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3. What is the form of a tutorial?
4. What do the students gain by tutorial work?

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Q No 1

What is the function of opium?

Ans

The function of opium is ...  
The functions of opium that are mentioned in the text are it reduces the enduring experience, and makes a person intoxicated and more flexible.

Q No 2 What does Marx mean when he says that "religion is the opium of the people"?

Avoid cutting.

Ans

"Religion is the opium of the people"  
by this, Marx means that both opium and religion have a resemblance functions. As opium reduces pain, in the same way, religion reduces the physical and mental pain of the people by the hope of prosperity and happiness in the next world. As opium decreases a person's ~~lesser~~ irritation in the same way, humans accept the exploiting economic system of the world. Therefore, both have the same functions.

Q No 3

What according to Marx, is the scientific view of the nature of man?

According to Marx, it is the scientific view of the nature of human that where he is born, he will follow that particular way of life because his social, political and moral life is governed by a certain point of history rather than by spiritual faith.

Q No 3/4 What does the writer suggest when he says "Perhaps he could not find time to study Islam?"

In this statement, ~~writes~~ the writer suggests that if <sup>M</sup> Marx studied Islam, he would not generalise the criticism on Christianity to other religion.

There should be at least two sentences in the answer