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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QI. Read the following passage and answer questions given below: (5Q X 1M = 5M)

A. The city of Venice, Italy, is famous for its beautiful canals, stunning architecture, and rich history. Built on more than 100 small islands, Venice is connected by over 400 bridges. The city's unique design was created to protect it from invading armies and flooding.

In the 13th century, Venice was a powerful trading center, and its merchants traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia. The city's famous St. Mark's Square is home to the stunning St. Mark's Basilica, which features intricate mosaics and golden domes. The square is also famous for its beautiful bell tower, the Campanile di San Marco, which offers breathtaking views of the city.

One of the most iconic symbols of Venice is the gondola, a traditional wooden boat that has been used for transportation and trade for centuries. Visitors to Venice can take a romantic gondola ride through the city's winding canals, admiring its breathtaking beauty. The gondoliers, dressed in their traditional striped shirts and hats, sing classic Venetian songs as they expertly navigate the canals.

Venice is also famous for its beautiful glasswork, intricate lace, and exquisite masks. The city's skilled artisans have been creating these delicate crafts for centuries, and visitors can see them at work in the city's many workshops and factories.

Despite its beauty and rich history, Venice is facing many challenges, including rising sea levels, overcrowding, and pollution. Efforts are being made to preserve the city and its unique way of life. Today Venice is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations, attracting millions of visitors each year. Despite the challenges posed by overcrowding and environmental concerns, the city remains a must see destination for anyone interested in history, architecture and culture.

i. What is unique about the city of Venice's design?

- a. It was built on a mountain
- b. It was built on more than 100 small islands
- c. It was built near a river
- d. It was built in a desert

ii. What is a traditional mode of transportation in Venice?

- a. Gondola
- b. Car
- c. Bus
- d. Train

iii. What do gondoliers traditionally wear?

- a. Striped shirts and hats
- b. Formal suits and ties
- c. Traditional Venetian costumes
- d. Casual clothing

iv. Venice is also famous for its beautiful glasswork, intricate lace, and exquisite masks (Complete

the sentence)

v. Find a word in the passage which means **Sellers or traders- MERCHANT**

B. Read the following passage and answer questions given below:
5M)

(5Q X 1M =

What writers struggle to express through numerous newspaper columns, the cartoon manages in a pointed one-liner. Little wonder then, that the first thing most of us like to see when we pick up a newspaper is the cartoon. Simple though it may seem, making a cartoon is an art that requires a combination of hard work, training and a good sense of humour. Cartoonists say that the cartoons that make us laugh the most are in fact the cartoons that are hardest to make. Even celebrated cartoonists like R.K.Laxman admit that making a cartoon is not a piece of cake. Laxman says he has to wait for over six hours, which includes spending a lot of time scanning newspapers and television channels before any idea strikes him.

So how does one become a cartoonist? Which of us has the talent to make it? How can we master the rib-tickling strokes and the witty one-liners? How can we make people smile or laugh? There are few colleges or schools for cartoonists. Most cartoonists come from art colleges, while some learn the craft on their own. Most established cartoonists are of the view that no institute can teach you to make a cartoon. "You can pick up the craft, you may learn to sketch and draw in institutes, but no one can teach anyone how to make a good cartoon," says Uday Shanker, a cartoonist with Nav bharat Times. While basics, like drawing and sketching can be learnt in an art college, and are important skills, these alone, do not make a good cartoonist. Because it's a question of one's creativity and sense of humour; two qualities one simply may not have. The advice established cartoonists give is that just because you can sketch, don't take it for granted that you will become a cartoonist.

i. What, according to Laxman, is the challenge in creating a good cartoon?

- a. **waiting for the right idea**
- b. good drawing and sketching training.
- c. getting the right kind of skill
- d. money

ii. According to the passage, which group of people is of the opinion that one cannot learn to make a cartoon in institutions?

- a. many struggling writers
- b. highly creative artists.
- c. **most established cartoonist**
- d. newspaper editors

iii. Two important qualities , a cartoonist must have-

- a. looks and talent
- b. **creativity and sense of humour**
- c. good dressing sense and writing skill
- d. seriousness and creativity

iv. Find a word in the passage which is the opposite of **dull and boring- WITTY**

v. Making a cartoon is an art that requires a combination of _____ , training and a _____.

