Section – A (Reading Skill)

I. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1X5=5)

I am a cloud
Quietly
I fly through the transparent sky
And in the heavens
I bloom into a lotus.

I am a breeze
Stealthily
I glide over the bed of flowers
And gently
I shake down a dream.

I am water
Leisurely
I flow into the sleeping rainbow
And go in pursuit
Of the sound of the temple gong.

I am a fog
Shyly
I look forward to the rising of the red sun
‘Ver the towering peak
And return to it
Its gentle beauty.

Complete the following sentences and write the answers in your answer sheet:

1. Water flows leisurely into __________
2. The poet imagines the cloud to be blooming into a lotus when it travels in the __________
3. When the breeze glides over a bed of flowers, it is responsible for __________
4. The poet thinks that water flows into a rainbow and chases the __________
5. In the last stanza, ‘and return to it / its gentle beauty, ‘it’ refers to __________
II. Realizing the need to educate adults, you decide to get involved in the adult education programme. Write an e-mail to the editor of a newspaper, in about 100 words, encouraging youngsters to take part in the programme.

III. a) Choose the correct common noun from the box and fill in the blanks:

[lounge, apiary, monastery, power house, attic]
1. A/An _______ is a place where bees are kept
2. A/An _______ is a building in which monks live.
3. A/An _______ is a hotel room in which one can relax.
4. A/An _______ is a building where electricity is generated for distribution.

b) Form abstract nouns from the following adjectives:
1. confident
2. determined
3. brave
4. anxious

IV. Answer the following questions:
1. How does a grown up boy of eight or nine in a village help his family?
2. Do you think the poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko is a good rider? Give reasons for your answers.
3. What did Helen Keller want to visit in Florence? What was the arrangement done by the Italian Government?

V. Give the meanings of:
1. emphatically
2. indignant