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1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Lying in bed, Swami realized with a shudder that it was Monday morning. It looked as though only a moment ago it was Friday. Already Monday was here. He hoped he didn't have to go to school.

At nine o' clock, Swaminathan wailed, "I have a headache."

Mother generously suggested that Swami might stay at home. At 9.30, when he ought to have been in the school prayer hall, Swami was lying on the bench in mother's room.

Father asked him, "Have you no school today?"

"Headache," Swami replied.

"Nonsense! Dress up and go."

"Headache!"

"Loaf about less on Sundays and you will be without a headache on Monday."

Swami knew how strict his father could be. So he changed his tactics. "I can't go so late to the class."

"You'll have to. It is your own fault."

"What will the teacher think if I go so late?"

"Tell him you had a headache and so you are late."

"He will scold me if I say so."

"Will he? Let us see. What is his name?"

"Samuel."

"Does he always scold the students?"

"He is a very angry man. He is especially angry with boys who come in late. I wouldn't like to go so late to Samuel's class."

"If he is so angry, why not tell your headmaster about it?"

"They say that even the headmaster is afraid of him."

Swami hoped that with this his father would be made to see why he must avoid school for the day. But father's behavior took an unexpected turn. He proposed to send a letter with Swami to the headmaster. No amount of protest from Swami would make him change his mind.

A. On the basis of the above passage, mark the following statements as True or False (5)

i. Swami did not want to go to school because he had a headache.

- ii. Mother allowed Swami to stay at home.
- iii. Father said that Swami should eat less on Sundays so that he would be without a headache on Monday.
- iv. According to Swami, the headmaster was not afraid of Samuel.
- v. Father decided to send a notice to the headmaster.

B. Fill in the blanks with words from the passage (5)

- i. The thought of the examination made me \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ gave me a big piece of cake.
- iii. The teacher was \_\_\_\_\_, yet all the students loved her.
- iv. The students marched to the Parliament in \_\_\_\_\_ against the metro fare hike..
- v. The story ended with an \_\_\_\_\_ twist.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it .

(i.) The little boy was very excited about going to school with his elder brother, but his first day in school taught him lessons in reality that he never forgot.

(ii.) He discovered that the teachers did not want to teach him, his classmates refused to sit beside him and no one would touch him because, he was told, he was born polluted. The two boys had to carry gunny sacks to sit on and listen from outside the classroom. No child played with them or shared their food and they were not even allowed to draw water from the school well. The thirsty boys would have to wait till someone was kind enough to pour water into their waiting hands. If no one did, they remained thirsty till they got home.

(iii.) Little Bhimrao learnt that in Hindu Society he was labelled 'untouchable'- considered to be outside the formal Hindu Caste system- and that he was being excluded only because of his birth. He would fight against this for the rest of his life with single-minded passion. In Bhimrao the Dalits-the downtrodden untouchables -of India finally found the brave, very knowledgeable and energetic leader who would demand and win them self-respect and equality.

(iv.) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 at Mhow in central India. He was the fourteenth child of Ramji Sakpal and Bhimabai. They belonged to the Mahars caste, and in spite of being untouchable, the Mahars had a history of fighting in wars. Mahars had fought in the armies of Shivaji and they still joined the Indian army because it gave them opportunities for education and employment that were not open to them in Hindu Society. Bhimrao's father Ramji was a subedar major and taught at an army school. Even though he had very little money, Ramji ensured that his sons went to school.

A. Prepare a chart by filling in correct information from the passage (6)

- Name of the 'little boy'.
- Date of birth of the 'little boy'.
- Place of birth of the 'little boy'.
- Names of his parents.
- His father's profession.
- Number of siblings (brothers and sisters)

B. Match the sub-headings given below with the paragraphs of the passage above. The paragraphs have been numbered for your convenience. (4)

- a) Facing social discrimination;
- b) How Bhimrao would respond to the Caste System;
- c) Looking forward to school;
- d) Information about Bhimrao's family and community

C. Answer the following questions using your own words.

- i. Write down any two experiences that little Bhimrao had on his first day at school (2)
- ii. What opportunities did the Indian army give to the Mahars? (2)
- iii. What did Bhimrao demand of society? (1)

3. A. Choose the correct words from the brackets and rewrite the sentences given below. (1x5)

- i. I (accept/except) your offer.
- ii. Although there were ten people in the room, it was very (quiet/quite).
- iii. Her car ran out of (patrol/petrol).
- iv. Can I (pour/pore) you some coffee?
- v. (Wait/weight) for me till I reach.

B. Choose the correct synonym (a word having a similar meaning) for the underlined words below. (5)One

sentence has been done as an example.

*The boys were surprised when they saw the beautiful flowers the delivery girl brought.*

A) fast B) pretty C) orange D) sticky

i. I recorded my findings in a journal.

A) used B) locked C) taped D) wrote

ii. The dog was energetic and played all day long.

A) lazy B) lively C) unruly D) cute

iii. Her family went to see a movie while Rani remained at home.

A) ate B) left C) stayed D) departed

iv. The wealthy man lived in a very large house.

A) sad B) rich C) friendly D) old

v. Ravi is scared of the dark.

A) tired B) fond C) weary D) afraid

C. Write the sentences with correct form of the words given in brackets .

(5)

Example: The old woman answered her \_\_\_\_\_ (wise)

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i. This book is not \_\_\_\_\_ (interest).

ii. She fought \_\_\_\_\_ (brave).

iii. I sent out an \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) to all my friends.

iv. Greenland is the \_\_\_\_\_ (large) island in the world.

v. The diver did not return from the \_\_\_\_\_ (depth) sea.

4. A. Rewrite the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets

(5)

Kiran \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (like) watching movies. Last night she \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for "Gully Boy". She \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (find) it very interesting. Her friends \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ not (watch) the film yet. They \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for it tonight.

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given below the paragraph in brackets: (5)

In an obstacle race, Nina ran \_\_\_\_\_ the starting block, climbed \_\_\_\_\_ the wall and jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the wall. She then swam \_\_\_\_\_ the pond and finally crawled \_\_\_\_\_ the net before reaching the finishing line.

(over, on, under, across, from, between)

C. Insert appropriate articles (a, an, the) wherever necessary

(5)

I first met Rizwan at my cousin's place in Goa \_\_\_\_\_ year ago. It was raining and he had come without \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella. He was carrying \_\_\_\_\_ old cotton bag which had got completely wet in \_\_\_\_\_ rain. When he saw me, he gave me \_\_\_\_\_ big smile.

5. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on a holiday travel that you had recently with a group of people. You may use the following points if you wish to

(10)

Where did you go?; What did you do?; Anything interesting that happened.; How did it affect you and those who were with you?

6 A. Match the spoken expressions in Column A with the participants given in Column B. (5)

Column A	Column B
1. Is this the way to 15, Park Avenue?	a. Two Students
2. How can I help you, Sir?	b. Patient and Doctor's Assistant
3. Hi, I am Hekali from Ambedkar University.	c. Two strangers on the road
4. Could you fix an appointment with Doctor Khan on 12 <sup>th</sup> November for me, please?	d. Customer and Shop Assistant
5. Mom, I'd like you to meet my friend, Uma.	e. Parent and son/daughter

B. Pick out the most likely response to each of the statements given in Column A above and write them out as expressions spoken by the participants. (5)

- i. Pleased to meet you, Uma.
- ii. Hi. I am Dawa from JNU. Nice to meet you.
- iii. I want to get myself a jacket for the winter.
- iv. I am sorry Ma'am, he will be out of station till the end of November.
- v. Do you mean Park Street?

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