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PROSE

1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

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Her name was Sulekha, but since her childhood everyone had been calling her Bholi, the simpleton.

She was the fourth daughter of Numberdar Ramlal. When she was ten months old, she had fallen off the cot on her head and perhaps it had damaged some part of her brain. That was why she remained a backward child and came to be known as Bholi, the simpleton.

At birth, the child was very fair and pretty. But when she was two years old, she had an attack of small-pox. Only the eyes were saved, but the entire body was permanently disfigured by deep black pock-marks. Little Sulekha could not speak till she was five, and when at last she learnt to speak, she stammered. The other children often made fun of her and mimicked her. As a result, she talked very little.

Ramlal had seven children — three sons and four daughters, and the youngest of them was Bholi. It was a prosperous farmer's household and there was plenty to eat and drink. All the children except Bholi were healthy and strong. The sons had been sent to the city to study in schools and later in colleges. Of the daughters, Radha, the eldest, had already been married. The second daughter Mangla's marriage had also been settled, and when that was done, Ramlal would think of the third, Champa. They were good-looking, healthy girls, and it was not difficult to find bridegrooms for them.

But Ramlal was worried about Bholi. She had neither good looks nor intelligence.

- A. Choose the correct option from the alternatives given to complete the following sentences: 1×4

(i) Before Bholi, Ramlal had _____ daughters.

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| (a) one | (b) two |
| (c) three | (d) four |

(ii) For education sons had been sent to _____.

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| (a) village | (b) town |
| (c) another state | (d) city |

(iii) Maya was Ramlal's _____ daughter.

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| (a) first | (b) second |
| (c) third | (d) fourth |

(iv) In her childhood, Bholi had an attack of _____.

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| (a) diarrhoea | (b) chicken pox |
| (c) small pox | (d) malaria |

- B. Complete each of the following sentences with information from the text:

2×3

(i) Bholi's fall from a cot perhaps _____.

(ii) At birth, Bholi was _____.

(iii) Ramlal was worried about Bholi because _____.

C. Give a 'one word' answer to the following questions:

2×5

(i) How many sons and daughters did Ramlal have?

Ans:

(ii) From what did Sulekha fall when she was ten months old?

Ans:

(iii) How old was Sulekha when she started speaking?

Ans:

(iv) Who was the fourth daughter of Ramlal?

Ans:

(v) Which had permanently disfigured Bholi's entire body?

Ans:

D. Answer the following questions within 80 words:

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(i) Why did Bholi talk very little?

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Ans:

(ii) What happened to Bholi at the age of two?

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Ans:

(iii) Why was it not difficult for Ramlal to find bridegrooms for his daughters except Bholi? 2

Ans:

POEM

2. Read the following poem below and answer the questions that follow: 20

At the corner of wood street, when day-light appears,
Hangs a Thrush that sings loud, it has sung for three years:
Poor Susan has passed by the spot, and has heard
In silence of morning the song of the Bird.
'Tis a note of enchantment: What ails her? She sees
A mountain ascending, a vision of trees;
Bright volumes of vapour through Lothbury glide,
And a river flows on through the vale of Cheapside.
Green Pastures she views in the midst of the dale.
Down which she so often has tripped with her pail;
And a single small cottage, a nest like a dove's
The one only dwelling on earth that she loves.
She looks, and her heart is in heaven: but they fade
The mist and the river, the hill and the shade;
The stream will not flow and the hill will not rise,
And the colours have all passed away from her eyes!

A. Choose the correct option from the alternatives given to complete the following sentences: 1×4

(i) The name of the poem is _____.

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| (a) To one who has been long in city pent | (b) Quiet Work |
| (c) The Reverie of Poor Susan | (d) The National Anthem—Jana Gana Mana |

(ii) The Poem is composed by _____.

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| (a) William Wordsworth | (b) Rabindranath Tagore |
| (c) John Keats | (d) Mathew Arnold |

(iii) The volumes of vapour Susan sees remain _____.

