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If we ask people about their hobbies, many would say “reading”. Earlier generation used to read a lot compared to the actual generation. Reading enables a person to be more intelligent and knowledgeable. There is no literate in the world who hasn't read a book – it might be a school book, a comic or even a magazine.

Reading is one of the fundamental skills children need to learn to succeed in life. Next to the teacher, the textbook is usually the principal educating agency contributing to pupil's success. Developing good reading habits is vital to children's future not just academically, but in everyday life as well. When a child reads, he can develop vocabulary. The more a child reads, the more new words will find their way into his vocabulary. Reading allows children to learn phrases people might not use as part of normal speech. To understand what he reads, a child develops the capacity of his mind concentration better and for a long period.

In addition to various capacities a child can develop academically by reading, we all know that by reading we unknowingly gather information. Books take us to another world. Sometimes, a person who reads about a country without visiting it, understands the culture and traditions of that country. So, when a child picks up a book and read it, he finds out that the world has a diversity of races, culture and tradition. He is also happy when he discovers amazing stories about flying carpets, trees that talk or stories such as the Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, ect....

It's very important to inspire a child to read. Parents should take care that as they take pain to inculcate the feelings of spirituality, social awareness and traditional values in children, they should also ensure that children befriend books .In this, parents can ensure that they are bringing up good citizens. When a child reads he or she can even find solutions to his problems through the books. Nowadays parents are too busy with their hectic life. They do not have time to pay attention to the concerns of their children. In many situations books can serve as guiding factor or helpline in children's life. Parents should take care that the child spends less time on TV and Internet and spends more time on reading.

Questions.

I) Comprehension

a) Write “ true or false” and justify from the text. (2pts)

- 1) Today's generation read less than the ancient generation.
- 2) There is no one in the world who hasn't read a book.
- 3) The author would like parents to encourage their children to love reading books.
- 4) By reading books children can improve their capacity of speaking a language.

b) Answer the following questions. (5pts)

- 1) Why can a child develop the capacity of his mind concentration better by reading?
- 2) What are the three types of books mentioned in the text?
- 3) Where is it possible for a child to find about flying carpets and trees that talk?
- 4) Who inculcates the feelings of social awareness and tradition values in children?
- 5) How is the time spent by the child on TV compared to the time he spent on reading?

II) Vocabulary. (1pt)

Copy the chart and complete it to match the meaning of the words from column A to column B.

A	B
.....	Able to read and write.
Academically
.....	All the people in a group or country who were born at about the same time
Picks up

III) Essay. Chose one of these topics. (3pts)

- 1) which type of book do you prefer to read and why? Explain your answer in a paragraph of 5 lines.