

Section - A

➔ Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below them. (Que No. 1 to 10) (10)

And the Giant's heart melted. "How selfish I have been !" he thought. "Now I know why the Spring would not come here. I will put that poor child in the tree. I will knock down the wall. My garden shall be the children's playground for ever." He was really very sorry for what he had done.

Que.: (1) What did the Giant come to know ?
(2) What did the Giant decide ?

☞ Only the little boy did not run, for his eyes were so full of tears that he did not see the Giant. The Giant went quietly near him, took him gently in his hand, and put him up into the tree. The tree blossomed at once; soon the birds came back and started singing. The little boy stretched out his arms and put them round the Giant's neck, and kissed him.

Que.: (1) What did the little boy do to express his happiness ?
(2) What shows that the Giant's heart was changed ?

☞ Once a beautiful flower peeped out from the grass. But it read the notice on the gate; it felt so sorry for the children that it slipped back into the ground again. It decided not to grow.

Que.: (1) What did a beautiful flower do after reading the notice ?
(2) Find out similar meaning of the phrase 'looked out secretly'

☞ So he went downstairs, opened the front door quite softly and went into the garden. When the children saw him, they were frightened. They all ran away. And in the garden it was Winter again. Only the little boy did not run, for his eyes were so full of tears that he did not see the Giant.

Que.: (1) Why was there Winter again in the garden ?
(2) Why could the little boy not see the Giant ?

☞ King : I see you can't. Anyway, I admire your wit as well as your loyalty. Ask me anything you wish.
Shepherd : Your Majesty, I beg you to forgive my master, the Abbot.
King : All right. I grant your wish. Tell the Abbot, he's pardoned and free to live in peace in the kingdom.

Que.: (1) What did the King admire for ?
(2) Find out the word which is opposite of 'Criticise'

☞ King : Perhaps he does. But from now on you'll serve me. You both look alike, but you think and speak more like an Abbot than he does.

Shepherd : But... Your Majesty, I can only think and speak. I can't read or write. So how can I do the duties of an Abbot ?

King : I see you can't. Anyway, I admire your wit as well as your loyalty. Ask me anything you wish.

Que.: (1) Why can't the shepherd do the duties of an Abbot ?
(2) Find out the word which means 'intelligence'.

☞ Shepherd : But, in this case I do need your permission, because I must change my clothes with yours. Lend me your Abbot's robe for a few days, and send me to the king. You know how closely I resemble you.

Que.: (1) What permission did the shepherd want from the Abbot ?
(2) I look like you means I _____ you.

☞ Friends, European Council (Eu.C) - India Summit was held in New Delhi recently. At that time Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the president of India, inaugurated the academic and cultural exchange programme for school students. The students from U.S., Canada, Russia, China, Japan and England were invited to India. The purpose was to know more about India and to meet one another to create understanding for a better world of tomorrow. This is how the representatives introduced themselves and their countries.

Que.: (1) Enlist the names of the countries mentioned in the text.

(2) What were the two objectives of the summit ?

☞ I am Sako from the country of the Rising Sun, Japan. We call our country Nippon or Nihon, which means the land of the Rising Sun. You find the red Sun in our National flag, too. Our National Anthem is 'Kimigayo' (The Reign of Our Emperor). Japan is famous for 'Ikebana', 'Origami, and 'Bonsai'. Life in our country reflects the culture of both the East and the West.

Que.: (1) What is Japan called ? What does it mean ?

(2) What is Japan famous for ?

☞ We produced great sailors, traders, writers and scientists. Shakespeare, the greatest dramatist of all time, and Sir Isaac Newton, the greatest scientist, belong to England. We have a long history of democracy.

Que.: (1) What was Shakespeare ?

(2) What was Sir Isaac Newton ?

☞ Friends, the Government of India has organized a tour 'Bharat Darshan' for our group. So, we'll visit different parts of India. We'll meet people of different states, speaking different languages.

Que.: (1) What has the Government of India organized ? Why ?

(2) Whom will the visitors meet ?

☞ "Vrooom..." I turned around and saw Bunty with the blue bike. He got off the bike.

He looked into my eyes. He then walked up to the police officer, "I'll explain," he said.

"It was all my fault."

I took a deep breath and went and stood by his side.

