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• [ **READING SECTION** ]

**Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the following question –**

Truth is the most valuable gem in the world. Gandhi ji used to say, “Truth is God and God is Truth”. A truthful man get no fear from anybody but a liar cannot say openly that he is telling a lie. An ordinary thief may be afraid of fine, imprisonment or other punishment. But if the liar happens to be a well known figure, he may be afraid of losing his reputation. In this respect truth also become an acid test for our inner strength or bravery.

It was the truth that made Joan of Arc, a heroine of warriors for ever. She refused to go before the church and the government and embraced death by being burned but she stuck to what she believed to be the truth.

A truthful man lives with a fine spirit and hence makes his appearance important every occasion.

**A. Tick the correct answer –**

i) A truthful man gets no\_\_\_\_\_.

a) Fear

b) pain

c) trust

**Ans – a) Fear**

ii) If the liar happens to be a well known figure, he may be afraid of losing\_\_\_\_\_.

a) Bravery

b) respect

c) reputation

**Ans – c) reputation**

**B. Answer the following question -**

a. What is the most valuable gem in the world?

**Ans – Truth is the most valuable gem in the world.**

b. What does Gandhi ji used to say?

**Ans - Gandhi ji used to say, “Truth is God and God is Truth”.**

**C. Complete the sentence:**

A truthful man lives with a fine spirit and hence makes his appearance important every occasion.

**D. Find the opposites from the passage – i) lie - truth ii)**

**life - death Q 2. Read the passage carefully and answer the**

### following questions -

This is the story of how the ancient tiny village of **Patali or Pataligrama** became **Patna the capital city of Bihar**. King Putraka, who ruled the place before the famous Mauryan king Ajatshatru, made it his capital and named it after his queen Patali.

As time went on the little village of **Pataligrama** became Pataliputra. The city changed its name several times after that. It was named **Kusumpura** which became Kusumdhwaja. Kusumdhwaja was changed to **Padmavati** which then became Azimabad and finally **Patna**. Pataliputra was at the pinnacle of its glory during the rule of the famous **Mauryan king Ashoka the Great**. He beautified the city and it was during this period that Pataliputra became the home of famous scholars like **Chanakya, Aryabhatta and Vatsyanana**.

After the decline of the Mauryan empire, Pataliputra came under **Mughal** rule and once more the city was named Azimabad. Then the city went into the hands of the **Nawab of Bengal** and finally it came under the control of the **British Empire**. By the time India became independent, the tiny village of Pataligrama has become a large and important city- **Patna!**

### A. Tick the correct options.

- i) The new name of Pataliputra is  
a. Kusumpura      b. Padmavati.      c. Patna      **Ans – d) Patna**
- ii) After the decline of Mauryan Empire, Pataliputra came under  
a. Mughal rule      b. British Empire      c. Nawabi rule      **Ans – b) British Empire**
- iii) Aryabhatta was born during the time of  
a. .king Ashoka.      b. Ajatshatru      c. British      **Ans – a) King Ashoka**
- iv) Pataliputra was at the pinnacle of its glory during the rule of  
a. King Putraka.      b. King Ashoka      c. Queen Patali      **Ans – a) King Putraka**

### B. Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following.

- i) old - **new**      ii) popular - **Famous**

### C. Write antonyms of these words-

i) after - **before**

ii) went - **came**

iii) large - **small**

**D. Complete the sentences.**

i) It was named Kusumpura.....

ii) By the time India became .....

**[WRITING  
SECTION ]**

**Q 1. You are Anita/Anish. You stay in a hostel and share a room with Mita/ Manish, your classmate. You have been detected with Typhoid fever. For this reason you have to be admitted in a hospital immediately. Draft a message telling your roommate why and where you are going and that you will be back in 7 days. Also request him/her to submit your English notebook for checking.**

**MESSAGE**

**5 May , 2020**

**3:00 pm**

I am going to the hospital as I have been detected with Typhoid fever .I will be admitted in the hospital for 7 days. Please submit my English notebook for checking.

**Q 2. You are Rajat, receive a phone call from your father's office in his absence and have the following conversation with the speaker. Write a message , for your father as you have to go for your tuitions. Put the message in a box.**

**Mr Gupta :** Hello, is this 25258654?

**You :** Yes. May I know who's calling?

**Mr Gupta :** I am Suresh Gupta. Can I talk to Mr Mahajan?

**You :** I am afraid Daddy is not at home. Do you have any message for him?

**Mr Gupta :** Yes. Please tell him that the meeting fixed for tomorrow i.e. 15th June has been cancelled

**You :** Ok Anything else.

**Mr Gupta :** Please tell him that we shall let him know as and when the next date for the meeting, is fixed

**You :** Ok uncle, I shall tell Daddy when he comes back.

#### MESSAGE

14th June,  
2020

7:00 pm

Mr Gupta from your office had called on telephone stating that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow

i.e. 15th June has been cancelled. He also informed that they would let you know as and when the next date is fixed for the meeting

#### [ GRAMMAR SECTION ]

##### 1. Underline the noun phrases in the sentences –

- i. The big bright full moon adorned the sky.
- ii. The big black dog is very friendly.
- iii. My piano lessons are progressing well.
- iv. The paperback edition of this book is not available anywhere.
- v. Chemical pesticides and fertilizers are poisoning waterbodies too.
- vi. Beth dreamt she was all alone on a lonely planet.

##### 2. Underline the adverb phrase in these sentences –

- i. The train moved quite slowly as it neared the station.
- ii. He spoke surprisingly well though it was his debut.
- iii. We dine out only occasionally.
- iv. The firefighters got into action without any delay.
- v. You should have submitted the report much earlier.
- vi. My grandmother looked after me with loving care.

