





UNIT – II

(Composition and Writing Skills)

III. Answer **any two** of the following :

(2×5=10)

- a) Convert the given article into a scientific poster.

Every living organism, be it plant or animal depends ultimately upon nitrates and other compounds from the soil. These compounds are vital to the building up of the body's proteins. The limited stock of nitrates in the world suggests that the supply would soon run out if nitrates were not returned to the soil when the animals die. The series of events by which nitrogen containing substances are returned to the soil and to the other animals is called the nitrogen cycle. The nitrogen cycle is operated by what might be called nature's cleansing department. It employs a large number of workers to dispose of dead bodies and excrement. The fact that one seldom sees dead animals or even skeletons in the countryside shows how efficient this department of nature is.

Bacteria and other micro-organisms play a very important part in the nitrogen cycle and are responsible for the final breakdown of organic compounds. However, their action is less spectacular than that of various carrion feeders that quickly dispose of dead bodies. Without carrion feeders the land would be littered with animal bodies in various stages of decay.

Among birds the best-known carrion feeders are the vultures. One group of these birds is distributed over America, and the other ranges from the Mediterranean and Africa to India and China. Vultures typically soar high in the sky. They can pick out a source of food from great height and this proves that their sight is amazing. Observers have noted that a dead animal quickly attracts several vultures. The soaring birds can probably see each other as well as any food, and the attention of others is attracted when they see one swooping bird. A few vultures will rapidly reduce a goat carcass to a mass of skin and bone ripping their flesh away with their hooked beaks. There is even one vulture that exists largely on bones. It carries bones up to some height and drops them until they break.





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The scavengers among animals are the jackals and hyenas. Jackals occasionally kill other animals but more often feed on the remains of the lion's kill. The hyena is also a carrion eater and its attack on only small animals shows how cowardly an animal it is. It feeds mostly on carcasses and bones, and this shows that it has powerful bone-crushing teeth and jaws.

All that is left after such scavengers have done their job is usually a few pieces of skin and bones. These are then attacked by various beetles that find nourishment in such materials.

- b) Copy writing : Write short, Catchy, promotional lines in 30 words on the following :

A newly launched face wash.

- c) Write a travel article in 50 words for a travel magazine describing a homestay far away from the bustling city.

- d) Write a review in 50 words of a book that you have read recently.

IV. Write an email on **any one** of the following : (1×10=10)

- i) An apology letter to the NSS programme officer for not attending the camp.
- ii) A congratulatory letter to your sister on securing the first rank in the SSLC Board exams.
- iii) A letter requesting leave from your employer for personal reasons.

V. A) Write a blog post on **any one** of the following in **50** words : (1×5=5)

- i) The best meal you had recently.
- ii) Your favourite sportsperson.

B) Write for quora on **any one** of the following in **50** words : (1×5=5)

- i) How to plan for a tour ?
- ii) Do we need friends ?

