

MODEL QUESTION SET 10

Section (A) Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Father is the keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse. I am eleven years old. Claude is twelve. In winter, when the harbour is frozen over, we all move over to the mainland. As soon as spring comes, back we sail to our own dear island.

The funny part used to be that people always pitied us when the time came for us to return. They said we must be so lonesome over there, with no other children near us. Of course Claude and I would have liked to have someone to play with us. It is hard to run pirate caves and things like that with only two. But we used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children in winter. So, it was perhaps just as well that there were none of them on the Big Half Moon. Claude and I never quarrelled.

To be sure, Father didn't seem to have any relations except us. This used to puzzle Claude and me. Everybody on the mainland had relations. Why hadn't we ? Was it because we lived on an island ? We thought it would be so jolly to have an uncle and aunt and some cousins. Once we asked Father about it, but he looked so sorrowful that we wished we hadn't. He said it was all his fault. Claude and I didn't understand what he meant.

A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1×5=5

- (i) The narrator and her family moved to the mainland during—
(a) Spring (b) Summer (c) Winter (d) Autumn
- (ii) People considered the narrator and her family to be—
(a) quarrelsome (b) helpless (c) happy (d) lonely
- (iii) The narrator and Claude used to quarrel with—
(a) their cousins (b) each other
(c) mainland children (d) their father
- (iv) The keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse is—
(a) Dick (b) Claude (c) Aunt Esther (d) Father
- (v) Everybody on mainland had—
(a) cousins (b) father (c) relatives (d) sister