

1. Read the given extracts and answer the questions :

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It starts with a passion for a particular interest, then comes the conviction that it is imperative to realise it. Count the cost in years of effort, financial investments and sacrifice. Then if it is still burning in your blood and you are ready to commit yourself to the task, plunge. It could be in any field-sports, science, arts, business, or design. The road may be uphill most of the way and often you are buoyed up only by the knowledge that you are doing what you love best and are doing the right thing. When stamina is running out, the prospect of success will keep you on track.

I. Complete the analogy with a suitable word from the extract.

enthusiasm: passion:: belief: _____ .

II. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence appropriately.

The author says that a realistic assessment of effort, investment and sacrifice is crucial for preventing _____ .

- A. the need for external support network
- B. an early abandonment of the dream
- C. initial excitement from fading over time
- D. others from questioning one's commitment

III. Complete the following with the correct option from those given in the brackets.

The word 'plunge' as used in the extract indicates a _____ (complete/gradual) involvement in a task.

IV. Complete the sentence with an appropriate reason.

The author's emphasis on 'when you are doing what you love best and are doing the right thing' works as a form of intrinsic motivation because _____ .

V. Mention one motivating factor besides 'prospect of success', that might keep a person on track, despite running out of stamina.

Ans. : 1. enthusiasm: passion :: belief: conviction

2. B. an early abandonment of the dream

3. complete

4. Because doing what one loves provides internal satisfaction and personal fulfillment, encouraging continued effort even when challenges arise.

5. passion for the interest itself or love for the work.

From my own experience, life itself may change a person's dreams. These hopes and aspirations are no less than the original dream of younger days. To fulfil them you will need to negotiate a path through a maze of hurdles. The dream will take a much longer time to realise, and the people who are participants in your dreamscape would be many more.

VI. Complete the sentence appropriately.



The phrase 'life itself may change a person's dreams' suggests that dreams are not static but rather _____ (evolving/dynamic)

VII. What does the author mean by, 'hopes and aspirations are no less than the original dream of younger days'?

VIII. Identify the phrase from the extract that indicates a complex and challenging journey.

IX. Complete the sentence with an appropriate reason.

The author says, 'people who are participants in your dreamscape would be many more' because _____.

X. What is the tone of the author in this extract?

- A. appreciative and celebratory
- B. excited and cheerful
- C. optimistic and encouraging
- D. eager and inquisitive

Ans. : 1. evolving

2. The author means that even if a dream changes over time, the new hopes and aspirations are equally meaningful and important as the original dream from youth.

3. "negotiate a path through a maze of hurdles"

4. Because achieving these dreams involves the support, guidance, or involvement of many people along the way.

5. C. optimistic and encouraging

2. Answer the following six questions in about 40- 50 words each :

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I. The letter begins thus, 'By all means follow that dream'. What do you think Ming must have written to her mother about?

Ans. : Ming most likely wrote to her mother about a dream or ambition she wished to pursue. She may have been uncertain or seeking reassurance, guidance, or approval before taking a step forward. The encouraging reply suggests that she needed support and confidence to follow her aspirations and make an important decision in her life.

II. How can one attain an international level of skill in any field? Mention any two ways.

Ans. : • **Long-term focused practice:** Achieving world-class expertise requires at least ten years of intensive and consistent practice in the chosen field.

• **Passion and dedication:** One must have a deep love for the subject, coupled with the conviction to pursue it despite obstacles, setbacks, and sacrifices.

III. What differentiates the mere dreamers from actual achievers? In the chapter "Follow That Dream".

Ans. : Mere dreamers often wish for success but do not take concrete action. Achievers, however, are willing to invest years of effort, make personal sacrifices,



and stay committed even when the journey is difficult. Achievers also plan realistically, persevere, and use their passion to overcome challenges, which sets them apart from those who only imagine possibilities.

IV. How does Ming's mother use critical questions and personal anecdotes to persuade Ming and convey her message effectively?

Ans. : Ming's mother asks reflective questions, such as "Count the cost in years of effort, financial investments and sacrifice," prompting Ming to think critically about her commitment. She also shares personal anecdotes, like her experience of publishing her book after ten years, to show that dreams can evolve and succeed with patience. This combination of questions and real-life examples makes her advice credible, relatable, and convincing.

V. How does Ming's mother balance encouragement with caution in her advice?

Ans. : She encourages Ming by saying "By all means follow that dream", emphasizing the importance of pursuing one's passion. At the same time, she adds caution by asking Ming to consider the sacrifices, time, and challenges involved, highlighting that dreams are not achieved without effort. This balance ensures Ming feels motivated but is also aware of the realistic demands of achieving success.

VI. In the letter, Ming's mother specifically addresses the challenges people face in pursuing their dreams. Do you think this advice is still relevant in contemporary society? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Ans. : Yes, this advice is still relevant. Even today, whether in academics, arts, sports, or business, achieving excellence requires dedication, perseverance, and careful planning. Modern life presents different challenges, like competition and changing opportunities, but the core principles of effort, sacrifice, and intrinsic motivation remain timeless. Understanding obstacles and preparing for them is as important now as it was then.

VII. What 'costs' in terms of effort, sacrifice, and time are you willing or unwilling to invest to pursue your goals?

Ans. : I am willing to invest consistent effort, time for learning, and personal discipline, as these are essential to reaching my goals. I am also willing to forego short-term comforts like leisure or distractions. However, I am unwilling to compromise my values, health, or relationships, as these costs would be too high and could undermine true fulfillment.

