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Q.1 (A) Do as directed. (5)

1. Where will they send these prisoners? (Change the voice.)
2. Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world. (Change the degree.)
3. The news is too bad to be false. (Remove 'too'.)
4. I shall never break my promise. (Make affirmative.)
5. Being tired, we returned home. (Change into complex sentence.)

(B) Change the following conversation into indirect speech. (3)

The traveller said, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?"
"Yes" said the Peasant: "Do you want one in which you can spend the night?"
"No" replied the traveller: "I only want a meal."

(C) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (2)

1. He ____ in a hotel, when I ____ him. (see, sit)
2. She rarely _____ an umbrella, but she ____ one now. (carry, carry)

(D) Choose correct alternatives. (4)

1. I met him the day ____ yesterday. (before, after)
2. He will not succeed ____ he works hard. (if, unless)
3. Yesterday I met ____ man, ____ man was doctor. (a, an, the)
4. Are there ____ such planes that travel as fast as sound? (any, some)

(E) Replace words in block letters by an appropriate word given in the bracket. (2)

1. The handwriting of the candidate is INCAPABLE OF READING. (illegible, eligible)
2. Rohan always THINKS ONLY OF HIMSELF. (egoist, hypocrite)

(F) Use following idioms in your own sentences. (2)

1. In the twinkling of an eye
2. From hand to mouth

(G) Choose appropriate words to complete the sentence. (2)

1. He is suffering from an incurable _____. (disease, decease)
2. The President gave his _____ to the Bill. (assent, ascent)

Q.2 Write an essay. (10)

"Science and Human Happiness"

Q.3 Write a brief report regarding the progress of construction of school building at Sanghvi village. This school is adopted by your company. (10)

Q.4 Write a letter to the municipal authority of your area complaining about inconvenience caused by prolonged road repair work going on in your locality. (10)

Q.5 (A) Write a paragraph on: (5)

“Self-Reliance ----- The Worker's Best Tool”

(B) Make notes on the paragraph given below: (5)

Cooking food is essential both for taste and to kill bacteria. But cooking, at the same time, also has some drawbacks : loss of some nutrients or destruction of certain vitamins like Vitamin C. Equally, nutrients can be lost being washed out along with the cooking water drained in the end. The more finely the food is cut up, the greater the amount of water that is used, and the longer the food is cooked, the more nutrients will be lost. Never throw away the water in which the vegetables are cooked. Steaming and pressure cooking, however, lead to a much smaller loss of nutrients than boiling.

Q.6 Precis writing: (10)

Most people over a certain age will have discovered its relaxing qualities. But classical music may have tangible medical benefits too, researchers have found. Beethoven's slower symphonies were found to reduce the circulation, including a state of physical calm which may have benefits for stroke and heart attack victims. The effect was so dramatic that scientists believe music could be used instead of drugs in some cases to reduce heart rate and blood pressure. It might come as little surprise that fast, loud music had the opposite effect. But that does not mean that all modern music should carry a health warning. It was tempo rather than style which had the most marked effect on cardiovascular activity. Faster music and more complex rhythms speeded up breathing and circulation irrespective of style, with fast classical and techno music having the same impact. Similarly, slower or more meditative music had the opposite effect with raga creating the largest fall in heart rate. The study also found that passive listening to music induces varying levels of arousal, depending on the tempo. While calm is induced by slower rhythms or pauses in the music.

Q.7 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10)

Education is a device for helping a man to grow to his full stature. It enables him to realise his nature both mentally and spiritually and in that realisation to become all that he has in him to be. It is to the child what perfect gardening is to the tree, a help so to grow that it may develop its own personality. A good gardener helps each plant to put forth that essential quality of its own that differentiates it from all other plants and makes it a thing of use and beauty in the world. The good educator performs a similar office for the human being. To the man of trained faculties and developed tastes the world becomes literally a larger place, larger and more exciting. He is able to see in it more beauty, more variety, more scope for his sympathy and understanding than he saw before. The training of education widens his sense of the possibilities of what may be, and transforms the world from a humdrum scene of workshop, factory and office to a universe of mystery and a treasure house of beauty.

1. How does education help man?
2. What does a good gardener do?
3. How does the world appear to the man of trained faculties and developed tastes?
4. How does education change the world for man?
5. “The good educator performs a similar office for the human being.” Comment.