

**I. Reading & Respond.****10 Marks**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions**

“ Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body? A full – blooded cobra? ” All of us fell silent. The question came from the homeopath. The topic came up when we were discussing snakes. We listened attentively as the doctor continued with the tale.

“ It was a hot summer night about ten o’clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say the rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.”

The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room. I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meager. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

**Choose the correct answer.**

- “ Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body?” This is \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence. [     ]  
a) an exclamatory    b) an interrogative    c) a declarative        d) an imperative
- “ A full – blood cobra?” full – blooded here means. [     ]  
a) full of blood        b) full of poison        c) strong                d) venomous
- The sound was a familiar one. Here familiar implies [     ]  
a) well known        b) strange                c) habitual              d) customary
- The house was not electrified; it was a \_\_\_\_\_ rented room. [     ]  
a) large                b) spacious                c) tiny                    d) small.

**Answer the following questions.**

- What was the sound or noise heard by the doctor?
- How was the house? What was his position economically?
- What is the significance of the title?

**II. Complete the passage choosing the right word from those given below it.****5 Marks**

Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,

“ Good gracious!..... (1) you hop!  
Over the fields and .....(2) water too,  
As if you never ..... (3) stop!  
My life is a bore in this .....(4) pond,  
And I long to go out in the world beyond!  
I wish I could ..... (5) like you!”

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- a) why                    b) how                    c) when                    d) where
- a) the                    b) some                    c) a                        d) any
- a) will                    b) shall                    c) should                    d) would
- a) disgusting            b) untidy                    c) nasty                    d) dirty
- a) jump                    b) hop                    c) leap                    d) fly

**III. Vocabulary :****2 Marks**

- solitary =
- slithered =
- meagre =
- sprinter =

**IV. Prepare any six questions from the following picture.****3 Marks****V. Project work****5 Marks**