

Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow:

Passage 1:

We must do all we can to stop conflicts and civil war. Most conflicts happen in poor countries, especially which are badly governed or where power and wealth are not distributed fairly between different tribal or religious groups. So the best way to check fighting is to make a political arrangement in which all groups have their representatives. The need is to ensure human rights and economic development of all.

The next fundamental freedom is one that is not mentioned in the UN charter. In 1945, the leaders could not imagine that such a situation would arise. That is the freedom of future generations to live on this planet.

Even now many of us have not understood its importance. We are using up the limited resources for our present use. We are over using and even wasting them. We are, in fact, robbing our children of their right to live.

We must preserve our forests, fisheries and wildlife. All of these are collapsing because of our own habit of consuming or destroying them.

Questions:

1. **Answer the following questions briefly:**
 - (a) Why do most conflicts happen in poor countries?
 - (b) What is the best way to check conflicts?
 - (c) What is meant by 'the freedom of future generations to live'?
 - (d) How are we robbing our children of their basic right?
 - (e) What must we preserve for our children?
2. **Find words from the passage that mean the same as**
 - (a) fighting
 - (b) keep safely
 - (c) coming to end

Passage 2:

Food can maintain and save life. It can destroy life as well. Proper food serves as medicine, improper food works as poison. A little care about the quality and quantity of food will keep us healthy and happy. If we go about eating all sorts of things, we shall become sick.

We take pride in calling ourselves civilized. Being sensible means to know the difference between good and bad, right and wrong. It will not do to become slaves to our tongue or taste. Even cattle, birds and beasts eat only what is best for their body.

We mostly eat processed food and refined sugar. We pay heavily for junk food, for Chinese dishes or deep fried snacks. As a result we catch diseases. We have drifted away from mother nature. We laugh at the rules of hygiene, healthy diet and the advice of our elders. This has given rise to diabetes.

We offer chocolates, cakes and ice creams too often to our children. We also attend parties or dine out every day. This way we invite obesity and diabetes.

Questions:

1. **Answer the following questions briefly:**
 - (a) What are the functions of food?
 - (b) What is meant by 'improper food'?
 - (c) What does 'civilised life' imply?
 - (d) Explain: We have drifted away from nature.
 - (e) How does modern life style and food habits affect us?
2. **Find words from the passage that mean the same as:**
 - (a) being fat
 - (b) cleanliness