

A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.  
5 marks each

1. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit.

a. Which of the following supported Kalam's father in his charitable endeavours?

- i. Kalam's elder brothers
- ii. Devotees from the mosque
- iii. Kalam's mother, Ashiamma
- iv. Their neighbours next door

b. What kind of father was Jainulabdeen?

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c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

Though Kalam's father avoided luxuries for himself and lived an ..... life, he fed many outsiders everyday.

d. When does one get a glimpse of Kalam's father's wisdom in the text?

- i. In his feeding many outsiders every day.
- ii. In his relationship with his wife and children.
- iii. As a provider for the numerous needs of his family.
- iv. When he comforts his wife at Kalam's departure.

e. Select the option that correctly reflects the meaning of the word 'spirit' as used in the extract.

- i. It is said that the spirit of a young girl haunts this forest.
- ii. The players were full of high spirits after winning the match.

- iii. She was a brave girl and everybody admired her spirit to live.
- iv. He cleaned the counter with some spirit to remove the stains.

2. I was one of many children – a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents. We lived in our ancestral house, which was built in the middle of the nineteenth century.

- a. Which of the following describes the place where Kalam was born?
  - i. An island town
  - ii. A coastal town
  - iii. A temple town
  - iv. A religious town
- b. In what way did Kalam's family reflect the secular attitude of the village?

c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

The secular attitude of the various families was also seen in the ..... of Kalam and his friends.

- d. What traits from his father did Kalam say he had inherited?
  - i. Honesty and self-discipline
  - ii. Faith in goodness
  - iii. Sense of austerity
  - iv. Charitable nature
- e. Select the option that does not use a synonym of the word 'middle' from the extract.
  - i. Our new office is very central as it is just a short walk from the metro station.
  - ii. The farmer's house was situated at the the brink of the forest, near the road.
  - iii. He was a stout man of medium height, wearing a black coat and brown hat.
  - iv. Midway through the film, the projector stopped working and we had to leave.

3. ... and something like a state of emergency was declared. The first casualty came in the form of the suspension of the train halt at Rameswaram station.

- a. Which of the following tells us why 'something like a state of emergency was declared?'
  - i. The Second World War had broken out.
  - ii. India's freedom struggle had started.
  - iii. The First World War broke out.
  - iv. India had joined the Allied Forces.

b. What problem did the 'first casualty' cause for Kalam's cousin?

c. Fill in the blank with one word only.

A reason why Kalam's area had initially remained isolated and unaffected by the War was because it was an \_\_\_\_\_ town.

d. Why was this 'casualty' a source of pride for Kalam?

- i. It gave him a chance to help his dear cousin.
- ii. He was able to contribute to the family's income.
- iii. He felt he was doing something for the country.
- iv. It was the first time he earned his own money.

e. Select the option that best reflects the meaning of the word 'suspension' from the extract.

- i. Modifications have been made to the car's suspension in order to improve its performance.
- ii. The liquid lying in a bottle in the Chemistry lab is the suspension you need for the experiment.
- iii. The recent violent incidents have led to a suspension in the talks between the two countries.
- iv. The suspension bridge built over the river last year is an engineering marvel.