

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

Walking has always been one of my favourite activities. To me it is the beginning of travel. The movement, the rhythm, the undulation of the senses and of the body that it initiates, I enjoy the very physical sensation of walking. When I was younger, I used to love walking on roads that were unpaved and uneven, like the paths around my *Mamaghar*. Some of my vivid memories involve running down the slopes behind my house.

As I grew older my adventure took on difficult shades and nuances. Walking became a more social activity. In my teens, I began walking home from school with my friends. Mostly we walked when we stayed back for some after-school activity and the buses had left, so it served as sort of minor rebellion. Staying back after school in itself made us feel grown-up. During those walks, rebels against our regimented routine, we could be free-willed masters of our time. We wanted to find our own way so we'd take shortcuts.

When I left school, my life changed drastically as I moved to Australian city Sydney. Australian streets were far quieter and organized than the cacophonous streets of Kathmandu. Yet in time, I grew to love the solitude they offered. Across the big Parramatta Road, where the buildings of my high school stood, was the completely nondescript Petersham, where I lived with my family on a street that faced the dreary backsides of shops.

Our world is so populated with brilliant and imaginative ideas, beautiful songs, things to look at, things to be in awe and to revere that we often forget that the layers of beauty we perceive in our everyday life are built on something not of our making—this earth and beyond it space, of which it is a part. The space between two footsteps makes it possible for us to move and as we walk, even when we are keeping step on with ourselves, a million others walk with us, maintaining the imperceptible relationship with space, which is governed by laws which we only have the minutest clue about.

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

1×5=5

- a. Walking took the form of a social activity as the speaker grew up. T
- b. The speaker used to take short cuts to reach home early. F
- c. The speaker enjoyed walking in Sydney more than in Kathmandu.
- d. The speaker didn't like walking on roads that were unpaved and uneven. F
- e. The speaker suggests that we often forget about the beauty that surrounds us. T

B. Find words from the passage which match with the given definitions: **1×5=5**

- a. All the fine details:
- b. A wave like motion:
- c. Strictly organized and controlled:
- d. A mixture of unpleasant sounds:
- e. Something that is depressingly dull:

C. Answer the following questions: **1×5=5**

- a. How did walking make the speaker and her friends feel like rebels?
- b. How did the speaker's life take a drastic change?
- c. What did the speaker like about walking on Sydney streets?
- d. What are we surrounded by, according to the speaker?
- e. Walking is the speaker's favourite activity, what about you?

2. Do as indicated in the brackets: **1×10=10**

- a. get depressed by rainy winter days. (Complete the sentence with given words)
I find rainy
- b. When I've got nothing to do I feel boring. (Complete the sentence with given words)
I get.....
- c. A can of fresh beans (is/are) in the fridge. (Rewrite the sentence choosing the correct option)
- d. Neither the actors nor the director (seem/seems) interested in the movie. (Rewrite the sentence with the correct option)
- e. Make two words with the suffix 'ion'.
- ~~f.~~ The dog barked loudly. (Underline the verb and identify whether it is transitive/intransitive/link verb)
- g. Isaac Newton propounded the theory of gravity. Newton was born in 1643. (Join the two sentences with defining relative clause)
- ~~h.~~ Are you believing in God? (Rewrite the sentence correcting mistake, if there is any)
- i. John worked hard. He still looked energetic. (join the two sentences with 'despite')
- j. Write two words with the prefix 'super'

3. Do as instructed: **1×5=5**

- a. Identify the word which has a different consonant sound at the end:
a. asked b. missed c. washed d. killed
- b. Identify the word which has a different consonant sound at the end:
a. cats b. books c. rooms d. roofs
- c. What is the meaning of the idiom 'a hot potato'?
a. a controversial issue b. a sweet dish
c. a hot cake d. All incorrect
- d. A bird in hand is worth two in the
a. tree b. branch c. bush d. ground
- e. What is the meaning of the idiom 'miss the boat'?
a. no boat b. miss the opportunity c. helpless d. All incorrect
- 4. We live in a superstitious world. Elaborate this statement.