
Comprehension

I) Read the following poem carefully and answer the question that follows :

The Greatest Artist

*Enjoy the blessings, the warm sun,
Twinkling stars and the moon
Are heavenly gifts and boons.
The trickling springs and lakes,
Laughing rivers and ponds;
Dancing on the shores
Are dazzling daffodils and roses;
The tall trees and greeneries
Along the high hills and valleys;
Singing birds, butterflies, honey bees.
And we little children, the lilies
So wonderful the scenery
So beautiful the paintings
So peaceful and lovely
Who had it for me ?
Who did it for you?
The greatest of all artists
The creator, the Almighty Himself.*

II) a. Complete the summary of the poem with one word only:

God is the (a)_____ artist and the (b)_____ of this beautiful world which is full of wonderful things. He has blessed us with the (c)_____ gifts such as the sun, the moon and stars. He has made lakes, rivers and ponds on whose (d) _____ beautiful flowers such as daffodils and roses (e)_____. High hills and valleys are full of (f)_____ of tall trees where birds sing, butterflies and honey bees dance. We all should enjoy such a beautiful painting.

b. Find words from the poem which has the same meaning as the following :

1. brilliant , shining –
 2. the most powerful –
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III) Read the given passage carefully :

Helping Others Is Real Kindness

1. To feel for others and to do righteous acts of help to living creatures is indeed real kindness. If one can stop a heart from breaking, if one can ease the aching in one's life or cool one's pain, he has not lived in vain.
2. To some, helping others is matter of faith. An elderly stranger went to a hospital in Peter Brough, New Hampshire and performed countless tasks: sweeping, dusting building ramps, removing lint from the place where clothes are washed, etc for four months. He never revealed his identity. Only after he had left the place, the hospital staff realized that he was former Vice President of the Peninsular Railroad, a private railway company in the USA.
3. All along the route of the funeral procession of Lord Shaftesbury, a well known social reformer of England, stood groups of people (whom he had helped in one way or the other) to pay homage to him. Thousands of people hailing from all classes of society held aloft banners with the words that he had helped them in their hour of suffering. Instances of this type are many.
4. In India, Saints and sages throughout the ages have preached the gospel of service to the sick and the suffering, the distressed and the downtrodden . In every town in India, there are a few sympathisers to the suffering who pay the tuition fees of poor students, give them books and stationery, pay substance allowances to needy widows and arrange their daughter's marriages, give blankets in winter and umbrellas in monsoons. Added to them are many persons who have given up their everything for the service of humanity and join service organization.

Complete the following :

1. According to the author, real kindness is
(i)_____ and (ii)_____
 2. The life of a person is not in vain if_____
 3. The hospital staff could identify the elderly gentleman_____
 4. Groups of people paid their homage to Lord Shaftesbury because_____
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5. In India, saints and sages have rendered their services to
(i)_____ and (ii)_____

6. In India everywhere there are people who help others
by(i)_____,(ii)_____
and (iii)_____

Find words from the following which have the same meaning as the following :

(a) virtuous, holy (Para 1)

(b) a group of people (Para 3)

(c) delivered sermons (Para 4)

(d) troubled, afflicted (Para 4)
