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BOOKS - FULL MARKS ENGLISH (HINGLISH)

FACTUAL PASSAGES

Passage 1

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What is the correct order of the information given below?

A. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers.

B. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.

C. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written.

D. Dunant travelled in Solferino.

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The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:

- A. Blood donation
- B. Disaster Relief
- C. Epidemic Treatment

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The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:

- A. How International Red Cross Evolved
- B. Functions of Red Cross
- C. The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant
- D. The Battle of Solferino

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The aid provided by Dunant's volunteers during the battle of Solferino was:

- (i) to help bring water and food to the injured
- (ii) to assist with medical treatment
- (iii) to write a book
- (iv) to give relief in epidemic

A. (i) and (iii)

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

Eleanor Roosevelt was the First Lady because:

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- B. Her parents were wealthy
- C. She worked during World War II.

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A. Eleanor Roosevelt was sent to England.

B. Her husband was stricken with polio.

C. She was born to wealthy parents.

D. Her husband became Governor.

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

'She became her husband's legs and eyes' mean:

A. She never cared for her husband.

B. She did not allow her husband to remain
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C. She had not liking for politics.

D. She shared her husband's
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"My Day" was:

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B. published from new york

C. published by eleanor roosevelt

D. a daily newspaper column.

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What special contribution did she perform during World War II?

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B. She visited hospitals.

C. She wrote several articles.

D. She met soldiers in the camps.

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The side of her personality reflected in the passage:

A. a weak woman with timid heart

B. a remarkable woman with great intelligence and tremendous strength of character

C. a careless mother having no responsibility for family

D. a strong woman with selfish attitude

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

It is good to set our watch:

- A. 1-2 minutes ahead
- B. 5-10 minutes ahead
- C. 11-15 minutes ahead
- D. 16-20 minutes ahead

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We shall disregard the time displayed by our clock when we set it:

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We sometimes get late only because we think that:

- A. we have no time
- B. we have a lot of time
- C. both (i) and (ii)

D. neither (i) nor (ii)

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In order to reach our job in time:

A. we should drive our vehicle fast

B. we should not talk to anyone while on
the way to job

C. we should have 10 minutes more for
unexpected delays

D. we should always leave for our job at
calculated time

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3. Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7.30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job in time.

4. Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your

day. May be try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed, that way, you have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work at 8.00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens - but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7.45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The passage focuses on:

- A. how to save time
- B. how to reach somewhere in time
- C. the right time to get up
- D. how to set our watch

Answer:



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It is good to commit yourself _____ for everything.



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Passage 4

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melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April/May, the crucial sowing season. Further layers of ice above

melt with increasing temperature thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Thus, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create one.

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shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an “artificial glacier”.

On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

Chewang Norphel was a:

- A. retired civil engineer
- B. retired school master
- C. retired army officer
- D. working journalist

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

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Ladakh is:

- A. a cold plain
- B. a cold desert
- C. a temperate desert
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It is crucial for irrigation.



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions:

The ice formation continues for:

- A. 2 months
- B. 3-4 months
- C. 5-6 months

D. 7 months

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions:

The most appropriate sub-heading to para 6 of the passage is:

- A. River formation
- B. Water for irrigation
- C. Glaciers

D. Formation of an Artificial Glacier

Answer:



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Passage 5

1. 1. Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction - a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' –

claimed to be the only one such post office in the world - is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

2. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of

Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

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shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

5. But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. Rs. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people .

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brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The Floating Post Office is located on:

- A. the eastern edge of the Dal Lake
- B. the western edge of the Dal Lake
- C. the northern edge of the Dal Lake
- D. the southern edge of the Dal Lake

Answer:



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The seal used in the post office bears the design of:

- A. four Chinar trees
- B. a boatman rowing a shikara
- C. a boatman rowing a houseboat
- D. a boatman catching fish

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The post office is helpful in promoting tourism as the letters posted from here:

A. contain picturesque scenery of the Dal Lake and Srinagar city

B. contain picturesque scenery of mountains

C. contain picturesque scenery of Srinagar city

D. contain picturesque scenery of the Jhelum river

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A. 2011

B. 2014

C. British times

D. 1947

Answer:



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passage answer the question:

The greatest fear that the post office has is:

- A. The recurrence of 2014 like devastating floods
- B. Glacier
- C. Dangerous sea animal
- D. Drought

Answer:



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1.1. The film industry is facing the challenge of the television screen which, because of its ready availability and nearness to entertainment seekers, is becoming very popular, particularly in the West where television programmes are as indispensable to people as newspaper material. Sustained entertainment for multitudes lasting two or three hours is possible only in big cinema halls. Scenic beauty, background effects and

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2. The motion picture has also stepped into the international sphere as an agent of goodwill and co-operation among nations. Cultural contacts which tend to reduce tension in the world and bring harmony in

international relations have been established through the medium of films. The more people understand and appreciate the past history, present aims, customs, habits and beliefs of men and women in foreign lands, the more will they realise that their interests can best be served by establishing friendly relations with them and by removing those irritants which breed distrust, lack of co-operation and the desire to punish those whose views and attitudes are such as they do not like. As cultural agents movies can cement ties of love and brotherhood among nations and teach

them to confer on each other the benefits of all the rich and glorious achievements of the present enlightened age. In recent years, artists of the film world have been visiting foreign lands with a view to presenting before audience in those countries the best products of their cultural heritage. Film festivals which many European and Asian countries have been organising from time to time have also proved to be of immense value in reducing social barriers, colour prejudices and other causes of friction between nations.

On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the question:

The film industry is facing the challenge of:

- A. the theatre
- B. financial crunch
- C. waning people's interest
- D. the television screen

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The TV has become popular because of:

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B. its educative value

C. its ready availability and nearness

D. its wide appeal

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Three things which make cinema so attractive are:

A. scenic beauty, background effects and beautiful faces

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

Films have become agents of:

A. vulgarity

B. violence

C. unstinting consumerism

D. goodwill and cooperation among people

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The most appropriate sub-heading to the passage is

A. Film Industry

B. Movies

C. Importance of Films

D. Films as Cultural Agents

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The two great epics of ancient India are:

A. The Ramayana and the Rig Veda

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C. The Mahabharata and the Upanishads

D. The Ramayana and the Gita

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

They took shape in the course of:

- A. several decades
- B. several hundred years
- C. several thousand years
- D. several years

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the question:

The great epics deal with:

- A. the early days of the Drawadians
- B. the early days of the Indo-Aryans
- C. the early days of the Maurayas
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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The two great epics have exercised:

A. a continuous influence on the masses

B. a great influence on the masses

C. a little influence on the masses

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Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The most appropriate sub-heading to the passage is:

- A. Two Great Epics of Ancient India
- B. Indian Epics
- C. The Ramayana

D. The Mahabharata

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

In the stories, the narrator enjoyed:

- A. adventure
- B. fairy elements
- C. both (i) and (ii)
- D. Neither (i) nor (ii)

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The Ramayana story was enacted in the _____ and in the processions.



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Passage 8

1. Indian mythology is not confined to the epics, it goes back to the Vedic period and appears in many forms and garbs in Sanskrit literature. The poets and the dramatists take full advantage of it and build their stories and lovely fancies round it. The Ashoka tree is said to have burst into flower when touched by the foot of a beautiful woman. We read of the

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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the question:

Indian mythology goes back to:

- A. the Vedic period
- B. the Upanishad period
- C. the Puranic period
- D. the Indus-Valley period

Answer:



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A. Lord Vishnu

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C. Lord Brahma

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Shiva in anger opens:

- A. his arms
- B. his third eye
- C. his locks of hair
- D. his armour

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Kama survives as:

A. Ananga even today

B. Anga even today

C. Kimanga even today

D. Durianga even today

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The most appropriate sub-heading to the para 2 of the passage is:

A. Myths in India

B. Epics in India

C. Facts in Mythology

D. Facts and Fiction in Indian Mythology

Answer:



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6. 1. Indian mythology is not confined to the epics, it goes back to the Vedic period and appears in many forms and garbs in Sanskrit literature. The poets and the dramatists take full advantage of it and build their stories and lovely fancies round it. The Ashoka tree is said to have burst into flower when touched by the foot of a beautiful woman. We read of the adventures of Kama, the god of love, and his wife, Rati (or rapture), with their friend

Vasanta, the god of spring. Greatly daring, Kama shoots his flowery arrow at Shiva himself and is reduced to ashes by the fire that flashed out of Shiva's third eye. But he survives as Ananga, the bodiless one.