Que.: (1) When did Montu come out from the critical situation in the end ?

(2) Bunty neglected his fault in presence of the police officer. True or False ?

☞ I ran across the road to catch a bus. As soon as I saw it coming, I jumped into it. When the conductor stared at me, only then I realized I had no money in my pocket. The conductor was angry. So I was asked to get down. However before I could do anything, an elderly lady came to my rescue. She said, "Don't worry, I'll pay for your ticket."

Que.: (1) Why was the conductor angry ?

(2) 'To stare at' means :.....

(a) to wait at (b) to wink at (c) to look constantly at

☞ We cleared the traffic lights that had changed to yellow but Bunty was in no mood to slow down. The light had already changed to red when the bike cleared the crossing. I heard a police whistle. But we sped on and I heard Bunty laugh aloud.

Que.: (1) Why should Bunty slow down the bike ?

(2) What could be the reason for Bunty's laughter ?

☞ Some experts define noise as "unwanted sound." But what is an unwanted sound for one person may be pleasant for another.

At what level does sound become noise ? Sound can be measured scientifically. It is measured in decibels (db). Zero decibel is equal to the faintest sound heard by the human ear.

Que.: (1) How do experts define noise ?

(2) Sound can be measured.....

☞ Mr and Mrs Dalal were sitting in the verandah and having tea. Suddenly they heard loud music from their children's room and rushed to their room. Jagat and Ved were dancing to the loud music of a film song. Mrs Dalal shouted, "Reduce the volume of the CD Player. It's unbearable."

Que.: (1) What did Mr and Mrs Dalal see when they rushed to the room ?

(2) The similar meaning of 'intolerable'

(a) indigestion (b) unbearable (c) tolerless

☞ The human body never gets used to noise. It causes illness and deafness. After hearing loud noise a person may suffer from high blood pressure, annoyance, anxiety and heart disease. Sometimes sudden and unexpected noise may cause indigestion and gastric problems.

- Que.:** (1) Which diseases can be caused by noise ?
 (2) How is the sudden and unexpected noise harmful ?

☞ "Her all parts should be movable and replaceable too. She has a lap that disappears when she stands up. I have to put a kiss that can cure everything - from a broken leg to a broken heart. Moreover, she has to have six pairs of hands; she is able to run on any food available....and....should have three pairs of eyes."

- Que.:** (1) What is the speciality of mother's lap ?
 (2) What is the strength of a mother's kiss ?

☞ The angel was impressed. He went closer to the model and moved his finger across the cheek.
 "Oh Lord, her eyes are leaking !"

"How did this happen ? It must be a tear. I have not put it there. It is a miracle !" the Lord exclaimed.

- Que.:** (1) What was a miracle ?
 (2) How did the angel know that the eyes were leaking ?

☞ The good Lord was extremely busy those days. He was into his sixth day of overtime. When he was working with full concentration, an angel appeared and commented, "You are taking too much care for creating this creature."

- Que.:** (1) How long has the Lord been working on the model ?
 (2) What comment did the angel make ?

☞ Most of the birds wake up with the sunlight. They go to sleep as the sun goes down. When spring arrives, they start searching for a mate. In winter some birds migrate to warmer places.

- Que.:** (1) When do birds go to sleep ?
 (2) Find out the similar meaning of 'a partner'

☞ All living organisms have a biological clock. Animals and plants are all in rhythm with the natural divisions of time: day and night and the seasons. At sunrise plants open their leaves and begin producing food. At night they rest. As the days grow shorter in winter, the trees shed their leaves. There is less sunlight during this season.

- Que.:** (1) What is common in all living organisms ?
 (2) What happens when the sun rises and it sets ?

☞ The good news is that we can set our biological clock by practising the same action at the same time for a longer period. Thus, we can programme our body to get maximum comfort and high efficiency. It is not difficult to set our own biorhythm. Let's do that and create a perfect harmony for our living body.

- Que.:** (1) We can create a perfect harmony for our living body if we____.
 (2) ____is the antonym of minimum.

☞ Dear Colonel Sinha,

Thank you for your letter. I am glad to hear that your dog gets enough to eat. I have often worried about it when it comes into my garden and runs round looking for food. It has often chased my cat up a tree and knocked down many flower pots. Perhaps you would keep it under control in future, and apologize.

