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Marks: 50

Time: 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

Reading-15

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions

Most people have heard of Shakespeare and probably know something of the plays that he wrote. However, not everybody knows much about the life of this remarkable man, except perhaps that he was born in the market town of Stratford-upon-Avon and that he married a woman called Anne Hathaway. We know nothing of his school life. We do not know, for example, how long it lasted, but we presume that he attended the local, grammar school, where the principal subject taught was Latin. However, it is said that because of many reasons he was forced to run away from his native place.

Whatever caused him to leave the town of his birth, the world can be grateful that he did so. What is certain is that he set his foot on the road to fame when he arrived in London. It is said that at first he was without money or friends there, but that he earned a little by taking care of the horses of the gentlemen who attended the plays at the theatre. In time, as he became a familiar figure to the actors in the theatre, they stopped and spoke to him. They found his conversation so brilliant that finally he was invited to join their company.

From what we know of his later life, it is clear that Shakespeare's connection with the theatre made him a wealthy man, since his plays attracted large audiences and he shared in the profits. Towards the end of the sixteenth century he bought a large property in Stratford. It is not certain when he went back there to live, but it was probably around 1603. He is not recorded as having acted in any play after that date, though he continued writing. No less than eleven of his plays were produced during the next ten years. These include the great tragedies 'Othello', 'Macbeth' and 'King Lear'. His last work was 'The Tempest', but he may have shared in the writing of the historical play 'King Henry VIII'. Even after his retirement he frequently visited London. Since the road between Stratford and London passed through Oxford, he would rest there at the home of his friend John Davenant, who had a deep respect and affection for the playwright. Shakespeare died in 1616. Some years earlier he chose a gravestone, under which was to be buried. He had a curse engraved on this stone which threatened to bring misfortune on anyone who might remove his body from his grave. It seems strange that he should have had this fear. He must have known how greatly he was respected, even in his lifetime, for the genius that he showed in his plays and poems. It seems impossible that his remains could have been disturbed after his death.

1. Find words in the passage to complete these sentences

1x5=5

- a. The school he attended is thought to have been the _____ at Stratford.
- b. Shakespeare achieved both _____ and fortune in London.
- c. The actors admired him for his brilliant _____.
- d. Crowds of people attended the _____ of these plays.
- e. Shakespeare was buried under a _____ that he himself had chosen.

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

1x5=5

- a. To assume
- b. Showing an appreciation for something done
- c. A period of one hundred years
- d. Often or many times
- e. Bad luck

3. Answer the questions as directed

0.5x4=2

- a. He (made a lot of money/made very little money/was left without money or friends) by writing plays. (Choose the correct answer).
- b. Write a word having similar meaning of "remarkable"
- c. Mention a word having opposite meaning of "comic"
- d. Put down an antonym of "brilliant"

4. Answer the questions

- a. Why did the actors at the theatre invite Shakespeare to join their company? **1**
- b. Mention two special characteristics of Shakespeare which you adore. **2**

Grammar-25

5. Transform the following sentence as directed

1x5=5

- a. Only the moon was visible. (Negative)
- b. All cannot but submit to destiny. (Affirmative)
- c. I shall never forget your advice. (Interrogative)
- d. The next few days were very terrible. (Exclamatory)
- e. The rose smells the sweetest of any flower (Positive)

6. Join the sentences into a meaningful sentence

2x3=6

- a. It was early in the morning. They started their journey. They were going to Dhaka.
- b. I went to book fair. I bought a book. It was very interesting.
- c. The boy was poor. His father died in an accident. He could not continue his studies.

7. Correct the sentences

1x5=5

- a. Wait here until I don't come.
- b. Let you and I go out for a walk.
- c. I am fond of vegetable.
- d. Theirs house is near my.
- e. Can you tell me where does a bird make a nest?

8. Change this passage into indirect speech

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"What is the time by your watch?" said an old man. I said, "It is half-past nine." He said, "I want to go to your house. Will you accompany me, please?"

9. Complete the following sentences

1x5=5

- a. The house is too small -----
- b. The English book is written in an easy way so that -----
- c. We want to save money in case -----
- d. Though he is a learned person -----
- e. He will not attain his goal unless -----

Writing-10

10. Suppose your university has arranged a three-day winter clothe exhibition in the playground. Now, write a report on the situation.

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11. Make a sentence with the following expressions

1x5=5

- a. Greeting
- b. Wish
- c. Ask permission
- d. Polite request
- e. Congratulation