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Attempt *All* questions.

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

Today, hobbies are vastly diversified and TV and computer games so popular that philately is essentially for the serious-minded.

However, TV, computers and such other modern media can be used to attract young people to philately. There was a movie on the B.B.C. once about a young boy who somehow got a rare and valuable stamp stuck to his hand and would not allow anyone to remove it. He became a serious problem for his mother and others close to him as racketeers were out to kidnap the boy. Finally, he allowed a police detective to remove the stamp in return for a gold coin. Similar stories highlighting the valuable nature of stamps might create an interest

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in young people for stamps. Comic strips can also be used to highlight usefulness of stamp collecting.

Another way to create an interest in stamp collecting is to have stamp clubs in schools and colleges and hold annual exhibitions, awarding prizes for meritorious exhibits. One could also start a magazine on philately with a nominal subscription to cover expenses. A library with nominal entrance fee is also a good idea.

One of the benefits of philately is that it opens up avenues for friendship all over the world.

Many young people have been collecting stamps through their pen-friends. Philately provides a common interest which sustains the friendship. Philately also rises above caste and creed, promoting thereby the spirit of national integration and universal brotherhood.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (i) What do you understand by the term philately ?
- (ii) Why is philately different from other hobbies ?
- (iii) What are the ways in which philately can be promoted ?
- (iv) What are the benefits of philately ?
- (v) How does philately sustain friendships ?

(b) Say whether the following statements are True or False :

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(i) Philately is a serious hobby.

(ii) Media does not play a role in making philately popular.

(iii) Forming Stamp Clubs is one of the ways in which philately as a hobby can be made popular in schools.

(iv) Pen friends are friends who use the same pen.

(v) It is expensive to start a magazine of philately.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box. "There are five things you need to know" : he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

"One : You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

"Two : You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil".

"Three : You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four : The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

“And Five : On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition is, you must continue to write”.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replace yourself with the pencil. Always remember those five things, and you will become the best person you can be.

One : You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two : You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three : You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four : The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

And Five : On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation is, you must continue doing your duties.

Allow this parable to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfil the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

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(i) When did the Pencil Maker speak to the Pencil ? Why ?

(ii) How can we do many great things ?

(iii) How can we become a stronger person ?

(iv) What does sharpening help ?

(v) Why are you special ?

(b) Find the words in the passage that mean the following (any five) :

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a short story; to do something well; to give support; to lose heart; feel; to judge.

3. (a) Birds live in nests. Give the homes of the following :

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Animals and insects	Homes
Dogs	—
Pigs	—
Horses	—
Lions	—
Bees	—

(b) Give the opposite of the following words :

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*early, tall, small, sweet, old.*

Now fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word from the opposites :

- (i) This pill is very.....but you will have to take it if you want to become all right.
- (ii) My brother is so.....that he can pick up things from the top shelf of the almirah.
- (iii) Our college has a.....library. There are lots of books in it.
- (iv) When I was..... I could run to school with the heavy bag on my shoulder.
- (v) In spite of working.....nights, she remains active throughout the day.
- (c) Form adjectives from the following words by adding '-ful', making changes in spellings where necessary.

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Nouns	Adjective
Wonder	---
Duty	---
Success	---
Pain	---
Care	---

4. (a) Put the verb into the past continuous *or* past simple : 5

- (i) What were you doing when the phone.....(ring) ?
- (ii) What time.....(the post/arrive) this morning ?
- (iii) How fast.....(you/drive) when the police stopped you ?
- (iv) What.....(you/do) at 2 O'clock this morning ?
- (v) I.....(lose) my key last night.

(b) Write questions from these words. Use **is** or **are** and put the words in order : 5

- (i) Working / Pooja / today ?
- (ii) What / doing / the children ?
- (iii) You / listening / to me ?
- (iv) Where / going / your friends ?
- (v) Your parents / television / watching ?

(c) Put in **am/are** or **do/don't/does/doesn't** : 5

- (i) Excuse me, .....you speak English ?
- (ii) 'Where's Amit ?' I.....know'.
- (iii) What's funny ? Why.....you laughing ?
- (iv) It is raining. I.....want to go out in the rain.
- (v) 'What ..... your sister do ?' 'She's a dentist'.

5. Write a letter to your cousin telling her about your visit to Red Fort on Independence

Day.

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*Or*

Write a letter to your mother telling her how much you miss home and home cooked food in the hostel.

6. Write a paragraph on :

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My Hobby

*Or*

A dream I will never forget.