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I. Read the passage carefully & answer the questions that follow:

On one of the upper branches of the Congo River in Africa, lived an ancient family of hippopotamuses, which boasted a pedigree dating back beyond the days of Noah-beyond the existence of mankind-far into the dim ages when the world was new. They had always lived upon the banks of this same river so that every curve and sweep of its waters, every pit and shallow of its bed, every rock and stump and wallow upon its bank was as familiar to them as their mothers. Not long ago, the queen of this tribe of hippopotamuses had a child which she named Keo because it was so fat and round. Keo was the jolliest hippopotamus that ancient families had ever known. His little red eyes were forever twinkling with fun, and he laughed often, whether there was anything to laugh at or not.

Therefore the black people who dwelt in that region called him “Ippi”, the jolly one, although they dared not come near him on account of his fierce mother, and his equally fierce uncles and aunts and cousins, who lived in a vast colony upon the river bank. While these black people, who lived in little villages scattered among the trees, dared not openly attack the royal family of hippopotamuses, they were amazingly fond of eating hippopotamus’ meat whenever they could get it. This was no secret to the hippopotamuses. And, again, when the blacks managed to catch these animals alive, they had a trick of riding them through the jungles as if they were horses, thus reducing them to a condition of slavery.

Whenever the hippopotamuses smelled the oily odour of people, they were accustomed to charge upon them furiously, and if by chance they overtook one of the enemies they would rip him with their sharp tusks or stamp him into the earth with their huge feet. It was continual warfare between the hippopotamuses and the black people. Gouie lived in one of the little villages of the blacks. He was much attached to the idea of capturing the hippopotamuses and frequently considered many ways to catch them. Once, he set about digging a great pit in the ground, midway between two sharp curves of the river.

When the pit was finished he covered it over with small branches of trees, and strewed earth upon them, smoothing the surface so artfully that no one would suspect there was a big hole underneath. Then Gouie laughed softly to himself and went home to supper. That evening the queen said to Keo, “I wish you’d run across the bend and ask your Uncle Nikki to come here. I have found a strange plant and want him to tell me if it is good to eat.” The jolly one laughed heartily as he started upon his errand for he felt as important as a boy does when he is sent for the first time to the grocery shop at the corner to buy a pound of sugar.

1. Where did this story take place?
2. Why was Keo nicknamed “Ippi”?
3. Which three-word phrase in Paragraph 2 has the same meaning as the phrase “due to”?
4. What does This’ in paragraph 3 refer to?
5. How did the hippopotamuses react towards the villagers?
6. Find the antonym of the following words from the passage.
(a) gentle (para 2) (b) scent (para 4)

II. Read the passage carefully & answer the questions that follow:

When Minli decided to cycle home from her best friend’s place, she was not nervous. After all, she had lived there all her life. She was eleven years old and certainly not afraid of the dark, and it was only a twenty-minute ride home anyway. However, halfway home, when she could not see the lights of the street, she began to wish she had not been quite so brave, and had expected a ride home from Mr Tan. She pedalled faster. She went around a slight bend. The pale moonlight barely lit the streets. Her heart was thumping loudly and she was panting as she pedalled away top speed, so she did hear the car until it suddenly drove past her like a silent black ghost. She squealed in shock and skidded to a stop.

The big black limousine also stopped, The brake lights were glowing bright red in the mist. The tyres screeched as it reversed down the road to Minli. The car stopped alongside her. She tried to look inside, but the window was tinted almost black and she could see nothing. Then the window on the passenger’s side began to slide silently down. Minli found she was holding her breath, too frightened even to move. In the soft glow of many instruments, Minli saw something move inside. Then a very bright light suddenly clicked on and Minli found herself staring at a little grey-haired old lady! Minli almost burst into giggles or even tears. “Hello, dear,” said the little old lady. “Can you help me? I’m afraid I’m lost.

Can you tell me where I might find the nearest airport? It’s very important. I have to be there in the next ten minutes.” “Airport? I’ll say you’re lost,” Minli said, getting off her bike and walking closer to the car.”You have to go back down this road the way you had just come for about five kilometres. Then, when the road ends, take a left turn and

drive for another five or so kilometres. That puts you back on the main highway. Then u-turn right and follow the signs for about another five kilometres.

