

- (ii) Vanita's parents made a distinction between a son and daughter.
- (iii) Girls turn into creepers and thorns.
- (iv) When I was a child, I heard the same story told to me many times.
- (v) Mothers think that daughters will go away, so they do not care for them.

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

In today's world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in people's life. Value of money has gone high. Everyone wants to become rich without hard labour. He does not hesitate to adopt any means to become rich. But still some people appreciate honesty. All religions lay down great stress on honesty. An honest man is always brave. He is not afraid of anybody. He is truthful and is liked by everybody. On the other hand, liars, greedy and cunning people earn more money but they are not liked by people. Honesty should be maintained everywhere; at home, in school, among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obeys the law so he is free from serious trouble. Honesty also gives rise to spiritual strength, so one takes up any challenge with confidence. On the other hand,

a dishonest person can never be sure of anything. He is always busy in plotting. So he never gets peace. An honest man is rewarded with success. He is always appreciated. He gets love and respect from others.

(a) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or False (F) :

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(i) Honesty has become meaningless in the modern world.

(ii) Wealth does not play any role in life.

(iii) Honesty does not give rise to spiritual strength.

(iv) An honest man is brave.

(v) An honest person always breaks the law.

(b) Answer the following questions briefly :

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(i) Why has the honest lost its meaning in the modern world ?

(ii) What kinds of persons are not liked by people in society ?

(iii) Why is an honest man awarded with success ?

(iv) Why can a dishonest person never be sure about anything ?

(v) What does an honest person receive from others ?

3. (a) Give the opposites of the following words :

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(i) Moral

(ii) Dark

(iii) Near

(iv) Sweet

(v) Beautiful

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word. You must use the opposites

of these words :

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strong, wide, hard, certain, present

(i) This government is too.....to impose order.

(ii) The accident took place on the.....street.

(iii) Rajesh does not like.....drink.

(iv) His visit to the book fair is.....

(v) Some students were.....on the annual day.

(c) Match the words given in column A with their meanings given in column B : 5

Column A

Column B

Brilliant

Right

Stare

Ideal

Correct

Watch

Rise

Luminous

Perfect

Grow

4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with do/don't/does/doesn't : 5

(i) I.....like Ice-cream.

(ii) Metro train.....stop at every station.

(iii)Radha play tennis ?

(iv)they go for early morning walks everyday ?

(v) Why.....he stay in Delhi with his sister ?

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with 'for' or 'since' : 5

- (i) Sushil has been in custody.....ten months.
- (ii) They have been watching the movie.....10 O' clock.
- (iii) Where have you been.....Monday ?
- (iv) Raja has been sleeping.....8 hours.
- (v) Our team has been winning the tournament.....2006.

(c) Complete the following sentences. Choose the right word from the list and put the verb

in the correct form if required : 5

close, enjoy, surprise, study, give up

- (i) You have to.....smoking for good health.
- (ii) Judge ordered the lawyer to.....the case.
- (iii) We.....the party on his birthday.
- (iv) The teachers were.....by her brilliant performance.
- (v) My grandfather.....at Cambridge University.

5. Write a letter to your sister telling her about joining a new job in Delhi. 5

Or

Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about your college union fest.

6. Write a short paragraph (100 words) on any one of the following : 10

- (a) Road Traffic in Delhi
- (b) Your favourite film actor
- (c) Lokpal Bill

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Attempt *All* questions.

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

'My life has taken a different path,' Vanita said. 'My parents are loving and understanding. They made no distinctions between a son and daughter. I was fortunate to find equally loving parents-in-law. Even Shreesh is good-natured. No one has ever tried to crush or subdue my personality. It is society that has created the thorns in the path of my life, not any individual. The responsibility for our maltreatment, too, is upon society. What is our value in society ? Nothing! There was a story I heard time and again when I was a child. It went, "Sakhu will leave for her husband's home. Baku will go to her spouse's home. It is only my Jubrya (son)

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who will be of use to me!" At the back of her mind every mother carries the same thought. Because the daughter will go to someone else's house, the mother could not care less; because a daughter-in-law is someone else's daughter, the mother-in-law could not care less. And men by virtue of being men will lord over them! Why then be surprised if girls turn into dolls? Will a creeper ever grow if we prune it every day? Vanita took my hand and held it. 'I admit that the circumstances are against us. The winds are blowing in the opposite direction'.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

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(i) Are the two persons talking in the passage men or women?

(ii) Give two details from Vanita's life that makes her happy.

(iii) Why do mothers discriminate between sons and daughters?

(iv) Find two male and two female names from the passage.

(v) What tells you that the "I" mentioned in the passage is not happy?

(b) Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or False (F) :

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(i) The passage is about happy childhood.