

Read the following passage carefully

We curl it, colour it, shave it. People devote more time, thought and money to it than possibly, any part of the body. It is the human hair.

A strand of hair has remarkable attributes. It is as strong as an aluminium wire of the same thickness. Take all the hair off your head and weave it into a rope; this rope can lift a small motor car off the ground.

The hair on your head grows one centimetre every month; this explains why people have regular haircuts. Facial hair grows faster than any other hair on the body. It grows faster in warm weather than cold weather; growth also takes place faster during the day.

Scattered all over your body are about half a million strands of hair of varying textures. The palms of the hands, the soles of the feet and the lips are about the only major area where you won't find any. Hair can only grow in areas where there are hair follicles. The average human has 100,000 hair follicles. Once a hair falls out, another one starts growing.

Hair can be cut, shaved, pressed or straightened with a hot comb or flat iron, all without feeling any pain. This is because hair above the skin is no longer composed of living cells.

Seen under a microscope, a strand of hair looks something like the bark of a tree, with the outer cells overlapping each other. The centre of the strand is hollow, which makes the strand of hair like a long slender tube.

Human hair is virtually indestructible. Apart from being inflammable (likely to burn), it is resistant to many kinds of acids and corrosive chemicals. It also has a slow rate of decay. The hair on the head of a human acts as a heat insulator similar to fur on animals.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Pay attention to your Grammar and Spelling.

1. What attribute of the human hair is compared to aluminium wire?

Ans=

2. What do you think could be the reason why men shave often?

Ans=

3. Write a phrase from paragraph two (2) which suggest that the human hair has extraordinary qualities.

Ans=

4. Why is cutting hair a pain free process?

Ans=

5. Why is there no hair on the palms of hands, soles of feet and on the lips?

Ans=

6. According to the passage, how can the human hair be destroyed?

Ans=