

Answer all the questions**SECTION-A****(READING)****1. Read the passage carefully:**

I stopped to let the car cool off and to study the map. I had expected to be near my objective by now, but everything still seemed alien to me. I was only five when my father had taken me abroad, and that was eighteen years ago. When my mother died after a tragic accident, he did not quickly recover from the shock of loneliness. Everything around him was full of her presence, continually reopening the wound. So he decided to emigrate. In the new country he became absorbed in making a new life for the two of us, so that he gradually ceased to grieve. He did not marry again and I was brought up without a woman's care; but I lacked nothing for he was both father and mother to me. He always wanted to go back one day, not to stay in this new land. His roots and mine had become too firmly embedded in the new land. But he wanted to see the old folks again and to visit my mother's grave. He became mortally ill a few months before we had planned to go and, when he knew that he was dying, he made me promise him to go on my own.

2. I hired a car the day after landing and bought a comprehensive book of maps, which I found most helpful on the cross country journey, but I did not need it on the last stage. It was not that I remembered everything. My father had described over and over again what we should see at every milestone, after leaving the nearest town, so that I was positive I should recognize it as a familiar territory. Well, I had been wrong, for I was now lost.
3. I looked at the map and then at the speedometer. I had come ten miles since leaving the town, and at this point, according to my father, I should be looking at farms and cottages in a valley, with the spire of the church of our village showing in the far distance. But I could see no valleys, no farms, no cottages and no church spire – only a lake. I thought I must have taken a wrong turning somewhere. So I drove back to the town and began to retrace the route, taking frequent glances at the map. I landed up at the same corner. The curious thing was that the lake was not marked on the map. I felt as if I had stumbled into a nightmare country, as you sometimes do in dreams. And, in a nightmare, there was nobody in sight to help me. Fortunately for me, I was wondering what to do next, and there appeared on the horizon a man on horseback, riding in my direction. I waited till he came near, then I asked him the way to our old village. He said that there was no village now. I thought he must have misunderstood me, so I repeated its name. This time he pointed to the lake. The village no longer existed because it had been submerged, and the valley too. The lake was not a natural one, but a man made reservoir.

Answer the questions briefly:

- a) Why did the author's father emigrate [1]
- b) Why did the author not feel the absence of his mother after her death? [1]
- c) Why did the author's father want to go back to his old village? [1]
- d) Why had the author come back to the land of his birth? [1]
- e) Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options given: [2]
 - (i) The author stopped the car
 - (a) He had reached his destination
 - (b) He was tired
 - (c) To let the car cool off and study the map
 - (d) He was stopped by someone on the way

- (ii) What made the village disappear?
 (a) A flood had come
 (b) An earthquake came
 (c) A volcano erupted
 (d) It had been submerged

- f) Find out the words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following: [2]
 (i) Frightening or unpleasant dream [para 3]
 (ii) To go under surface of water [para 3]

SECTION-B (WRITING)

2. You are Anita Raj, the Head girl of Lucknow Public School. Write a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the grandparents of the students to your school to celebrate World Grandparents Day [6]

3. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner, North Zone, Delhi complaining against the ‘anti-social elements’ that haunt your area. Sign yourself as a sufferer. [8]

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

4. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you: [3]
 e.g. are four/ of stress/ sources/ our lives/ there/ in/ common

There are four common sources of stress in our lives.

- (i) Pressure/ external/ the/ first/ can/ internal/ one/ be/or/ some
 (ii) Cause/ stress/ expectations/ internal/ goals/ unreal/ and
 (iii) Due/ factors/ place/ stress/ to/ takes/ outside/ external

5. The following passage has 10 errors. Identify the errors in each line and write them along with the corrections in your answer sheet as given in the example. [5]

	incorrect	correct
zoos are places when various kinds of	when	where
animals are keep for exhibition, study	(a)	
or breeding. We many love to visit the	(b)	
zoo of time to time. But we hardly	(c)	
bother to think about a suffering, mental	(d)	
and physical torture of those dumb animals..	(e)	
It is the fact that man, bird and beast	(f)	
All loves liberty and free movement.	(g)	
A bird loves to sit in a shaking bough	(h)	
instead of being on a cage.	(i)	
