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Marks: 50

Reading-13

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

My grandmother was the daughter of a farmer who lived near a country town. When she was young, she used to complain that life gave her few opportunities of meeting interesting people and offered her little chance of going on with her education. But that was fifty years ago. We still live in the same farmhouse. We still enjoy the peace of the countryside and the quiet of the woods, but our life is very different from that of our grandparents. Why is this? What has made our life so different? The reason is, of course, that discoveries and inventions made since their time have immensely extended the range 'of our eyes and ears. One might almost claim that these inventions can bring the whole world to us in our homes. Record players offer us the pleasure of the best classical music or the most up-to-date dance music, and our telephone brings us the voices of city friends. Who knows what may come next? In time, perhaps, a 'viewphone' may make it possible for us to see our friends as we talk to them in their own homes while we are sitting in ours. In the cold, dark evenings of winter, a home cinema can show us once more the happy sunny days of our summer holidays by the sea, or perhaps in countries abroad. By means of television, live pictures can be sent to us of all sorts of events: football matches on the other side of the world, moonwalks taking place a quarter, of a million miles away, and countless other wonders that our grandparents could 'not have believed possible. And how the learning of languages has changed! Grandmother only spoke English and a few words of French that she had learned at school. Things are very different for my daughter; who is attending a secondary school. At school she not only hears the teacher speaking French Her class also listens regularly to broadcast lessons on the radio by native French speakers. I wonder whether her great-grandmother even heard one single French person speak the language! We have just bought our daughter a tape recorder for her birthday. With this machine she can record the broadcast lessons so that she can repeat them again after the speaker at home. We have all become keen listeners at our farm. We welcome these speakers of a foreign language who, we may say, come to t us in our own home.

1. Find words in the passage to complete these sentences

1x3=3

- We are impressed with the scenic beauty that surrounds the _____.
- People have to recognize the blessings of modern _____.
- Nazifa went to her nearby centre to learn any _____.

2. Give the words from the passage that these phrases explain

1x3=3

- Modern
- To express dissatisfaction

c. Amusing

3. Answer the questions as directed

1x4=4

- People fifty years ago knew all about our modern inventions. (Is it true or false?).
- Write noun form of "record"
- Mention a similar meaning of "opportunity"
- Our English teacher recites a poem in the class. (Put "sometimes" into the proper place in the sentence)

4. Answer the questions

- What is the unchanging feature of farmhouse? 1
- Mention two benefits of modern invention which have extended our eye and ear. 2

Grammar-25

5. Transform the following sentence as directed

1x5=5

- No one will deny his fault. (Affirmative)
- It exists but it is difficult to explain. (Complex)
- None has ever seen such a fine sight. (Interrogative)
- The coming days will be very surprising. (Exclamatory)
- This is the most auspicious day of my life. (Positive)

6. Join the sentences into a meaningful sentence

2x3=6

- He is a person. He is a day labourer. He does heavy manual labour in various fields.
- He cannot manage any work. He has to go without food. His family goes without food too.
- He is a worker. We should have soft feeling for him. He can lead a decent life.

7. Correct the sentences

1x5=5

- The reading of novels are interesting.
- It is you who was to blame.
- I have a small amount of books.
- He was capable of do the work.
- Did you know what did he want?

8. Change this passage into indirect speech

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"What do you want?" asked Raima. Alfred answered, "I only want to come in. I am very tired. Please, let me come inside."

9. Complete the following sentences

1x5=5

- None can write well without _____.
- I gave him not only _____.
- We have so many problems that _____.
- I wish I _____.
- _____ that they will reach there in five minutes.

Writing-12

10. Suppose your university has arranged winter clothe distribution program for the nearby poor people in its premise. Now, write a report on the situation.

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11. Make a sentence with each of the following expressions.

1x5=5

- a. Farewell
- b. Pray
- c. Allow
- d. Gratitude
- e. Promise