

I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given follow-

I must have been about seven when my father left Porbandar for Rajkot to become a member of the Rajasthanik Court. There I was put into a primary school, and I can well **recollect** those days, including the names and other particulars of the teachers who taught me. I do not remember ever having told a lie, during this short period either to my teachers or to my schoolmates. I used to be very shy and avoided all company. My books and my lessons were my **sole** companions. To be at school at the stroke of the hour and run back home as soon as the school closed that was my daily habit. I literally ran back, because I could not bear to talk to anybody. I was even afraid lest anyone should poke fun at me.

There is an incident which occurred at the examination during my first year at the high school and which is worth recording. Mr Giles, the Educational Inspector, had come on a visit of inspection. He had set us five words to write as a spelling exercise. One of the words was 'kettle'. I had mis-spelt it. the teacher tried to prompt me with the point of his boot, but I would not be prompted. It was beyond me to see that he wanted me to copy the spelling from my neighbour's slate, for I had thought that the teacher was there to supervise us against copying. The result was that all the boys, except myself, were found to have spelt every word correctly. Only I had been **stupid**. The teacher tried later to bring this stupidity home to me, but without effect. I could never learn the art of 'copying'.

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A. Answer the questions by selecting the correct options from those given.**[1X3-3]**

1. What can be the appropriate **word meaning** of-

i. recollect

- a. to remember
- b. to feel happy
- c. to cherish

ii. sole

- a. true
- b. only
- c. best

2. Write the antonym of the word '**stupid**'.

- a. foolish
- b. impulsive
- c. intelligent

B. Answer these questions with reference to the given passage-**(1 X7 = 7)**

1. Who is 'I' in the above passage? Why did his father leave Porbandar?
2. What was the daily habit of the writer?
3. Who were the sole companions of the writer?
4. Who had come to visit the writer's school? How did he try to prompt the writer?
5. What was the result of the writer's refusal to copy?
6. How does the writer describe his behaviour towards his classmates and teachers?
7. Do you think the writer was 'stupid'? Give any one reason.

II. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [$\frac{1}{2}$ x10=5]

The sun (1) _____ (disappear) behind the clouds and the sky turned grey. The wind (2) _____(pick) up and a few drops of rain fell on the old tin roof. Jose (3) _____(run) inside and (4) _____(close) the door and all the windows. Using what little light that (5) _____(come) in through the cracks in the door and the windows, he (6) _____(fumble) around until he found the lamp and (7) _____(place) it on the table. With (8) _____(shake) hands, he lighted a match and held it against the wick. It took a moment to light up, but finally (9) _____(catch) on. Jose looked around the small room and then at the roof. The rain had (10) _____(grow) stronger and together with the wind, made it sound as though it was about to blow off.

III. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

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1. He triumphs _____ dint of his persistence.
2. Many people were arrested in connection _____the recent Pahalgam attack.
3. She is working hard now _____ an eye to the future.
4. The game was cancelled owing _____ heavy rain.
5. She was devoid _____ common sense.
6. The students were delighted _____ their performance in board exams.
7. She lost _____ her opponent in the tennis game.
8. The internet is useful _____ finding information.
9. He was open to the idea _____ going on a vacation.
10. I cannot comply _____ your wishes.

*****ALL THE BEST*****