2. Most of the myths and stories are heroic in conception and teach adherence to truth and the pledged word, whatever the consequences, faithfulness unto death and even beyond, courage, good works and sacrifice for the common good. Sometimes the story is pure myth, or else it is a mixture of fact and myth, an exaggerated account of

some incident that tradition preserved. Facts and fiction are so interwoven as to be inseparable, and this amalgam becomes an imagined history, which may not tell us exactly what happened but does tell us something that is equally important – what people believed had taken place, what they thought their heroic ancestors were capable of, and what ideals inspired them. So, whether fact or fiction, it became a living element in their lives, ever pulling them up from the drudgery and ugliness of their everyday existence to higher realms, ever pointing towards the path of

endeavour and right living, even though the ideal might be far off and difficult to reach.

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

Myths and stories are important as they teach us:

A. adherence to truth

B. faithfulness

C. sacrifice for the common good

D. all of these

Answer:



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Passage 9

1. 1. India has stood for freedom. Even before Independence we viewed our own struggle and difficulties on the larger canvas of global problems. If democracy is basically tolerance for others' opinions, the concept of coexistence is democracy on the international plane, for it embodies tolerance of other nations and systems. Similarly, non-alignment gives depth to our independence and self-reliance for it enables us to retain our freedom of judgement and action on international issues in the light of our

national interests. We avoid involvement in the conflicts and disputes of others and this helps to blunt conflict between power blocs. I should like to think that it has also helped world stability.

2. A country is an extended family. When income and resources are limited, one must budget to ensure that waste is avoided, resources husbanded, priorities established, education and other social needs catered to, special provision made for those who are weaker or smaller. Industry has to be balanced with agriculture, technology with culture,

state ventures with private initiative, economic growth with social justice, the large with the small. Every section of society must be stimulated to creative activity.

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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

India has stood for:

A. freedom

B. non-violence

C. tolerance

D. communal harmony

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

On the international plane, democracy means:

A. respect for other nations

B. tolerance of other nations and systems

C. freedom of expression

D. equality for all

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

Non-alignment gives depth to our
independence and:

- A. freedom
- B. impartiality
- C. self-reliance
- D. neutrality

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

Non-alignment avoids involvement in conflicts

between:

A. nations

B. states

C. warring regions

D. power blocs

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

The most appropriate sub-heading to para 1 of the passage is:

A. Democracy

B. Co-existence

C. Non-alignment

D. Freedom of Judgement

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

When our income and resources are limited we must:

- A. Avoid waste
- B. Establish priorities
- C. Both (i) and (ii)
- D. Neither (i) nor (ii)

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above

passage answer the questions:

In our society, there were elements and traditions which supported the growth of ___



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Passage 10

1.1. Today, change is inevitable in all spheres of life and we are required to face the challenges of the changes to achieve our goals and objectives. The change in our attitudes and

mindset towards the youth who constitute more than fifty per cent of our population is a must.

2. Unfortunately, this highly potential and vibrant resource has not been effectively and productively utilised, resulting in generation gaps which are unbridgeable. It is our onerous duty to bring them in mainstream in the task of national development and reconstruction to take the nation to resplendence and glory in the new millennium. The building of the nation is possible only through the process of all round development and harnessing of the

energies of our youth.

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6. It is most important to develop in them the spirit of nationality and love for the country and, thus, give a new dimension to the

national growth.

