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(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)

All questions are compulsory.

Follow instructions strictly.

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

When Rusty awoke one morning, he looked from the window, and saw the ground deeply covered with snow. On the side of the house nearest the kitchen, the snow was piled higher than Rusty's head.

"We must have a path through this snow," said his father. "I would make one if I had time. But I must be at the office early this morning. "Do you think you could make the path, my son ?" he asked little Rusty. "I ? Why, the snow is higher than my head! How could I ever cut a path through that snow ?"

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"How? Why, by doing it little by little. Suppose you try," said the father, as he left for his office.

So Rusty got the snow shovel and set to work. He threw up first one shovelful, and then another; but it was slow work.

"I don't think I can do it, mother," he said. "A shovelful is so little, and there is such a heap of snow."

"Little by little, Rusty," said his mother. "That snow fell in tiny bits, flake by flake, but you see what a great pile it has made."

"Yes, mother, I see," said Rusty. "If I throw it away little by little, it will soon be gone."

So he worked on. When his father came home to dinner, he was pleased to see the fine path. The next day he gave little Rusty a fine blue cycle and on it was painted in yellow letters, "Little by Little."

(A) Say whether the following sentences are True or False :

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- (i) The story is about a boy and his mother.
- (ii) His parents made him work hard because they did not love him.
- (iii) His father worked from home and mother went to work.
- (iv) Rusty gave up the task his father gave him.
- (v) The father was pleased with Rusty.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (i) Why did father ask Rusty to make the path ?
- (ii) What did mother tell Rusty to help him feel better ?
- (iii) What did father give Rusty for his hard work ?
- (iv) What did Rusty learn by shoveling the snow ?
- (v) Suggest a title for the story you have read.

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

Helen Keller, a woman from the small farm town of Tuscumbia, Alabama taught the world to respect people who are blind and deaf. Her mission came from her own life; when she was less than two years old, she lost both her vision and hearing and got very frustrated. By the time she was 7, her parents knew she needed help, so they hired a tutor named Anne Sullivan who helped her to connect words she used to write on her hands with living objects. Later on, Helen joined Radcliffe University, wrote books, did research, gave speeches, and helped raise money for many organizations, such as American Foundation for the Blind and the American Foundation for the Overseas Blind, which is now called Helen Keller worldwide.

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From 1946 to 1957, she went around the world, speaking about the experiences and rights of people who are blind.

(A) Say whether the following sentences are True or False : 5

- (i) The story is about Helen Keller.
- (ii) In the past, people who were blind and deaf were treated badly.
- (iii) She lost her vision at the age of five.
- (iv) Her parents were unsupportive of her condition.
- (v) She travelled around the world improving the lives of others.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) Why is Helen Keller famous ?
- (ii) Where was she born ?
- (iii) How did she improve her situation ?
- (iv) What method did her tutor use ?
- (v) What kind of a person was Helen Keller ?

3. Match the words/phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B : 10

Column A**Column B**

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| (i) Come of age | (a) To agree to do something exciting or difficult |
| (ii) Take up the challenge | (b) (to do something) deliberately to hurt others |
| (iii) Out of spite | (c) To reach an important stage of maturity |
| (iv) Without parallel | (d) Unbelievably beautiful or attractive |
| (v) Breathtaking | (e) Unique |

4. Complete the sentences putting *as* or *than* in the blanks : 5

- (i) I don't watch TV as much you.
- (ii) You eat more me.
- (iii) I feel better I felt yesterday.
- (iv) Jim isn't as clever he thinks.
- (v) I can't wait longer an hour.

5. Complete the sentences using any *one* of the prepositions given :

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with/on/by/about/at

- (i) I don't use my car very often. I prefer to go bike.
- (ii) Can you give me some information hotels in this town ?
- (iii) These trains are very fast. They can travel very high speeds.
- (iv) The buses here are very good. They're nearly always time.
- (v) What would you like to drink your meal ?

6. Complete the sentences using the words given in brackets :

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(i) Sneha is polite. (always)

Sneha

(ii) I finish work at 5 o'clock. (usually)

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(iii) Subhash has started a new job. (just)

Subhash

(iv) I go to bed before midnight. (rarely)

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(v) I don't eat fish. (often)

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7. Write a letter to your mother telling her about a prize you won in a sports competition in your college. You could write about when it was organized, what event you participated in, how you won, and how you felt after winning a prize. 10
8. Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) about any sportsperson you admire, describing the qualities, the achievements and the glory they have brought to India. 10