



# Comprehension

## 1. Read the following passage carefully :

Dr. Rajendra Prasad was a simple man. He was our first President. He was of the belief that it was wrong on the part of anyone to multiply his needs in an unnecessary manner. His motto was simple living and high thinking. He was a great believer in industries because he thought that they were the means to national prosperity.

### Questions :

1. Who was our first President?

Dr. Rajendra Prasad was our first President.

2. What type of life did Dr. Rajendra Prasad live?

His motto was simple living and high thinking.

3. What did he believe in?

He was a great believer in industries.

4. Make a sentence using each of the following words :

**opinion** : I don't have a high opinion of him.

**multiply** : Her responsibilities were multiplied by the promotion.

**simplicity** : I was amazed by the simplicity of the solution.

**prosperity** : Security and prosperity go hand in hand.

## 2. Read the following story carefully :

Our group of five boys and girls was at a place called Nambu in West Sikkim, for trekking. Trekking through the hilly forests, surrounded by mountains far away, was a lovely experience. The forest was green and peaceful. We



were feeling great as we were far away from the noisy cities and all the vehicles. It was a different world. We could hear the loud sound of the Rimbi River flowing, as if it was in a great hurry to meet the river Teesta. After an eight hour trek and walk, we reached a place called Yambong where we halted for the night. It was a yak shed we spent the night in. We slept on sweet-smelling hay stacked on the floor. We had tea with butter in it and dry bread for dinner. It was a delicious meal. We slept like babies.

### Questions :

#### A. Complete the following sentences :

1. For dinner the group had tea and dry bread.
2. The forest was green and peaceful.
3. They slept on the floor.
4. The Rimbi river was going to meet Teesta.

#### B. Tick the correct answer.

1. Yamboing is a (a) river (b) place. ✓
2. A trek means (a) a long and difficult journey on foot (b) a tract. ✓
3. A yak is (a) a large ox with shaggy hair (b) a small room. ✓
4. A city is (a) noisy (b) peaceful. ✓

#### 3. Read the following story carefully :

A hungry lion went in search of a prey. But he was not able to find any prey. He saw a cave. It was a jackal's cave. The lion thought he will wait there till evening, as by that time, the jackal would come and he would eat it up. When the jackal returned, it smelt something. It thought of a trick. It said "Hello cave, How are you?" There was no response. The jackal again repeated his words. Now the lion replied, "I am fine". The jackal came to know about the presence of the lion. It ran away before it could fall a prey to the lion.

### Questions :

1. Who was hungry?

A lion was hungry

2. Who said, "Hello cave, how are you?"

Jackal

3. Who replied, "I am fine?"

Lion

4. Who played the trick?

Jackal

5. Find the antonyms of the following words :

• then

Now

• absence

Presence

• near

Far

• after

Before

4. Read the following passage carefully :

Why do you cut me down? I am your friend.

I provide you shade and shelter. A tired and weary traveller rests in my shade and refreshes himself.

I am home to many birds and insects. Birds build their nests on my boughs. I protect them from the weather, the cold winds and the hot rays of the sun. I do not allow their nests to be destroyed or their little ones face difficulty. I am their protector.

I give you so much juicy mangoes, apples, peaches, coconuts and berries. My leaves and roots are used in medicines. My green leaves soothe tired eyes. I am the great provider. Houses and ships, railway berths and bridges— all need my trunk and branches.

I stand for life. I stand for hope, joy, peace and love. Come, be my friend. Celebrate Vana Mahotsava every day, plant me everywhere, plant me





every day. God has sent me to be your friend. I, the humble tree, won't let you down.

**A. Answer the following questions :**

1. What is Vana Mahotsava?
2. When do we celebrate it?
3. What do we do on this special day?
4. How is the shade of a tree useful?
5. How does a tree help the birds and insects?

**B. Fill in the blanks :**

1. The fruits I give you are mango, apples, peaches, coconuts and berries.
2. God has sent me to be your friend.
3. I provide you shade and shelter.
4. I protect birds from the weather.
5. My leaves and roots are used in medicines.

**5. Read the following passage carefully :**

Penguins are strange birds. They are found in the very cold areas of the world, especially the Antarctica. They cannot fly like other birds. They can easily live in water and on land. They have two feet which are in the rear part of the body. When they sit on their feet, they have to be erect. They are black and white in colour. They look like gentlemen wearing black and white suits ready for a meeting! They use their wings for walking on land and as fins for swimming in water.

**A. Complete the following sentences :**

1. They look like gentlemen.
2. When they sit on their feet, they have to be erect.
3. They can live easily in water and on land.
4. Penguins are found in very cold areas.