

## Cloze Practice 1

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 x 1 = 15 marks)

Crocodiles are giant reptiles that have existed for millions of years, as far back as the time of the dinosaurs. Now, as far as weight is **1** \_\_\_\_\_, the crocodiles are the largest living reptiles.

All crocodiles live in the water and they eat any animal that comes along, from a fish to a person. Crocodiles cannot chew. If their prey is too large to be **2** \_\_\_\_\_ in one gulp, they have to tear it apart. Sometimes, they drag their prey below the **3** \_\_\_\_\_ of the water until their prey drowns.

Once the animal is **4** \_\_\_\_\_, or even before, the crocodiles begin to tear the body apart. They **5** \_\_\_\_\_ down with their jaws on an arm or a leg. Then they roll their bodies over and over in the water. The **6** \_\_\_\_\_ of this 'death spin' is that the arm or leg gets dislocated or severed. In a short time, the crocodiles will have dismembered the body. If any part of the body is left after a crocodile has **7** \_\_\_\_\_ its hunger, the **8** \_\_\_\_\_ may be taken back to its lair in the bank of the river.

Any large crocodile can and will **9** \_\_\_\_\_ a person. The most notorious human eaters are the saltwater crocodiles of Asia and the Pacific. They are **10** \_\_\_\_\_ to be one of the most dangerous animals in the world. Over the years, they have killed and eaten many people. One of the most ghastly

**11** \_\_\_\_\_ involving these giant reptiles took place in the aftermath of World War II. In 1945, over one thousand Japanese soldiers were **12** \_\_\_\_\_ by a British troop in a swamp on an island in the Bay of Bengal. The Japanese were knee-deep in water and mud without any **13** \_\_\_\_\_. The crocodiles moved in at nightfall. By morning, only twenty men had **14** \_\_\_\_\_ the long night of crocodile attacks. There is no **15** \_\_\_\_\_ that these crocodiles can be a real danger.

**Answers:**

- 1. concerned
- 4. dead
- 7. satisfied
- 10. considered / known / said
- 13. protection

- 2. swallowed
- 5. clamp
- 8. remains
- 11. incidents
- 14. survived

- 3. surface
- 6. result
- 9. attack
- 12. trapped
- 15. doubt