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| (a) dull | (b) hazy |
| (c) bright | (d) misty |

(iv) The river flows on through the valley of _____.

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| (a) Wood street | (b) Lothbury |
| (c) London | (d) Cheapside |

B. State if the following statements are True or False. Write T for True and F for False statement in the boxes on the righthand side. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer:

(1+1)×3

(i) The Thrush hangs at the middle of the Wood street.

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S: S: _____

(ii) The Thrush sings with the appearance of daylight.

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S: S: _____

(iii) The colours Susan saw stayed forever in her eyes.

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S: S: _____

C. Complete the following with information from the text:

2×2

(i) Susan has heard the song in the _____.

(ii) She sees a vision _____.

D. Answer the following questions each in about 30 words.

2×3

(i) Where does Susan view green pastures?

Ans: _____

_____.

(ii) How does the single small cottage look like?

Ans: _____

_____.

(iii) "... but they fade"— Which are 'they' referred to here?

Ans: _____

_____.

DRAMA

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3. Choose the correct option from the alternatives given to complete the following sentences:

1×4

- A.** (i) The scene of the play opens around _____.
 (a) ten o'clock in the evening (b) ten o'clock in the morning
 (c) midday (d) 3 PM in the afternoon
- (ii) The number of officers making a conspiracy against the prince was _____.
 (a) two (b) three
 (c) four (d) five
- (iii) The character playing the role of the doctor is _____.
 (a) Dimitri (b) Shultz
 (c) Girniza (d) Stronetz
- (iv) The 'Kranitzki' regiment is loyal to _____.
 (a) Prince Karl (b) Prince Dimitri
 (c) Dr Stronetz (d) Prince Charles

B. Answer *any two* of the following questions, each within 30 words.

3×2

- (i) "It's a pity he's such a boy ..."

Who is the speaker? Who is the boy referred to here? Why is it a pity to the speaker?

1+1+1

Ans:

- (ii) "My God, how glad I am to see you"—

Who is glad? Whom does he see? How has the person spoken to reach there?

1+1+1

Ans:

- (iii) "Boy, I have not fooled them" — Who said this and to whom? Who were they referred to?

1+1+1

Ans:

RAPID READER

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 5

In India, the IMF—World Bank Programme was set in motion with the fall of the VP Singh government in 1990, and the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi during the election campaign in Tamil Nadu in 1991. The Government was obliged to airlift some 47 tons of gold to the vaults of the Bank of England for “safe custody” to satisfy the requirements of international creditors. The IMF agreement implemented shortly thereafter was to prove at best a short breathing space; with debt of more than US\$80 billion, the IMF and World Bank loans barely provided the cash required to fund six months of debt servicing. India was thus compelled to approach the IMF for a loan, and thus began the Adjustment era.

Answer the questions below in a sentence: 1×5

- (i) When did the VP Singh government fall?

Ans: _____

- (ii) In which year was Rajiv Gandhi assassinated?

Ans: _____

- (iii) Where was Rajiv Gandhi assassinated?

Ans: _____

- (iv) How much gold was airlifted to the vaults of the Bank of England?

Ans: _____

- (v) Why was the gold air lifted and deposited to the vaults of the Bank of England?

Ans: _____

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)**5**

5. Originally, only men who spoke Greek as their mother tongue were allowed to compete in the Olympic Games. Barbarians were admitted only as spectators and slaves were not allowed at all. No married women were allowed to be present. The athletic programme was varied by the presence of historians, orators and writers. After each, a herald announced the victor's name and handed him a palm. On the last day, the successful competitors were each given a garland of wild olive.

- A. Choose the correct option from the given alternatives to complete the sentences: 1×3

- (i) _____ were admitted only as spectators.

