The Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984 was the world’s worst industrial disaster. It occurred at midnight on December 2, 1984. The Union Carbide which was an American company had established a pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with pathetic safety standards and working conditions in 1979. The highly lethal and noxious poisonous gas methyl-isocyanate (MIC) leaked from the chemical plant on that tragic midnight. Within a couple of days, nearly 8000 people died. Nearly 50,000 Bhopal gas survivors were severely affected and suffer from all sorts of illnesses from severe respiratory disorders to blindness and have also died. Most of the victims were very poor and vulnerable and lived in the slums surrounding the factory. The world’s worst industrial tragedy makes us reflect on various issues including the Right to Life which is enshrined in the Indian constitution.

India is rich in greenery and natural resources. One of the tragic side effects of haphazard industrial development is over-mining and destruction and exploitation of forests, mountains and hill landscapes and other natural conditions existing in the country. Mining scams revealing illegal mining activities are only now being curbed with increase in awareness and the tireless lobbying by activists.

Looking back at the tragedy, what do you think is the consolation for the victims? (3 marks)

What is the writer trying to convey in passage 2? (3 Marks)

What does vulnerable in the passage mean? (2 marks)

What is the meaning of “enshrined” in the sentence? (2 marks)

Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences. 5 Marks

- evening/ in/ bus/ went/ stop/ shiela/ to/ the/ the
- new/ commented/ on/ the/ policy/ they/ tax
- the/ were/ sour/ grapes/ the/ said/ fox
other/on/ grass/the/ the/ greener/ always/is/ side/ of/ pasture/ the

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words. 5 Marks

- A rooster crowed ____. (How?)
- The farmer ____ closed the farmyard gate. (has/have/will)
- The ____ flew to its hive. (Who?)
- Oh! What a _____. (day/ life/ hour)

You are the head of the rock band in your school and are running short of a drummer. Draft a notice to be put up in the school notice board, inviting students to audition for the post of drummer. 5 Marks

Here’s a snippet from a diary. Rewrite to make meaningful sentences. 10 Marks

Chilly morning – see 2 little girls – carrying pot of water – happily talking. Feel sad – watching them. I go to the best school – they have nothing like it. Dad buys everything for me – they have to earn their living. Every day I see them – one day I carry chocolates – share with them. They are surprised – take and happily walk away.

Complete the following story. 10 Marks

It is Christmas Eve at the Roger’s house -- A large and grand house with the most beautiful tree imaginable. The Rogers are hosting their annual Christmas party, welcoming the arrival of their family and friends. The children, Sam and Luke, are dancing and playing as they welcome their friends too.

The party grows festive with music and dance as godfather and Uncle Louis arrives. He is a skilled toy maker and has always been full of surprises. Uncle Louis draws everyone's attention as he presents two life-size dolls.