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(b) Rewrite the following dialogue, written in direct speech, in a paragraph form. (5)

Jack: Hello, Swarup! Swatting away as usual. Come out, man; shut up your old books, and come and have a game of tennis.

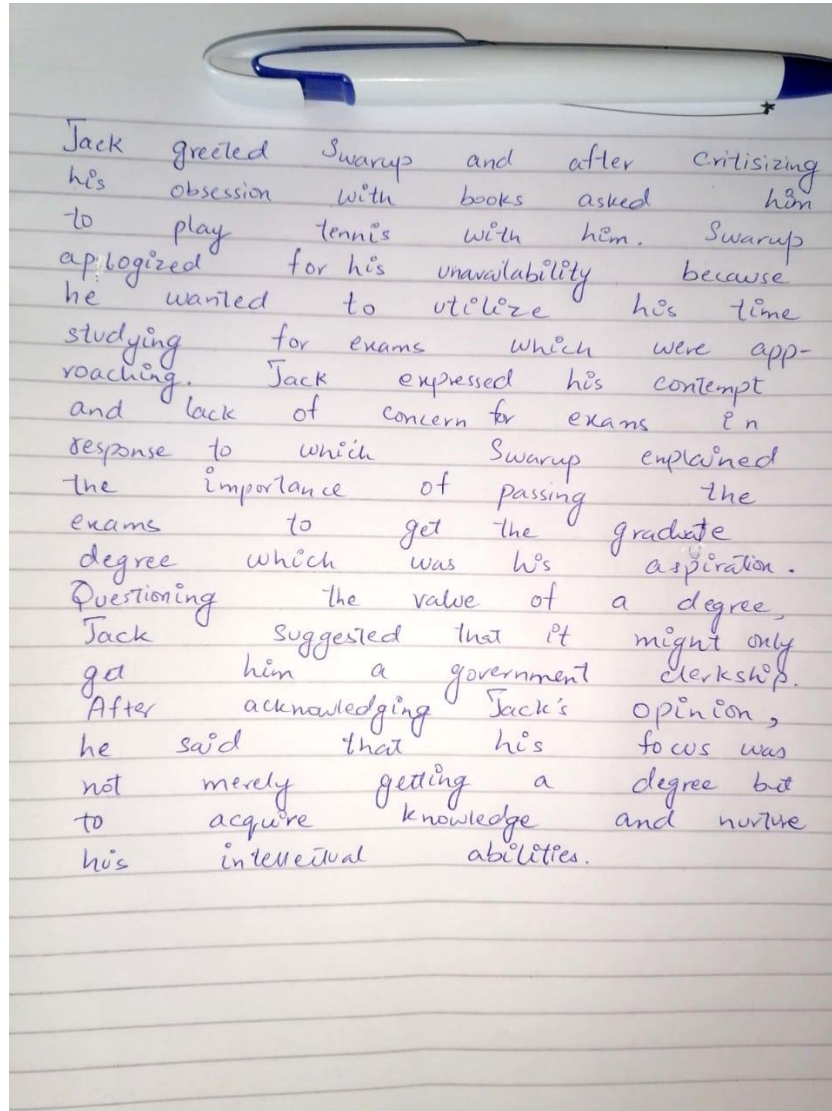
Swarup: I am sorry I cannot do that, Jack. The examination is drawing near, and I want every hour I can get for study.

Jack: Oh! Hang all examinations! I do not worry about mine. What is the use of them, any way?

Swarup: Well, you can't get a degree if you don't pass the examination; and I have set my heart on being a graduate.

Jack: And pray what good will graduation do you? You may get a clerkship in a government office; but that's all, and there are hundreds of fellows who have got their degrees, and are no nearer getting jobs of any sort.

Swarup: That may be so; but I am not studying so much to pass my examination and obtain my degree, as to store my mind with knowledge and develop my intellectual faculties.



Jack greeted Swarup and after criticising his obsession with books asked him to play tennis with him. Swarup apologized for his unavailability because he wanted to utilize his time studying for exams which were approaching. Jack expressed his contempt and lack of concern for exams in response to which Swarup explained the importance of passing the exams to get the graduate degree which was his aspiration. Questioning the value of a degree, Jack suggested that it might only get him a government clerkship. After acknowledging Jack's opinion, he said that his focus was not merely getting a degree but to acquire knowledge and nurture his intellectual abilities.