Yours faithfully,
 Rajiv Rathod

- Que.:** (1) Why is the writer glad ?
 (2) Mr. Rathod wants Mr Sinha to _____

Dear Mr Rathod,

Thank you for your letter. I do not like what you say about my dog. He is an old friend in this house and always has two good meals a day. He does not spoil other people's gardens. Perhaps you would apologize.

Yours faithfully,
Dhaval Sinha

- Que.:** (1) Who talked to Mr Rathod ? For what did he thank ?
(2) What is special about the dog ?

The hedge at the bottom of the garden, between numbers 77 and 78 Maruti Society, Vijaynagar. A dog is standing on one side of the hedge, and another dog on the other. They are looking at each other. Both dogs are old, quiet, and fat.

- Que.:** (1) What are both the dogs doing ?
(2) Both dogs are young, naughty and slim. Is it True or False ?

Ranjan : (Furiously throws down the books on to the floor.) I am not going in such a bad mood. I am going to my room. Don't disturb me. I'm not going to eat anything this evening. I can't tolerate your inquiries. That's all....(Goes into the room, bangs the door.)

- Que.:** (1) What does angry Ranjan do ?
(2) How does Ranjan go into the room ?

I don't have to be a stubborn. I should be flexible enough to understand other people's point of view. Every day is a new day. If I find new things and ideas worthwhile, I should be ready to accept them and change myself.

- Que.:** (1) How does flexibility help a person ?
(2) Find out the similar word of 'Obstinate'

I am responsible for how I feel and what I do today. Nobody can make me feel sad against my will. If I have a bad day, I am the one who is responsible for it. I cannot expect other people to change to make me feel better. I am the one who is in charge of my moods. Things are usually fine, and if not, I should know how to handle them. I don't have to worry about others.

- Que.:** (1) What can't you expect other people to do ?
(2) 'Against my will' means :.....
(a) against my worry (b) against my wish (c) against my mood

People who do things I don't like are not bad people. I should not be angry with them just because I don't like what they do or say. Let people say and do whatever they like. I cannot control them or change them. I have to learn to live with them and respect their views and act.

- Que.:** (1) What is that we cannot control ?
(2) Instead of changing people, what should I do ?

Some training institutes of international standards have been set up. These institutes have prepared skilled persons. Secondly, the diamond industry is using modern machinery and technology, too. We are earning a good amount of foreign exchange. Remember my words : India will be the gems and jewellery capital of the world within some years.

- Que.:** (1) What have the training institutes of international standards done ?
(2) What are we earning using modern technology ?

Class X-A selected 'Diamonds' as Gujarat has a number of diamond factories. Class X-B selected 'Fruits and Flowers. The students formed groups, collected information and finally prepared project reports.

- Que.:** (1) How did the students prepare the report ?
(2) Find out the similar word of 'a lot of'

☞ Diamonds are found from the mines of Africa, Brazil and Russia by the Site Holder Companies. They distribute the rough diamonds to the manufacturers. They assort the rough diamonds according to their weight, size, solidity and purity. In factories diamonds are cut, polished and given shape. Finally, they are graded and valued according to four Cs i.e. Carat (weight), Cut (facets and lustre), Colour and Clarity.

- Que.:** (1) What aspects are considered in assorting rough diamonds ?
(2) What process is done on diamonds in factories ?

☞ India has a major share in the world diamond and jewellery business. It is said that 9 out of 10 diamonds set in jewellery are polished in India. We import rough diamonds, cut and polish them and export them to other countries. Our export is increasing significantly.

- Que.:** (1) Which sentence shows that India has a major share in the world of diamond and jewellery ?
(2) What do we do with rough diamonds ?

☞ Our Christmas vacation had just begun. I had finished my secondary school education. We were at the Lima airport, my mom, Sarah and I, Juliane. We boarded flight no. 508 to reach Pucalpa, a jungle town across the Andes. My father lived there in a jungle hut. He was an ecologist. He was doing some research there. We had planned to enjoy the Christmas vacation together.

- Que.:** (1) Why were Juliane and her mom going to Pucalpa ?
(2) Why was Juliane's father staying at Pucalpa ?