7. The youth of today can prove to be no less patriotic, productive and value oriented than their predecessors, given the required impetus, opportunities and confidence in their ability. With this goes the 'Freedom of Thought and Experience'.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

We can achieve our goals and objectives by facing:

A. the challenges of the times

B. the challenges of the adversaries

C. the challenges of our rivals

D. the challenges of the changes

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The youth constitute:

A. 30 per cent of our population

B. 60 per cent of our population

C. 45 per cent of our population

D. 50 per cent of our population

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

We have not utilised the potentiality and energy of:

A. the youth effectively

B. the people effectively

C. the educated women properly

D. the nation properly

Answer:



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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

We can have all round development in the country by:

A. harnessing all our natural wealth

B. harnessing all our natural resources

C. harnessing the energies of the youth

D. harnessing our mineral wealth

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The youth should be saved from:

A. Criminalisation of politics

B. Violence

C. Erosion of social values

D. All of these

Answer:



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Who among these is/are the source(s) of inspiration for the youth?

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B. Lokmanya Tilak

C. Swami Vivekananda

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the question:

The youth of today are no less____, productive and value oriented than their predecessors



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1. 1. Obesity-linked "adult on-set" diabetes mellitus is for the first time being reported in children and adolescents in the UK and many other countries. A 1986 landmark study of obesity and television viewing found a clear association between the number of hours of television a child watched and the risk of that child becoming obese or over-weight.

2. In 12 to 17-year-olds, the prevalence of obesity increases by two per cent for every hour of weekly television time. A more recent

study found that, while eight per cent of children watching one hour or less of television a day were obese, 18 per cent of children watching four or more hours were obese.

3. The more children watch television, the more they eat. (By comparison, even reading is a workout, at least in studies that have been done with obese children, perhaps because it engages their minds a bit more emphatically.)

Television viewing prompts children to consume more food while they consume less energy, an ideal recipe for adiposity.

4. When children dictate family food choices, as is increasingly the case in the US, entire households are immersed in a miasma of one-dimensional sweet taste that reinforces juvenile preferences. Marketing of soft, sweet and salty foods is good business, and children are the most vulnerable targets.

5. Childhood obesity rates are highest in countries where advertising on children's television programmes is least regulated - in Australia, the US and England. Sweden and Norway maintain a virtual ban on advertising to children, and have consistently low levels of

childhood obesity. Ireland, Belgium, Italy and Denmark pose restrictions on children's advertising and are pressing the other states of the European Union to do the same.

6. The US and other countries can afford to do no less. Public nutrition campaigns should go beyond vague recommendations to exercise and eat a balanced diet: the link between inactivity, junk food consumption and obesity should be made explicit. The food industry will lobby against these efforts, of course, claiming that they constitute “legislation of food choices”.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions:

Obesity and diabetes have:

A. an indirect relation

B. a direct relation

C. no relation at all

D. some relation

Answer:



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- C. television viewing
- D. movies

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passage answer the questions:

The most appropriate heading to the whole passage is:

- A. Obesity
- B. Public nutritions
- C. Children nutrition
- D. Obesity in children

Answer:



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Which country is trying to put restrictions on children's advertising?

A. US

B. England

C. Australia

D. Denmark

Answer:



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I touched upon the romance of:

A. the country life

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C. the mountains

D. train travel

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- B. experience of married life
- C. own rail adventures
- D. own driving adventures

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passage answer the questions:

The modern generation has no fascination for:

A. trains and train travels

B. mountains

C. natural beauties

D. country life

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions:

His first rail journey was from:

A. Calcutta to Patna

B. Patna to Calcutta

C. Calcutta to Assam

D. Assam to Calcutta

Answer:



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- A. Romance of train travel
- B. First train journey
- C. Pleasure of cheap air travel
- D. My peripheral vision

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The railway journey made him aware of the _____ of the society that we live in.

Passage 13

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I On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions:

All theories of man's development are based on:

A. his self-importance

B. his hard labour

C. his perseverance

D. his endeavour

Answer:



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- B. for man
- C. for all living creatures
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Man developed to the form we find him now:

- A. in the very beginning
- B. after a few hundred years
- C. after a very long time
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The most suitable heading of the whole passage:

- A. Man's self importance
- B. Man's selfishness
- C. Man's cruelty to animals

D. Killing of animals

Answer:



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