

# COMPREHENSION ANSWERS (50M)

## FROM PASSAGE A

1. This poster is to inform readers of the reasons causing food scarcity in India [1].
2. The use of interesting graphics to complement facts [1], as well as the use of short phrases and blurbs [1].
3. India wastes approximately 40% of their produce while delivering them to the various markets [1], and the lack of appropriate storing and delivery facilities to ensure that produce are delivered fresh and edible [1].  
Alternatives:  
Her transportation infrastructure is not able to support the delivery of food [1].  
The Indian government spends only a small fraction of their GDP on agriculture [1].

## FROM PASSAGE B

1. The achievement refers to the road dug through by Dasrath [1], and it is amazing because he did it all by himself without any resources and with only basic hand tools [1].
2. He did it mainly by his own efforts, his drive and his indomitable determination [1]. Also, he did it for the sake of his fellow men, not expecting rewards of any sort [1].  
Do not accept: "He did it using the simplest of tools — a chisel, rope and a hammer!" This only talks about the method and does not have any attributes of selflessness and/or service"
3. With the path, villagers can now reach the market town safely and quickly [1]. Furthermore, school children no longer need to walk long distances to get to school [1].
4. The hill was the cause of inconvenience for a long time [1], and the government was not putting enough effort into it [1].
5. It was tragic because his wife was seriously injured while crossing the mountain, which eventually led to her demise [1], and she could have been saved if she were transported to hospital quickly around the mountain [1].
6. Initially, they were skeptical and even called him a madman for it [1]. Eventually, they saw that he was serious and persistent, and they supported him by encouraging him and helping him [1].
7. He continued at it even when fellow villagers made fun of his efforts [1]. And after he was done, he didn't crave nor seek any form of praise or rewards by villagers or the government [1].
8. He didn't let his personal tragedy or his poverty come in the way of his project.  
He kept positive despite everyone's criticism and comments.  
He didn't lose heart even though he was called mad or crazy  
(Any 2 of the above, 1m each).

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Paragraph 3:	Paragraphs 4:	Paragraph 5:	Paragraph 6:
disappointed	resolute	undeterred	grateful

**FROM PASSAGE C**

1. Poverty remains persistent in India’s countryside [1] despite the movement of many workers to the cities. [1]
2. They refer to the different social status or class that are predetermined by the families and communities that Indian people are born into. [1]
3. Despite the relative success of the Green Revolution, the lack of rainfall and an inconsistent supply of water [1] have inhibited efforts to increase the production of crops in other areas [1].
4. (a) People living in the forest are poorer [1] because they are not given the resources they depend on for livelihood [1].  
(b) Inhabitants along the coasts are hit worse because of pollution [1] that is affecting the fish trade [1].
5. High levels of illiteracy  
Inadequate health care  
Extremely limited access to social services  
(Any one of the above. Penalise for excess.)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortages of water and recurrent droughts</li> </ul>	are the lack of rainfall and limited water supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental degradation</li> <li>• Natural disasters</li> </ul>	Poverty amongst Indians are also caused by the deterioration of the environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of entitlement to natural resources</li> <li>• Lack of access to productive assets and financial resources</li> </ul>	and its subsequent loss of valuable resources and potential income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who depended on natural resources are made poorer</li> <li>• Living conditions deteriorating</li> </ul>	This results in people becoming worse off and having poor standards of living
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High levels of illiteracy</li> </ul>	leading to low literary levels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate health care</li> <li>• Extremely limited access to social services</li> </ul>	and limited access to healthcare and social services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhibition of agricultural transformation</li> </ul>	Poverty also disrupts advances made in agriculture.

**Suggested answer:**

Poverty is a longstanding problem in India. Some causes are the lack of rainfall and limited water supply. Poverty amongst Indians is also caused by the deterioration of the environment and its subsequent loss of valuable resources and potential income. This results in people becoming worse off and having poor standards of living, leading to low literary levels and limited access to healthcare and social services. Poverty also disrupts advances made in agriculture.

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