



COMPETENCY BASED QUESTIONS

CHAPTER - THE LAST LESSON

1. Assertion- Mr. Hamel focused on the importance of one's language as the key to one's prison.

Reason- Language helps people bind together despite being enslaved under some other foreign rule.

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is false
 - A is false but R is true
2. Assertion- Watcher, the blacksmith, taunted Franz that there was enough time before he reached school.

Reason- Watcher had already come to know about the order from Berlin.

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- A is true but R is false
- A is false but R is true

3. Assertion- Mr. Hamel was wearing his best Sunday clothes on the last day of his school.

Reason- Franz realized that Mr. Hamel was a way to honour his last lesson.

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is false
 - A is false but R is true
4. Assertion- The village people were occupying the last benches of the school that day.

Reason- They had come to organize a farewell party for Mr. Hamel.

- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A

- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c. A is true but R is false
 - d. A is false but R is true
5. Assertion- A bulletin-board always serves as the source of bad news during a war.
Reason- All the bad news about the Franco-Prussian War had come from the bulletin-board in Alsace.
- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c. A is true but R is false
 - d. A is false but R is true
6. Assertion- Mr. Hamel did not scold Franz for not having learnt his lesson.
Reason- He blamed the people, the parents and himself for the same.
- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c. A is true but R is false
 - d. A is false but R is true
7. Assertion- No one in the class was bothered when the beetles flew in.
Reason- Everyone wanted to focus and utilize their last chance of learning French.
- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c. A is true but R is false
 - d. A is false but R is true
8. Assertion- Mr. Hamel gave all his efforts to impart all his knowledge on the last day of school.
Reason- Mr. Hamel was a dedicated and efficient teacher.
- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - c. A is true but R is false
 - d. A is false but R is true

9. Assertion- Franz didn't want to go to school
Reason- The morning was very beautiful and he wanted to enjoy it.
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is False
 - R is true but A is False
10. Assertion- There was a crowd in front of the bulletin board
Reason- There was a fresh news on it
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is False
 - R is true but A is False
11. Assertion- The French teacher, M. Hamel wore his fine Sunday clothes. Reason- It was in honour of his last French Lesson.
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
 - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
 - A is true but R is False
 - R is true but A is False

POEM - MY MOTHER AT 66

1. ...I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes, ... (My Mother at Sixty-Six)

i Why does the poet compare her mother's face to a corpse? Answer in one sentence.

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ii What effect does the phrase 'open mouthed' have on the poem?

A. It builds a mood of surprise and shock in the poem.

- B. It reveals the speaker's fear of her own death and mortality.
- C. It adds to the imagery of the speaker's mother appearing dead.
- D. It highlights the speaker's attempt at hiding her emotions from her mother.

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iii Complete the given sentence appropriately.

The contrast present in the given extract is between _____.

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iv State a reason for the following.

The speaker looks out of the window while travelling with her mother.

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v Which of these phrases uses the same poetic device as the following line from the extract?

looked out at Young Trees sprinting...

- A. that restaurant is as nice as the Big Fish
- B. the pen became my highway to success
- C. that fluffy cloud crying with sadness
- D. the tall trees with many branches

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vi Why do you think the poet has placed the word 'pain' on a separate line? Give a reason.

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2. Assertion- Mother was as old as she looked

Reason- She was pale and looked like a corpse.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is False
- d. R is true but A is False

3. Assertion- The poet looked out at Young Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Reason - The outside view was more interesting

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is False
- d. R is true but A is False

CHAPTER – THE THIRD LEVEL

1. Read the given extract and answer the questions given.

The presidents of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads will swear on a stack of timetables that there are only two. But I say there are three, because I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station. Yes, I've taken the obvious step: I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station, and he said it was a waking-dream wish fulfillment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station.

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i Complete the given sentence appropriately. Unlike the two levels that have 'a stack of timetables' to prove their existence, the third level has _____.

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ii ***Yes, I've taken the obvious step.***

What is the narrator assuming that the reader is thinking when he says the above line?

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iii Which of these is an example of 'a waking-dream wish fulfillment' as described in the extract?

- A. Meenal loses her book and swears that it is her enemy who stole it.
- B. Milind claims that he was petting his beloved dog whom he lost a few years ago.
- C. Malini tells everyone that she saw a Cheetah though she herself knows it is a lie.
- D. Mrinal thinks that he saw a spaceship in the sky which later turned out to be a normal aircraft.

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iv Based on the extract, what does the narrator think about the psychiatrist's opinion?

2. Assertion- I've been on the third level of the Grand Central Station..

Reason - He goes to consult a psychiatrist.

