

READING COMPREHENSION- C

PRACTICE EXERCISE

Passage 5

I felt lonely in a classroom full of boys and girls and a teacher. The teacher walked up to me smiling. She put her hand tenderly on my shoulder and asked – “What is your name?” ‘Abhayankar’ – I whispered.

“Say loudly, so I can hear it,” she said. I tried but I could not. My lips were dry, perhaps sealed. I could not open my mouth. Then the teacher asked me to write my name on the blackboard. I went up to the blackboard, lifted the white chalk and as I was about to write, my mind went blank. I knew my name, I knew how to write it, but standing in front of so many boys and girls and the teacher made me uncomfortable.

1. What that does not describe the **narrative**
(a) Nervous (b) uncomfortable (c) confident (d) timid
2. This opposite of ‘sealed’ is
(a) close (b) tight (c) open (d) free
3. The word ‘whispered’ means
(a) said slowly (b) said loudly (c) kept quiet (d) did not speak
4. The boy could not write his name because he was
(a) lonely (b) afraid (c) sick (d) nervous
5. The teacher wastowards the boy
(a) sympathetic (b) rude (c) unhelpful (d) indifferent

Passage 6

I was about six years old. Once I saw a beautiful picture in a book. It was a picture of a dense forest. I thought about the forest and drew a picture of an animal. I showed it to some grown-ups and asked them, “Are you afraid of it”. But they asked me. “Afraid” why should one be afraid of a hat?

My drawing was not of a hat. To me, it was an elephant. But the grown-ups were not able to understand it. One of those grown-ups even advised me, "Stop drawing. Devote yourself instead to Geography, Arithmetic or Grammar that is why I gave up drawing. That is why I could not become a great artist."

1. The boy drew a picture of
(a) a forest (b) an animal (c) a girl (d) a hat
2. The child wanted to become
(a) a geographer (b) a mathematician
(c) an artist (d) a grammarian
3. The child gave up drawing because ..
(a) he was so advised (b) he wanted to become a mathematician
(c) he had no time for it (d) it was very difficult to draw
4. The opposite word for 'beautiful' is
(a) tidy (b) lovely (c) pretty (d) ugly
5. The same word for 'afraid'
(a) sad (b) feared (c) surprised (d) disappointed