

I. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follows:

- A) We all enjoy a good jigsaw puzzle, especially on boring rainy afternoon when there is nothing much to do. It is an ideal game for families, as putting together an elaborate puzzle shows us how to work and have fun together. Credit for this game goes to a resourceful mapmaker and engraver from London, named John Spilsbury. Around 1790, he hit upon a unique way to teach geography to British children. He mounted one of his maps on a sheet of hardwood and cut around the borders of the countries using a saw. The pupils had to put the pieces together, to learn how the different countries were connected to one another. The first jigsaw puzzle was a huge hit and convinced Spilsbury to produce more.
- Who invented the first jigsaw puzzle?
 - How was geography taught to British children around 1790?
 - Write why a jigsaw puzzle is considered to be an ideal game.
- B) In school, young Kalpana was fascinated by aeroplanes and flying. She spent her time making small models of planed during craft lessons. When she saw planes flying, she and her brother would ride fast on their bicycles, trying to see where they were headed. JRD Tata, who had flown some of the first mail flights in India , was her hero.
- Who is she?
 - How do we know she was fascinated by planes?
 - Who was her hero and why?

II. Complete the story based on the outlines given below:

Aladdin was a poor boy ----- an old lamp ----- shows it to his mother ----- Then plan to sell ----- Aladdin rubs the lamp ----- a genie appears ----- Aladdin gets frightened ----- Genie gives him ----- Aladdin asks ----- Genie gives him ----- a palace.

III. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of adjectives given:

- Mount Everest is the _____ peak in the world. (high)
- Hydrogen is _____ than any other gas (light)
- Rajasthan is the _____ state in India. (hot)
- A train journey is _____ than a bus journey. (comfortable)

IV. Change the following sentences to indirect speech.

- He said, " I am learning French".
- Mohan said, "I want a glass of water".
- Banu said, "I don't like watching films".

V. Answer the following questions:

- What were the three questions?
- How did Gopal prepare himself to buy Hilsa fish?
- What is the appearance of the squirrel?
- " When everybody is praising the sun , The rebel remarks on the need for rain ". What will you do to make the rebel like sunlight?

VI. Write the meanings of the following words:

- Rebel
- Courtier
- Hermit
- Shed

VII . Write a short paragraph on the benefits of exercise.

VIII. Write a short summary of the first two chapters of Matilda.

IX. Write a character sketch of the author?

X. Who is your favourite character? Why?