



Q1. Read the seen passage and answer the following questions –

Velu put his head down on his knees, feeling miserable and exhausted. He had run away from his village two days ago. For two days he had eaten nothing but some peanuts and a piece of jaggery. In his bundle he carried a shirt, a towel and a comb. He had walked for most of the first day to Kanur and then got on the train to Chennai. Velu had no money for a ticket but luckily the ticket collector didn't come to the unreserved compartment. He had tried to sleep on the floor near the door. A group of men next to him had played cards and shouted all night. "Aiy! What, new to town eh?" called out a rough voice. Velu opened his eyes. There were a lot of people standing around, but nobody was looking at him. "Here! Aiy!" He turned around. Behind him was a girl around his own age, wearing a long banian that came down to her knees. Her hair was stiff and brownish and she had a huge sack on one shoulder. She was picking up dirty plastic cups from the floor and stuffing them into her sack. Why is she calling me, thought Velu.

- i. For how many days Velu had not eaten anything?
- ii. What did he carry in his bundle?
- iii. What was girl wearing ?
- iv. Who was calling Velu ?
- v. Write past tense of - a) walk b) play c) sleep

Q 2. Give the meanings of –

- i) Squashy ii) chutney iii) Wobbly

Q 3. Make sentences –

- i) Jaggery ii) ragpicker

Q 4. Answer the following questions –

- i) Velu travelled without a ticket. Why?
- ii) What material are the 'strange' huts made out of?
- iii) How did he escape the ticket collector's attention?

Q 5. Answer in Detail –

Why had Velu run away from home? What would you do if you are in Velu's Situation ?