(Complete the sentence). -**Hard work and good sense of humour**

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

QII Do as directed:
10M)

(10Q X 1M =

1. The ball was hit by Madhu. (Underline the verb and identify whether it is in Active voice or passive voice)- **passive**

2. Anu writes a poem. (Change it into passive voice) -**A poem is written by Anu.**

b. "A Panch knows no friend or enemy."

(3Q X 1M = 3M)

- i. From which lesson this sentence has been taken? - Fair play
- ii. What does this sentence mean? A panch can never be biased.
- iii. In the above lesson, with whom the voice of the Panch has been compared? with God

QV. Answer in short: (ANY 5)

(5Q X 2M = 10M)

- i. Describe Miss Beam? - Miss Beam is a middle aged, kind and understanding lady with a plump figure.
- ii. What does Nasir want to learn? - Nasir wants to learn how to preserve seeds.
- iii. Why did Jumman's aunt want a panchayat meeting? - because of ill treatment she got from Jumman's wife.
- iv. What did the myna do finally? - she stopped interfering the fight between the cobra and the mongoose and watched the fight patiently till the end and then congratulated the mongoose with a shrill cry and flew away.
- v. What is the meaning of this phrase –"leave their greens' in the poem? - whether they i.e the teachers finish their tiffin or not.
- vi. According to the poet why English is a wonderful game? - Whenever we have a beautiful thought or an idea in our mind, we take help of English word , the most accurate one to express that thought or idea. So the poet says English as a wonderful game. By playing different word games in English we can enrich our vocabulary too.

QVI. Answer in brief: (ANY 3)
9M)

(3Q X 3M =

- i. Who nominated Algu Chowdhry's name for the position of the Head Panch? How did he handle the case and what was his verdict? - Jumman's aunt nominated Algu's name for the position of Head Panch. He handles the case fairly and delivered the verdict in favour of Jumman's aunt which eventually caused enmity between both of them i.e. Jumman and Algu.
- ii. What happened to the crow in the lesson "The Banyan Tree"? - Towards the end of the fight, the crow flung nearly twenty feet across the garden as the cobra whipped his head back and struck with great force. His snout thudded against the crow's body and it fluttered about for a while, then it lay still and dead.
- iii. Why does Dolma believe that she can make a good Prime minister? - Everyone respects her decision , even her teachers also took her ideas when they need any help. She wants to make things better for everyone, like good hospital, , roads and even schools. So she believes that she can be a good Prime minisyer.
- iv. Why the poet wanted to be a gardener in the poem "Vocation"? - The poet wanted to live a life independently like the gardener. He was fascinated by the gardener's carefree life, he can dig the soil , make his clothes dirty and there is no one to stop him. Therefore, the poet wanted to be a gardener.

QVII. Answer in detail: (ANY 1)
5M)

(1Q X 5M =

- i. Each term every child has one blind day, one lame day..." Which day was the hardest? Why was it the hardest? What was the purpose of these special days? - "Each term every child has one blind day, one lame day, one deaf day, one injured day and one dumb day". Among all the days, the blind day was the hardest day because that day students had to act blind without peeping from their blindfolds. They felt as though they were going to be hit or would bump into things every moment.

The main purpose of these special days was to give the students a personal taste of misfortune. By enacting a disability for a day, this would help them understand the feelings of people born with such disabilities and have respect for the needy people in society. This training prepared the students to become good and responsible human beings.

ii. What is the role of Panchayat in solving disputes in a village? Give one example from the lesson to support your answer.- Panchayat plays a very important role in solving disputes in our societies. Panchayat is an integral part of Indian government. People trust the Panchayat and even the Panch is given the position of God by them. In this lesson too, we can see how people were treating the Panch and Panchayat and their verdict with utter respect. There are two instances where we see Panch playing vital role while delivering the verdict. In the case of Algu and Sahu, Despite being enemy, Jumman gave the judgment in favour of Algu as he understood his responsibility as well as his duty after getting the position of Panch. After becoming a judge a Panch can never be biased, he has to maintain the dignity of the position and accordingly he has to deliver the verdict.