

I. Read the following passage and answer the following questions. 1 mark each.

It was a hot summer night about ten o' clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table. The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room. I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

1. What were the possessions of the doctor?
2. What was the 'familiar sound' mentioned in the passage?
3. How was the condition of his rented room?
4. Pick out a word that means 'too small in amount'.

II. Read the lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

(P.T.O.)

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

1. How did nature make a link with man? (1)
2. Why did the poet says that the flowers are enjoying? (1)
3. Write an appreciation of the above lines mentioning the theme and the poetic crafts. (3)

III. After reaching his house, the homeopath came to know that he was robbed. Imagine that he made a complaint at the police station then itself. Prepare the likely complaint letter. (3)

IV. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was excited to watch the fight between the snake and the mongoose. He scribbled down all his feelings in his diary. Write the possible diary entry. (3)

V. Prepare the profile of 'John Clare' from the given biodata. (3)

Born : 13 July, 1793, United Kingdom
Major works : Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery, The Shepherd's Calender, The Rural Muse
Famous as : Greatest labouring – class poet
Death : 1864

VI. Complete the conversation as mentioned below. (2)

Friend :(a)..... ?
Homeopath : Because I have an encounter with a snake.
Friend : The snake didn't bite you,..... (b)
..... ?
Homeopath : No. Thank God