

## SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

**Question (1-5): Read the given passage carefully**

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.

"Mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself", he said.

*(Attitude is Altitude)*

**Now answer the following Questions:**

1. What decision did Nick's parents take?
2. How did Nick's father feel when he was born?
3. His distraught mother couldn't bring herself to hold him until.....
  - a) He was fully grown-up    b) He was four months old    c) He was four years old
4. Mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself because.....
  - a) Nick was born as a healthy baby
  - b) Nick was born as a pretty baby
  - c) Nick was born as a torso
5. The word 'Phocomelia' in the passage means...
  - a) A rare condition that causes very short limbs
  - b) A rare condition that caused very short body
  - c) A rare condition that causes very long limbs

**Question (6-8): Read the following stanza carefully**

But believe me, son.

I want to be what I used to be

when I was like you. I want

to unlearn all these muting things.

Most of all, I want to relearn

how to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror

shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!

*(Once Upon a time)*

**Choose the correct answers to the following questions:**

1. What are the muting things according to the speaker?
  - a) Expressionless things    b) Expressive things    c) Silent things.

2. How does the speaker want to be?
  - a) The speaker wants to learn muting things.
  - b) The speaker wants his teeth like a snake's bare fangs.
  - c) The speaker wants to be what he used to be.
3. His teeth in the mirror are compared to ...
  - a) his smile in the past      b) his father's smile      c) a snake's bare fangs

**Question (9-10) Read the following passage carefully**

*It didn't take you long to start dividing my things between you. I'll tell you what I'm going to do. Since your mother died, I've lived part of the time with you, Amelia, and part with you, Lizzie.*  
**(Dear Departed – II)**

**Choose the correct answers to the following questions:**

9. Who does "I" refer to in the passage?
  - a) Amelia      b) Elizabeth      c) Abel or Grand father
10. The two people who shared the things between them are .....
  - a) Abel and Amelia      b) Amelia and Elizabeth      c) Elizabeth and Abel

**Questions (11-15): Read the following table.**

**Pass Percentage of Boys and Girls in SSC Public Examinations, March 2015**

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Boys Pass Percentage	Girls Pass Percentage	Total Pass Percentage
1	YS R Kadapa	98	98.4	98.18
2	Guntur	91.8	89.2	91
3	West Godavari	92.4	88	90.8
4	Visakhapatnam	92	88.4	90.2
5	Chittoor	71	72	71.5

**Now, answer the following Questions**

11. Which district stood first in SSC Public Examinations, March 2015? What was its total Percentage?
12. In which districts Boys Pass percentage is more than the Girls Percentage?
13. What was the total Pass percentage in Guntur District?
  - a) 90                      b) 90.2                      c) 91
14. What was the difference in the Pass Percentage of Girls and Boys in Chittoor District?
  - a) 5                      b) 8                      c) 1
15. Which is the correct statement among the following sentences?
  - a) The girls performed better than the boys
  - b) West Godavari district secured the highest total percentage.
  - c) Y.S.R. Kadapa district stood in first place in SSC Public Examinations, March 2015