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1-Read the passage carefully ,make notes and write summary:

Anything printed and bound in book size can be called a book, but the quality or mind distinguishes the value of it.

What is a book? This is how Anatole France describes it: "A series of little printed signs-essentially only that. It is for the reader to supply himself the forms and colors and sentiments to which these signs correspond. It will depend on him whether the book be dull or brilliant, hot with passion or cold as ice. Or if you prefer to put it otherwise, each word in a book is a magic finger that sets a fibre of our brain vibrating like a harp string and so evokes a note from the sounding board of our soul. No matter how skilful, how inspired' the artist's hand, the sound it makes depends on the quality of the strings within ourselves."

Until recently books were the preserve of a small section-the urban upper classes. Some, even today, make it a point to call themselves *intellectuals*. It would be a pity if books were meant only for intellectuals and not for housewives, farmers, factory workers, artisans and, so on.

In India there are first-generation learners, whose parents might have been illiterate. This poses special challenges to our authors and to those who are entrusted with the task of disseminating knowledge. We need much more research in the use of language and the development of techniques by which knowledge can be transferred to these people without transmission loss.

Publishers should initiate campaigns to persuade people that a good book makes a beautiful present and that reading a good book can be the most relaxing as well as absorbing of pastimes. We should aim at books of quality no less than at quantitative expansion in production and sale. Unless one is constantly exposed to the best, one cannot develop a taste for the good.

2-As the Cultural Secretary of your school write a notice for your school notice board for the Investiture Being Ceremony of the newly appointed members of the Students' Council.

Invent other details like the Chief Guest, timings, date, schedule, etc. Write in not more than 50 words

3-Science attempts to explore the secrets of nature while religion wants to reveal the purpose of their existence. The aim of both science and religion is to discover the truth. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Science and Religion'.

4) Rearrange the following jumbled sentences.

a) oil/was found/in the/North sea/1960s/the/under

b)world/country/finest/is/the/in/the/India/our

c)they/in the hall/for/ two hours/watching/had been/television

d)blessing/you/all/on/may/showered/be

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Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- 1) What are the losses of the poet's mother and the poet?
- 2) How does the poet repent on his loss of childhood?
- 3) State any one incident from the lesson which shows that the grandmother accepted changes but did not impose them in her own life.
- 4) Who were Larry and Herb? What role did they play?
- 5) Why was the ugly island, Ile Amsterdam, the most beautiful island for the passengers of Wavewalker?
- 6) What are the two basic aspects of Ancient Egyptian life as portrayed in the lesson?
- 7) Who is Howard Carter? What did he do that put King Tut's mummy in a bad condition?
- 8) What do you mean by the concept of 'Sustainable development'?
9. What are the factors as enumerated by Nani Palkivala that have made our earth an ailing planet?
10. What were the two things for which the Garoghlonian family was famous?
11. Why did the two boys ultimately return the horse all of a sudden although they had planned to keep it at least for six months?
- 12) Mourad was the natural descendant of the crazy streak of uncle Khosrove. Explain the statement giving instances from the story, 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse'.
- 13) Compare and contrast the character of Aram and Mourad.
- 14) Why did the narrator resolve to forget the address, No 46, Marconi Street?
- 15) The story "The Address" is divided into Pre-War and Post-War times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times?
- 16) Discuss the creative role played by the narrator in fixing the marriage of Ranga.
- 17) How does Shastriji become a pawn in the hands of the narrator to serve his purpose?
- 18) Why did Albert need a medical certificate so badly?
- 19) Why did Albert feel his medical certificate was burning a hole in his pocket?
- 20) To what is the bird's movement compared? What is the basis for the comparison?**
 - a. You want to sell your car as you are going abroad. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in classified columns of 'The Hindu'. Give necessary details of the car. You are Suman/Sushil, 21 Ram Nagar, Delhi.
 - b. You are general manager of E.V.L Company which requires push Bungalows on company lease, as guest houses. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words under classified columns to be published in 'The New Indian Express'.

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WRITING SKILL

- a. You are Akshay/ Akshay of Wintergreen Fields School, Nainital. Recently your school celebrated its platinum jubilee. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine, describing the celebration.
- b. You are a special correspondent to 'Deccan Herald', Bangalore. You witnessed a train accident in Jolarpet where derailment of train took place. However, there was no loss of life. Write a report in 100-125 words. You are Amrit/Amrita.
- c-Your school has recently arranged a musical night in the school auditorium. Write a report in 100-125 words on this programme, for your school magazine. You are Mahima/Mahesh, Cultural Secretary of Vasant Vihar Public School, Itarsi. Invent the details.
- d-You witnessed a fire accident in a slum area near your colony on Saturday night. You were very much disturbed at the pathetic sight. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. You are Lakshmi/Lakshman, a student of P.D. K. International School, Madurai.
- e-You are Krishan/Kiran studying at Hindustan School, Chennai. The road leading to your school is full of potholes causing a lot of congestion. Students and parents are often caught in a traffic jam. In spite of several representations the Chennai Corporation has not done anything to improve the condition. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu' Chennai, drawing the attention of Corporation authorities to the problem. Also offer your suggestions for improvement.
- f-You are Arman/Aarti, a student of class XII. You ordered for a set of postal course books for preparation of entrance exams for engineering courses. A demand draft for the required amount was also sent, but you have not yet received the material. Write a letter in about 150 words to the Manager, Perfect Success Publications, 25, M.G. Road, New Delhi enquiring about the whereabouts of your ordered books. Invent all other details.
- g-On this Foundation Day of your school you want to donate a set of useful books to the school library. Write a letter stating your demand of books to the Scholastic Publications, detailing your requirement and giving a list of the title of the books. Invent all other details. Write in about 150 words.