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Attempt *All* questions.

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

Einstein is one of the greatest scientists the world has ever known. He had the unique genius of getting to the heart of any problem and suggesting the simplest possible solution. He wrestled with the most complex problems in physics but he used only paper, pencil, and the blackboard.

Once when he was asked what the secret of his achievements was, he replied, with characteristic simplicity and mathematical brevity :

$$S = X + Y + Z.$$

S = Success,

X = Hard work,

Y = Rest or Relaxation

Z = Keeping one's mouth shut

P.T.O.

This formula is universally valid.

Without hard work no one can achieve excellence in any field. Even a great batsman cannot afford to miss net practice before an important match.

Rest or relaxation is an equally essential requirement. Einstein himself was fond of music. Once, when he was greatly distressed and disappointed, as he found that his solution to a most complex problem in physics was wrong, he played the violin for several hours.

Z, that is silence, has great significance. Silence is golden, as the proverb goes. Silence makes us think deeply. It endows our mind with serenity. It gives us a sense of proportion. It can be creative. It is for this reason that Mahatma Gandhi used to observe silence one day in the week.

(a) Decide whether the following statements are True *or* False :

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- (i) Einstein used very simple tools to solve difficult problems.
- (ii) Einstein's formula is meant for scientists.
- (iii) Very talented people do not have to work hard.
- (iv) We must not rest when we are engaged in some difficult work.
- (v) Mahatma Gandhi believed in the value of silence.

(b) Give short answers to the following questions in complete sentences : 10

- (i) What special gift did Einstein have ?
- (ii) What was Einstein's formula for success ?
- (iii) Name *two* qualities of Einstein that are mentioned in the passage.
- (iv) Why did Einstein turn to the violin when he was struggling with a complex problem ?
- (v) Give any *two* reasons for practicing silence.

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

Every day we hear of earthquakes in one part of the world or the other that cause much death and destruction. What causes the ground to tremble like that ? The answer is simple.

The Earth's surface is on the move.

The surface of the earth, called the "crust," is not one solid piece. It's made up of a number of "plates". The plates constantly move. Fortunately for us, they don't move fast.

Geologists estimate the fastest plate might shift 6 inches a year. That's about as fast as your hair grows.

Earthquakes happen when a plate scrapes, bumps, or drags along another plate.

When does this happen ? Constantly. About a half-million quakes rock the Earth every day.

That's millions a year. People don't feel most of them because the quake is too small, too far below the surface, or deep in the sea. Some, however, are so powerful they can be felt thousands of miles away.

A powerful earthquake can cause landslides, tsunamis, flooding, and other catastrophic events.

Most damage and deaths happen in populated areas. That's because the shaking can cause windows to break, structures to collapse, fire, and other dangers.

Give short answers to the following questions in *complete sentences* :

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(i) What is the 'crust' of the Earth like ?

(ii) What causes earthquakes ?

(iii) How common are earthquakes ?

(iv) Why do we remain unaware of most earthquakes ?

(v) What makes earthquakes so destructive ?

3. (a) Change the following words into nouns (any *five*) :

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create, different, entertain, free, great, wise, beautiful.

(b) Write the opposites of the following words (any five) : 5

able, agree, heavy, leader, tense, lazy, happiness.

(c) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable word from those given below : 5

big, bitter, happy, late, short

(i) He is so ..... that he can't reach the top shelf of the almirah.

(ii) She had a ..... childhood.

(iii) Why are you ..... for the class ?

(iv) These pills have a ..... taste.

(v) The postman was carrying a ..... parcel.

(d) Make sentences of your own with the following words (any five) : 5

early, feel, give, government, problem, postage, move.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with a suitable article (*a, an, the*) : 5

I saw ..... (1) ..... movie yesterday. It was about .....

(2) ..... Indian boy who goes to live in ..... (3) ..... American city.

..... (4) ..... cinema hall was packed with young people. It was

..... (5) ..... very nice movie.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of the verb from those given in the brackets : 5

Neha ..... (1) ..... (am/are/is) a doctor. She ..... (2) ..... (had/has/have) her own clinic. She ..... (3) ..... (attend/ attends/will attend) to her patients with great care and patience. They ..... (4) ..... (liked/like/likes) her and ..... (5) ..... (had/has/have) great respect for her.

(c) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable conjunction from those given below : 5

*and, because, but, if, so*

(i) The dog was limping ..... it had hurt its leg.

(ii) The driver applied the brakes ..... could not stop the car in time.

(iii) The sky became cloudy ..... it began to rain.

(iv) ..... you work hard, you will succeed.

(v) The child did not listen to his mother. .... she scolded him.

- (d) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable preposition from those given below : 5

*after, for, on, to, with*

He felt tired ..... (1) ..... studying the whole afternoon. He went  
..... (2) ..... the park. He sat ..... (3) ..... a  
bench : ..... (4) ..... an hour. A group of small children was playing  
..... (5) ..... a ball.

5. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on the person who you like the most. She/he may be somebody you know or a public or historical figure in the field of politics, cinema, sports, science, etc. You should give background information in brief of the person and say what you like about her/him. 10