

READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully to answer the following questions correctly.

Science is a great blessing to mankind. Nothing better has happened in the history of man than the advent of science in his life. The world into which science came was a world of ignorance, suffering and hardship. Science has come to relieve us of suffering, to remove our ignorance and to lighten our toil. Science is a faithful servant. It serves us in all walks of life. Gone are the days when only the rich could afford luxuries. Science has made them cheaper and brought them within the reach of everybody. It helps in producing goods on a large scale. They are sold at cheap rates in every market. Books, music and all other forms of entertainment have been brought to our doors. Radio, television and cinema entertain us. So, the life of a common man is quite different from what it used to be.

It also acts as our faithful medical attendant. It cares for our health. It has helped us in curing many diseases. No longer is smallpox, cholera and plague the ravages of mankind. Science has given us the power to kill germs which spread these diseases. It has worked miracles in the field of education. With the help of the printing press, thousands of books are printed in the twinkling of an eye, thus making the published material easily available and cheap.

However, there is another side of the picture as well. Science has done great disservices to mankind in the field of armament. The invention of gunpowder which was hailed as an achievement has been used and perfected into a hundred thousand destructive weapons of war. As such, science, meant for man's happiness is employed by man for his own destruction. It is not the fault of science, but the fault of mankind.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is science a reason for happiness as well as terror for mankind?

2. What are the discoveries of science?

3. How has the advent of science made human life easy?

4. How was the invention of printing press a turning point for mankind?

5. Give another word for the following:

- a. lack of knowledge: _____
- b. a destructive action: _____
- c. a very short time: _____
- d. a act of help turned
out to be wrong: _____
- e. arrival: _____

Q2. Read the following passage to answer the questions correctly.

All though Harold was fond of eating, he was quiet willing to share his food with me, sometimes pushing delicacies into my mouth with his great beak. I did not mind sharing a banana with him -he loved banana- but I drew the

line at accepting grasshoppers and beetles, which he snapped up in the garden or on the veranda.

Eating was a serious business for Harold. If there was a delay at mealtimes he would summon us with raucous barks and vigorous bangs of his bill on the nearest door. He loved eating balls of boiled rice, prepared specially for him by Grandmother. I would throw him the rice balls, and he would catch them in his beak, toss them into the air and let them into his open mouth. Later Grandfather trained him to catch tennis ball thrown from a distance of ten meters or so. Harold would have made a great fielder in a cricket match, especially in the slips.

Harold gave a great deal of time and thought to his personal appearance. Once fully grown, he carried a make up kit on his person. This kit was a small gland situated above the roots of his tail feathers which produced a rich yellow fluid. He would dip into this from time to time and then rub colour over his feathers and back of his neck.

QUESTIONS

1. Which food items did Harold offer the narrator?

2. How did Harold summon the narrator at mealtime and why?

3. What did Grandfather and Grandmother do for Harold?

4. What was Harold's make up kit and did he use it?

5. Give another word for the following:

a. catch up : _____

b. unpleasantly loud and harsh: _____

c. forceful and energetic action: _____

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