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Based on the Topics: Armero has disappeared from the Map, My Earthquake Experience in Tokyo, Portrait of a Prince, Back from the Brink, Bees in my Backyard, One Summer Night, A Retrieved Reformation, Workbook (Unit I, II, III), Comprehension of Poetry and Prose.

Q.1. Read the following poem carefully.

SYMPATHY

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word.
My sorrow passed – I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity.
I lay in want, and grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way;
"He bound my head, he gave me bread,
He watched me night and day.
How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

-Charles Mackay

Fill in each blank with one word only

One day I was (a) _____ distressed and sorrowful when a proud man helped me with gold in a (b) _____ manner without a (c) _____ word of sympathy. After my distress was over I (d) _____ his gold with thanks. I needed (e) _____ as I was in grief and pain. A poor man served me with (f) _____ and looked after me day and night. How should I pay back his (g) _____ In fact, (h) _____ and sympathy are more valuable than gold.

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

HOSPITAL – THEN AND NOW

All of us have seen the inside of a hospital sometime or the other. Hospitals have a special smell of their own and seem very busy all the time. But how did the idea of setting up a special place for sick people ever come about?

The ancient Greeks used the temples of their gods of healing as resting places for the sick. So too, did the Egyptians, the Babylonians and the ancient Indians. The Romans especially, began to realize the need for hospitals. They were always at war, and their soldiers needed care and treatment.

The idea of hospitals caught on, and slowly, they passed into the charge of the Church. By the 4th Century, Church Hospitals had begun.

Centuries passed. By the 17th Century, public hospitals were founded in Britain by rich citizens who wished to serve the public.

The hospital, as we see today, began to evolve only around the 19th century. Public began to live in better conditions. They felt the need for more cleanliness and better, expert care. In the past, nuns and other members of the Church had done the nursing.

It was Florence Nightingale who began to feel the need for trained nurses to care for the sick. She began the St. Thomas's Hospital in England. This was the first training college for nurses ever.

Hospitals soon began to have public wards and private rooms.

Today, any hospital is a vast, complex organisation. There are doctors (physicians and surgeons) and nurses. There are other staffs like receptionists, record staff, hospital managers etc. They even have a pharmacy.

Big hospitals could have porters, orderlies, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, security-men ! Doesn't that sound like a small town in itself?

Complete the following statements.

- (a) The Romans were the first to realize the need for hospital as _____
- (b) The need for more cleanliness and better expert care was felt in the 19th Century as _____
- (c) In the past nursing was done by _____
- (d) The first nursing training college was started by _____
- (e) The first nursing training college was started when _____
- (f) The rich citizens in Britain founded the public hospitals _____

Q.3.

Answer the following questions in not more than 50 words each:-

- (a) What do you think happened to Armstrong after the students had left the cemetery?
- (b) Why was Annabel's father worried about Agatha?
- (c) Why did Jimmy Valentine go to Mike Dolan's café?
- (d) Why do you think that the tiger is the 'apex predator'?
- (e) Why did Jargo mimic the sound of a baby deer in trouble?
- (f) What was Bittu Sehgal's favourite past time?
- (g) Why was the ice cover melting?
- (h) Why did many of the survivors have zombie-like looks on their faces?
- (i) What did he compare the shaking station building to?
- (j) Which event from the past did the writer recall while running to safety?

Q.4.

Explain the following lines with reference to context:

Behold the tiger's neck so still
And poised with regal grace,
Portraying here the Prince's will,
Despite the human race

Q.5.

Fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:-

- a) I was thrilled when Preet turned up _____
- b) The man was _____ selling the stolen goods.

Q.6.

Fill in suitable adjectives:-

- a) There are _____ wild life sanctuaries in India.
- b) You will find _____ rare species of birds in this sanctuary.
- c) Snow leopards are seen in only _____ northern states.

Q.7.

Name the birds:

- a) An airline company was named after this bird _____
- b) A popular brand of a car is named after this bird _____

Q.8.

Rewrite the following sentences correctly:

- a) That man lost his driving license who is my neighbour.
- b) Meera found a ring on the road which has a red stone and pearls.

Q.9.

Do as directed:

- a) Many children were absent today (Change into interrogative)
- b) Kunal has few friends (Change into negative)
- c) These chocolates are very delicious (Change into exclamatory)

Q.10.

Give the antonyms of:

- a) Tranquil
- b) Assured
- c) Prosperous
- d) Damage

Q.11.

Choose the correct option:

- a) There isn't (some/any) sugar in this tea.
- b) I have (lots of/much) books about gardening.
- c) I only have (a little/a few) money in my purse.
- d) (Many/much) people don't exercise enough now a days.

Q.12.

Write atleast 2 synonyms of each word:

- a) Ungracious
- b) Meek

