

Q. No. 2 Part (i) Summarize the passage, and suggest a suitable title.

Title :- "Chinese New Year"

* Summary:

Chinese holidays are determined by lunar calendar which is based on phases of moon. Chinese New Year is celebrated somewhere between January 21st and February 20th. Some traditions of Chinese New Year include thorough cleaning before New Year day to remove previous misfortune. Chinese families wear red clothing and use red decorations as it deflects the bad spirits. Another custom is decorating houses with posters having word "fu" on them which means luck. Chinese families also buy flowers for each other and participate in making a large dinner on New Year's eve. Eight to nine dishes are made which symbolizes eternal success for Chinese families.

Q. No. 2 Part (iii) What is the Chinese belief about cleaning houses before the new year day?

Ans. Chinese traditions and practices are based on luck. It is typical for Chinese families to clean out their houses in detail before new year day. This is done so that all of the misfortune of previous year can be cleaned out from the home. This will create space for the luck of new year to come in. Cleaning has to be done before the new year's day, so no luck of new year could be thrown out by mistake.

Q. No. 2 Part (iv) What is Chinese myth associated with black and red colors to wear on new year?

Ans. In Chinese tradition, red color is a symbol of luck and happiness. Therefore, wearing red colored clothes and decorating houses with red colored decorations is appreciated. Furthermore, red color is also thought to remove bad spirits and keep them away from homes or people. Black, however, is considered to be a color of death. Hence, wearing black colored clothes is not encouraged.

Q. No. 2 Part (vi) Why does New Year's Eve dinner consist of eight or nine dishes?

Ans. In China, all of the traditions and customs revolve around bringing happiness and fortune to people. On the evening of new year, all relatives participate in making a large dinner having eight or nine dishes. In Chinese language, eight means prosperity and success while nine means eternal or long lasting. Therefore, making eight to nine dishes is thought to bring eternal success and happiness in the family.

Q. No. 3 Part (a) (i) Paraphrase.

If you find your task is hard,
Try again;

* Paraphrasing:-

If you feel like things are too difficult to do right now, don't lose heart, keep on trying. A time will come, when you will receive the prize of your hardwork. If there is something that other people can do, there is no reason that with tolerance, you can't do it. Just keep this fact in mind that you have the ability to do it, and keep on trying.

Q. No. 3 Part (b) (i) The wind is now a roaring, smashing...

Qa.

(i) Give examples of imagery and metaphor.

Ans. **Metaphor:** "monster of destruction". Wind is compared to a monster that destroys everything.

Imagery: Visual imagery is seen in "sends them spinning, broken, flying" and "from valleys". Auditory ^{imagery} in "roaring, smashing."

(ii) With what wind is compared? What does it do?

Ans. Wind is compared to a "monster of destruction". Wind in its anger becomes a thundering demon that destroys man-made things from valleys and sweeps the broken pieces along with its unusual power. It brings everything to ground level.

Q. No. 4 (a) Fill in The blanks.

- i. I have swum across the river when I was young. (Extra) (i)
 - ii. I will go on a holiday tomorrow. (ii)
 - iii. Prices will come down soon. (iii)
 - iv. Could you lend me your sweater? (Extra) (iv)
 - v. Picasso has painted a masterpiece. (Extra) (v)
 - vi. She has been sitting for hours listening to radio. (vi)
 - vii. Have they taken tea? (vii)
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Q. No. 4 (b) Change into indirect speech.

- i. The teacher told the students that the sun sets in the west. (i)
- ii. My brother told me that I had missed the point completely. (ii)
- iv. The doctor advised patient to be moderate in his diet. (E) (iv)
- v. The manager asked how I proposed to solve that problem. (v)
- vi. The emperor prohibited to enter or leave the country without permission. (vi)
- iii. The father suggested his son to work on his swimming skills. (E) (iii)
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Q. No. 4 (c) Do as directed.

- i • The king will lead the nation gracefully. (i) (Simple future)
- ii • The people did not catch the thief. (ii) (Negative)
- iii • She is proving herself by hardwork. (iii) (Pres. continuous)
- iv • He responds well in a difficult situation. (E)^(iv) (Simple Present)
- v • Do you deal in sugar? (E) (v) (Interrogative)
- vi • You do not go for a walk in the evening. (vi) (Negative)

Q. No. 5 Write a letter to Editor of newspaper ----.

Examination Hall,

City A.B.C.

