

A. Reading & Respond.**10 Marks****Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions**

His parents decided not to send him to a special school – a decision he said was very hard for him, but which may have been the best decision they could have made for him.

When Nick was born his father was so shocked that he left the hospital room to vomit. His distraught mother couldn't bring herself to hold him until he was four months old.

His disability came without any medical explanation – a rare occurrence called phocomelia – and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick would happen to them. 'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself,' he said.

'It was so hard for them but right from the start they did their best to make me independent.' 'My dad put me in the water at 18 months and gave the courage to learn how to swim.' 'I also got really into football and skateboarding. I totally love the English Premier League.'

Nick's father was a computer programmer and accountant and he taught his little son how to type with his toe at just 6 years old. His mum invented a special plastic device that meant he could hold a pen and pencil.

Choose the correct answer.

- When Nick was born.
 - his father was shocked
 - his mother became distraught
 - she could not hold him until he was four months old
 - his father was so shocked that he left the hospital room to vomit.
- "It was so hard for them but right from the start"
 - his parents did their best to make him independent.
 - They tried to make Nick happy in all possible ways
 - They wanted to make him free
 - they planned to appoint care – takers
- Nick's father gave him the courage to learn how to swim.
 - at the age of 2
 - at the age 18
 - when Nick was 18 months old
 - when Nick was 6 years old
- His disability came without any medical explanation a rare occurrence called
 - emaciation
 - amnesia
 - insomnia
 - phocomelia

Answer the following questions:

- How did Nick's parents feel when he was born?
- What is the disability of Nick?
- "His parents decided not to send him (Nick) to a special schools. Was Nick happy about his parents' decision? Why or why not? What do you think about this decision?"

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

In 1913, Lee De Forest, inventor of the triodes tube, was charged by the district attorney for using fraudulent means to mislead the public (1) buying stocks of his company by claiming that he could transmit (2) voice across the Atlantic. He was publicly humiliated. Can you imagine where we would be without his(3)? A New York Times editorial on December 10, 1903, questioned the wisdom of the Write Brothers who were trying to (4) a machine,(5)

Than air, that would fly.

- in
 - by
 - into
 - of
- the
 - a
 - any
 - some
- intervene
 - interference
 - intervening
 - invention
- invent
 - discover
 - detect
 - find
- heavy
 - heavier
 - heaviest
 - heavily

III. Write a short composition on "Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam."**5 Marks****IV. Project work.****5 Marks**

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