

(1) Meet Numali Rohngang! A tribal girl living in the Assam-Meghalaya border. An ordinary 14 year old with an extraordinary determination. Numali's daily schedule comprises of washing clothes, utensils, cleaning the house, cooking , and then walking 10 kilometres from her village, to get to school. People in her village have asked her to drop out of school in order to make things easier. But for Numali that is not an option at all.

(2) Numali's mother passed away when she was younger. Since then she is responsible for managing a household of four. Her life would have been simpler if she could go to the school nearby. But her father's meager income of 1100 rupees as a gardener is a limitation. For Numali going to school is something that she would never give up. She therefore walks 10 kilometres everyday to reach Smile Foundation's Mission Education center that has been established to provide free education and nutrition to children like Numali.

(3) Smile Foundation's Mission Education programme has been encouraging people to donate child livelihood needs and also has been providing education and nutrition through charity donations to over 12,500 underprivileged children like Numali, across the country, every year since 2002. But this is just a small step forward. There are 44 million underprivileged children in India who are out of school.

(4) Speaking about Smile Foundation Mr Santanu Misha, Co-Founder, said : “As a young and responsible organization, we think that the efforts put in only by government as well as development organizations will never suffice to build an educated, poverty free and liberated society. This will happen when members of the civil society come forward and take part in the development process.

(5) To assume responsibility for a child can potentially play a vital role in the country's development as educated children are the key to a bright future. As you sponsor a charity, it shall help children of India change the course of their destiny.

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(Adapted)

**I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (15 marks) :**

1) Read the text and tick (✓) the most appropriate option (1 mark) :

The text is mainly about :

- a- Providing children with education and shelter.
- b- Giving children a chance to have a decent life.
- c- Helping children to enrol in primary schools.

2) Correct the following False statements with details from the text (3 marks) :

a- Numali is too unwilling to go to school.

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b- Numali was responsible for her family members including her sick mother.

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c- Smile Foundation succeeded in achieving its aim.

3) Complete the following paragraph with words or group of words from the text (3 marks) :

As an ..... child, Numali opted for Smile Foundation's Mission Education centre . Every day, she walks 10 kilometres in order to get both ..... and .....

4) Complete the table about Smile Foundation (3 marks) :

PARTICIPANTS	ACHIEVEMENT
a- .....	- Establishing a liberated and educated society.
b- .....	
c- .....	

5) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (2 marks) :

a- that (pg 1) refers to : .....

b- it (pg 5) refers to : .....

6) Find words in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

a- small in quantity (pg 2) : .....

b- be enough (pg 4) : .....

7) Give a personal justified answer to the following question (1mark) :

How , do you think, can children be the key to a bright future?

I think .....  
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## II- Language (10 marks) :

### 1) Fill in the blanks with 8 words to get a coherent paragraph (4 marks) :

outstanding – from – calendar – with – drive – Ocean – offering – isles – renowned – fame

When considering a vacation in places like the Bahamas and Hawaii, another tropical paradise to consider in the USA are the Florida Keys. The Florida Keys are a chain of **a-** ..... spanning about 160 miles below Miami. They are between the Atlantic **b-** ..... and the Gulf of Mexico. Unlike other tropical paradises, the Florida Keys are only a short **c-** ..... from the city of Miami Florida. Accommodations come in full range from affordable all the way to luxurious. The Keys can be an **d-** ..... vacation destination for everyone, **e-** ..... your whole family a great vacation in the Florida Sun. The beaches of the Florida Keys have much to give, with many to choose **f-** ..... With some of the most unspoiled waters of the world, you will find plenty of sun and fun. There is much to do in the Florida Keys. Each of the areas has their own culture and heritage. Continuous events are on the **g-** ..... to keep your whole family happy while on your vacation. The Florida Keys are **h-** ..... for being full of the arts.

### 2) Put the words in brackets in the right tense and /or form (3 marks) :

Bullying is generally defined as an aggressive behaviour by an individual or group repeated over time that involves an imbalance of power. As the safety of U.S. schools has become an important public policy issue, interest in the problem of school bullying (**increase**) ..... Researches indicate that this type of adolescent victimization (**occur**) ..... frequently, particularly in middle school grades, and can result in serious consequences for both bully and victim. In 2002, a report by the U.S. Secret Service (**conclude**) ..... that bullying played a significant role in many schools and that efforts (**should / make**) ..... to eliminate bullying behaviour. As awareness of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the school setting have (**grow**) ....., state legislatures have been addressing this problem. Consequently, since 2001, a few states have enacted legislation of some form (**fight**) ..... bullying.

### 3) Circle the correct alternative to obtain a meaningful paragraph (3 marks) :

A cyber-school, also known as a virtual or online school, is considered a type of charter school. Through cyber-school instruction, you can receive your high school diploma (**during - while - via**) taking classes online. This type of school takes the classroom out of the equation and provides a student (**with – by – at**) self-discipline to obtain a quality education and flexibility not available in a traditional school system. Many parents are (**interested – concerned – indifferent**) about the costs of a cyber-school. Depending on whether you (**choose – attend – leave**) a public or private option will determine your cost. The public options are paid by dollars allocated by the state and district of residence for each child's education . (**Besides – Though – Therefore**), students can attend a public cyber-school at no cost to the parents. Private schools have more control (**in – about – over**) pricing options.

### III- Writing (15 marks) :

1) Use the following information to write the biography of **MARIA MONTESSORI** (5 marks) :

- Birth** : August 31, 1870 Chiaravalle (Ancona), Italy.  
**Education** : 1890 / University of Rome La Sapienza Medical School.  
**Occupation** : Physician and educator  
**Achievement** : 1906 / 1911 establishing the Montessori Method of education.  
**Death** : May 6, 1952 Noordwijk, Netherlands.

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2) You have recently spent the holiday of your dreams. Write a letter thanking the travel agency, which was responsible for organizing your package tour, and stating the good services and facilities offered. (10 marks)

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