

Read the Passage carefully and then answer the questions which are printed on the Question paper.

Passage A

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- 3 Friendships can have a powerful effect upon us. Friends with good, moral behaviour have a positive effect on us but when the effect of a friendship is negative, it may be necessary to make a change. If you find that your friends are a bad influence, you may need to consider ending those relationships. I know a young woman who had to make such a decision. She had grown up with friends she had met in grade school. Now that they were in high school, she found that her friends had very different values. Like many other girls in that school, these friends were sleeping with boys they dated and it was certain that they weren't interested in changing their behaviour. One of these girls had gotten pregnant and was contemplating having an abortion. Under these circumstances, this girl knew she wasn't going to change her friends, and if she continued her close relationships with them, they would likely change her. So she made the decision to end her friendships with them. 25 30
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- 6 Ideally, we should strive to end friendships without being unfriendly in the process. Many times our paths will cross again with the individuals involved and it is better to be on pleasant terms instead of becoming an enemy. We should as much as possible live peaceably with all men. This is true, even when we end friendships. 50

Read the Passage in the insert and then answer all the questions which follow below.

From Passage A:

From paragraph 1 :

- 1 Write down a word from the paragraph which shows that the author was amazed by one of the three women. [1]
- 2 Write down a phrase that reflects a sense of desperation to die. [1]

From paragraph 2:

- 3 Explain the irony of the author's description of her sister. [2]
- 4 (a) What evidence is there that Lois was both a responsible *and* determined person? [2]
(b) Write a phrase from the paragraph that proves that Lois' death was slowly approaching? [1]

From paragraph 3:

- 5 Give two pieces of evidence that show that Lois used to be a fit person before her illness. [2]
- 6 Why did Lois plan "new adaptations"? [1]
- 7 What two things do you think would have happened to Lois if she began to obsess with herself? [2]

From paragraph 4:

- 8 **In your own words**, what was it that Lois wanted to focus on? [1]

From paragraph 5:

- 9 Using **your own words**, explain what is implied about Lois when the author used the phrase "part in jest" while describing her pain and suffering? [2]

From Passage B:

From paragraph 1:

- 10** Besides the lack of enjoyment, why else do we not think about ending a friendship? [1]

From paragraph 3:

- 11** Give two reasons why the young woman “had made the decision to end her friendships with them.” [2]
- 12** “One of these girls had gotten pregnant and was contemplating having an abortion.” Explain what the word “contemplating” tells you about the difficulty of the girl’s situation. [1]

From paragraph 6:

- 13** Explain the phrase “our paths will cross again.” [1]

From Passages A and B:

- 14** For each of the following words, give **one** word or short phrase (of not more than **seven** words) which has the same meaning that the word has in the passage.

From Passage A:

- 1 mere (line 17)
- 2 heavy-duty (line 27)
- 3 brood (line 39)

From Passage B:

- 4 sever (line 40)
- 5 strive (line 47) [5]

15 The passage describes how friendships affect our lives.

Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the reasons why friendships end and how we can sometimes save friendships.

USE THE MATERIAL FROM PARAGRAPHS 2 to 5.

Your summary, which must be in continuous writing (not note form), must not be more than 150 words (not counting the words given to help you to begin).

Begin your summary as follows: *On occasion friendships.....*

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Solutions

From Passage A:

From paragraph 1 :

In 1984, I watched three women I loved very dearly die of cancer - all of them in their fifties. They, all of them, in cruel prematurity - died. One faced her fate straight on as she knew she was dying; she talked about death, she calmly accepted it. One, knowing death was near and wishing to choose her moment of dying, hoarded pills and committed suicide. The last one, the blond-haired, blue-eyed trespasser I'd known since birth, my sister Lois, fought against her death, until the moment she closed her eyes, with awesome ferocity.

- 1 Write down a word from the paragraph which shows that the author was amazed by one of the three women. [1]
Ans: "awesome"
- 2 Write down a phrase that reflects a sense of desperation to die. [1]
Ans: "hoarded pills"

From paragraph 2:

Lois, the great rival of my childhood, the tag-along pest I had come so deeply to love, has died of cancer in the autumn of this awful year, just as I sit down to write this chapter. She died in her bed at home, and, watching her during those last hours, I believe that she died free of pain and free of fear. However, as long as she was conscious, she maintained her **defiance of death** - she was out to beat it. For although Lois knew very well indeed that she had a fatal illness, **she didn't intend to let it push her around. So she wrote her will, settled her affairs, held some discussions with her husband and children and then, having thoroughly dealt with the administrative details, she turned from death and concentrated on life.** Furthermore, she **concentrated not on mere survival** but on enjoying whatever there was to be enjoyed, refusing to let the limits imposed by her steadily failing body intrude upon her pleasures or her relationships.

