

1.A ... But Gandhi was vehemently opposed. He said, "You think that in this unequal fight it would be helpful if we have an Englishman on our side. This shows the weakness of your heart. The cause is just and you must rely upon yourselves to win the battle.... "He had read our minds correctly:' Rajendra Prasad comments, "and we had no reply ... Gandhi in this way taught us a lesson in self-reliance".
Self-reliance, Indian independence and help to sharecroppers were all bound together.

- i. **Gandhi taught the sharecroppers a lesson of self-reliance so that**
 - (a) they could believe in themselves and be self-dependant.
 - (b) they get to know to fight amongst themselves only.
 - (c) they understand that British could not be trusted
 - (d) they learn and follow civil disobedience
- ii. **Find out the word from the given extract which means the same as 'fiercely.'**
- iii. **Rajendra Prasad who was a lawyer later on became**
- iv. **The above extract has been taken from _____.**
- v. **Assertion (A) : Gandhi was vehemently opposed to letting Andrews help him in Champaran.**
Reason (R) : Because Gandhi was always suspicious of new people who offered help.
 - (a) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - (b) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - (c) A is true but R is false.
 - (d) A is false but R is true
- vi. **"He had read our minds correctly," Rajendra Prasad commented. What is the sentiment exposed here?**
 - (i) anger
 - (ii) satisfaction
 - (iii) understanding

- (iv) forgiveness
- (v) pride
- (a) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (b) (ii), (iv) and (v)
- (c) (i) only
- (d) (ii), (iii) and (v)

Or

1.B Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments, from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together. Even so his clothes were in rags, his cheeks were sunken, and hunger gleamed in his eyes.

- i. **The peddler had to resort to both begging and thievery.**
The above sentences demonstrates that
 - (a) the peddler was very greedy.
 - (b) the peddler do not like to sit idle.
 - (c) the peddler wants to become rich.
 - (d) the peddlers earning was not enough for the survival.
- ii. **Through peddler's appearance it is signified that he was a/an**
 - (a) beggar
 - (b) thief
 - (c) unfortunate man
 - (d) crofter
- iii. **The peddler's rattraps were made of _____.**
- iv. **Who is the author of this chapter?**
 - (a) Alphonse Daudet
 - (b) Salman Rushdie
 - (c) Selma Lagerliif
 - (d) Louis Fischer
- v. **What does the idiom 'keep body and soul together' mean?**
- vi. **What is the name of the chapter from which the extract is taken?**

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.



2.A Derry : [Panic] I've got to go.
 Mr. Lamb : Not on my account. I don't mind who comes into the garden. The gate's always open. Only you climbed the garden wall.
 Derry : [Angry] You were watching me.
 Mr Lamb : I saw you. But the gate's open. All welcome.
 You're welcome. I sit here. I like sitting.

- i. "Mr Lamb : Not on my account." Based on this line, do you think Mr. Lamb was angry with Derry?
- ii. What does the statement "Only you climbed the garden wall." mean?
 (a) Everyone got permission before entering into the garden.
 (b) Mr. Lamb wanted Derry to be punished.
 (c) Derry was the only person to sneak in through the wall.
 (d) Derry doesn't know the location of the gate.
- iii. Assertion (A) : Mr. Lamb is a generous old man who welcomes everyone.
 Reason (R) : He had been threatened to not stop people from coming into the garden.
 (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 (c) Both A and R are false.
 (d) A is true but R is false.
- iv. Do you think Derry has the right to be angry at Mr. Lamb?

Or

2.B His father had taken him often to the islands of those seas, and never had he failed to say to the little brave boy at his side, "Those islands yonder, they are the stepping stones to the future for Japan."
 "Where shall we step from them?" Sadao had asked seriously.
 "Who knows?" his father had answered. "Who can limit our future? It depends on what we make it"

- i. Who did 'the little boy' refer to?

- ii. What does the speaker mean by 'stepping stone'?
 1. Means of advancement
 2. Means of progression
 3. Means of disorganization
 4. Means of paucity
 (a) Option 1
 (b) Option 1 and 2
 (c) Option 3
 (d) Option 3 and 4
- iii. Pick out the option that best describes the word 'yonder' as used in the passage.
 1. Distant
 2. Accessible
 3. Proximate
 4. Non-adjacent
 5. Adjoining
 6. Far-flung
 (a) 1, 2 and 3
 (b) 4, 5 and 6
 (c) 1, 4 and 6
 (d) 2, 3 and 5
- iv. "Where shall we step from them?" Sadao had asked seriously.
 Which of the following words can replace the word 'seriously' as given in the above line?
 (a) Fairly
 (b) Earnestly
 (c) Insignificantly
 (d) Slightly

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

3.A ... but soonput that thought away, andlooked out at youngtrees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes.

- i. The above extract has been taken from _____.
- ii. The poet started looking out at the young trees to _____.
- iii. In the above extract, the young sprinting trees signify.
 1. energy
 2. fast pace of life
 3. youthfulness

- 4. life
- 5. death
- (a) 2, 4 and 5
- (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 3 and 4
- (d) 3, 4 and 5

iv. Which thought did the poet put away?

v. The phrase 'merry children' symbolizes

- 1. Pain
- 2. Nostalgia
- 3. Happiness
- 4. Sluggishness
- 5. Vitality
- 6. Exuberance
- (a) 3, 5 and 6
- (b) 1, 2, and 4
- (c) 4 and 5
- (d) only 6

vi. What is the most likely reason the poet capitalised 'Young Trees'?

This was to

- (a) Convey a clearer meaning.
- (b) Highlight the adj.-noun combination.
- (c) Enhance the contrast.
- (d) Draw a connection with the title.

Or

3.B Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- i. How would you describe Aunt Jennifer based on the above extract?
- ii. Uncle's wedding band sits heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand because _____.
- iii. Pick the option that displays the image which correctly corresponds to the type of task Aunt is engaged in.



- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (a) Option (i)

- (b) Option (ii)
- (c) Option (iii)
- (d) Option (iv)

iv. Which of the following is an example of an alliteration?

- (a) Finger fluttering through the wool
- (b) Upon Aunt Jennifer's hand
- (c) Ivory needle hard to pull
- (d) Massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

v. What is the meaning of the word, 'fluttering'?

- (a) The falling of raindrops
- (b) The palpitations of one's heart
- (c) Moving unsteadily and irregularly with trembling
- (d) The swift movements of one's hand

vi. What is the rhyming scheme of the extract?

V Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each.

i. Franz reached school late. Yet, M. Hamel did not scold him. Why?

ii. Describe the crofter's hospitality towards the peddler.

iii. Explain Douglas' statement, "The instructor was finished. But I was not finished."

iv. What do celebrities dislike most about interviews?

v. What makes human beings love life in spite of all the troubles they face?

vi. How does the poet describe Aunt Jennifer's tigers?

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.

i. Dr Sadao was a calm person in general. What made him raise his voice at Hana? How did she react?

ii. What did Derry's mother think of Mr. Lamb?

iii. Why did Charley run away from the third level?

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

i. Why should child labour be eliminated and how? Explain on the basis of Lost Spring.

Or

ii. Elaborate how the Champaran episode is considered as the turning point in Gandhi ji's life.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words.

i. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others?

Or

ii. How did the Tiger King manage to retain his kingdom?