☞ Just before the noon on 24th December 1971 our plane took off from Lima. I was sitting near a window enjoying the most beautiful view of the snow-covered Andes. It was a clean, bright day. Everyone was enjoying breakfast and coffee.

- Que.:** (1) What were the passengers doing in the plane ?
(2) What was Juliane doing in the plane ?

☞ I was greatly thrilled when I saw a group of three persons walking to the hut. They saw me. They were talking in Spanish. They were moved to see my condition. They washed my wounds with salt-water and offered me some food.

- Que.:** (1) When was Juliane thrilled ?
(2) How did the boatmen help Juliane ?

☞ Suddenly, our plane entered a huge cloud. I could not see anything for a while. There was a flash of lightning. The rain on the window blurred the sight. The plane shook horribly and sank down. Outside, I saw a bright yellow flame under the right wing.

- Que.:** (1) What happened to flight No. 508 ?
(2) 'Blurred' means :.....

(a) black (b) unclear (c) confused.

☞ Participant boy : Yes, with the help of science you can show other magic tricks, too
Participant girl : Would you like to see one more trick ?
All : Yes, of course.
Participant girl : Then be ready for blowing. Look, what are these ?
Joseph : Table-tennis balls.

- Que.:** (1) What can we do with the help of science ?
(2) What did the participant girl show to the visitors ?

☞ Participant boy : See, here is a transparent container filled with water. Now I make a small boat out of aluminium foil, paper and a toothpick. Now I put it on the surface of the water. Look, what happens ?
I : The boat floats as well.

- Que.:** (1) What is the boat made of ?
(2) Which word in the text means : 'see through' ?

- ☞ Joseph : Wow ! Look at that paper fish. How swiftly it floats and swims !
 I : How is this possible ? A paper-fish and it swims !
 Participant girl : Sure. It's very simple. You need a small bowl, a pair of scissors, water, thick paper and a bottle.

- Que.:** (1) What surprises Joseph ?
 (2) What things are needed for this experiment ?

- ☞ The fair has different sections like Energy, Water, Force and Motion, Science and Technology, Pollution etc. There is a special section for models, charts and experiments. I, along with my friends Vinay, Joseph, Bipin and Janki visited different sections and had a talk with the participants.

- Que.:** (1) What different sections are there in the Science fair ?
 (2) Who visited the Science fair ?

- ☞ Participant girl : Do you know why the fish is moving ?
 I : Is it due to the magic liquid ?
 Participant girl : Yes, but it is a magic of science too. This magic liquid is nothing but dishwashing liquid. When I put a drop of it into the hole, it spreads at the rear part.

- Que.:** (1) What was the effect of magic liquid ?
 (2) Find opposite word of 'front' from the passage.

- ☞ Its legs were thicker than five trunks of big trees. Its super-sized belly would take in thirty elephants at a time. A foul smell spread in the square. Without any reason it suddenly gave a mighty roar. It terribly frightened Digvijay. His legs became weak. He would have fallen down if he had not been supported by someone. Just then the animal let out another roar-louder this time.

- Que.:** (1) When did Digvijay terribly frighten ?
 (2) What would happen to Digvijay if he had not been supported ?

- ☞ The manager has explained the importance of all living things. We won't be able to face the results of unnecessary loss of any life. If you kill a bird or even an insect thoughtlessly, it might damage the whole eco-cycle. So Mr. Rana, you are not allowed to move away from the trail." Amogh explained at length.

- Que.:** (1) Why was Mr Rana disallowed to leave the trail and kill any creature ?
 (2) Which word in the extract means : 'in detail' ?

- ☞ When they looked out from the window of the laboratory, they saw a vast stretch of desert all around. There was not a single tree, no grass, no water.....only scorching hot sun. Digvijay was the last one to come out from TS-1. The moment he climbed down, everyone stared at his mud-covered body, and a lump of grass on his dirty shoes. The grass had a dead butterfly stuck to it. Digvijay also looked at his muddy shoes and said mockingly, "Oh ! only a worthless butterfly."

- Que.:** (1) Why did they see from the window of the laboratory ?
 (2) What did Digvijay have when he came out from TS-1 ?

- ☞ Here, Helen Keller talks about how her teacher helped her to learn. Helen Keller became deaf and blind when she was very young. Since she was deaf, she did not learn to speak. So her parents were extremely worried. Once they found Miss Sullivan, a teacher for the deaf and blind.

