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Answer all questions.

1. Answer any *five* questions in about **30-50** words each :

5×2=10

(a) What made Barry John so unhappy in his childhood ?

(b) What is meant by good writing ?

(c) How does the poet want to be reborn in 'If I Return This Time' ?

(d) Do you think Harish is an obedient son ?

(e) What does the story 'A Mother's Decision' tell us about Saroj ?

(f) How can learning be fun ?

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2. Answer any *two* questions in about **75-100** words each : 2×5=10

- (a) What made Barry John come to India ?
- (b) Explain the significance of the title 'Sole Provider, Lonely Warrior'.
- (c) Discuss the importance of editing in good writing.

3. Read the passage below and answer the questions related to the passage : 5×2=10

The New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and 'don'ts'. The same old favorites recur year in and year out with the children, do a thousand and one jobs about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humoredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercise in the morning. I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just have not had time to read it.

Questions :

- (i) Why do most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement ?
- (ii) Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody ?
- (iii) Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day ?
- (iv) Find words in the above passage which convey a similar meaning to the following :
- (1) Overwhelming
- (2) Drawbacks.
- (v) Name the book that the writer bought. Has he read it ?
4. (a) Fill in the *correct* words and phrases from the list below : 5×1=5
- that, 24×7, whose, who, sort of
- (i) The boy books were lost was weeping.
- (ii) The book I bought contains good stories.
- (iii) He has given all the important files to the official deals with his case.
- (iv) The teacher gave him scolding for misbehaving in the class.
- (v) You better be careful because I am going to be watching you
- (b) Make sentences by using these adjectives/adverbs : 5×1=5
- Annoyed, Interesting, Shortly, Available, Excited
- (i) It is an job to do.

(ii) Priya is at me because I stole her bag yesterday.

(iii) I am to know about paragliding.

(iv) This is the only room to us.

(v) I will meet you in the college auditorium.

5. (a) Complete the following sentences by using appropriate articles and determiners : $5 \times 1 = 5$

the, this, an, in, is

(i) particular TV model is no more available.

(ii) Rohan is good grammar.

(iii) He is honest man.

(iv) United Kingdom comprises five nations.

(v) 'James' nickname Jimmy.

(b) Complete each of the following sentences using the *correct* word given in

brackets :

$10 \times 1 = 10$

[any, ones, a few, all of, neither of, none of, many, nothing, both of, anything, a lot

of, neither]

(i) I don't like yellow curtains but I like pink

(ii) We haven't got money for this event.

- (iii) my colleagues live near my home.
- (iv) us are going on a picnic.
- (v) the two students is an Indian.
- (vi) they are working in the same office.
- (vii) How books did you buy ?
- (viii) She brought books to read.
- (ix) Maya has got sweets to distribute.
- (x) Aryan has hidden in his pocket.

6. Write a notice informing students about the Annual Function to be held in the college. 10

Or

Write a notice forbidding students from bringing crackers to the college.

7. Write *ten* questions you would like to ask your favourite actress ? 10