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brotherhood. with this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. (Martin Luther King, 1963)

**Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20)**

Russian Mikhail Kalashnikov invented the weapon that bears his name in the middle of the 20th century. Born on Nov. 10, 1919, Kalashnikov was a tank mechanic in the Soviet military during the Second World War. He was wounded during the German invasion of the USSR in 1941.

Having seen firsthand the combat advantage conferred by Germany's superior firearms, Kalashnikov resolved to develop a better weapon. While still in the military, he produced several designs that lost out to competitors before eventually producing the first AK-47.

The name of Kalashnikov's greatest invention stands for Automat Kalashnikova 1947, the year it was first produced.

It was relatively inexpensive to produce, short and light to carry, and easy to use, with little recoil. It also boasted legendary reliability under harsh conditions ranging from waterlogged jungles to Middle Eastern sandstorms, in both extreme cold and heat. The weapon quickly spread around the world, becoming a symbol of revolution in such far-flung lands as Vietnam, Afghanistan, Colombia and Mozambique, on whose flag it figures prominently. Ironically, it is still used frequently by terrorists and criminals. Thus, the weapon has counted maximum kills since its invention.

When a reporter asked Mikhail in 2007 how he could sleep at night, he replied, "I sleep well. It is the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an agreement and resorting to violence."

Kalashnikov died a national hero in 2013 at the age of 94.

Throughout his life, Kalashnikov rebuffed attempts to saddle him with guilt over the vast number of killings and injuries inflicted with his invention. He insisted that he had developed it for defense, not offense. Anyways, it's a perennial debate because every weapon has one weakness - it's user.

**Questions:**

1. Can the invention of the weapon be attributed only to Mikhail Kalashnikov?
2. What really made the weapon a revolutionary rifle?
3. The best inventions come during the time of crisis. Explain the statement in the context of the given passage.
4. What kills? Guns, or those who carry them? Answer only according to the given passage.
5. Do the last words of Mikhail Kalashnikov console his conscience? Give your opinion.

**Q.4. A. Correct any FIVE of the following:**

- (a) Not only Sir Hassan Ali Gondal but Sir Ali Shahab also supported the cause.

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Answer:

Q) Can the invention of the weapon be attributed only to Mikhail Kalashnikov?

Yes, the invention of the weapon is only attributed to Mikhail Kalashnikov. He was aware of the machinery designs because he was a mechanic in military force.

The reason behind the invention of the weapon was to provide defense equipments which are easy to use and light to carry.

Q) What really made the weapon a revolutionary rifle?

Automated Kalashnikov-1947 (AK-47) was the revolutionary weapon of the 20th century. It is revolutionary because of its unique design. It is easy to carry and less expensive. Also, AK-47 is credible to use in every weather condition. Hence, it becomes famous in a very short span of time in military industry.

Q) 'The best weapon come during the time of crisis.' Explain the context of the given passage.

In the light of the given passage, after the second world war-II, the Russia faced extreme

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crisis in every sphere of its country. The weapon introduced, AK-47, because it was need of the time. As, states were in extreme insecurities of security person provisions. Hence, AK-47 was best convention of Russia in the time of crisis.

Q) What kills? Guns, or those who carry them?  
Answer only according to the given passage.

Guns are used for the defense of the state or for the person. It is as every killing tool used to harm others. Therefore, it is not necessary that gun kills the people, but, the user of the killing tools determine what to do with it. As, Mikhail Kalashnikov once said, "I made weapons for defense not to spread violence".

Q) Do the last words of "MK" console his conscience?  
Give your opinion.

Yes, he invented guns to develop and modernize the defense industry. He developed AK-47 for defense of his state not to spread violence. It is the responsibility of the incumbents to halt the usage of illegal use of weapons not the inventors of the weapons.