

Unseen Passage

What is Comprehension?

Comprehension is used to test the following facts

1. Student's ability to understand ideas in his/her own language
2. His/her ability to follow the structure and the development of thoughts.
3. His/her ability to express someone else's ideas in his/her own language.
4. To know the meanings of various words and phrases.
5. To draw conclusions.

Useful hints for solving comprehension

1. Read the given passage carefully. Remember that a good paragraph revolves round a single idea.
2. Follow the line of development that the writer has given. Separate the explanations, example, and quotations from the main concern.
3. Try to paraphrase the important portions of the passage, as you start writing the answer.
4. Never try to explain the questions or give your opinions.
5. Write your answer brief, precise and to the point.
6. Your answer must consist of complete and self-explanatory sentences.
7. Always use the same tense as used in the question.
8. Always use the third person.

Way to score more

1. Be brief and to the point.
2. Write one or two words, as specified in the blanks.
3. Increase your stock of vocabulary.
4. Revise your answer and correct your spelling/grammatical errors.

Marking scheme

- Full marks for the exact answer.
- Mistakes in grammar, punctuation, and spelling are not severely penalised.
- Good answers are awarded good marks.

Unseen Passage I

It is a common belief that industrialization is the main contributing factor for the degradation of environment and human health. But this is not very true. It is the gift

of industrialization that we are able to feed such a large population. The Green Revolution took place only due to industrialization. Urea, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. began to be produced only after industrialization. Besides, mechanical equipment for agriculture like tractors, threshers, combines, etc. began to be manufactured in big industries.

Industrialization is also the basis of our modern and technologically advanced world. Most of the appliances that we use for our comfort are also produced in the industries. Moreover, lifesaving drugs and medical equipment are also the gift of our scientific research and industrialization.

Sample Questions

Q.1. Why was Green Revolution not possible without industrialization?

Q.2. How is industrialisation related to our comfort?

Q.3. What is the role of industrialization in saving the lives of people?

Q.4. Industries cause a lot of pollution, still they are important. Why?

Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false statements.

Q.1. Industrialization is the only reason behind pollution.

Q.2. Agricultural development is not possible without industrialization.

Q.3. Our life would not have been so comfortable without industrialization.

Q.4. Industries produce many things which make our life comfortable.

How do you write answers of an unseen passage

Tips for solving comprehension passages:

1. Read the passage thoroughly.
2. Focus on the relevant details and underline them with a pen or a pencil.
3. Read the questions carefully and go back to the passage to find the answers.
4. The answers are generally in a logical sequence.
5. Try to write the answer in your own words.