



Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

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

In a tragic incident, four children were charred to death when an illegally run, old and ramshackle mini van of a private school carrying students caught fire in Punjab's Sangrur district on Saturday, police said.

The accident took place on the Longowal-Sidsaachar road, they said, adding 12 children were in the van at the time of mishap. While eight children were rescued from the burning van by people working in nearby fields, four others, including an around three-year-old girl, were burnt alive in the vehicle, they added.

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh ordered a magisterial enquiry into the incident. "Very sad to learn of the news from Sangrur where we lost 4 children because their school van caught fire. Injured have been rushed to the hospital. DC and SSP Sangrur are on the spot and I have ordered a magisterial enquiry. Guilty will be strictly punished." he tweeted. The children were returning home from school when the incident occurred, they said.

Sangrur Deputy Commissioner said that the van was of 1990's model and was unfi

to run on the road. The driver of the van ran away from the spot as soon as the vehicle caught fire. The Chief Minister also announced an ex-gratia of Rs. five lakh to each of the victim's families.

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A. Choose the correct answers from the given alternatives:

1×6=6

- (i) The number of children died was—
(a) eight (b) six (c) four (d) three
- (ii) The accident occurred on—
(a) Sunday (b) Monday (c) Friday (d) Saturday
- (iii) A magisterial enquiry was ordered by—
(a) The DSP (b) The Chief Minister
(c) The DC Sangrur (d) The Police Commissioner
- (iv) The driver of the vehicle—
(a) was killed (b) was arrested (c) fled (d) was injured
- (v) The youngest victim of the accident was—
(a) three-years-old (b) four-years-old (c) five-years-old (d) six-years-old
- (vi) The model of the vehicle belonged to—
(a) 1940's (b) 1980's (c) 1970's (d) 1990's

B. State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false in the boxes on the right side. Provide sentence/phrases/words in support of your answer:

(1+1)×3=6

- (i) There were thirteen children in the school van.
Supporting statement: _____
- (ii) Eight children were saved by the people working in the field.
Supporting statement: _____
- (iii) The children were going to school in the van.
Supporting statement: _____

C. Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

- (i) Where did the accident happen? (ii) How did the children die?
(iii) What was announced as ex-gratia? (iv) From where was the extract taken?