

**Poetry comprehension:**

**Q 1 ) Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF**

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,  
You've all that the greatest of men have had,  
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,  
And a brain to use if you would be wise.  
With this equipment they all began,  
So start for the top and say "I can."

Look them over, the wise and great,  
They take their food from a common plate  
And similar knives and forks they use  
With similar laces they tie their shoes,  
The world considers them brave and smart.  
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,  
You can be great if only you will,  
You're well equipped for what fight you choose,  
You have legs and arms and a brain to use  
And the man who has risen, great deeds to do  
Began his life with no more than you.

You are the handicap you must face  
You are the one who must choose your place  
You must say where you want to go  
How much you will study the truth to know,  
God has equipped for life, But He  
Lets you decide what you want to be.

Courage must come from the soul within,  
The man must furnish the will to win  
So figure it out for yourself, my lad,  
You were born with all that the great have had  
With your equipment they all began.  
Get hold of yourself, and say: "I can."

**A) Choose the correct one:**

- a) All great men lived  
(i) in luxury (ii) ordinary lives (iii) in ordinary houses (iv) to fight challenges
- b) The greatest trait to win is  
(i) brain power (ii) will power (iii) muscle power (iv) gun power
- c) The lad is reminded at the end of the poem that he has  
a) all the necessary equipment to win b) to fight the battle c) to study hard d) a sharp brain

**B) Answer the following questions briefly:**

- a) What is the lad advised to do? ( any two)
- b) What does every man share with the greatest of men?
- c) What does "Figure it out" mean?
- d) What is the handicap that a person faces in life?

**C) Find words from the poem which mean the following:**

- a) disability      b) equip      c) victory

**Prose comprehension:**

**Q II) Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)**

1. The youth is a dynamo, an ocean, an inexhaustible reservoir of energy. But this energy cannot be held in a prison. Its basic nature is to flow, to express itself. The youth energy on the basis of its expression can be divided into four categories.

2. The vast majority of the youth today are with the establishment whose formula in the life is to learn,earn, burn and enjoy. It means that they learn to operate the modern devices and employ them to earn the maximum amount of wealth to the point of burning the natural resources of the earth, as well as themselves out and then enjoy their own funeral! This category of youth is intelligent, skilful and hardworking but it lacks insight and foresight. They are self-indulgent, any sense of moral code of conduct is alien to their nature and foreign to their texture or the way of life. Neither are they able to see in depth nor able to see the purpose of human life. They don't have the capacity to look beyond their nose to find out the consequences of their approach. They are ends upto themselves and enjoyment is the Motto of their life!

3. The second category of youth in nature and approach is the same but as it is less privileged and less qualified and skilled, it has lesser opportunities for learning and enjoying. Such youth rebel against the establishment for this gross injustice being meted out to them. This opposition takes various forms. When it is well organized and systematic it may take the form of political opposition and even go to the extent of expressing itself in violent ways. The various insurgent and terrorist groups the world over are its manifestations. When the opposition is not so intense and organized, it remains content with giving verbal expression to its resentment, periodically.

4. The third section of the youth is sober and thoughtful which objectively observes and studies the phenomenon of development and the trends of the world. They discover that Man in his insatiable thirst for consumption has become blind and lost the sense of distinguishing between milk and blood! Today Man in his mad rush for exploitation is sucking the blood of the resources in Nature, leading up to their destruction and thereby digging his own grave! But as a ray of hope, this responsible category of youth is looking for alternative model of development based on mutual love, friendship and harmony is not only sustainable prosperity but is a hand shake with new life! To bring about natural revolution from death movement towards life movement is the aim of this group of youth.

5. The fourth and the most vital group of youth which is going to usher humanity into the third millennium and acts as a pioneer for the future development of planetary life is engaged in evolving a new way of life and releasing a new principle of global consciousness through a fundamental research in the science of life. This science of life is a branch of knowledge which takes the whole Man into account without dividing him into subjective and objective halves and does not treat him as a refined thinking animal or an eternal entity having its base in some other non-physical world. It, rather, recognizes Man as a basic unit of conscious life which has got immense, practically inexhaustible possibilities and potentialities of evolution, development and growth. As per the Vedic formula Man is micro-cosmos and his flowering would happen only when he recognizes his worth in the cosmos!

6. This perfection of human life which leads to realization and establishment of harmony and order between Man n' God, between Man n' Nature and between Man n' Man! The moment this new order enforces itself, the old disorder and chaotic jumble created by the mutilated vision of Man then recedes. This process paves the way for the new and the Golden dawn tomorrow with the advent of third millennium.

7. This period of transition, unprecedented in history where an old order, because of inherent contradictions, is collapsing and a new one on the wings of a new vision and a creative spirit is emerging, leading to the birth of a world in a new age. The burden of this golden future is being borne by the sons of humanity, the sons of the earth and the fathers of our youth! This is their privilege, this is their glory and this is their destiny! The youth of the world is overwhelmed with this bestowment of grace in the form of the crown of great responsibility on its head! The youth is proud and confident of carrying this mission of establishing a new life order in the third millennium. May God be with the youth!  
( J.N.Puri - The Tribute)

**I ) On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any five of the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.**

(i) The vast majority of youth lack

(a) foresight (b) the ability to see the deeper purpose of life (c) a moral code (d) all of the above

(ii) The third section of the youth

(a) are irresponsible (b) believe in finding solutions (c) believe in enjoying life (d) are rebellious.

(iii) The new way of life:

(a) sees man as a basic unit of life (b) recognizes that man has unlimited potential (c) is a chaotic jumble (d) both (a) and (b)

(iv) The new way of thinking is expected to

(a) end exploitation of nature (b) end chaos (c) make man realise his relation with the cosmos (d) all of the above

(v) The fourth section of youth:

(a) are the sons of humanity who carries the golden future (b) is proud and confident of their work (c) acts as a pioneer for the future development of planetary life. (d) is overwhelmed by the crown of great responsibility

(vi) Which category of youth express grudge either in political or violent ways?

(a) third (b) second (c) first (d) fourth

**1.2 ) Answer the following questions briefly:**

- 1) How does the energy of youth rebelling against government express itself?
- 2) How has Man become blind in his thirst for consumption? How does Youth react to this trend?
- 3) What is the goal of the majority of the youth?
- 4) Why is the fourth category of youth vital?
- 5) What has the period of transition to offer?

**1.3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as**

- (i) rebellious ( para 3) (ii) unparalleled (para 7)

**NOTICE WRITING**

Q III) The Sports Club of your school is going to organize an Inter class Volley ball Tournament for classes XI & XII. Draft a notice in about 50 words inviting the names of the students who want to participate in it. Give all the necessary details. You are Shubham/Shubhi, Secretary, Sports Club, Akash Public School, Gurgham. (Mention date, time, venue, eligibility, last date for registering names, details of registration fees.) ( Avoid using personal pronoun especially I, we, you and our)

Q IV) Yesterday, during lunch break you misplaced your notes on chemistry lecture. You want to get them back. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board. You are Subhash / shruthi, a student of class XII A.

**( Notice for lost or found:**

- 1) article/object lost or found
- 2) where you lost or found it
- 3) description of the article like colour/size/make/model etc.
- 3) date/time/day you lost it/found it
- 4) whom to contact
- 5) a suitable gift/reward for the person who returns that article/ product.)

**NOTICE WRITING:**

Format: 1 mark

Content : 2 marks

Expression : 1 mark

Name of the institution/organization ( write in capital letters)

DATE

Notice

Title

Content: Event ( Date , time , venue and purpose of the event and other important details about the event.)

Sign  
(name)  
Designation