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Attempt all questions.

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

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his early adult life.

Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight; silence would teach him the joys of sound.

Now and then I have tested my friends who can see to discover what they see. Recently I asked a friend, who had just returned from a long walk in the woods, what she had observed.

“Nothing in particular”, she replied.

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How was it possible, I asked myself, to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note ? I who cannot see find hundreds of things to interest me through touch.

I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch, or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening Nature after her winter's sleep. Occasionally, if I'm very fortunate, I place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

(i) Helen Keller feels that all of us should have some experience of living without eyes and ears for a few days. Why ? 2

(ii) What did Helen Keller's friend say and why did it disappoint her ? 2

(iii) Mention any *four* things that Helen Keller says she can 'feel' when she goes out in the woods. 4

(b) Find words from the passage which mean : 3

(i) Jungle

(ii) Find

- (iii) Came back
 - (iv) Noticed
 - (v) Untidy
 - (vi) Lucky.
- (c) Say whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) : 4
- (i) Helen could see and appreciate Nature.
 - (ii) Helen would search for a bud during winters.
 - (iii) The friend's answer pleased Helen.
 - (iv) Helen thought it would be good for human beings to turn blind and deaf for a few days.

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

Many years ago there lived a king who was very rich and liked nothing more than buying new clothes. He did not enjoy hunting, or going to the theatre, except that these occasions gave him a chance to show off his latest outfits. Time passed away merrily in the town where the king had his castle home, and everyday people visited his court. One day two men, calling themselves weavers, asked to see the king.

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They told him how they knew how to weave materials of the most beautiful colours and patterns, and how the clothes made from these materials were invisible to all who were unfit for the office they held, as well as to those who were exceptionally stupid.

“These must be splendid clothes”, thought the king to himself. “And it will be useful to know who in my kingdom is wise, and who is stupid, and who is unfit for the office they hold.”

“Yes, make me a fine suit of clothes from this fabric,” said the king, and he ordered a large sum of money to be given to the two men, so that they might start work at once.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :

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| (i) What did the king enjoy ? | 1 |
| (ii) Who visited the king ? What were they by profession ? | 2 |
| (iii) What did they tell him ? | 2 |
| (iv) What did the king order ? | 2 |

(b) Give opposites (any *three*) : 3

Buy; Latest; Merrily; Beautiful; Invisible.

(c) Fill in the blanks with the words from the passage : 5

Once there lived a king who loved to show off his One day two men who called themselves came to see the king. They told him that they could cloth of great beauty. The special quality of their was that it was to stupid people.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate adjectives :

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(i) I drew a picture in my book.

(ii) I read an story yesterday.

(iii) The giant chased poor Jack.

(iv) The tree had many apples.

(v) Cinderella had sisters.

(b) Fill in the blanks using appropriate words :

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ships, fish, lions, elephants, dogs, angles, paper, sailors, wolves.

(i) A pile of

(ii) A crew of

(iii) A herd of

(iv) A school of

(v) A pack of

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with a/an/the :

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(i) The deer are grazing in forest.

(ii) I saw octopus.

(iii) What funny story !

(iv) Ritu ate ice cream.

(v) I want to buy pair of shoes.

(b) Put in until/since/for :

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(i) I am tired. I'm going to lie down a few minutes.

(ii) Don't open the door of the train the train stops.

(iii) This is my house. I've lived here I was seven years old

(iv) Raj has gone away. He'll be away Wednesday.

(v) Next week I'm going to Jaipur three days.

(c) Complete the sentences with preposition :

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(i) In tennis you hit the ball a racket.

(ii) Do you know anything computer ?

(iii) Don't talk strangers.

(iv) Sona is climbing the ladder.

(v) Father is proud me.

5. You see an advertisement in the Hindustan Times about the job of a customer care executive in ICICI Bank. Write an application to the Personnel Manager of the Company giving your complete bio-data. 10
6. Write a paragraph about your favourite fable/fairy tale. You could use words like : 10
Wisdom, moral, hilarious, wicked, significance, etc.