

## SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

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

'I was deeply depressed when I was eight years old,' he said. 'I went to my mum crying and told her I wanted to kill myself.'

'I felt cold and bitter. I hated God for doing this to me and was terrified of what would happen when my parents weren't there to look after me.'

'I could brush my own teeth with a wall mounted brush and wash my own hair with pump action soap, but there was so much that was impossible for me.'

At age ten Nick tried to drown himself in the bath but luckily the attempt was unsuccessful. 'I felt there was no purpose when you lack purpose and strength. It is hard to hold on,' he said. But with the help of his religion, friends and family, Nick managed to pull through to become an international symbol of triumph over adversity.

When I was 13, I read a newspaper article about a disabled man who had managed to achieve great things and helped others,' said Nick. **(Attitude is Altitude)**

**Now answer the following questions:**

1. Why was Nick deeply depressed?
2. What was the newspaper article about?
3. Nick could brush his teeth with the help of .....
  - a. a wall mounted brush
  - b. his parents
  - c. his friends
4. Nick was terrified of .....
  - a. his parents' attitude
  - b. What would happen
  - c. What would happen when his parents were not there to encourage him.
5. It was luck for Nick that .....
  - a. he drowned himself in the bath
  - b. his attempt to kill himself was successful
  - c. his attempt to kill himself was unsuccessful

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

Deep in the Ocean South the whale swims	This child could sing the final whale song
Her song of birthing fills the seas	The last to make the ocean shake.
Thousands of creatures wait a movement	Our grandchild never hears its mystery
The solemn birth that they will see.	Or will the dreamer wake?

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

6. When do whales sing?
  - a. when they are happy
  - b. When they give birth to their babies.
  - c. When they are swimming.
7. Which moment the thousands of creatures wait for?
  - a. whale song
  - b. solemn birth of the baby whale
  - c. grand child

8. Why could this child of whale sing the final song?
  - a. because they go deep in the ocean.
  - b. because they are going to another ocean.
  - c. because they would die.

**Questions (9-10): Read the following conversation carefully.**

**Abel** : I'll tell you what I've got to do. On Monday next I've got to do three things. I've got to go to the lawyer and alter my will; and I've got to go to St Philip's Church and get married.

**Ben and Henry** : What!

**Mrs. Jordan**: Get married!

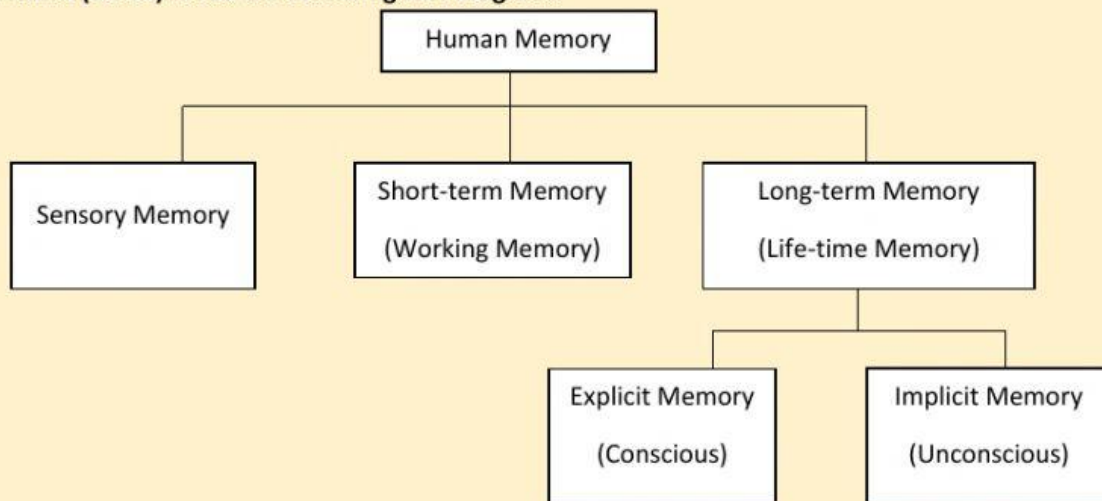
**Mrs. Slater** : He's out of his senses. (General consternation)

**Abel** : I say I'm going to get married.

**Now, answer the following questions:**

9. Abel wanted to go to St Philip's Church .....
  - a. to get married
  - b. to meet his daughters
  - c. to change the will
10. Abel wanted to marry John Shorrocks because .....
  - a. his daughters neglected him
  - b. she was a close relative of him
  - c. he had promised her to marry

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



**Now answer the following questions:**

1. What is the tree-diagram about?
2. Basically, how many types of memory do we have?
3. Which of the main subdivisions has further divisions?
  - a. Sensory Memory
  - b. Short-term Memory
  - c. Long-term Memory
4. Unconscious Memory is known as .....
  - a. Implicit Memory
  - b. Explicit Memory
  - c. Short-term Memory
5. Working Memory is ...
  - a. Life-time Memory
  - b. Short-time Memory
  - c. Sensory Memory