**3. Underline the noun complements and cross out the postmodifiers in these sentences**

- i. The road ~~to Pune~~ is very well-laid.
- ii. The plant ~~with red leaves~~ is very delicate.
- iii. The girl ~~with curly hair~~ is a good dancer.
- iv. Look at the picture ~~of the man wanted for embezzlement~~.
- v. The bottle ~~with medicine~~ has been labelled.

**[LITERATURE SECTION]**

**A. Write the meanings of -**

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| 1. Restore – repair                            | 10. Chaos – complete disorder            |
| 2. Muddle headed – Confused face               | 11. Suffused with – Spread all over her  |
| 3. Starvation - hunger                         | 12. Quoth - quoted                       |
| Gay 5. Humph - happy rounded mass              | 13. Remonstrated - Protested             |
| 6. Tremor – a slight earthquake was            | 15. Recede – move back from where it was |
| 7. Resort – a place where people go on holiday | 16. Triggered – Caused                   |
| 8. Century – period of 100 years               | 17. Thriller - Exciting stories          |
| 9. Argument - Reasoning                        | 18. Nought – the c                       |

**B. Make Sentences –**

- |               |              |
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| 1. Complain   | 6. Curiosity |
| 2. Starvation | 7. Famine    |
| 3. Restore    | 8. Plough    |
| 4. Humph      | 9. Desert    |

**C. Answer the following questions –**

Q 1. What did the author find in a junk shop?

Ans - The author found a nineteenth century roll-top desk in the junk shop. It was made of oak. It was in a very bad condition.

Q 2. What did he find in a secret drawer?

Ans - The author found a small black tin box in the secret drawer.

Q 3. Who had written the letter, to whom, and when?

Ans - Jim Macpherson had written the letter to his wife Connie Macpherson on December 26, 1914.

Q 4. How old was Mrs Macpherson now? Where was she?

Ans - Mrs. Macpherson was a hundred and one years old. She was in a nursing home in Burlington House.

Q5 -What did the ant ask the cricket?

Ans- The ant asked the cricket that what he was doing in summer times.

Q6 . Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand?

Ans- Tilly's family came to Thailand because it was a part of their plan to celebrate

Q7. How many people and animals died in Yala National Park?

Ans - As many as sixty people and only two water buffaloes died in Yala National Park.

Christmas.

Q 9. Why the ground from the sky looked haphazard?

Ans - It looked haphazard because all the houses, factories and woods are scattered on the ground unplanned and disordered.

Q10. What were the facts which the poet watched from the six miles height?

Ans - There are two facts;

(i). The earth is round.

(ii). the earth has more water than land

Q 11. Velu travelled without a ticket. Why?

Ans -Velu travelled without a ticket because he had no money to buy a ticket.

Q 12 .What material are the 'strange' huts made out of?

Ans -The strange huts are made out of all sorts of things like metal sheets, tyres, bricks, wood and plastic.

Q 13. Why does Velu find the huts strange?

Ans - Velu finds the huts strange because in his village the houses are made of mud and palm leaves.

Q14. Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

Ans - The camel lived in the middle of the desert because he did not want to work.

#### **D. Answer in detail –**

Q 1. Why do you think the desk had been sold, and when?

Ans - The desk must have been sold when the house in which Connie Macpherson lived

had caught fire. She was taken to a nursing home. All the burnt up things must have been sold by the neighbours after that.

Q 2. Why did the cricket complain?

Ans - The cricket had spent the entire summer season by singing, dancing and merry-making. Because of this he had empty cupboard which is of utter need in coming winter. That is why the cricket complained.

Q4. Where did the Smith family and the others on the beach go to escape from the tsunami?

Ans- The Smith family and a few other families on the beach went to the swimming pool at the hotel initially. After a while, when the waves hit, the families ran for their lives and ended up on the third floor of the hotel to escape from the tsunami.

Q 5. What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw?

Ans - Normally a sea constantly follows the ebb and flow routine but on that day Tilly and her mother saw that the sea was continuously surging forward, which in itself is highly unusual.

Q 7. What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the 'hump'?

Ans-The djinn told the camel that as he had missed the first three days of work, he would be able to live and work without eating for three days. This meant that the camel could live off the nutrition stored in his hump for three days.

### **E. Value Based Question -**

Q 1. Why do Jim and Hans think that games or sports are good ways of resolving conflicts? Do you agree?

Ans - Jim and Hans thought that games or sports are good ways of resolving conflicts because nobody dies in matches. No children are orphaned and no wives become widows. Due to these reasons, games are good ways for resolving conflicts. Wars only lead to death and devastation.

Q2. Why had Velu run away from home? What would you do if you are in a situation of Velu?

Ans - Velu had run away from home because he couldn't stand his father beating him for one more day. His father would snatch away all the money he and his sisters earned and spend it on drink.

May be I also could not stand in front of my father as I am his son. But , I would surely try to make him understand that How drinking is harmful for his health and its can cause harm to our family also.

**B. Read the extract and answer the following questions**

**At last by starvation and famine made bold, Ail dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,**

**Away he set off to a miserly ant,**

**To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant**

1. Who was suffering from starvation and famine ?

(a) the Ant (b) the Cricket

2. Why was he 'dripping with wet' ?

- (a) It was raining hard. (b) He had dived in a pond,  
(c) He had no shelter. (d) He had taken a bath.

**Ans: (c) He had no shelter.**

3. What did he expect to get from the miserly ant ?

- (a) good advice (b) food  
(c) shelter (d) food and shelter.

**Ans:(d) food and shelter.**

4. What does the word 'grant' mean ?

- (a) kind (b) generous  
(c) take (d) give.

**Ans:(d) give.**