May 15th, 2023.

The Editor,

The News,

City D.E.F.

Subject :- Establishment of a free library in town.

Respected Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to highlight the importance of libraries and to draw attention of higher authorities for establishment of one in our town. Libraries are archives of history. People in our town are interested in getting knowledge about various topics through books. The cost of library membership is often not affordable for ordinary people. Students require libraries for research purposes, whether for projects or presentations. But the point is; they turn their heads towards libraries to avoid buying books with exorbitant charges.

I would be very grateful if the authorities decide to act upon our request. Libraries attract people of all ages, which is quite useful. Therefore, it is my humble request to consider this ^{point} and build a free library in town.

Thanking in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

X.Y.Z.

Q. No. 6 Use appropriate transitional devices.

First, sedimentary rocks were formed when sediments shifted down under water. Next, more sediment covered the earlier sediment. Additionally, the amount of water on top of sediments might have increased. Also, its weight put even more pressure on the sediment. Consequently, over millions of years, the sediment became rock. Finally, there was thrust up so that we can see its layer today in place like Grand Canyon.

BLANKS:

- i First
- ii Next
- iii Additionally (extra)
- iv Also
- v Consequently
- vi Finally
- vii so that.

PLEASURES OF READING

Books are human race's best companion and mentor. Reading books enhances our knowledge, and prepares us to face the world. Developing habits of reading books entails success. There are many different genres one could read including fiction, history, comedy, self-help, romances, religious, and many others. The accessibility of wide range of genres makes book enjoyable for everyone.

Books make a great friend. We can find comfort, shelter, and solace in reading them. No matter what agonizing pain you're going through, having difficulties deciding future career, want to improve communication skills, books have got you covered. Once you enter the world of books, you fathom your mistakes, find purpose in your life, and simply savor the pleasure of reading after a long tiring day.

"You know you have read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you've lost a friend."

-Paul Sweeety

One of the greatest joys of reading books is seeing yourself improving your knowledge and vocabulary as you read. There is no trick of gaining such luxury, it is a byproduct of the reading. If you're reading an Islamic or some other religious book, you gain knowledge of lives of the prophets, and learn something new to imply in your life. It would not only reinvigorate your doctrine and faith, but also make your life meaningful by multifold. You learn the rules of chivalry and hospitality that

could significantly improve your relations with people.

If the science discoveries intrigue you, you can read science-fictions. If you like more vintage books, you can read masterpieces of classic literature like 1984 etc. Thus, the books are enriched with knowledge yet to be discovered. The idea of being a sophisticated and elegant person, not pretentious, but rather someone people look up to, always sounds incredulous to ordinary people. But the reality is, it all lies in one thing; Books.

"Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." -Francis Bacon

Books make us travel at large. Along with adding to your knowledge, we can travel to places you have never seen of. Travel books take us to the most beautiful places, all in our head. It strengthens our imagination, as we "create" a whole world in our mind. It could even become a comfort place, a querencia, a utopia where you can find peace and calmness. Such beauties of books should not be overlooked. Having a strong imagination, going to places through bridges of books seems surreal. It can definitely make your life less boring and more enthusiastic.

"If you don't like reading, you probably haven't found the right book." -J.K Rowling

Scientific discoveries have shown that when a person reads, it strengthens his cerebral cortex in brain. This means, that your brain structure improves by reading a lot. Reading increases humans' attention span which allows them to concentrate more on everyday tasks. Thus, it is

Even proven by science that books make our mental health better.

Another pleasure of reading which is not talked about a lot, but still has equal significance for us, is just the physical touch of books. When our fingers trace over the surface of printed words of page, the fragrance of printing ink, the sound of pages as you turn over the page, the sound of crack opening spine of a new book, these pleasures couldn't possibly be described in words.

It has an enormous impact on your mood, the dopamine release, puts you in a euphoric state. Similarly, the ecstasy felt by seeing the stories resolve, makes our mood lighter.

"I don't believe in magic, but I do believe something very magical can happen if you read books."

- J.K. Rowling (Author of Harry Potter series)

Thus, the points mentioned above highlight the significance and unspoken beauty in reading books. It is a very lovely experience. With advent of internet and technology, people have forgotten the impact of books on our lives. But the repercussions of internet like reduced attention span, instant gratification are very harmful for the young generation. Thus, we should read more and more books to enrich ourselves with knowledge.

"A life without books is like a body without soul."