- 3 Explain the irony of the author's description of her sister. [2]
Ans: She describes her as a pest, OR as a rival [1m] and yet she grew to love her so deeply [1m]
- 4 (a) What evidence is there that Lois was both a responsible *and* determined person? [2]
Ans: She was determined to go against [defy] death OR survive [1m] and yet was responsible enough to settle her affairs [sufficient, but can accept - wrote her will OR held some discussions with her husband and children OR thoroughly dealt with administrative details] Can we accept all?
(b) Write a phrase from the paragraph that proves that Lois' death [1]

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Ans: “steadily failing body”

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When tennis, her great passion, was no longer possible, she bit her lip and put her racquet away, directing her athlete's body toward more sedentary activities, becoming a vigorous knitter, reader, writer. In the last few months of her illness, with her energies further depleted, her weight at ninety-five pounds, her eyesight dim, she planned new adaptations. Could she, perhaps, learn a foreign language on cassettes? In the last week of her life she sent me her recipe for Chinese spicy noodles (a dried noodle in the envelope, to make sure that I purchased the right kind), and through the blur of her heavy-duty pain killers still remembered to ask about my health. She never became obsessed with herself even in the last week, with her sickness, her suffering, her fate, and she never, until the coma of her final day of life, broke her connections with the people she loved.

5 Give two pieces of evidence that shows that Lois used to be a fit person before her illness. [2]

Ans: She played tennis [1m] and she had an athlete's body. [1m]

6 Why did Lois plan “new adaptations”? [1]

Ans: To avoid from losing interest in life OR to keep her mind alert OR Any Reasonable Answer [1m]

7 What two things do you think would have happened to Lois if she began to obsess with herself? [2]

**Ans: She would have lost the will to live OR give in to her illness OR give in to her fate OR she would have felt her suffering more.
Any 2 answers.**

From paragraph 4:

Nor did she say goodbye, because she wasn't planning to leave; she was planning - or at least trying her damndest - to live. "Some of us do survive," she once told me, "and why not focus on hope instead of despair?" So for most of the hard four years during which she battled her spreading cancer, she focused on hope.

8 **In your own words**, what was it that Lois wanted to focus on? [1]

Ans: She wanted to focus on [hope] wanting to OR the will to live OR wanted to look forward to living [1m].

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Now make no mistake: My sister was neither a martyr nor a saint. She had her times of terror and despair, times when she couldn't do anything because her body was wracked with nausea and pain, times when she bitched and wept and moaned and asked - only part in jest - what did I do? What did I do to deserve this? However most of the time she didn't cry, and she didn't brood about dying. She was fighting to live, and she was fighting to win. She believed until the end that if a person really tried, the human spirit could triumph over biology and although she didn't beat death, we watched her play - she really did play - a championship game.

- 9 Using **your own words**, explain what is implied about Lois when the author used the phrase "part in jest" while describing her pain and suffering? [2]

Ans: That she is still able to partially joke OR that she was such a positive person [1m] despite what she was going through OR despite her pain and suffering. [1m]

From Passage B:

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- 10 Besides the lack of enjoyment, why else do we not think about ending a friendship? [1]

Ans: We are not facing the decision to end one now.

From paragraph 3:

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- 11 Give two reasons why the young woman “had made the decision to end her friendships with them.” [2]

Ans: This girl knew she wasn't going to change her friends, [1m] and they would likely change her. [1m]

- 12 “One of these girls had gotten pregnant and was contemplating having an abortion.” Explain what the word “contemplating” tells you about the difficulty of the girl’s situation. [1]

Ans: The situation she is in is one where she had to *really think* about the effects of going through an abortion. [1m]

From paragraph 6:

Ideally, we should strive to end friendships without being unfriendly in the process. Many times our paths will cross again with the individuals involved and it is better to be on pleasant terms instead of becoming an enemy. We should as much as possible live peaceably with all men. This is true, even when we end friendships.

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Ans: We will meet again.

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Ans: simple, sheer, plain

2 heavy-duty (line 27)

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Ans: worry, mope, fret, dwell on

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Ans: cut, break

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Ans: endeavour, go all out, do our best Or try our best

[not acceptable: try OR attempt]

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