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[N.B. – The figures in the right margin indicate full marks]

Read the passage. Then answer the question below.

Michael Madhusudan Dutt, popularly known as Modhusudan, was a celebrated 19th century Bengali poet and dramatist. He was born in Sagodari on the bank of the Kopotaksho river, a village in Keshobpur Upazilla under Jessore district.

From an early age, Dutt, aspired to be an English man in form and manner. Though he was born in a sophisticated Hindu family, he converted to Christianity as a young man, much to the ire of his family, and adopted the first name Michael. In his childhood, he was recognized by his teachers as a precious child with the gift of literary talent. His early exposure to English education and European literature at home and his college inspired him to imitate English in taste, manners and intellect. Since adolescence he started believing that he was born on the wrong side of the planet, and that his society was unable to appreciate his talent. He also believed that the West would be more receptive to his creative genius.

Modhusudan was an ardent follower of the famous English poet Lord Byron. So, after adopting Christianity, he went to Europe and started composing poems and plays in English. They showed his higher level of intellectual ability. However, he failed to gain the right appreciation. To his utter frustration he found that he was not esteemed as a native writer of English literature. Out of his frustration, he composed a poem in Bangla 'Kopotaksha Nad' which earned him huge reputation in Bangla. Gradually, he could realize that his true identity lay in Bengal and he was a sojourner in Europe. Afterwards, he regretted his fascination for England and the West. He came back to Bengal and devoted himself to Bangla literature from this period. He has written the first Bangla epic 'Meghnad Badh Kavya'

1. Choose the best answer from the alternatives.

1×7=07

- (a) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'sophisticated'?
- (i) lower class (ii) classy
(iii) unfashionable (iv) middle class
- (b) " he converted to Christianity " what does the expression mean?
- (i) He loved Christianity (ii) He took much interest in Christianity
(iii) He embraced Christianity (iv) He defied Christianity
- (c) " a precious child with the gift of literary talent " what does the expression mean?
- (i) a rare child having literary talent (ii) a child with rich literary talent
(iii) a child having literary potentiality (iv) a child with literary zeal
- (d) What is the similarity between Michael and Byron?
- (i) idea (ii) speech (iii) tolerance (iv) extravagance
- (e) Which of the following statements is true about Michael?
- (i) He initiated Bangla literature (ii) He mismanaged his idea (iii) He brought about a change
(iv) He demoralized his life
- (f) 'devoted' could be best replaced by -----.
- (i) negligent (ii) unfaithful (iii) dedicated (iv) disloyal
- (g) The word 'period' mentioned in the passage means -----.
- (i) while (ii) a definite portion of time (iii) time (iv) year

2. Answer the following questions.

2×5= 10

- (a) Where was Michael Madhusudan Dutt, born?
- (b) What was the belief of Michael Madhusudan Dutt, from his adolescence?
- (c) What did he get from Europe?
- (d) Why did he return to his native land and language?
- (e) Do you support that he was an uncommon talent? Give reasons in 2/3 sentences.

3. Read the following text and fill in the gap with a suitable word based on the information of the text: 1×5= 5

Once upon a time In Venice, Italy, there was a very rich merchant named Antonio. He had many ships that sailed in the sea. His ships carried different types of merchandise to other countries. He sold those good there. He bought spices and other valuables from foreign countries and sold them In Venice.

Antonio was a good and kind man. He always helped the poor. The people of Venice loved him very much for his honesty and kindness.

Antonio had a close friend named Bassanio. He was a handsome young man and was born in a noble family. Bassanio liked to live a very luxurious life. He loved grandeur and style. He spent more money than he earned. As a result he was very often short of money. In such situation, Bassanio would go to his best friend Antonio for help. Antonio would help him in cash.

It so happened that Bassanio fell in love with a wealthy lady named Portia. Portia was known not only for her beauty but also for her wisdom. She was soft towards Bassanio too. He wanted to visit Portia in a Grand manner but he did not have any money. So he went to Antonio.

Once there (a) ----- a rich merchant named Antonio. He had many business ships. He traded with foreign countries. By nature he was honest and kind. People loved him very much. He was a very (b) ----- friend of Bassanio. Bassanio was born in a (c) ----- family. He liked luxury. He was very (d) ----- . He was always in want of (e) -----.

4. Read the passage below and complete the following table with information from the passage. 1x5=5

In 1912, an American Shipping Company launched a new ship called “Titanic”. It was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner of the time. It weighed 46000 tons and could carry about 2200 passengers. Experts said that nothing could make it sink. On April 10, 1912 the ship sailed on its first voyage across the Atlantic. It sailed from Southampton in England to New York in the United States with 2224 passengers of men, women and children. On April 15, just before mid night, the ship suddenly struck the huge ice-berg, tore the ship and made a great hole at the bottom of it. Then the so called unsinkable Titanic began to sink. There was a great alarm on board. Warning bells rang out. Everyone rushed to the life boat but there was not enough room for all of them. There was room for room for only 1178 passengers. The life boats took mostly the women and the children. It was a terrible scene. Still it is a legend in the history of tragedy in the world.

| Who/What | Situation | Place | Time |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Titanic | (i) ----- | Southampton | (ii)----- |
| The ship | struck the ice-berg | its first voyage | (iii)----- |
| (iv)----- | began to sink | (v)----- | on April 16, 1912 |

5. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' 'B' and “C” to write five complete sentences. 1x5=5

| A | B | C |
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| (a) It is science which has made | (i) when we would play in the field | (i) instead of involving in outdoor activities. |
| (b) In the past, it was after the school hours | (ii) or even the beauty of a moonlit night whereas | (ii) its various inventions and discoveries. |
| (c) But children at present keep indoors | (iii) which differentiates | (iii) in the afternoon . |
| (d) It is not in their habit to enjoy the sunset | (iv) and spent time with computer or TV | (iv) their outlook from ours. |
| (e) This is the particular reason | (v) our life easier in many ways through | (v) it is used to be a recreational activity for the previous generation. |

6. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story.

1x8=8

- (a) The merchant sold him to a rich man in another country.
- (b) To escape torture, one day he fled from his master's house.
- (c) Once there lived a young man named Androcles.
- (d) Unfortunately he was caught by a slave merchant.
- (e) He took shelter in a cave.
- (f) He used to inflict heavy torture on him.
- (g) It was unbearable for him.
- (h) The man was very rude and cruel.

7. The graph below shows **Elderly people's changing attitude to pastimes in a community**. Now describe the information available in the graph in your own language followed by a comparative analysis in words. 10

Watching TV
Playing cards
Drawing room chats
Others


