



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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**Section A ( Reading )**

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.
  1. One bright June morning three years ago, I was reading my Kannada newspaper as usual. It was the day the Secondary School Leaving Certificate results had been published. While columns of roll numbers filled the inside pages, the list of rank holders and their photographs took up almost the entire front page. Of all the photographs in that morning's newspaper, one boy's snapshot caught my attention. I could not take my eyes off him. He was frail and pale, but there was an endearing sparkle in his eyes. I wanted to know more about him. I read that his name was Hanumanthappa from Rampura and that he had secured the eighth rank. That was all the information I could gather.
  2. The next day, to my surprise, his photograph was published again, this time with an interview. With growing interest, I learnt that Hanumanthappa was a coolie's son, the oldest of five children. They belonged to a tribal group. He was unable to study further, he said in the interview, because he lived in a village and his father, the sole breadwinner, earned only Rs. 40 a day. I felt sorry for this bright boy.
  3. Hanumanthappa's postal address was provided in the interview. Without wasting much time, I took a postcard and wrote to him. I wrote only two lines, saying that I was interested in meeting him and asking whether he could come to Bangalore. Within four days I received a similar postcard in reply. Two sentences: in the first he thanked me for the letter, in the second he expressed his willingness to come to Bangalore and meet me. Immediately, I sent him some money and details of my office address.
  4. When he finally arrived in our office, he looked like a frightened calf but the sparkle in his eyes was still there. I got straight to the point. 'We are happy about your academic performance. Do you want to study further? We would like to sponsor you. We will pay your fees for any course of study you wish to take up- wherever it may be.' He did not answer.
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  6. When Hanumanthappa was ready to return home, he said in a low and steady tone, 'Madam, I want to pursue my studies at the Teachers' Training College in Bellary. That is the one nearest to my village.' 'He said he would get back to me after collecting the correct details.
  7. Two days later, he wrote to us in his beautiful handwriting that he would require approximately ` 300 per month. I sent him ` 1,800 to cover his expenses for six months. He acknowledged my draft without delay and expressed his gratitude.

8. Time passed. One day, I suddenly remembered that I had to pay Hanumanthappa for the next six months, so I sent him another draft for ` 1,800. This too was duly acknowledged, but I was surprised to find some currency notes in the envelope along with his letter. ‘Madam’, he had written, ‘it is kind of you to have sent me money for the next six months. But I was not in Bellary for the last two months. One month, our college was closed for holidays and during the next month, there was a strike. So I stayed at home for those two months. My expenditure during these months was less than ` 300 per month. Therefore, I am sending you the ` 300 that I have not used for the last two months. Kindly accept this amount.
9. I was taken aback. Such poverty and yet such honesty. Unbelievable but true! Experience has taught me that honesty is not the mark of any particular class nor is it related to education or wealth. It cannot be taught at any University. In most people, it springs naturally from the heart. I did not know how to react to this simple village boy’s honesty
10. I just prayed that God would continue to bestow the best on Hanumanthappa and his family.

*\*Excerpts from : ‘Wise & Otherwise’ by Sudha Murthy*

Choose the right answer.

(1)

1. The front page of the newspaper covered  
 (a) news  
 (b) roll numbers of the students  
 (c) list of rank holders and their photographs

2. Hanumanthappa was from  
 (a) Bellary  
 (b) Rampura  
 (c) Bangalore

(1)

3. The narrator sent the money to the boy  
 (a) half yearly  
 (b) yearly  
 (c) monthly

(1)

4. Which lines tell us that Hanumanthappa was very poor?

(1)

5. What do you understand by ‘sponsor’?

(1)

6. The writer was very impressed with Hanumanthappa. Justify.

(1)

7. Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as:

(2)

- (a) only (para 2)                      (b) thankfulness (para 7 )

2. Read the story from the pages of Indian history and answer the following questions.

1. Prithvi Raj Chauhan was the last Rajput who sat on the throne of Delhi. His name is remembered in history for his bravery and gallantry. His cousin, Jaichand was the king of Kannauj.
2. But Jaichand was the deadly enemy of Prithvi Raj and refused to marry his daughter to him. Instead he ordered, “Let Samyukta choose her husband at an open *Swayamvar*.” In olden times in India, the princess and women of high birth chose a husband from among all the princess and nobles gathered together.

