

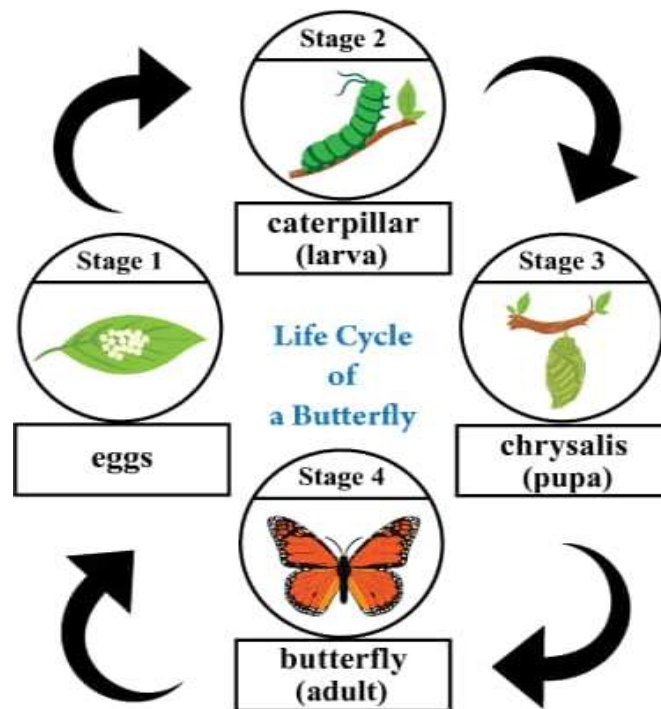


imagination, and equips us with essential skills. Whether we're reading for pleasure, information, or self-improvement, reading is a journey that enriches our lives and shapes us into more informed, empathetic, and creative individuals.

1. What are some of the benefits of reading mentioned in the passage?
2. How does reading broaden our horizons and foster empathy?
3. What role does reading play in developing critical thinking and communication skills?
4. What are the advantages of reading physical books compared to digital formats?
5. How does reading enrich our lives and shape us as individuals, according to the passage?

II. Interpret the diagram and write a paragraph using appropriate linkers.

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III. Answer the following questions:

1. Explain any two types of listening.

(1X5=5)

OR

1. Differentiate between hearing and listening
2. Discriminative listening is the first form of listening humans develop as babies. True/False
3. Write any one difference between sympathetic and empathetic listening.
4. What is selective listening?
5. Suggest any two activities to enhance listening skills.



**4. Use the correct form of the word given in brackets and fill the blanks (2X1=2)**

1. She danced with grace. The Almighty has blessed her \_\_\_\_\_. (into an adverb)
2. He laughed whole heartedly. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was almost infectious. (into a noun)

**Section-B**

**VII. Answer any Five of the following in a word or a phrase or a sentence (5X1=5)**

1. Free speech safeguards the most cherished democratic principle. True/False.
2. Who is the 'other fellow' mentioned in the poem, *Democracy*?
3. Mention any two threats to democracy in America as observed by Obama in his *Farewell Address*.
4. What inference do the social psychology workers draw upon the unknown citizen?
5. Why was Hatthur named so according to the author of the story, *The Golden Dream*?
6. What defect does man have according to the poet as mentioned in the poem, *From a German War Primer*?

**VIII. Answer any one of the following questions in about a page each: (1X5=5)**

1. Briefly discuss the threats to democracy as reflected by Obama in his speech.
2. How is the unknown citizen assessed by various departments?
3. How the futility of war is brought out in the poem *From a German War Primer*?

**IX. Answer any one of the following questions in about two pages each: (1X10=10)**

1. Discuss Sarukkai's views on free speech.
2. Explain the statement 'I cannot live on tomorrow's bread' with reference to the poem *Democracy*.
3. Comment on the significance of the title of the short story, *The Golden Dream*.

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