

UNSEEN PASSAGE FOR COMPREHENSION WITH VALUE ADDED QUESTIONS

Our ancestors had great difficulty in getting books. Now, our difficulty is what to read. There are books and books but our hours of reading are very few. Therefore, choice becomes essential. We should be very careful about what we read. There are books which poison our lives by suggesting evils. We should keep them at arm's length. We should read only those books which have stood the test of time. Such books are our great classics like the Ramayana and the Gita.

They contain the wisdom of our sages and saints. They have appealed mankind from generation to generation. Reading of such books has ennobling influence on our mind and character. It gives us spiritual enjoyment. These books give us instruction with entertainment. They represent our ancient culture. They set before us high ideals to follow. They are our best friends, best guides and the best treasure.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions :

Q1. We should be selective because

- (a) there is a great number of books available to us
- (b) there is scarcity of books
- (c) there are only bad books in the market
- (d) none of the above.

Q2. We should avoid those books which

- (a) cost high price
- (b) come in paperback
- (c) corrupt our lives by suggesting evils
- (d) come in more than one volume.

Q3. The books which have stood the test of time are called....

- (a) great books
- (b) rare books
- (c) biographies
- (d) classics

Q4. What are special qualities of classics?

- (a) They affect our mind in a good way
- (b) They teach us something great and also entertain us.
- (c) They help us in our spiritual growth
- (d) All the above.

Q5. An expression in the passage which means 'good effect' is

- (a) Spiritual enjoyment
- (b) Ennobling influence
- (c) high ideals
- (d) Very careful.

Q.6. The synonym of ' essential ' is

- a) Unimportant
- b) Optional
- c) Vital
- d) Unnecessary

Q.7. The antonym of " appeal " is

- a) Desire
- b) Offensiveness
- c) Pleading
- d) Prayer

Q.8. Among all the book you have read, which one do you think is like your "best friend" ?
Write a few sentences about one character you admire from that book. Give reasons to substantiate your answer.

.....