

**SECTION-A**

**(READING)**

**A.1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**[5]**

Evelyn Glennie was born in 1965 and grew up on a farm near Aberdeen in Scotland. She loved playing music, and her ambition was to become a solo percussionist (tabla player). She started having problems with her ears and began to lose her hearing. When she was twelve, Evelyn was deaf. She couldn't hear at all. Evelyn became very angry; it seemed to her that she would never fulfill her dream of being a great musician.

After a while Evelyn stopped being angry and instead found ways of adapting her playing to suit her deafness. At sixteen, she became the first deaf student at the Royal Academy in London. She went on to make a lot of CDS and is now famous for being the world's only full time solo percussionist. Evelyn likes to play unusual instruments and has over a thousand, some of which she has made herself. She likes to play with musicians from all over the world, and commissions composers to create music especially for her. An example of this is a piece which was composed for her by the jazz composer Diango Bates, who uses kitchen pots and pans as instruments. When Evelyn performs she doesn't wear shoes or socks. This is to enable her to feel the music through the floor and her body. Usually, percussionists play at the back of the orchestra, Evelyn plays at the front so that she can lip-read signals from the conductor.

Evelyn Glennie has said that she doesn't want an operation to cure her deafness ; she likes being who she is and doesn't want to change the way she works. Like many other courageous people, Evelyn tries hard to help others. She has helped many deaf children to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

**Answer the following by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:**

**(a) Evelyn's ambition was to become \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (i) a singer                      (ii) a musician                      (iii) a solo percussionist                      (iv) both (ii) and (iii)

**(b) Her anger on her deafness continued \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (i) even now  
(ii) till she became a musician  
(iii) till she found ways of adapting her playing to suit her deafness  
(iv) till she started helping other deaf children

**(c) Evelyn performs without wearing shoes and socks because \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (i) she doesn't like them to wear  
(ii) she can feel the music through the floor and her body without them  
(iii) they are uncomfortable to wear on stage  
(iv) she loves to remain bare feet

(d) She has shown her courage by \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) helping others

(ii) not getting operated

(iii) making musical instruments

(iv) lip reading signals on music

(e) The account of Evelyn Glennie inspires us \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) to give up in life

(ii) to never give up in life

(iii) to show anger to succeed

(iv) to help others

**A.2. Read the poem given below and complete the statements that follow:**

**[5]**

**Noble Nature**

It is not growing like a tree

In bulk, doth make man better be;

Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,

To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sere:

A lily of a day

Is fairer far in May,

Although it fall and die that night –

It was the plant and flower of Light.

In small proportions we just beauties see;

And in short measures life may perfect be.

**- Ben Jonson**

(a) The oak tree which lives upto 300 years ultimately \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Lily blooms only for a \_\_\_\_\_

(c) The lily is better than the oak though \_\_\_\_\_

(d) The expression “**fairer far in May**” means \_\_\_\_\_

(e) The word which means the same as ‘size’ is \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION- B**

**GRAMMAR**

**B.1. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.**

**[3]**

a) came to / a stranger / this hotel / one wintry day

\_\_\_\_\_

b) wrapped up / from head / he was / to foot

\_\_\_\_\_

c) hid / his hat / every inch of / his face

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**B.2. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction. The first one has been done as an example. [8]**

	<b>Incorrect</b> <b><u>if</u></b>	<b>Correct</b> <b><u>when</u></b>
a) yesterday if we were driving through		
b) a forest we see a deer on the right	_____	_____
c) side of the road. Mine friend brought	_____	_____
d) out his camera and the deer	_____	_____
e) quickly jumped at a pit. We	_____	_____
f) stopped to help the deer.	_____	_____
g) A man tied a rope to its waist	_____	_____
h) and go into the pit and lifted	_____	_____
i) it out. It ran away fast.	_____	_____

**B.3. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph: [4]**

- Teacher** : Why are you late, Sam?  
**Sam** : I missed the school bus, Sir.  
**Teacher** : You should have reached the bus stop on time.  
**Sam** : My mother is ill. She was hospitalized yesterday.  
**Teacher** : Oh, I am sorry Sam. She will be well soon.

The teacher asked Sam (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . Sam replied respectfully that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ . When the teacher told Sam that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ . Sam said that (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and added that she had been hospitalized the previous day. On hearing this, the teacher felt sorry and consoled him.