PASSAGE 1

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

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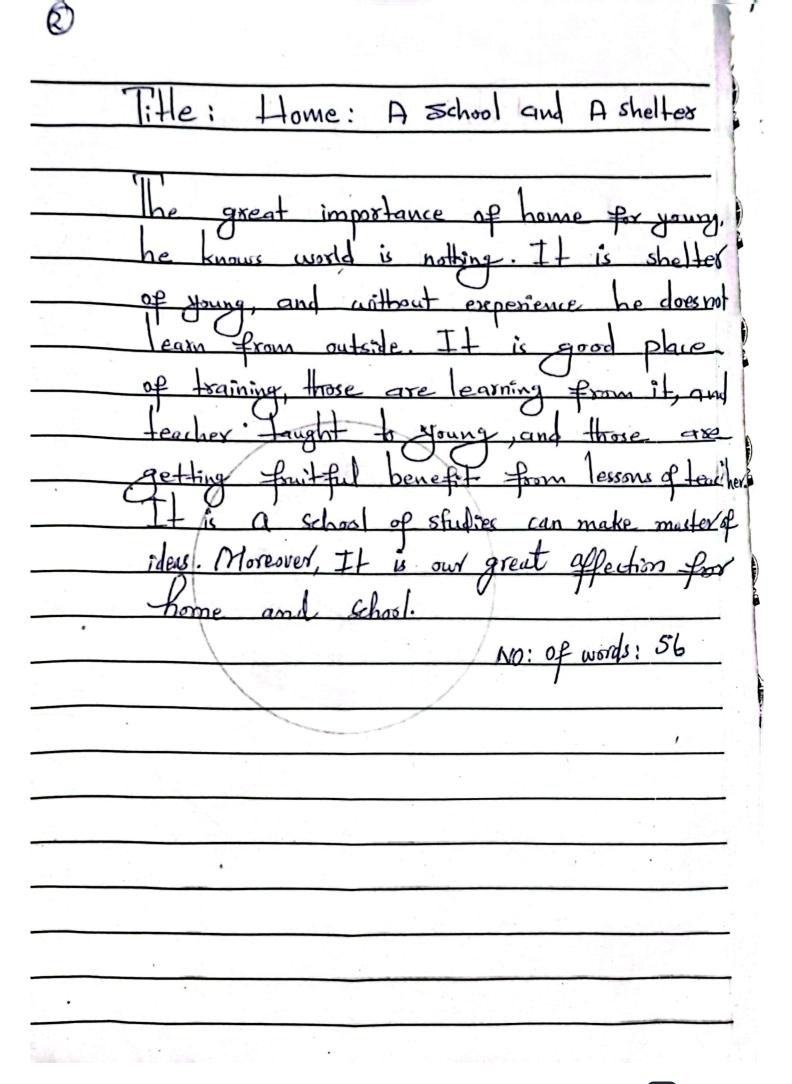


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PASSAGE 2

Home is for the young, who know nothing of the world and who would be forlorn and sad, if thrown upon it. It is providential, shelter of the weak and inexperienced who have to learn as yet to cope with the temptations which lie outside of it. It is the place of training for those who are not only ignorant, but have not yet . learnt how to learn, and who have to be taught by careful individual attention for how to profit from the lessons of teacher. And it is the school of elementary studies — not of advances, for such studies alone can make master minds. Moreover, it is the shrine of our best affections, the bosom of our fondest recollections, a spell upon our after life, a stay for world weary mind and soul; wherever we are, till the end comes. Such are attributes or offices of home, and like to these, in one or other sense or measure, are the attributes and offices of a college in a university. (170 words)





There is indeed, something <u>inexpressibly pleasing</u> in the annual renovation of the world and the new display of the treasures of nature. The darkness and cold of winter with the naked deformity of every object, on which we turn our eyes, make us <u>rejoice</u> at the <u>succeeding</u> season, as well for what we have escaped, as for what we may enjoy. Every budding flower, which a warm situation brings early to our view, is considered by us a messenger to notify the approach of more joyous days.

The spring affords to a mind free from the disturbance of cares or passions almost everything that our present state makes us capable of enjoying. The Variegated Verdure of the fields and woods, the succession of grateful Odors, the Voice of pleasure pouring out its notes on every side, with the gladness apparently conceived by every animal from the growth of food and the <u>clemency</u> of the weather, throw over the whole earth an air of <u>gaiety</u>, significantly expressed by Smile of nature. (Samuel John Son)

Questions

| (a) | Give meanings of the underlined expressions in the |
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| (-) | passage in your own words. (10) |
| (b) | Say how an early budding flower becomes a messenger of |
| | happy days? (3) |
| (c) | Who, according to the writer, can make the best of the |
| | spring season? (3) |
| (d) (e) | Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring? (3) |
| | Suggest a title for the passage. (1) |
| (4) | |

Compreheusin : Next, following n early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days, because a hot condition brings early to our opinion, is enderstand by us a messaged to address the method of much cheerfulness According to the writer, the spring provides to a brain free from dishurbance of july of passions of everything, that our enegation of happiness. d) All animals glad at the approach of spring because the gladness conceived by every animal from the growth of food and meny of the weather. the mercy of spring.