

- 5 (a) Rewrite the following tales by creatively reshaping them. 7
The Frogs and the Milk

There were two jolly good frogs. Playing around a milk-filled churn they slipped and fell into it. Both of them tried to jump out without success. The liquid milk gave no support to their feet. One of the frogs gave up hope. "It is impossible," he said. He swam no more, was drowned, and dead. His companion frog, however, decided to face the situation. "Let's go on swimming till something better turns up", he firmly decided.

The exercise stirred the milk. After a while thick cream covered the milk. It provided the determined frog a solid base. To jump out of the churn was now easy enough. The frog came out, alive and confident.

- (b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 7

The backbone of the people is their national character. If it is lost, everything is lost, if it is high calibre, they will progress despite difficulties. In India, we can face difficulties only when people first understand them and intelligently try to work them out. Success or failure is altogether another thing. Even if there is a failure at times, a really inspired people, the people with strong national character, do not flinch before odds or throw up their hands in despair and accept defeat. They carry on a gruelling battle with difficulties and ultimately succeed. In India also, we have to impress upon the people that an attitude of defeatism or dependence on others will not take us anywhere. The people have to become self-reliant and develop a sense of responsibility to the work before them. If the people keep the thought of the ideal they have to follow uppermost in their minds, there is no obstacle which they cannot surmount.

Questions :

- (1) What is the backbone of the people ?
- (2) How can people progress despite difficulties ?
- (3) Whom do failures never discourage ?
- (4) Which are the two qualities which people should acquire for success in their work ?
- (5) Which are the two drawbacks of the people which hamper their progress ?
- (6) When can people overcome obstacles in their way ?
- (7) Suggest suitable title for the passage.