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1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

When I was at college I used to spend my summer vacations in Debra at my grandfather's place. I would leave the plains early in May and return late in July. Deoli was a small station about 30 miles from Dehra; it marked the beginning of the heavy of the Indian Terai.

The train would reach Deoli at about five in the morning, when the station would be dimly lit with electric bulbs and oil-lamps, and the jungle across the railway tracks would just be visible in the faint light of dawn. Deoli had only one platform, an office for the station master and a waiting room. The platform boasted a tea stall, a fruit vendor, and a few stray dogs; not much else, because the train stopped there for only ten minutes before rushing on into forests.

Why it stopped at Deoli, I don't know. Nothing ever happened there. Nobody got off the train and nobody got in. There were never any coolies on the platform. But the train would halt there a full ten minutes, and then a bell would sound, the guard would blow his whistle, and presently Deoli would be left behind and forgotten.

I used to wonder what happened in Deoli, behind the station walls. I always felt sorry for that lonely little platform, and for the place that nobody wanted to visit. I decided that one day I would get off the train at Deoli, and spend the day there, just to please the town.

I was eighteen, visiting my grandmother, and the night train stopped at Deoli. A girl came down the platform, selling baskets. It was a cold morning and the girl had a shawl thrown across her shoulder. Her feet were bare and her clothes were old, but she was a young girl, walking gracefully and with dignity.

- a) Cite any one example to show that the author was a sensitive person.
- b) Describe Deoli railway station as you find it in the above passage.
- c) Why did the author decide to spend a day at Deoli?
- d) Whom did the author meet on the railway platform at Deoli? Describe her appearance.
- e) 'The train would halt at Deoli station a full ten minutes'- Why did the author become surprised at this?

2. Read the passage given below and write in note form.

Blood, the most vital element of human life, consists of two important elements-plasma and cells. Plasma is the straw-coloured fluid, containing 90% water and dissolved materials. These include proteins, food, mineral salts, excretory materials, gases and others. Some of these dissolved materials help in producing energy. The cells may be divided into three main elements- the White Blood Corpuscles, the Red Blood Corpuscles and the Platelets. Each has its definite function. The White Blood Corpuscles guard the body against attacks of disease by Oxygen throughout the Body. The Platelets help in clotting the blood. Thus all the

components have definite functions in the body and by their proper functioning; they can keep the body healthy and fit.

3. Rearrange the following sentences in order to make a coherent paragraph.

- She wanted to test his wisdom.
- The king was confused.
- The bees came and sat on the real garland.
- He thought for a while and asked his servant to open the windows.
- King Solomon was famous for his wisdom.
- One day she came to visit him.
- She was really impressed by the King's intelligence.
- The Queen of Sheba heard of his fame.
- In her hand there were two garlands-one was real and the other artificial.
- She requested the king to identify the real one.

4. Develop a paragraph describing how a residential building in a municipal area is built.

Planning & estimation-> Having the plan approved by the municipality-> Collecting building materials --> Engaging masons and laborers-> Construction work up to roofing ->Fitting doors and windows --> Plastering      Wiring      Coloring      getting water connection.

5. Write an appropriate topic sentence for the following passage

Satyajit Roy started his career with film making. His first film "Nailer pachali" was a great success. His films are combination of art and realism. He also edited a children's magazine ' Sandesh'. He won many national and international awards.

6. Suppose you are the security officer in a well known company. The third floor of the administrative building of the said company was gutted when a devastating fire broke out around 3 a.m. yesterday. It caused heavy financial damage. The store housed on the floor and the computer systems were seriously damaged. The cause of the fire is yet to be known. Your managing director wants you to investigate the matter and submit a report. The report should have recommendation so that such an incident does not occur in future.