I'm afraid there's no way you're going to make it in the ten minutes though." "Thank you very much, dear. You're very kind to an old lady. Don't worry. It's easy to drive around at this hour. I think I'll be able to get there in time." The window wound up again and the car moved off. A little way ahead, it did a three-point turn and came back. The headlights flashed as it went past Minli. She smiled and waved. "Poor old dear. She hasn't got a chance," Minli thought.

1. Give one reason why Minli was not afraid of cycling home by herself.
2. What did Minli regret not doing?
3. Who do you think Mr Tan was?
4. Which sentence tells us that where Minli was, it was completely dark?
5. How do we know that Minli was nervous? Give two ways.
6. Find the synonym of the following words from the passage.

a) quick breaths (b) colouration

III. You have seen many children under the age of 18 driving private vehicles. A lot of them have also encountered accidents. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper addressing the situation. Also, give some ways to tackle the situation.

IV. Ms Vibha Parthasarthy, HOD, English department, Oxford High School, Pune, had placed an order with National Electronics, Dadar, Mumbai, for recording equipment for the English lab. When the parcel was received, she observed that only 6 recorders were sent instead of 10 and three of them didn't work. Write a letter of complaint.

V. Write a short story in 200-250 words, with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to the story.

Japanese Emperor had a set of twenty flowerpots _____ finest collection Proud of rare collection _____ one of the officers broke a flowerpot by accident _____ passed death sentence _____ an old man came _____ said know the art of repairing _____ emperor very happy _____ He said _____ Repair the broken flowerpot _____ The man raised his stick and broke all flowerpots _____ The Emperor was angry _____ The old man replied each of the flowerpots _____ take one human life _____ seeing old man's wisdom _____ He forgave the old man.

VI. Write a short story in 200-250 words, with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to the story.

A defeated King _____ shelter in a cave _____ enemies were looking _____ wanted to kill him. The king _____ fought bravely _____ army was small _____ to run away sad at heart _____ courage had left him _____ one day was lying idly _____ A little spider drew attention _____ trying hard to weave a web _____ it was crawling up _____ but the thread broke _____ it fell _____ several times. But _____ did not give up _____ tried again _____ climbed up the ceiling successfully King thought _____ tiny creature did not give up _____ try again _____ decided to fight again _____ met his faithful followers _____ raised a strong army _____ At last won the battle _____ got back _____ remembered the spider _____ taught him a lesson.

VII. You are Vijaya, the head girl of Sommerville Public School, Greater Noida. Your school has decided to hold a fete in the school playground. The Principal has asked you to write a notice about this fete inviting the students and the teachers to participate in it.

VIII. You are Anu/Anoop Desmukh, the Sports Secretary of Vivekananda Public school, Noida. Your school has decided to host the regional level basket ball tournament. Draft a notice for your school noticeboard inviting all the children of your school to cheer for the teams.

IX. Describe the given picture in not more than 100-150 words.



X. Following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction.

	Incorrect	Correct
Poetry open our eyes to	(a) _____	_____
new ways of looks at events	(b) _____	_____
and emotions. The poet took	(c) _____	_____
the readers in voyages with	(d) _____	_____
poetic device and shares	(e) _____	_____
ideas of them. Poetry is	(f) _____	_____
often sees as a special	(g) _____	_____
subject of an educated person.	(h) _____	_____
Poets, however, feel this poetry	(i) _____	_____
is for all.		

XI. Following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction.

	Incorrect	Correct
Mankind has doubtedly progressed since	(a) _____	_____
medieval times. The earliest men lived like brute.	(b) _____	_____
Individual fought among themselves and	(c) _____	_____
the strong destroy the weak. This is what	(d) _____	_____
happen in the past. But with the passage of	(e) _____	_____
time man give up the law of the jungle.	(f) _____	_____
Man saw that the law of physical strength do not	(g) _____	_____
apply to his life. Thus he became a civilize creature.	(h) _____	_____

XII. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes 'before' and 'after' it.