(a) Slaves

(b) Writers

(c) Women

(d) Barbarians

- (ii) A herald announced the victor's name and handed him a _____.
- (a) Gold Medal (b) Palm
(c) Sword (c) Show piece
- (iii) The mother tongue of the competitors must be _____.
- (a) Spanish (b) Hindi
(c) Greek (c) Japanese

B. Write T against the True and F against the False statements within the box against each statement.

1×2

- (i) Slaves were always allowed to enter the Olympic Games. ☐
- (ii) Successful competitors were given a garland of wild olive on the last day. ☐

GRAMMAR

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6. Do as directed:

A. Change *any two* of the following from direct to indirect speech. 1×2

- (i) Father says to his son, "Oil floats on water."

Ans: _____

- (ii) Swami said to his father, "I shall not go to school."

Ans: _____

- (iii) The man said to his daughter, "Why are you weeping?"

Ans: _____

Or,

B. Join *any two* of the given simple sentences each into a single sentence. 1×2

- (i) The man is my neighbour. He is a doctor.

Ans: _____

- (ii) I am ill. I shall not go to school.

Ans: _____

- (iii) I know Jibesh. He is a student.

Ans: _____

7. Change *any two* of the following sentences from Active to Passive voice.

1×2

(i) They saw me.

Ans: _____

(ii) Ramesh is doing grammar.

Ans: _____

(iii) She has kept the pen.

Ans: _____

8. Fill in the numbered blanks with appropriate articles and or prepositions from the list provided:

1×3

Discipline means obedience (i) some general rules (ii) conduct or in another word discipline is (iii) spirit of maintaining order.

(i) (a) on (b) in (c) to (d) a

(ii) (a) of (b) to (c) an (d) in

(iii) (a) by (b) the (c) on (d) of

9. Frame *any three* questions with the Wh-words provided:

1×3

(i) I like the blue shirt. (Which)

Ans: _____

(ii) The bus starts at 8 am. (When)

Ans: _____

(iii) Rabindranath wrote Gitanjali. (Who)

Ans: _____

(iv) He likes to eat mutton. (What)

Ans: _____

WRITING

- 10.** Write within 150 words *a paragraph on any one* of the following topic with the help of the hints provided. 10

(a) Your Parents

[Hints: Name of your parents — Their profession/what they do — Their likes and dislikes — How much they love and inspire you — Your feelings for them]

Ans:

(b) The Benefits of Early Rising

[Hints: Introduction — Beneficial to health — Can enjoy the freshness of pure air — Proper time for morning walk and physical exercises — Get more time to complete daily works — Conclusion]

Ans:

(c) A visit to A Village Fair

[Hints: Occasion of the fair — Place of the fair — Persons with whom you visited there — Shops and things sold there — Your enjoyment in the fair]

Ans:

11. (a) Write a letter within 100 words to your friend inviting him to come to your place in the summer vacation to spend some days with you. 5

Ans:

Or,

- (b) Your friend is addicted to mobile phone very much. He is not concentrating on his studies properly.
Write a letter within 100 words requesting him not to use it too much stating the bad effects of it.

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Ans:

Or,

- 12.** (a) Write out a story in about 100 words with the help of the following hints. 5

[Hints: A crow — Managed a piece of meat — A fox, noticed that — Wanted to have that — Requested him to sing — Crow understood the trick — Put the piece under his claw — Sang — Fox disappointed — Went away]

Ans:

Or,

- (b) Write a precis of the following passage. Add a suitable title.

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There is a danger of the world getting liberty drunk in these days and it is just as well to remind ourselves of what the rule of the road means. It means that in order that liberties of all may be preserved, the liberty of everybody may be truncated. When the policeman, at Esplanade, steps into the middle of the road and puts out his hand, he is the symbol not of despotism but of liberty. You may not think so. You may, being in a hurry and seeing your car pulled up by the impertinence of the policeman, think that your liberty has been outraged. But, if you are a reasonable person, you will realise that if he did not incidentally interfere with you, he would interfere with no one, and the result would be that Esplanade would be a maelstrom and you could never cross at all. You have submitted to the curtailment of private liberty in order that you may enjoy social order which makes your liberty possible.

Ans:
