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Short questions

HOW I TAUGHT MY GRANDMOTHER TO READ

1. What made Triveni a popular writer?
2. What decision did the 62 year old grandmother take?
3. How did the grandmother pass with flying colours?
4. Why did the grandmother touch the feet of her granddaughter?
5. What is the message that Sudha Murty wishes to give her readers?

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

1. What is the main dilemma of the poet?
2. Did the poet repent for making his choice?
3. Why has the poet's choice 'made all difference' in his life?
4. Why did the poet leave the first road?

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

1. Why did fellow trainees dislike Private Quelch?
2. Private Quelch knew too much. Give reasons to prove that he was unable to win the admiration of his superior officers or his colleagues.
3. Write a character sketch on Private Quelch.
4. 'We used to pride ourselves on aircraft recognition'. How was their pride shattered?
5. What was the reaction of the sergeant when Private Quelch interrupted him during his first lesson in musketry?
6. What was the Private Quelch's main ambition in the army and how did he work in pursuit of his ambition?
7. How did the Professor try to impress and influence his senior officers? Did he get the desired results?
8. How did the professor infuriate the colleagues with his "horrible heartiness"?
9. How did Corporal Turnbull snub the professor?
10. How did the professor behave when he was on cook house duties? Did he change himself?
11. What message does Alexander Baron want to give to the readers in "The Man Who Knew Too Much"?

KEEPING IT FROM HAROLD

1. Why was it necessary to keep Harold's father's profession a secret from him?
2. How did Major Percy instigate Mr Bramble to give up boxing?
3. Why did Fisher tell Harold the truth about his father's boxing profession?
4. Who was Major Percy Stokes? What kind of a man was he?
5. Why does Mr Bramble's decision to quit the fight upset his wife?

BEST SELLER

1. What was John Pescud's opinion on best sellers? Why?
2. Why did John get off at Coketown?
3. Who was the passenger of chair number 9 and how did he attract the attention of the narrator?
4. What does John A Pescud tell about himself or his career? Give two examples to prove that he was doing well in life.
5. How did John A Pescud meet his future wife Jessie for the first time?
6. Describe the huge white house of the Allyn's on top of the hill as John A Pescud saw it.
7. Describe John A. Pescud's meeting with Colonel Allyn. What was its outcome?
8. Describe the ironical ending of the story, Best Seller.

SEVEN AGES

- Q1. Why does Shakespeare compare the world to a stage?
- Q2. What are the characteristics of the fourth stage?
- Q3. What are the main features of the life role of a Justice?
- Q4. What kind of life does the 'lean and slippered pantaloons' lead?
- Q5. Why is the last stage referred to as 'second childishness'?

OH, I WISH I'D LOOKED AFTER MY TEETH

- Q1. Why does the poet wish that she'd looked after her teeth?
- Q2. Why was the poet's conscience pricked?
- Q3. How did the poet pave the way to cavities, caps and decay?
- Q4. How did the poet feel in the old dentist's chair?
- Q5. Why did the poet say, "But now comes the reckoning"?

Long answer type questions

1. "For learning there is no age bar", says the grandmother. How do these words express the anguish and hope of the illiterate adults? How can these words of the Grandmother be a message of hope for the *adult education* in India?
2. What is the dilemma of the poet in "The Road Not Taken"? How does he resolve this dilemma? Had you been in place of the poet, have you chosen the same road as chosen by the poet?
3. Bring out the irony in the story Best Seller.

4. Private Quelch impressed with his brain, knowledge and diligence but irritated and infuriated his colleagues and his senior officers with his behavior, exhibitionism and tendency to outshine and outsmart others. Justify the statement giving examples from the text.
5. How did Corporal Turnbull show Private Quelch his right place and teach him a lesson?
6. Give a character sketch of Private Quelch including all his traits and shortcomings?
7. Justify the title 'Best Seller'.
8. John pretends to have moral standards or opinions that he never practices in life. Justify your answer by giving examples from the text.
9. Describe the similarities between John and the hero of "The Rose Lady and Trevelyan". Do you think John was another Trevelyan?

GRAMMAR

REPORTED SPEECH

Read the following conversation and then fill in the blanks in the reported speech.

1. Raj: Our school is celebrating foundation day tomorrow.

Sujit: Who is your chief guest?

Raj: Our Chief Guest is Indian Ambassador.

Sujit: That is quite incredible.

Raj told Sujit a) _____. Sujit wanted to b) _____. Raj replied that c) _____. Sujit was surprised and commented that d) _____.

2. Jay: When is the fancy dress competition in your school?

Ajay: It is after two weeks.

Jay: Are you taking part in it?

Ajay: Yes, I am taking part as an engine driver.

Jay asked Ajay a) _____. To that Ajay replied that b) _____. Jay enquired c) _____. Ajay replied d) _____.

3. Father: Why are you so tensed?

Son : I have an examination tomorrow.

Father: You should prepare well.

Son : I am fully prepared but I am getting a little bit nervous.

Father asked a) _____. The son b) _____. His father c) _____. The son told him that d) _____ but e) _____ a little bit nervous.

4. Gopal : Ram when did the guests leave your house?

Ram : Most of the guests left in the afternoon

Gopal : Are some of them still staying with you?

Ram : Yes, They will leave in a day or two.

Gopal asked Ram a) _____. Ram replied b) _____. Then Gopal enquired whether c) _____ Ram replied in affirmative. He further told Gopal that d) _____.

EDITING

The following passages have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number.

	Error	Correction
1. Life was not as it seems to be. It is full of up and downs. The grass always look greener on the other side. We have a habit to grumbling. We are ever satisfied. We make our lives misery by expecting too much from anyone. That is what we face disappointment. So never expect nothing and be happy.	was a)..... b)..... c)..... d)..... e)..... f)..... g)..... h).....	is
2. The giant whale are very harmless animals. Their head is about one-third the size of a huge body and in it sweep great quantities of tiny fish and sea-weed. Inside the mouth there is no teeth but a arrangement of thin bones which catch the food; so the whale sucks down an endless meal as it move. These food is stored in the whale's body as a layer in fat.	whale a)..... b)..... c)..... d)..... e)..... f)..... g)..... h).....	whales
3. My grandmother always went in school to me because the school was attached to a temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and a morning prayer. While the children sat at rows on either side to the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in the chorus; my granny sat inside reading a scriptures.	a)..... b)..... c)..... d)..... e)..... f)..... g)..... h).....
4. It is twenty years ago I was living at Paris. I had a tiny apartment in a Latin quarter overlooking cemetery but I was earning barely enough money in keep body and soul together. She had read a book of mine and has written to me about this. I received from her another letter saying that she is passing through Paris and like to have chat with me.	a)..... b)..... c)..... d)..... e)..... f)..... g)..... h)..... l).....

GAP FILLING

Q1. It is annoying to get stuck (a) a traffic jam in the morning. It is the rush hour (b) office goers who get exasperated (c)having to wait at road junctions (d) they are running short (e) time.

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|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| a) i)of | ii) on | iii) into | iv) in |
| b) i)for | ii)from | iii)with | iv) in |
| c) i)with | ii) in | iii) at | iv) as |
| d) i)if | ii)but | iii)when | iv)and |
| e) i)in | ii)on | iii)at | iv)of |

Q2. At a conference (a)..... Delhi a few weeks (b).....somebody thrust a microphone (c).....my face and asked me what I thought luxury really (d)..... I considered giving (e).....suitably diplomatic response.

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| a) i) on | ii) with | iii) by | iv) in |
| b) i)before | ii)ago | iii)after | iv) later |
| c) i) to | ii) had | iii)into | iv) on |
| d) i)is | ii)was | iii) were | iv) will be |
| e) i) one | ii)a | iii) an | iv)its |

Q3. In old Bombay, (a)..... Town Hall was called Tondal. (b).....was not an atmospheric local name, but (c).....simply a corruption (d).....the phrase Town Hall. It was designed (e).....1811 by Thomas Cowper.

Q4. Every city should have a flower that (a).....can call its own. Some already do. Tokyo is (b).....its best when the cherry blossoms bloom. Amsterdam (c).....the tulip. And our own Delhi has the laburnum which blazes (d)..... over the capital every spring.

OMISSION

In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

1. The television has always very controversial.

While the positive aspects the electronic media innumerable, their negative impact children cannot be denied.

For new piece of information that a child learns the Discovery or National Geographic channel, are also unrealistic stunt shows parents dislike. Computers and TV have students to lose interest in studies.

always been very

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

2. A donkey is a strong animal. It carry

It can carry

heavy loads long distances. It will eat almost anything. However, in spite its great usefulness its patient hard work, a donkey is badly treated most countries. A stupid, foolish person sometimes called a donkey an ass. This is quite unfair to a donkey it has as much sense as a horse or cow or a camel.

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

3. In U.S, drivers have a certain tendency to polite. They drive slowly and allow lot of space between vehicles A pedestrian respected most amongst road users in California. When I walked the street in this city, I felt Moses because the sea of traffic simply opened make way for me. I on the top of the world.

- In the U.S
- a).....
 - b).....
 - c).....
 - d).....
 - e).....
 - f).....
 - g).....
 - h).....

4. There is no doubt that fish as food very good for us. Not only it contain proteins, important vitamins and minerals such as calcium and iron, but it also low in fat and calories. In white fish, fat content can be as low as 1% or 2%, and average serving provides at least one third of the daily recommended amount niacin, which is vital healthy skin. It is fish that contains omega 3 fatty acids which thought to lower the risk of heart disease. Shellfish are also low in fat a good source of protein, calcium and iron.

- food is very
- a).....
 - b).....
 - c).....
 - d).....
 - e).....
 - f).....
 - g).....
 - h).....
 - i).....

LONG READING TEXT

1. Describe the discussion that the three friends had at Manor House. Why did they rush to the little beer shop?
- 2 . Describe the attempts made by the three men to open the pineapple tin.
3. Do you think Harris was good at making stories?
4. What happened in the parlour when the narrator and George were sitting there?
5. What happened to the narrator when he went sailing with Hector? How did it prove to be a costly adventure?
6. Write a brief character sketch of Harris.
7. Write a brief character sketch of Uncle Podger.
8. The writer has an eye for history. How does it come out in his descriptions of King John, the barons and the people?