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Attempt All questions.

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

I will never forget a lesson I learnt when I was ten years old. My teacher,

Subramaniam Iyer, was telling us how seagulls fly. I had a billion doubts and he

offered us as many clarifications. He took us to the seaside and showed us the

birds, explaining every movement, every action....Wonderstruck, I listened to my teacher

– the man who, while teaching me about the flight of birds, gave me a purpose

in life—to fly !

P.T.O.

People talk of the lack of role models in Indian society. My only statement to such people is--if we fail in our family system, we have no right to look for moral leaders anywhere outside.

I will not be presumptuous enough to say that my life can be a model for anybody; but some poor child living in an obscure place in an underprivileged social setting may find a little solace in the way my destiny has been shaped. It could perhaps help such children liberate themselves from the bondage of their illusory backwardness and hopelessness. People wonder how I manage to balance my scientific approach with my spiritual beliefs. I'd say it's very simple. When I look up into the sky, I see a million stars. One star -- the Sun -- is enough to keep our whole solar system running. We are yet to discover how many more solar systems there are. The thought is overwhelming ! It makes me realize that we are just specks in the universe. It gives me reason to believe that there is something, somewhere that I can turn to. And so, I pray.

I have been given everything I wanted in life—and much more. I don't feel the need to pray for myself. I pray for my nation, for the people of India, for the young minds that will take this country to the greatest heights.

(A) Answer the following questions briefly : 5×2=10

- (i) Name the little boy's teacher. What was the lesson about ?
- (ii) What does the writer have to say about role models ?
- (iii) Which qualities of his teacher does the child like ?
- (iv) Does the boy belong to a rich family ? Which sentence tells you about this ?
- (v) How did the science lesson inspire the little boy ?

(B) Say whether the following statements are True or False : 5×1=5

- (i) Children living in remote corners cannot have a bright future.
- (ii) There are role models in our family and in our society to motivate us to have a purpose in life.

- (iii) Children coming from backward places often feel hopeless.
- (iv) Nature with its mysteries fills the writer with a sense of wonder and humility.
- (v) A scientist can also believe in a power that is higher than us.

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

I am Viru, a tiger, born in the beautiful and rich forest of India. I was born in a very affectionate family and my life was full of joy till that fateful day. By nature I was very inquisitive like any other kid. I saw a strange crate kept under a thick gorse bush. Without realizing the danger I entered the same, alas ! The crate got closed and some needle like thing fell on me and I lost my consciousness.

When I opened my eyes, I was kept in a cage and lot of animals which I have seen in the forest were also kept in cages. After that what I experienced in life was nothing but misery. I understood that I was brought to a circus. We all animals were severe training to do various dangerous tricks like jumping over the fire, running

inside a small globe, tricks on whip, balancing on a thin rod, etc. We all used to get hurt, not to mention the beatings and ill-treatment. I used to cry why God punished me like this for no mistake of mine and why people are mean minded, making us starve all the time while they earn out of our work.

There is always a dawn to every dusk. To our great relief, one day in the town where our circus was going on, a school arranged a special show for their children.

When my turn of crossing the fire came, I lost my balance and fell down and got badly hurt. On seeing my sufferings, one of the kids called Blue Cross. They seized the zoo, took all the animals including me and left us in nearby forest after proper treatment. Though by that time my wound had healed, I understood that I am counting my days.

But I am very happy that the younger generation of the country are kind, considerate and they treat animals with due care. They are genuine and not troublesome. I am

very happy to lay down my life with the feeling that wildlife will be protected and taken care by the children of India.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

5×2=10

- (i) Who is Viru ? Where was he born ?
- (ii) What happened to Viru one fateful day ?
- (iii) Where had Viru been brought and why ?
- (iv) What happened to Viru while performing in front of the children ?
- (v) How did the children help Viru ?

(b) Fill in the blanks with *one* word only :

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Viru, the tiger's life was full of happiness. One day he was (a) ..... in a trap and was forced to work in a Circus. His life was very (b) .....until he was freed by some (c) ..... who came to watch the circus.

(c) Find the words in the passage that mean the same as the following : 2

(i) Very loving

(ii) Curious.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing an appropriate phrase from those given below : 5

*make sure, to her great delight, push our way through, keep quiet, attracted attention*

(i) The librarian asked the students to.....and not disturb others.

(ii) She had no hope of getting permission from her parents to go on the trip but....., her parents said yes to her without a moment's hesitation.

(iii) You must.....that you switch off all the lights before you go to bed.

(iv) There was a big crowd at the sales counter; we had to.....  
to get in.

(v) His awkward behaviour at the party.....of all present  
there.

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate noun given  
below : 5

*entertainment, improvement, arrangement, advertisement, encouragement*

(i) She applied for a job after seeing the.....in the  
newspaper.

(ii) After a hard day's work she went out to see a play  
for.....

(iii) The teacher was pleased at the.....in his student's  
performance.

(iv) His parents gave him a lot of.....in his studies.

(v) My friend has already made the.....for her stay  
in Shimla.



(c) Match the animals given in Column A with the sounds they make, given in

Column B :

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**Column A : Animals**

**Column B : Sound they make**

Monkey

Bleat

Wolf

Bray

Sheep

Buzz

Donkey

Howl

Bee

Chatter

4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences adding the correct ending '-ing' or '-ed' to the verbs :

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(i) She found the film very.....(interest).

(ii) The poet was..... (inspire) by the beautiful sunset at Puri.

(iii) He was.....(thrill) to see his birthday gift.

(iv) Some of the questions they asked were very.....  
(confuse).

(v) The children found the story ..... (fascinate).

(b) Put in **a/an** or **the** :

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- (i) We enjoyed our holiday. ....hotel was very nice.
- (ii) 'Can I ask.....question ?' 'Of course. What do you want ask ?'
- (iii) You look very tired. You need ..... holiday.
- (iv) 'Where's Mohan ?' 'He's in ..... bathroom.
- (v) Jyoti is ..... interesting person. You must meet her.

(c) Complete the sentences. Use **nobody/no-one/nothing/anybody/anything** : 5

- (i) That house is empty .....lives there.
- (ii) Jyoti has a bad memory. She can't remember.....?
- (iii) I'm afraid I can't help you. There's ..... I can do.
- (iv) I heard a knock on the door but when I opened it there was.....there.
- (v) Does.....know where is Mohan ?

5. Imagine you are a reporter and you are a witness to a fire in the market place.  
Write a report covering the incident. 5

*Or*

Write a letter to your friend telling her about your first ride in the Delhi Metro.

6. Write a paragraph on : 10

Sania Mirza or Sachin Tendulkar, describing their qualities, their achievements, and the glory they have brought to the country.

*Or*

Gardening : The Key to a Healthy Life.