- Que.:** (1) What does Helen Keller talk about ?
 (2) When did Helen Keller become deaf and blind ?

- ☞ I remember my first day at Radcliff college. I knew there were difficulties in my way but I was eager to overcome them. The professors looked as away as if they were speaking through a telephone. The lectures were spelled into my palms as rapidly as possible.

- Que.:** (1) The narrator studied.....
 (2) Here the word 'To overcome' means :.....
 (a) victory (b) to turn out (c) to win over (d) To be helpless

☞ The second stage of our learning was more difficult. It was also based on the sense of touch. Miss Sullivan would speak a word, and ask me to touch her lips and throat slowly. I learnt to speak through the movements of the lips and the vibration in the throat. When I uttered my first word, it gave me boundless delight.

- Que.:** (1) Whom did Miss Sullivan ask to touch her lips and throat ?
 (2) Find out the word which means : 'unlimited'

☞ When I uttered my first word, it gave me boundless delight. Now I started talking with my toys, stones, trees and birds in the garden. I felt amazed and delighted as my sister ran to me when I called her, and my dog obeyed my commands. I was able to speak. It was a miracle !

- Que.:** (1) What did Helen start doing after uttering her first word ?
 (2) How did her sister and her dog delight Helen ?

☞ A young woman was coming towards him. She was tall and slender. Her eyes were as blue as flowers. Her lips and chin had a gentle firmness. In her green suit she was like springtime itself.

- Que.:** (1) How was the young woman ?
 (2) Slender means : (i) slim (ii) tall (iii) stout

☞ His mind went back to the book he had read in the training camp. Of Human Bondage was the title of the novel, and throughout its pages were notes in a woman's hand-writing. He had never believed that a woman could understand a man's thoughts so well.

- Que.:** (1) What was the title of the book the writer had read ?
 (2) What had the writer never believed ?

☞ She had refused all his requests for her photograph. She had explained, "If your feeling for me has any reality, my looks won't matter. Suppose I'm beautiful, I would always have the idea that you were attracted by a pretty face. That kind of love would displease me. Suppose I'm not pretty then I would always fear that you were writing to me because you were lonely. No, don't ask for my picture. When you come to New York, you shall see me."

- Que.:** (1) Why did Miss Meynell refuse to give her photograph ?
 (2) (A) Find out the similar word of 'disappoint' from the text.
 (B) Find out the phrase of 'demand' from the text.

☞ Lieutenant Blandford did not hesitate. His fingers held Of Human Bondage, which was to show who he was. He thought about their relationship. "This would not be love," he decided, "but it would be something precious. It would be a friendship for which he would always be grateful."

- Que.:** (1) What did Blandford think about their relation ?
 (2) What did Blandford think as he spoke ?

➔ (11) Write a short note on any one of the following using the clues given below them in about 5 to 6 sentences. (3)

➔ **The Giant's garden :**

Clues : large - lovely - soft green grass - beautiful flowers - rich fruits - birds - children.

➔ **The Selfish Giant :**

Clues : Saw children playing in the garden- angry - children ran away- built a high wall- put a notice- children wandered outside - sad.

➔ **The Shepherd's wit :**

Clues : In Abbot's dress in the king's court - answered the questions correctly and wisely - won the king's faith - saved his master's life.

