

READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully to answer the questions based on your reading.

The tiny village of Ulapur was the postmaster's first posting. There was an Indigo plantation nearby. The manager of the plantation, an Englishman, had after a great deal of effort, managed to get a post office started here.

Our postmaster was from Kolkata. He felt like a fish out of water in this far-flung village. His office consisted of a troubledown shack beside an algae-covered pond with tangled overgrowth on all sides. The plantation workers were busy all day.

Our postmaster, being city-bred, did not find it easy to mix with the village folk. He had found a lot of time on his hands as there wasn't much work. He tried to spend some of it writing poetry/poems which said how happy he would be if he could spend the rest of his days gazing at the trembling leaves and the passing clouds. But the truth was that, if a jinn from the Arabian up with rows of houses that blocked out from view the clouds in the sky, it would have given our hero a new lease of life

QUESTIONS

(a) Where did the postmaster get his first posting?

(b) Which plantation was nearby?

(c) Describe his office.

(d) What did he do in his spare time?

(e) Find the word for 'descend'.(para 3)