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## SECTION –A (READING)

Q1: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

I felt witless, being made to stand on the desk while the other kids were bent over their notebooks. I couldn't understand my new school or my new classmates, or their alien language-English- and the fact that they could do sums in their heads, while I struggled with a paper and pencil. For me, at the age six, the good times had ended. Life seemed a far cry from those days in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, all thanks to my grandfather's reflected glory. He was a military doctor, a great man and I lived with him. And so even policemen gave affectionate salaams, which I learned to acknowledge with a nod. I'd simply lay my hand down on the desk and sleep in the class, if bored. I was a pampered little prince.

In early 1971, my parents decided it was time to move to Mumbai where father worked. My first days were a disaster. No one spoke Tamil or Telugu, the only languages I knew. I couldn't keep pace with their reading or writing. Then one day, a slight plump lady with large spectacles, wearing trousers walked into the classroom. "Hello," she said, "My name is Miss Jean. I am your new class teacher. Spotting me in a back corner, she beckoned me to the front. My almost empty notebook must have given Miss Jean a clue that I needed the extra attention. She kept me in class when it was time for PT. I made some progress. Mistakes were only human in her eyes, but neglecting home work was a crime- there'd be a terse comment in my diary for mother to see. And I'd be grounded that evening.

We all went for summer vacations after few days. When I returned I heard that Miss Jean had got married and was going to Australia. Soon afterwards I found myself in Sydney, Australia, on an official trip. I tried looking up my teacher in the phone book. But it was no help as I did not



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know even her surname. Thank you , Miss Jean, wherever you are for the tact and patience with which you taught me.

Complete the following sentences:

- When the author got bored in his class while he studied in Nellore, he \_\_\_\_\_
- He was given a preferential treatment when he was a child because \_\_\_\_\_
- The author felt very bad and could not mix with his new classmates because \_\_\_\_\_
- Although the author's efforts failed to trace her later in Australia, he thanked her in his heart because \_\_\_\_\_

2. Find words from the passage which mean same as:

- spoiled with too much attention (Para 1)
- called/signalled (Para 2)
- blunt/crisp (Para 3)
- fail to do something(para2)

3. Give a suitable title to the passage?

Q2: Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

*I was angry with my friend;  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.*

*I was angry with my foe:  
I told it not, my wrath did grow.*

*And I watered it in fears,  
Night and morning with my tears:*



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*And I sunned it with smiles,  
And with soft deceitful wiles.  
And it grew both day and night,  
Till it bore an apple bright.  
And my foe beheld it shine,  
And he knew it was mine.*

*And into my garden stole.  
When the night had veiled the pole;  
In the morning glad I see,  
My foe outstretched beneath the tree.*

- a) Write the synonyms of the words given below from the above poem.  
i) Rage ii) enemy iii) dishonest iv) underneath  
b) What did he water with his anger for his foe?  
c) How did he sun it?  
d) Give a suitable title to the poem?

Q3: The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the incorrect word in each line and write the correct one in the space provided.

Trying to achieving your goals without an (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
action plan is like trying for drive-across (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
the country within a map. The wasted (c) \_\_\_\_\_



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time, energy or money will probably (d) \_\_\_\_\_

make you give in travelling before you (e) \_\_\_\_\_

go very far. Such goals is not goals at all (f) \_\_\_\_\_

Q4: Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences:

- a) eyes/beautiful/and precious/from God/to us/are/gift
- b) thankful/to God/should/we/be/it/for
- c) remember/we/him/distress/in/holy
- d) to/grateful/be/we/always/God/should
- e) ultimate/is/our/God/saviour

## SECTION-D (WRITING)

Q5: Write a letter to the Editor Greater Kashmir expressing your concern over increasing sin of animal poaching.



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