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Answer *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

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a gold coin. Similar stories highlighting the valuable nature of stamps might create an interest 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 a 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 friendship.

Questions :

- (i) Give short answers to the following questions : 10
- (a) Is philately popular as a hobby or is it pursued only by people who are serious about it ?
 - (b) What can create an interest in philately ?
 - (c) How does the young boy's story show that stamps are valuable ?
 - (d) Name one benefit of philately.

(e) Find words from the passage opposite in meaning to :

(i) unpopular

(ii) worthless.

(ii) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) :

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(a) Philately as a hobby is more popular than TV and computer games.

(b) Stamp collecting is only for the serious-minded people.

(c) Stamps can sometimes be very valuable.

(d) Through philately one can create friends all over the world.

(e) A young boy once caused a lot of trouble over a rare stamp.

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

India is a vast country, with a lot of cultural and geographical diversities. This has resulted in a number of different languages being spoken across the country. Some of these languages are accepted nationally, while others are accepted as dialects of particular regions. All these languages originated from the great languages of the past, with most of them belonging to several major linguistic families like Indo-Aryan (spoken by seventy per cent of Indians), Dravidian

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languages (spoken by twenty-two percent of Indians), Austro-Asiatic languages and Tibeto-Burman linguistic languages.

The Indian Constitution (Article 343) declares Hindi to be the official language of the Union. Hindi is also the mother tongue of about twenty per cent of the Indian population, living in the area known as the 'Hindi-belt' of northern India. This includes the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, and Rajasthan. Haryana and Himachal Pradesh also have Hindi as their official language.

English is the commonly used official language of India. It enjoys a special status and remains the additional official language of India. It enjoys a special status and remains the additional official language of India.

Questions :

(A) Give short answers to the following questions :

- (a) What has given rise to a number of languages being spoken in India ? 2
- (b) Where did all these languages originate from ? 2
- (c) What does the phrase 'Hindi-belt' refer to ? 2
- (d) Besides Hindi which other language holds the status of being an official language in India ? 2

(B) Fill in the blanks :

- (a) India is a country with a lot of cultural
- (b) Hindi is spoken by about of Indian population.
- (c) declares Hindi to be the official language of the Union.
- (d) is the commonly used official language of India. 4

(C) Find words from the passage to fill in the blanks in the following sentences :

- (e) In a country like India where languages are spoken it is very easy for a person to get confused but English which is the used official language can save the situation. 3

3. (A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate adjectives from the list given : 5

Wonderful, dutiful, successful, painful, careful

- (i) Everyone thinks that Amitabh Bachchan is a actor.
- (ii) His brother had an accident and had to undergo a operation.
- (iii) Dhirubhai Ambani was a very industrialist.
- (iv) We must be very while driving.
- (v) She has a very and caring son; he is always ready to do what she asks him to.

(B) Arrange the following words under the headings 'Person' and 'Thing' :

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writer, singer, cooker, teacher, instructor, eraser, driver, stapler, cutter, sailor

Person	Thing

(C) Match the animals in Column A with the sounds they make in Column B :

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Column A	Column B
Lions	Neigh
Horses	Trumpet
Elephants	Buzz
Bees	Coo
Doves/pigeons	Roar

4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with *a*, *an* or *the* : 5

(i) apple a day keeps doctor away.

(ii) He is honest man.

(iii) sun rises in east.

(b) Fill in the blanks with *in*, *on*, *at*, *from* or *to* : 5

(iv) I will meet you there six o' clock sharp.

(v) It always gets cool here the evening.

(vi) I have to attend a marriage Thursday.

(vii) He lived in Bombay 1970 1975.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the sentences given below with the correct phrasal verb given in the box making changes wherever necessary : 5

Take after, look up to, put up with, make up, look after

(i) Who will my plants when I go away ?

(ii) She her mother; when you see her you are reminded of the mother.

(iii) It is very difficult to such rude behaviour.

(iv) He has a fertile imagination; he excuses in a second.

(v) They always their father for guidance.

5. Write a letter to your friend telling her about a place you visited recently. You can take help from certain ideas listed below : 5
- The name of the place
 - How you went there
 - What you saw there
 - Why you liked it.
6. Develop into a short paragraph of about *ten* sentences the idea given in only *one* of the following sentences : 10
- Honesty is the best policy.
 - There are many benefits of early rising.