	Before	Word	After
Consuming peanuts regularly help	(1) _____	_____	_____
reduce risk of cardiovascular diseases	(2) _____	_____	_____
without weight gain. Peanuts are rich	(3) _____	_____	_____
source mono-saturated fatty acids,	(4) _____	_____	_____
magnesium, copper, arginine fibre,	(5) _____	_____	_____
all of have risk-reducing properties.	(6) _____	_____	_____
Peanuts are rich the type of	(7) _____	_____	_____
fats actually reduce cardiovascular	(8) _____	_____	_____
disease risk and have strong satiating properties.			

XIII. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

1. The CAs (make) a lot of money these days.
2. Why (be) he (not help) you?
3. (be) you (come) to my house today?
4. The band (play) all the old songs.
5. His parents (visit) him today evening.
6. Vijay (behave) very foolishly.
7. By ignoring the traffic signal, they (break) the law.
8. It (rain) heavily outside.
9. Our cook (not come) today.
10. We (face) a lot of problems in our society these days.
11. The driver (plan) to take off tomorrow.
12. I (come) to the party tonight.
13. The children (play) hide and seek in the garden.
14. The train (run) late.
15. Today, the sun (shine) bright.
16. Farmers (pluck) berries from the bushes.

XIV. Fill in the correct forms of verbs:-

I sit by Kemmerich's side. He (sink) rapidly. Around us (be) great commotion. A hospital train (arrive) and the wounded who (be) fit to be moved are being selected. The doctor, (pass) by Kemmerich's bed without once looking at him. Kemmerich (raise) himself on the pillows with his elbows.

XV. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences:

- 1.beaches/shells/a/sandy/variety/provide/of
- 2.great/each/has/many/continent/rivers
- 3.this/is/bright/generation/one/a/young
- 4.two/a/mirrors/contains/periscope

XVI. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences

- 1.the/body/sleep is/essential/a good night's/for
- 2.to/catch/people/get/sleep/cold/7 hours/who/less than/of/are/likely
- 3.loss of/may also/appetite/they/experience
- 4.sleep deeply/comfortable/hence to/clothes/relax/and/wear/one must

XVII.Reference to context:

1.The next morning Sue sat beside Johnsy and told her that Behrman died that morning. He had been ill for the last two days. The caretaker of the building had found him in his bed. His clothes and shoes were wet and he was shivering.

- a) What is Johnsy's illness? What can cure her, the medicine or the willingness to live?
- b) Behrman has a dream. What is it? Does it come true?
- c) What is Behrman's masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?

2. "It would be like a story in a book."

- a) What would be like a story?
- b) What kind of book would it be?
- c) Do you think the speaker's life is like a story?

XVIII.Answer the following in not more than 30-40 words.

- 1 Reaching the inn the stranger cried- "A room and a fire". Why did he do so?
- 2.The stranger's arrival at the inn was an unusual event. Moreover, his behaviour was very rude. Why did Mrs Hall put up with the antics of stranger then?
- 3.What miracle does the candy man create with his candies?

4. *Who battles for victory ventures defeat*

Misfortune is something we all have to meet

What is the speaker trying to say in these lines?

5. When does the speaker ask the readers to call on your courage and see the thing through?
6. How has the poet portrayed the theme of friendship in the poem "The Light of the Other Days"?
7. What lesson do you learn from the poem "The Quarrel"?
8. What was the reason of the quarrel that continued till afternoon?
- 9.What is the theme of the ch-"Fire Stones"?

XIX.Answer the following in not more than 100-120 words.

1. Describe the appearance of the stranger when he arrived at the inn. Why was Mrs Hall scared out of her wits by his appearance?
2. Are the memories of boyhood sweet or sad ? Quote the line from the poem in support of your answer. How does the poet grieve for his dear ones who have passed away ?
3. 'Who battles for victory ventures defeat.' Explain. What compensation does a person who fight well receive for 'pain'?
4. Does the poet feel lonely in the absence of his near and dear ones in the poem" Oft, In the Stilly Night"? Quote an instance from the poem.
5. Write the character sketch of the Shompen boy in the ch- "Fire Stones".
6. What do you think the speaker dreams about being a hero in the poem "Hero"? Is this something he cannot do in real life?