a dignified manner. Notwithstanding his preoccupation with his studies, he displayed his public spirit and fearlessness throughout his stay in England. He and K. L. Gouba were selected by the Indian Majlis, to represent the British Government the difficulties the Indian students encountered for admission to the University Officers' Training Corps. Though he took a harsh view of the British high handedness and racial arrogance, he did admire their qualities which exacted him. He himself behaved there in a dignified way and was of the view that Indian who go abroad, must consider themselves to be unofficial ambassadors of the country, who should uphold their country's prestige. He was quite serious in purpose and disliked anybody wasting time on trivialities.

(A) Answer the following questions :

(1 × 4 = 4)

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| (i) Who were selected by the Indian Majlis?                         | (iii) Whose teachings did the group generally followed?                        |
| (ii) Majority of the students of the Presidency college were _____. | (iv) Subhash Chandra's father wanted him to go to England and appear for what? |

(B) Choose the correct alternatives :

(1 × 4 = 4)

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| (i) At what age Subhash enrolled for his post-graduation? | (iii) Indians who go abroad, must consider themselves to be unofficial _____ of the country. |
| (a) 20 years  | (a) Ambassadors  |
| (b) 22 years  | (b) Chancellors  |
| (c) 25 years  | (c) Ministers  |
| (d) 21 years  | (d) Governors  |
| (ii) Where is Cambridge University?                       | (iv) Subhash met lot of rude Englishmen while travelling in                                  |
| (a) Germany   | (a) Buses  |
| (b) United States of America                              | (b) Taxi   |
| (c) France  | (c) Trains   |
| (d) England   | (d) Tram cars  |