

1. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words.
 - a. What was the mood in the classroom when M. Hamel gave his last French lesson?
 - b. What had the narrator counted on to enter the school, unnoticed?
 - c. "This is your last French lesson." How did Franz react to this declaration of M.Hamel?
 - d. "What a thunder clap these words were to me!" Which were the words that shocked and surprised little Franz?
 - e. Why did M. Hamel not scold Franz when the latter fumbled with the rule for the participle?
 - f. "We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with", said M. Hamel. Comment.
 - g. What do the parting words of Kamala Das and her smile signify?
2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

A.

I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile.

 - (a) What was the poet's childhood fear?
 - (b) What were the poet's parting words?
 - (c) What is the poetic device used in these lines?
 - (d) Why did the poet smile and smile?

B.

.....but soon
put that thought away and
looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes.....

 - (a) Which thought did the poet put away?
 - (b) What do the 'sprinting trees' signify?
 - (c) What are "the merry children spilling out of their homes", symbolic of?
 - (d) Why does the poet make use of the images of 'young trees sprinting' and 'merry children spilling'?
3. On the occasion of Diwali your housing society has planned a feast for all its members. As the chairman of your society write a notice inviting all the members of the society to this gathering. Provide all the necessary details.