3. Jaichand fixed the day for this gathering of princes, from among whom he wanted his daughter to choose her husband. All the princes except Prithvi Raj were invited to this grand feast. Jaichand made a clay image of Prithvi Raj and put it up in mockery at the door of the wedding hall, as a doorkeeper.
4. The wedding hall was wonderfully decorated. All the princes had come and were seated in the hall in their entire splendour. From the inner door entered the lovely princess, with a garland in her hands. She wore a beautiful golden dress and was adorned with glittering jewels. She walked with slow footsteps and passed from one row to another, looking neither to the right nor to the left.
5. Each of the princes hoped that she would choose him and put the garland around his neck. But Samyukta passed by them all. She walked softly down the hall door, and put the garland around the clay image of Prithvi Raj.
6. From behind the clay image sprang forth Prithvi Raj himself. He had come there uninvited and had hidden himself behind the clay image. His horse stood ready at the door. In one minute he took up the lovely bride and put her on his horse's back. Away galloped Prithvi Raj with his princess –wife.
7. Jaichand was furious. He started in pursuit of Prithvi Raj. All other princess joined in the chase. But Prithvi Raj rode as swift as the wind and reached the gates of Delhi, safely.

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jaichand was (1)
  - (a) a Rajput king
  - (b) the king of Delhi
  - (c) a friend of Prithvi Raj Chauhan
2. Samyukta put the wedding garland around (1)
  - (a) Jaichand
  - (b) king of Delhi
  - (c) prince of Mewar
3. What is *Swayamvar*? (1)
- Complete the sentences. (1)
4. The clay image of Prithvi Raj was put at the door because \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jaichand was mad with anger because \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as: (2)
  - (a) insult (para 3)
  - (b) sparkling (para 4)

### Section B ( Writing )

3. You had visited a zoo during your summer vacations. Write a letter to your friend telling him about your visit and how you felt about the caged animals. (6)
4. Hasty decisions and actions without prior thinking often lead us to trouble and then we regret. With reference to this sentence, expand the proverb 'Look before you leap.' You can refer to the story 'The Friendly Mongoose'. (4)

### Section C ( Grammar )

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and complete the paragraph given below. (2)

Waiting for (a)\_\_\_\_\_ bus is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ everyday experience for all of us in the cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. The common people travel by bus because it is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ cheapest mode of transport. People stand in (d) \_\_\_\_\_ queue for hours together for a bus.\

6. Rearrange the given words to make meaningful sentences (3)

(a) with the / has often / photographic camera / the human eye / been compared

(b) a camera / the outermost / is the lens / part of / usually of glass / made

(c) dust and moisture / is often / by a / protected / the lens / shutter / from

### Section D ( Literature )

7. Read the extract of the poem 'The Quarrel' and answer the following questions. (4)

*'We hated one another.  
The afternoon turned black.  
Then suddenly my brother  
Thumped me on my back.'*

- (a) Who are 'we' in the first line?  
(b) Why did they hate each other?  
(c) What do you mean by 'the afternoon turned black'?  
(d) Why did the brother thump on the back?

8. Read the following questions and answer any FIVE. (10)

- (a) What was Patrick's attitude towards Homework?  
(b) When did the dog decide to join the man? Why?  
(c) Why is it important for everyone to have a house as well as a home?  
(d) Describe the elf's reaction while doing Patrick's home work?  
(e) What did the bear suggest after the dog took up service with man?  
(f) What are the values one should have in a family mentioned in 'A House, A Home'?

9. Read the following questions and answer in detail. (6)

- (a) Write the character sketch of Patrick.  
(b) It is often said 'a rotten apple spoils the barrel' as you have read in the story 'A Tale of Two Birds'. Justify that a bad company can easily spoil others. Write how you would avoid such influence over you.