



# INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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## SECTION A (READING)

### Q.1(A) Read the comprehension passage and answer the following questions:

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined, to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and the doctorate in Physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a Physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given Professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Noble prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never becomes disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequence, she had dedicated herself to science and to reveal the mysteries of the physical world.

Q1: The Curies \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atoms.

- (A) Friendly
- (B) Competitive
- (C) Courteous
- (D) Industrious

Q2: Marie had a bright mind and a \_\_\_\_\_ personality.

- (A) Strong
- (B) Lighthearted
- (C) humorous
- (D) Strange

Q3: When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) Hopeless
- (B) Annoyed
- (C) Depressed
- (D) Worried

Q4: Marie \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving Poland and travelling to France to enter the Sorbonne.

- (A) Challenged authority
- (B) Showed intelligence
- (C) Behaved
- (D) Was distressed

**Q1(B) Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow by selecting the most appropriate option.**

**I build walls**

I build walls  
Walls that protect,  
Walls that shield,  
Walls that say I shall not yield  
Or reveal  
Who I am and how I feel.

I build walls  
Walls that hide,  
Walls that cover what's inside,  
Walls that stare or smile or look away,  
Silent lies,  
Walls that even block my eyes  
From the tears I might have cried.

I build walls  
Walls that never let me  
Truly touch  
Those I love so very much.  
Walls that need to fall!  
Walls meant to be fortresses  
Are prisons after all.

By  
Anonymous

Q1: What are the walls in the poem made of?

- (a) Blood and flesh
- (b) Hidden feelings and thoughts
- (c) Bricks or any physical material
- (d) Cement and tiles

Q2: The poet uses "Walls" as a

- (a) metaphor
- (b) alliteration
- (c) simile
- (d) personification

Q3: When walls act as a protection, they

- (a) touch the ones who are truly loved
- (b) surrender to strong feelings
- (c) do not reveal what is inside
- (d) make one shed tears

Q4: The expression 'silent lies' in the second stanza implies

- (a) walls make one hide one's true feelings
- (b) walls lie silently around all of us
- (c) walls are silent
- (d) walls are liars

### SECTION B (GRAMMAR)

#### Q.2(A) Put the following sentences into indirect speech :

1. John said to me, " I shall return your books in time".
2. She said, "Ritu does not get along well with her husband."
3. "Hurrah! I have topped again," he said, "Congratulations," said I.
4. She said, "I want to consult my parents".

#### Q.2(B) Choose the correct verb from the brackets and fill in the blanks:

1. The train **has/had** left when we reached the station.
2. She often **teach/teaches** me English grammar.

### SECTION C (LITERATURE)

#### Q.3(A) Choose the correct meaning:

1. inflection–
  - a. Settled comfortably in a place
  - b. Modulation of the pitch in the voice
  - c. climbed quickly by gripping with one's legs
  - d. showing a lack of confidence

2. gruffly–
  - a. In a rough or surly manner
  - b. in a mocking tone
  - c. rest and sleep
  - d. hostile entry or attack
3. sublime–
  - a. stopped
  - b. moved in an unsteady way
  - c. the sudden loss of the ability to feel
  - d. lofty
4. Andantino
  - a. term indicating a moderate tempo of music
  - b. unpredictable
  - c. feeling nervous
  - d. high-pitched

**Q.3.(A) Say “True” or “False”:**

1. The game of chess is merely an idle amusement. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jimmy could not arrest Bob because of his nerve. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Grandmother was upset when he decided to go abroad for further studies. \_\_\_\_\_
4. In the poem, “The way through the woods” the poet describes a scene of a forest. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.3.(B) Fill in the blanks:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ did well in the West after he had left New York.
2. The sun was setting and had lit her room and verandah with a blaze of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. By playing at chess, then we may learn -foresight, which looks a little into \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q.3.(C) Answer the following questions:**

1. How did the grandmother look?
  - a. Old, Fat, Long
  - b. Long, Fat, Slightly Bent
  - c. Old, Short, Slightly Bent, Fat
  - d. Slightly Bent, Fat
2. Which of the following was NOT a cause of the change in the road.
  - a. Someone shut the road.
  - b. People stopped traveling on the road.
  - c. Weather affected the road.
  - d. War destroyed the road.
3. According to the man’s watch, it was–
  - a. 3 minutes to 10
  - b. 3 minutes past 10
  - c. Half past 10
  - d. 30 minutes to 10.

4. Brave men who work while others sleep Who dare while others\_\_\_\_\_
- a. escape
  - b. desert
  - c. fly
  - d. disappear
5. When was their common link of friendship snapped?
- a. when he went to college
  - b. when he went to the university, they were given separate rooms
  - c. when he started working
  - d. when he went abroad