- e. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- f. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- g. A is true but R is false
- h. A is false but R is true

3. Assertion- The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry

Reason- Charlie wanted to escape all these.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

POEM – KEEPING QUIET

1. Read the given extracts and answer the questions ;

“What I want should not be
confused
with total inactivity.
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death. (Keeping Quiet)”

i Which of these does the speaker imply through the following lines:

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death.

- A. Life is meant to be lived and death should not be the focus here.
- B. Life is meant to teach us lessons and near-death experiences are not always bad.
- C. Life is full of adventures and the fear of death should not stop us from exploring them all.
- D. Life is full of many choices and thoughts about death should not be a point of consideration.

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ii Complete the given sentence appropriately.

Based on the extract, silence would help humanity to _____.

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iii What does the speaker mean when he describes people as 'single-minded'?

- A. People who only work towards understanding themselves.
 - B. People who are driven by only one passion in their life.
 - C. People who only focus on rushing through their life.
 - D. People who can focus on only one task at a time.
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iv Justify the following statement as FALSE.

In the given extract, the speaker is ordering readers to do certain actions.

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v Based on the extract, how do you think the speaker feels about humanity?

Answer in one sentence.

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vi Observe how the lines in the poem break off at certain words. Give one reason why the poet has structured the lines in this manner.

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2. Assertion - The poet is talking about life

Reason – He does not support inactivity.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

3. Assertion- People are single minded.

Reason- They sometimes even take their ow lives.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

CHAPTER - LOST SPRING

Read the extract and answer the Questions :

A. "His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces, welding glass, making bangles for all the women in the land it seems."

1. Mirage here means _____

- a. An aeroplane
- b. A hope that cannot be achieved
- c. An image seen in hot weather in the deserts
- d. none of these

A. b

2. Why every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles?

- a. They don't know any other work
- b. Firozabad is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry
- c. They don't dare do anything else
- d. All of these

A. D

3. Why does the author say that "making bangles for all the women in the land it seems"?

A. She says this because in Firozabad numerous glass bangles are made. It appears that all the women buy and wear bangles made here.

4. Find a synonym of fireplace.

A. Furnace

B. (i) Assertion- Firozabad is famous for making bangles

Reason- Every family in Firozabad is engaged in bangle making.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

(ii) Assertion- The bangle makers are exploited by the middlemen and bureaucracy.

Reason- Many of them do not even have a roof over their heads.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

C. "My acquaintance with the barefoot ragpickers leads me to Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it, metaphorically. Those who live here are

squatters who came from Bangladesh back in 1971. Saheb's family is among them. Seemapuri was then a wilderness. It still is, but it is no longer empty. In structures of mud, with roofs of tin and tarpaulin, devoid of sewage, drainage or running water, live 10,000 ragpickers. They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain."

i. Assertion- Saheb's family had come from Bangladesh.

Reason- They are happy now as they have good houses and jobs.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

ii. Assertion – They do not have any identities

Reason - They have their names in the voters' list.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is false
- d. A is false but R is true

CHAPTER - THE TIGER KING

A. "The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that, it also raises intelligent questions! Incredible! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts.

The chief astrologer took his finger off his nose and fixed his eyes upon the little prince. The prince was born in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the Tiger are enemies, therefore, death comes from the Tiger," he explained."

1. Assertion- A miracle took place when the astrologer made prophesy about the death of the infant prince.

Reason- The ten- day old prince began to speak.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is False
- d. R is true but A is False

2. Assertion- The prince was born at the hour of the tiger.

Reason- The prince would be killed by a tiger.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A

- c. A is true but R is False
- d. R is true but A is False

3. Assertion- The king was killed by a real tiger.

Reason- The prophesy of the astrologer came true in the end.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true but R is False
- d. R is true but A is False

B. Read the extract and answer the questions.

“At another time he was in danger of losing his throne. A high-ranking British officer visited Pratibandapuram. He was very fond of hunting tigers. And fonder of being photographed with the tigers he had shot. As usual, he wished to hunt tigers in Pratibandapuram. But the Maharaja was firm in his resolve. He refused permission. “I can organise any other hunt. You may go on a boar hunt. You may conduct a mouse hunt. We are ready for a mosquito hunt. But tiger hunt! That’s impossible!”

- a. The king was in danger of losing his kingdom because.....
- b. The British officer was really interested in killing a tiger. TRUE/ FALSE?
- c. The character trait of the king revealed here is that
- d. The tone of the writer is that of
- e. The literary device employed in the above extract is

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