Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. **5 Marks**

TRAVELLING THE INDIAN WAY

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Over the years, the Pope has been driven around in quite a few different vehicles, which most people refer to as the 'Popemobile.' The last time the Pope visited the United States, for instance, his ride was a modified Mercedes-Benz M Class SUV which had been specially modified to accommodate his needs. In fact, Mercedes-Benz has a long history of creating vehicles specially for the Pope, and now Piaggio has joined in as well. Piaggio's contribution,

though, features just three wheels and is made from the rickshaw platform which is popular in India, where the vehicle was created.

The autorickshaw is now all set for a papal touch. Two made-in-Maharashtra three-wheelers desi versions of the 'Popemobile', the specially-designed automobile used by the Pope at

public appearances, is to whirr across the Vatican. The three-wheelers have been presented to the Pope by Italian automaker Piaggio which manufactures them at its Baramati plant. The

Piaggio Ape Calessino vehicles, that carry special insignia of the Vatican city and are white in colour in line with papal requirements, were presented to Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican last week, marking one of the most visible Indian connections to the spiritual leader."These vehicles were given a complete look and feel of a Popemobile by putting a white coloured hood, white tyres, seat upholstery, and white body paint. The insignia on the doors

is specially handcrafted. The entire vehicle was given a complete unique decor to suit the aura of His Holiness," Ravi Chopra, CMD of Piaggio's Indian subsidiary, told TOI.

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Chopra said the Pope gave the delegation an audience where they apprised him of the

vehicles and where they were manufactured. "He enquired about India and expressed a desire to visit the country," Chopra said. But would the Holy father actually get to use the vehicles and why would he prefer a three-wheeler over his fleet of cars? Chopra is confident he will.

"Just as a golf cart, they can be used by the Pope, may be for moving in the garden or some other purpose," he said.

1. Based on your reading of the news clipping above complete the following statements:

1. The Pope is .....

a) a man who loves cars

b) a spiritual leader

c) the King of Vatican

d) an environmentalist

2. Piaggio, is..... company.

a) an Indian

b) a Vatican

c) an American

d) an Italian

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3. To meet papal requirements, the manufacturer

a) presented the three-wheelers at the Vatican

b) modified the vehicles to accommodate the needs of the pope

c) designed the vehicles specially for the pope's public appearances

d) gave the vehicle a complete white look and the insignia of the Vatican city

4. The management of Piaggio is confident that the Pope will prefer a three-wheeler over his fleet of cars because .....

a) he needs it to play golf

b) he cannot use the other vehicles in the garden

c) it is more fuel-efficient

d) it is less polluting

5. Pick out from the passage a word that means 'a particular quality that seems to surround a person'

a) aura

b) insignia

c) papal

d) touch

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from given options. (5 Marks)

The death of Dr Christiaan Barnard, the famous transplant surgeon, has occurred at a time when many of his modern counterparts are facing difficulties. Many of the early problems, such as tissue rejection, have, to a great extent, now been solved, thanks to the introduction of new drugs. However, there remains a major problem. The people in need of transplant surgery far outnumber the available organs.

The shortage of organ donors has caused several doctors to call for urgent improvements to be made to the system by which organs are donated. Many countries, such as Britain, have huge waiting lists of people whose lives could be saved by being given a kidney, lung, heart, or liver transplant. Sadly, many of them die before they reach the top of those lists.

Under the present British scheme, people are asked to carry donor cards, and/or put their names on the national donor register. Thus, if they lose their lives suddenly, for example, in a traffic accident, they have given permission in advance of their deaths for their organs to be used. If they have not done so, surgeons are faced with the task of asking the distraught next-of-kin for permission to use the organs of the deceased. Of course, often the relatives are too upset even to think of such a thing until it is too late. Organ transplants have to take place quite soon after the death of the donor.

Dying and donating organs is not something most of us like to think about, and only about 14% of people have registered. Now, it has been suggested that, instead of the present register, there should be a register of people who wish to opt out of having their organs

removed for transplant surgery.

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Increasing the number of donors is made more difficult because it is such an emotive issue. Just recently, an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that half of the families in the United States refused, when asked for permission to use the organs of their loved ones.

1. Contemporary doctors face difficulties in transplant surgery because

a) tissue rejection has not been solved

b) expert doctors like Christian Barnard are not at hand to give advice

c) people needing transplant outnumber donors

d) introduction of new drugs has led to harmful side effects.

2. Patients often meet an unfortunate end because of.....

a) shortage of donors

b) tissue mis-match

c) lack of good doctors

d) lack of funds

3. Carrying donor cards is helpful in.....

a) asking people to donate organs

b) preventing accidental deaths

c) locating relatives of donors

d) locating donors quickly after death

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4. Many do not want to donate organs because .....

a) they are selfish

b) they cannot reach the hospital in time

c) they are ignorant

d) of emotional reasons

5. The word 'distraught' in the third paragraph means.....

a) upset

b) angry

c) selfish

d) happy

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