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WORKSHEET-1

Read the passage given-below and answer the questions that follow:

- 1 With the next round of the Commonwealth Games coming up this year, sports fans are already speculating about the likely winners from India. While chances appear bright in some sporting activities, in others the picture appears dismal. The chances of India throwing up a few surprises is always discussed among sports lovers. Most game watchers predict that while India can add more to its medals tally in the shooting events, the chances of improving her status in the swimming category appear slim, despite the potential of creating good swimmers in this country.
- 2 One sport in the country with tremendous potential but pathetic performance is swimming. The country is flooded with talented swimmers and coaches whose potential is not fully utilized due to red-tapism and bureaucratic hurdles. In spite of being a country full of rivers and canals, swimming has failed to capture the imagination of Indians at large. The Government, on its part, has done very little to boost the sport.
- 3 All those persons, who are interested in swimming, realise that bad quality of water is one rampant problem with almost 90% of swimming pools. As for schools, it requires exorbitant sums of money and the schools cannot afford it. A handful of the privileged few, who enjoy this luxury, fall in the category of the elite. These are out of reach of the common man.
- 4 Where do the Indians stand today in comparison with international swimmers? The history of swimming in India has not been too bright. International winners have excellent facilities in terms of coaching, nutrition, tactics, positive attitude, and hard work. A paucity of high caliber International coaches is one setback Indians have suffered in all the arenas of sport. Thanks to petty gains and trivial politics, the good ones are dropped like a hot potato, and the blue-eyed ones taken over for participating in international matches. Except for the metros, the country is deprived of good Olympic-size swimming pools.
- 5 The government and sports organisations will have to make serious efforts to transform the future of Indian sports. Till then, it is a long, long wait.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the following questions.

- (a) Which word from the passage matches best with the word 'contemplating'?
 - (i) coming
 - (ii) winning
 - (iii) speculating
 - (iv) watching
- (b) Which word from the passage matches best with the word 'astonishes'?
 - (i) surprises
 - (ii) chances
 - (iii) categorises
 - (iv) suffers
- (c) What has been the history of swimming in India?
 - (i) wonderful
 - (ii) natural
 - (iii) very bright
 - (iv) not too bright
- (d) What would be the synonym of the word 'prospective'?
 - (i) pathetic
 - (ii) privileged
 - (iii) potential
 - (iv) paucity

(e) What would be the synonym of the word 'massive'?

- (i) flooded
- (ii) tremendous
- (iii) hurdles
- (iv) capture

(f) What would be the antonym of the word 'unpopular'?

- (i) portrait
- (ii) photograph
- (iii) project
- (iv) favourite

(g) What kind of efforts do the government and sports organisations need to make to transform the future of Indian sports?

- (i) comparative efforts
- (ii) trivial efforts
- (iii) non-serious efforts
- (iv) serious efforts

(h) Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks in the given sentence.

As for, it requires sums of money and the schools cannot afford it.

- 1. hospitals
- 2. Institutes
- 3. Schools
- 4. Companies
- 5. Exorbitant

- (i) 3 and 5
- (ii) 1 and 4
- (iii) 2 and 3
- (iv) 1 and 5

(i) Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks in the sentence given below.

Paucity of high international coaches is one setback have suffered in all the arenas of sports.

- 1. powerful
- 2. Caliber
- 3. Americans
- 4. Indians
- 5. Russians

- (i) 1 and 5
- (ii) 2 and 4
- (iii) 2 and 3
- (iv) 3 and 4

(j) Choose the correct option given below to fill in the blanks

Most game predict that while India can add more to its medal tally in the events.

- 1. audiences
- 2. Watchers
- 3. Shooting
- 4. Archery
- 5. Hockey

- (i) 2 and 3
- (ii) 1 and 3
- (iii) 1 and 4
- (iv) 2 and 5