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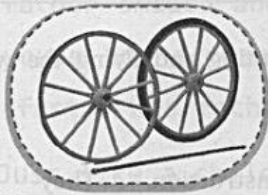
PP Module **Exam Booster 3** **Linear Text**

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

The History of Transport

The Early Man

Ever wondered how the early man travelled from one place to another? They had no fancy transport then. They used their legs, of course! Then they used animals to carry their things.



The Invention of the Wheel

The invention of wheel 5 000 years ago changed the way people travelled. Coaches drawn by horses were used. Wheeled carts also meant that heavier loads could be transported over longer distances. Travel became faster than before.

Roads

Slowly roads were improvised. Coaches or carts were pulled by using pack of animals – donkeys, oxen or horses. They were used to transport goods and people. In 1886, a German inventor, Karl Benz, came up with the idea of motor wagons, constructed mainly for the transport of people rather than goods.

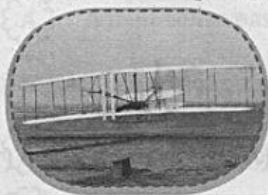


Rail

The birth of the railway came about when people needed to transport heavy goods in big quantities. Moreover, when wheels roll in the grooves on a rail, they require less energy to run and also run faster than the road transport due to less friction. Earliest rails were known as 'Wagonways'. The invention of steam engine gave a historic leap to the rail travel. The first basic steam engine was developed by Thomas Newcomen.

Water

In primitive times, boats were developed to be used in rivers for fishing. Egyptians made boats out of bundles of bound papyrus reeds. Then sails were invented and they used the wind to move the ship. Sailing ships were used to carry cargo for trade. Ships were used in war.



Air

The first aeroplane was built by two American brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, in 1903. The plane called The Wright Flyer was the beginning of air travel.

Space

Rocket is one of the most important inventions of the last hundred years. It has given humans a way of travelling into space and discovering a whole new world. The first human spaceflight was achieved with the Soviet space programme's Vostok 1 mission in 1961.

So you can see that transportation means have evolved with the human civilisation. And it would keep on doing so. Who knows in a few years from now, going to Mars might be as easy as buying a metro ticket and hopping onto a spacecraft.



Source: <http://kinooze.com/the-history-of-transport/>



Answer the questions below.

Choose **no more than five words and/ or a number** from the text for each answer.

- 1 The early man travelled from one place to another _____.
- 2 It was _____ to travel with the invention of the wheel.
- 3 Motor wagons were made mainly to _____.
- 4 What is the most important invention of the last hundred years?

- 5 The Wright brothers were two American aviators credited with inventing and flying the world's _____.
- 6 The ancient Egyptians had knowledge of sail construction. They made _____ – it was most probably the first sailing boat.
- 7 Vostok 1 was _____ of the Soviet space programme and also the first manned spaceflight in history.
- 8 Railways became suitable for carrying _____ and were faster.

Complete the table below with **a word** from the text.

Meaning	Word
9 invented	
10 a big change	





PP Module Exam Booster 4 Matching (Gapped Text)

You are going to read a story about think before you speak. Six sentences have been removed from the story. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Think Before You Speak

It was a sunny day and the weather was enjoyable. Everyone in the railway station was waiting for the train to arrive. People were seen coming and going in and out of the cafés and restaurants. Announcements were continuously made regarding the arrival of the trains. 1

Among the crowd, there was a group of youngsters going for holiday. 2 They ran to get their reserved seats before anyone could get into the train. The empty seats were filled and the train whistled to move. An old man with a young boy of about 15 years old came running to catch the train. They boarded the train and the train started to move. 3

The young boy was so surprised to see everything. With such wonder, he commented, 'Dad, the train is moving and the things are moving backwards.' His father smiled and nodded his head. As the train started moving faster, the young boy screamed again, 'Dad, the trees are green and run backwards very fast!' His father said, 'Yes, dear,' and smiled.

Just like a child, he was watching everything with great enthusiasm and happiness loaded with tons of surprises. 4 The young boy asked his dad, 'I want to eat some apples.' His father then bought him the apples. He said, 'Oh, apple looks so sweet than it tastes! I love this colour.'

A passenger, who had been watching the young boy from the beginning, asked the boy's father curiously, 'Is your son having any problem? Why is he behaving very differently?' 5

The father of the young boy, with patience, replied to the youngster. 6 The father continued, 'He is seeing various things in his life for the first time.' The loud youngster realised his mistake and apologised to the father and son.

- A A fruit seller passed selling apples and oranges.
- B They had their seats just adjacent to the teen group.
- C Passengers prepared to get into the train to their set destinations.
- D One of the youngsters even made fun of the boy and shouted, 'I think his son is mad.'
- E One of the passengers even jeered, 'It isn't easy to be a single parent.'
- F They made a loud noise to welcome the train as it entered the station.
- G 'My son was born blind. Only a few days before he was operated and got his vision.'
- H They were blessed that they could catch the train at the last minute.

