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SECTION- A : READING

Read the following passage carefully:

Students often complain of being overworked. The burden of heavy syllabi and the pressure of performing well in all examinations keep them tense all the time. High expectations of their parents make their situation even more miserable. As a result, even very young children have started suffering from tension and depression, two ailments quite unfamiliar to our great grandparents.

There is a simple technique, which, if applied sincerely, can keep the students relaxed. Don't be frightened by the large amount of work you are required to do. Concentrate on only the work in hand, treating the rest of the work as if it does not exist. Think of the one ball being bowled to you. Think of the one race you are running. Think of the one lesson you are learning. This will help you to achieve more without getting tense.

Finding a huge pile of books on a young student's table, an elderly person in the neighbourhood said, "What a burden, my son! I pity you. How do you manage?"

"I don't think of all the work I have to do," said the student. "I focus on only the lesson I am reading at the moment. So I don't feel overworked at all."

Answer the questions that follow:-

(i)	How do parents add to the misery of the students nowadays?	1
(ii)	Which two common problems did our forefathers never experience?	1
(iii)	What should a student do in a tense situation?	1
(iv)	Why did the elderly man feel the child was burdened?	1
(v)	Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as :	1
	(a) Focus all your attention to	
	(b) Number of things lying one on top of another	_

SECTION B :- WRITING

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- 2. Expand any **one** of the following proverbs explaining the literal and deeper meaning with an example and conclusion.
 - Unity is strength
 - A friend in need is a friend indeed
 - A bird in hand is better than two in the bush

SECTION C :- GRAMMAR

- 3 Insert the missing conjunctions and complete the passage. In the olden days, the Red Indians, who lived in the snowy mountains, had no fire. (a)_____, during winter, many of them died (b)_____ they were unable to bear the cold. The only people who had fire were three old women who lived near the mountains. (c)_____, they were very selfish (d)_____ did not want to share the fire with anyone.
- 4 Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences.
 - (a) mode/ travelling/ short/ is/ useful/ distances/a/ of / bicycle
 - (b) the taxi/ and check if/ will go/ has arrived/ I/ out
 - (c) immediately/ for/ should leave/ we/the hospital

SECTION D :- LITERATURE

5 Answer the following questions :

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(a) Why did the neighbour buy Mullah's house ?1(b) Mullah Nasruddin frequently visited his house. Give reasons.1Read the line given below and answer the questions that follow :'I'I dwell near them with my mother'.1(a) Who says this to whom?1(b) Where does the speaker live?1(c) Who does 'them' refer to?1