

4. A Doctor's Journal Entry for August 6, 1945

(a) Text-based Multiple Choice Questions

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| 1. (b) | 2. (c) | 3. (a) | 4. (d) | 5. (b) |
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(b) Comprehension Passages

PASSAGE 1

- (i) The speaker is a doctor. He was in the garden of his house. The pleasant morning, calm beautiful and warm, pleased him.
- (ii) Suddenly strong flashes, one after the other, appeared. The thought of magnesium flares came across the speaker's mind. He could not think that they were flashes before the nuclear explosion.
- (iii) The walls and the roof collapsed into timber and debris. The speaker's clothes just disappeared.
- (iv) The speaker called his wife aloud in panic. He feared she was no more.
- (v) The doctor was badly injured. His right side was bleeding. His cheek was torn. The artery in his neck seemed to have punctured. His wife was frightened and bloodstained. Her elbow seemed to have been dislocated.

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PASSAGE 2

- (i) A nuclear bomb had exploded that calm morning, causing all-round destruction, killing and injuring a large number of people.
- (ii) The doctor noticed that the right side of his body was bleeding. His cheek was torn. A sharp piece of glass had pierced his body. He feared the artery in his neck had been punctured.
- (iii) The doctor thought he would die as a result of excessive blood loss due to the injury to his artery in the neck.
- (iv) The doctor decided to come out of their house. As he and his wife came out of their house, they fell, tripped by the head of a dead person.
- (v) The speaker's nakedness should have been a cause of shame to himself. However, he felt no shame as he was totally dazed and numbed.

PASSAGE 3

- (i) The speaker was in the garden of his house. He was afraid for his life because blood was gushing out of his artery in the neck.
- (ii) As his wife was in a very bad condition, the speaker had to assure her that they would be fine.
- (iii) On the way they saw horrible scenes. A house collapsed before their eyes. There was a dead man crushed by a gate. A fire rose from the debris and was soon spread by the wind.
- (iv) The doctor was so dazed and numbed that he felt no shame at his nakedness.
- (v) The doctor noticed that the wounded people were heading towards the hospital with outstretched arms to avoid touching the painful wounds causing more pain.

PASSAGE 4

- (i) The speaker was a doctor by profession. His wife was with him. They were going to the hospital to seek some medical aid as they were badly wounded.
- (ii) He was in a naked condition. He felt no shame as he was hardly conscious of his nakedness. He was quite dazed and benumbed.
- (iii) This statement reveals that the speaker was dazed and benumbed by the shock of the event. He was not in a normal state of mind, so he felt no shame.
- (iv) He wanted his wife to leave him and go ahead as he was unable to keep pace with her due to his injuries and weakness. Perhaps, he wanted to be alone for some time.
- (v) He observed that the woman and her child were both naked as if they had come straight from the bath.

PASSAGE 5

- (i) The doctor's wife did not want to leave him alone. So she was reluctant to go ahead.
- (ii) The statement reveals that though his mind was quite alert and agile, his body was quite weak and tired. Though his mind wanted him to run to the hospital for aid, his body failed him.
- (iii) The people looked like ghosts and scarecrows. They had injured and distorted bodies as a result of the nuclear explosion.
- (iv) Some people were moving with outstretched arms. They wanted to avoid touching their painful wounds with their arms, as the pain increased with any touch.
- (v) All the victims of the holocaust were in deep shock and silence. They were all in naked condition.

PASSAGE 6

- (i) On that fateful day a nuclear bomb had exploded. The speaker was badly injured and shocked. He found himself naked as all clothes on his body were gone.
- (ii) The speaker asked his wife to come out of the house immediately as the house could collapse any time.
- (iii) He observed that people who were badly injured were silently going towards the hospital for medical treatment. They were all shocked and naked. They looked like ghosts and scarecrows.
- (iv) The doctor's reaction was that the woman and her child seemed to have come from the bath. This was not appropriate reaction, as both were naked, like others. Their clothes had disappeared.
- (v) The shock of incident was so intense that all the people had gone into deep silence. It was the silence of shock. It was a mystery that even those who had painful injuries uttered no word or gave any cry of anguish.