



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A (Reading) 15 Marks

- 1 Read about this humanitarian, philosopher, physician and a medical missionary.
 1. News had spread through the forest that a doctor had come to Lamberene, and even before their boxes of medicines arrived on the river-boat, the sick people began to crowd around the house. Every morning when he stepped out of his house he found them waiting for him, thirty or forty coloured people sitting on the ground in the shade of the house. These were not the *town Africans* from the coast, but simple wandering people from the forest. Old people, young people, babies; men, women and children; ill with all kinds of diseases, weak from lack of food.
 2. “Here among us everybody is ill”, said a young man; and an old chief shook his grey head sadly.” Yes, our land eats its own children”. All their faces were turned towards Schweitzer for comfort; he was the only man for hundreds of miles who could help them.
 3. When his boxes of supplies came there was no place to put them. For a time he cared for the sick people in the open air, and ran for shelter when the heavy rains came pouring down. Things became better when he cleaned out an old hen-house and used this as the centre of his work. It was difficult not to begin to despair. There was so much to do. What could one man do against a whole world of suffering?
 4. During these first months his wife gave him help and strength. She worked as hard as he did- first caring for the house and giving orders to the untrained servants; then scurrying over to the hen-house to help the doctor with operations and care for the sick.
 5. It was a happy day when the doctor found among the sick people a keen-looking coloured man who spoke French and who had been a cook to a white man. “Would you like to come to me as cook and also to help me in the hospital?” Schweitzer asked. The man’s face brightened with pleasure. “Yes, Doctor,” he said, “I will help you with everything.”
 6. That was the beginning of Joseph, who stayed with them for many years. He was an unusual man, kind, keen, hard-working, and honest. He could speak eight languages, and although he could not read or write French he never made a mistake in taking down a bottle of medicine from the shelf. “How do you know which one to take?” Schweitzer once asked him. “The bottles are nearly the same”.
 7. “I remember the look of the words on the paper”, was the simple answer. Joseph had said he would help with everything, and he did. It was Joseph who helped in the hospital, who translated for the Schweitzers, who helped them to understand the ways of Africa.

(From ‘Albert Schweitzer’ Great Men and Women)

6. Below you can see a set of instructions. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. (3)

- * Choose a sapling with roots
- * Dig a hole where sapling is to be planted
- * Prepare the soil by mixing manure in it.
- * Carefully lower the sapling into the dug hole.
- * Cover the roots with the prepared soil.
- * Put some water on the plant.

How to Plant a Sapling

First, a sapling with roots (a) _____. Then, a hole (b) _____ where the sapling was to be planted. The soil (c) _____ manure to it. The sapling (d) _____ carefully. The roots (e) _____ with the prepared soil. Finally, the plant (f) _____ and left to take roots.

Section D (Literature) 20 Marks

7. Read the extract from the poem and answer the following questions.

*“When I returned from Lyonnesse
With magic in my eyes,
All marked with mute surmise
My radiance rare and fathomless,
When I returned from Lyonnesse
With magic in my eyes.”*

- i. Whom does ‘I’ refer to in the above lines and why had the speaker paid a visit to Lyonnesse? (1)
- ii. Which word in the above lines mean ‘beyond measurement’? (1)
- iii. Explain the transformation which takes place in the speaker on his return? (2)

8 Answer the following questions briefly in 30-40 words. **Any FIVE.** (2x5=10)

- i. Jody had an emotional preoccupation with the fawn. Justify?
- ii. What are the set of instructions the Duck is asked to follow?
- iii. Why does Firdaus say that he was looking at one of the most beautiful men in the world?
- iv. How did Jody make the fawn to drink milk when it was unable to drink it?
- v. What comparison does Firdaus make when asked by the people to be brave?
- vi. How did Ranji show the warrior his superiority when they met at the pool again?

9 Answer the following questions in detail. (80 to 100 words) (3x2=6)

- i. Write the character sketch of Stephen Hawking.
- ii. As quoted by Mahatria “Friends have the capacity to either make you or break you”. Describe one of your experiences where the above statement stands true in your life with reference to the lesson “The Fight”.