- ✦ **‘Japan - The land of the Rising Sun’ :**
Clues : land of the rising sun - national flag - famous arts - culture - dress.
- ✦ **Jenna and Canada :**
Clues : Classical music - independent - Kanata - immigrants - emblem - leading.
- ✦ **England :**
Clues : Industrial revolution - shakespeare and Issac Newton- long history of democracy- respect for tradition - emblem has lion and unicorn - they stand for power and prosperity - Union Jack.
- ✦ **The Tour ‘Bharat Darshan’ :**
Clues : The Government of India - different states- Taj Mahal - Amritsar- Shantiniketan- Chennai - Kanyakumari - Ahmedabad - Ajanta Ellora caves- Jaisalmer - New Delhi.
- ✦ **‘Bunty’s Blue Bike’ :**
Clues : Beautiful - Bunty’s uncle - magic kingfisher - blue - matching pair of basket - two rear view mirrors - first of its kind in the neighbourhood.
- ✦ **The Effect of Noise Pollution :**
Clues : loud and disturbing sound - above 85 dbs. hearing loss - illness - deafness - suffer from indigestion -escape.
- ✦ **A WHO’s report to Prevent Noise Pollution :**
Clues : to control - avoid - mechanical device - volume - blow horns- observe silence zones- to make the world a quieter place.
- ✦ **Details of ‘The Wonderful Creation’ :**
Clues : Movable and replaceable parts - her lap - kiss - six pairs of hands - run on any food available - three pairs of eyes.
- ✦ **Qualities found in mother :**
Clues : Heal herself when she is sick- feed family of six - only on half a kilo of cabbage- manage nine year old without getting irritated.
- ✦ **Dr. Franz Halberg’s views on Chronobiology :**
Clues : bodies have internal music - to live in harmony with nature - biorhythms for choosing the best time for our actions - balanced cycles to be successful.
- ✦ **Biological clock and Human beings.**
Clues : time to sleep and eat - function of heart - body gives signals.
- ✦ **The Dogs and their Masters :**
Clues : staring at - next door neighbours - talk about their masters - decided not to go - blame - use - insulting words - through letters.
- ✦ **I am capable :**
Clues : Take care of myself - no need of others to take care of my problems - think for myself - take decision on own - not dependent on others.
- ✦ **Making mistakes :**
Clues : It is natural - does not make me worthless- not get upset - continue trying - ready to accept mistakes of others.
- ✦ **India’s place in the International Diamond Market :**
Clues : Diamond’s finding - distribution - grading and valuation of diamonds - India’s role.

- ✦ **Diamond - an exceptional stone :**
Clues : dug from mines - sparkling beauty- hardest - its uses.
- ✦ **Juliane's meeting with her father:**
Clues : Reached Pucalpa - father arrived - hugged - inquiry about mother - speechless father - his lips - looked up in the sky.
- ✦ **Juliane, a girl of great courage :**
Clues : Fell in the jungle in a plane crash- found herself alone - no food- started walking along a stream - difficulties faced - saw a hut- nobody there - three men came and helped - reached to papa.
- ✦ **Experiment of Table Tennis Ball :**
Clues : Things required - the blowing keeping distance - two balls move away - principle.
- ✦ **The Underwater Boat :**
Clues : Transparent container - water - aluminium foil - paper and toothpick transparent plastic cup- place it on the boat - gentle push - boat remains on the surface of the trapped water- principle of force and motion.
- ✦ **The Floating Paper Fish :**
Clues : Small bowl - water thick paper- bottle - paper fish shape -drop of diswashing liquid- spreads to rear part - disturb the surface tension - pushes the fish forward- principle of force and motion.
- ✦ **Amogh, the Safety Officer :**
Clues : True Safety Officer - dinosaur roared - shot two rockets- perfect aim - animal felt a jerk - fainted - Amogh saved his team.
- ✦ **TS-1 :**
Clues : A strange wonder of science - experimental vehicle - gain speed - time meter - dial - travel back in time.
- ✦ **Digvijay, a thoughtless person :**
Clues : Entered the shuttle - asked silly questions - disobey the instructions- climbed down to see dinosaur- run away to save life - returned with mud - Jignesh got angry at last.
- ✦ **The Dinosaur :**
Clues : Hill like- thick legs - super sized belly - foul smell- roared loudly.
- ✦ **Anne Sullivan- A Wonderful Teacher :**
Clues : Teacher for deaf and blind - changed Helen's life - a doll - satisfied curiosity- finger movements - water tap - awakened - based - sacrifice.
- ✦ **Helen -a gifted learner :**
Clues : Blind and deaf- spellings through finger movement - touching objects and spelling them on palm- speak through lip movements - vibrations in the throat - college lectures spelled into palms - noted down at home.
- ✦ **Meynell's explanation for refusal to give photograph :**
Clues : Read feelings - looks don't matter - if she was beautiful - Blandford was attracted for that - displeased - if not pretty - he was writing because of loneliness.
- ✦ **Test of True love - An appropriate title :**
Clues : Face to face- photograph - a red rose - novel -past forty woman- test- confusion- proper decision.

