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**Section A ( Reading )**

1 Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions.

1. In the White House Abraham Lincoln quietly, sadly and ably guided the nation. Men complained about him, and he listened quietly and without anger. Men worked against him, and he did not turn against them. His great heart was full of grief; he loved peace; he was strong and determined to go on to the end. Slowly the ordinary people of the country began to know that in the White House there was a great President and a great man.
2. Lincoln had one serious fault, one which often troubled the officers of the army very much. He loved people, and he could understand and forgive their weaknesses, perhaps more than what the best. He found it difficult, for example, to permit the army courts to have a soldier shot for running away during a battle or for falling asleep while on guard duty. He wanted to forgive them and give them a second chance, and their officers didn't like it. A mother's tears, a baby's cry, a story of misfortune- these touched his heart.
3. The following is an example of this so called weakness of the President. One day an army captain and a few soldiers came to see Lincoln at the White House. A young soldier had been found sleeping while on guard; he had been tried by the army court and ordered to be shot. Could the President please do something about it?
4. A few hours later, the boy, now a prisoner in his tent, was surprised to receive a visit from the president of the United State, who, as President, was also head of all the Northern armies. Lincoln asked the boy about his home, his life on the farm and looked at the picture of his mother which the boy had with him. "You are too good a boy to be shot for falling asleep only once. I grew up on a farm myself. But if you are free you will have to pay heavily for it".
5. The boy's face brightened and he said; "I am sure that my father will be so happy, sir, that he will gladly sell part of his farm and get the money.
6. "No", said the President, "that will not be enough. Only you can pay the bill, and pay only by providing yourself to be as brave and faithful as any soldier of the Union". His hand rested on the head of the boy, and his kind eyes looked full into the honest face. The boy promised.
7. The young soldier paid the bill very soon afterwards. In a fight with the enemy he jumped into a river to bring several wounded soldiers to the shore. Then he himself was shot, and died soon after. While dying he blessed the mercy of his President, for having given him this chance to die for his country.

(Source : 'Abraham Lincoln' Great Men and Women)

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow :

- i. Abraham Lincoln never showed anger when men complained about him because (1)
  - a. he was sad
  - b. he loved peace
  - c. he was strong and determined.
  - d. he was very weak.
- ii. The serious fault with Lincoln was that (1)
  - a. he had trouble with his enemy.
  - b. he remained quiet.
  - c. he was very kind and generous
  - d. all of the above.





6. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. (3)
- (a) great / difficulty / our ancestors / in / had / getting books  
(b) books / our hours / but / now / there are / very few / of reading are  
(c) careful / we should / therefore / about / what / be / we / read

**Section D ( Literature )**

7. Read the extract from the poem 'Wonderful Words' and answer the following questions.

*Words are the food and dress of thought*

*They give it its body and swing*

*And everyone's longing today to hear*

*Some fresh and beautiful thing;*

*But only words can free a thought*

*From its prison behind your eyes*

*May be your mind is holding now*

*A marvellous new surprise!*

- i. What does the poet mean by the food and dress of thought? (1)
- ii. What is people's desire to hear today? (1)
- iii. What does the poet mean by the lines 'But only words ...behind your eyes'? (1)
- iv. Which word in the above lines means excellent and wonderful? (1)

8. Answer the following questions briefly. Any **FIVE**.

- i. How did Jumman take Algu's verdict as the head Panch? (2)
- ii. Mention the activities which show that the hawker in the poem 'Vocation' enjoys freedom. (2)
- iii. State the purpose of the special days at Miss Beam's school. (2)
- iv. How did Jumman and Algu become friends again? (2)
- v. The child envies the gardener in the poem 'Vocation'. Why? (2)
- vi. Miss Beam's methods of teaching help her students to be different. Give your opinion. (2)

9. Answer the following questions in detail.

- i. Analyse the qualities that a person should possess as the head of a Panchayat. Refer to the story 'Fairplay'. (3)
- ii. Sleep can make a person healthy. Do you agree with this statement? Justify. (3)