

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

Our journey uphill to Bandipur was branched off the Prithvi Highway about two kilometers west of Dumre on the way to Pokhara. In less than an hour from Dumre we reached the medieval town as we found ourselves almost a century back in time. History says that Newars who fled Kathmandu Valley settled in Bandipur area. Newar traders from Kathmandu soon started flooding the area after the conquest of Kathmandu Valley by Prithvi Narayan Shah. The place was just as our friends had told us. With its ancient cobbled streets and medieval ambience displayed by old homes that exhibit glorious 18<sup>th</sup> century architecture. At the northeast end of Bazaar, was the main shopping strip. Nearby stands the ornate two-tiered Bindabasini temple dedicated to Goddess Durga, the guardian deity of the town. Needless to say, we spent the weekend just loitering around the town, making short trips to nearby temples, viewpoints and some mysterious caves.

Bandipur is probably the only example of a town that is truly a living museum of Newar culture. Its winding lanes are lined with tall Newar houses and people here seem to live, as they had done years before. It is somewhat hard to believe that a town tucked away somewhere up in the hills and barely three hours drive away from Kathmandu has by default managed to escape the ravages of modern day development. It seems like time stops in the town of Bandipur.

After spending the weekend we unwillingly caught the bus to dusty, dirty, crowded, polluted and impersonal 21<sup>st</sup> century Kathmandu to face the life once more. The teeming metropolis soon made us realize what we had been missing. The hangover of Bandipur has however remained so strong that we have decided on another trip to Bandipur in the near future.

A. Find words from the passage which match with the given definition:  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- Old, as if belonging to ancient time:
- The atmosphere of a place:
- Highly decorated:
- Harsh damages and destruction:
- Wandering without any purpose:

B. Write True, False or Not Given for these statements:

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- The settlement of Bandipur was established by Newars from Kathmandu Valley.
- Newars fled Kathmandu Valley fearing the atrocities of Prithvi Narayan Shah.
- Bandipur was not like described by the friends of the speaker.
- ~~The speaker didn't like walking on roads that were unpaved and uneven.~~
- The speaker suggests that we often forget about the beauty that surrounds us.

C. Answer the following questions:

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- How can we reach Bandipur from Kathmandu Valley?
- What are some of the activities that people can engage in while staying in Bandipur?
- What does the speaker mean by "It seems like time stops in the town of Bandipur"?
- Where is Bindabasini temple located?
- Did the speaker want to return to Kathmandu? Why?



2. Give short answers to the following questions:

2×5=10

- Why does the poet compare the world with a stage? (All The World's A Stage)
- If the speaker is the child grown up why does he ask, "Who are you?" (Who are you little i)?
- Why did Jonathon think of himself as extraordinarily lucky? (Civil Peace)
- What is the story about Steve Jobs' birth? (How To Live Before You Die)
- How does the writer distinguish between a heroic age and a peaceful age?(What I Require From Life)

3. Answer the following questions:

5×2=10

- "The Oval Portrait" suggests that a woman's beauty condemns her to death. Elaborate.
- Summarise the poem "A Red, Red Rose" in your own words.
- There is a growing trend on children not caring about their parents during their old age. Write your views about this social practice.
- Superstition is prevalent in every walk of our life. Elaborate.
- Can one person make a difference to the society? Justify your answer with an example of a person who has made a difference to the society.

7. Do as indicated in the brackets:

1×10=10

- I get disturbed by noisy friends in the class. (Complete the sentence with given words)  
I find noisy .....
- I am pleased with this job. (Complete the sentence with given words)  
This job .....
- The number of students leaving the county for higher education (is/are) on the rise. (Rewrite the sentence choosing the correct option)
- Scissors (is/are) used to cut our hair. (Rewrite the sentence with the correct option)
- Make two words with the suffix 'ment'.
- Your father liked me. (Underline the verb and identify whether it is transitive/intransitive/link)
- Georges Lemaitre propounded the big bang theory. Lemaitre was born in 1894. (Join the two sentences with a defining relative clause)
- The man with all his children live in the city. (Rewrite the sentence correcting mistake, if there is any)
- Julia worked lazily. She was still promoted. (join the two sentences with 'however')
- How often (you/read) a newspaper? (Put the verb in bracket in the correct form)

8. Do as instructed:

1×5=5

- Identify the word which has a different consonant sound at the end:  
a. asked      b. picked      c. washed      d. smiled
- Which of this group of words has a different consonant sound at the end:  
a. visited      b. lasted      c. ended      d. walked
- What is the meaning of the idiom 'it takes one to know one'?  
a. WE know ourselves      b. two are awesome  
c. you're as bad as me      d. All incorrect
- Better safe than ..... is a popular proverb.  
a. proud      b. sorry      c. smart      d. All correct
- What is the closest meaning of the word "aloof"?  
a. innocent      b. foolish      c. lonely      d. hapless

\*\*\*Good Luck\*\*\*