

VERBAL ABILITY Set 3-Questions
Answer the questions based on the passage below.

"And so while I am a disappointed man, as disappointed as you, not just in our politics and in our administration but in the reshe, tar and sut, the very fiber of our nationhood, I also know that the so-called ordinary people of India have an extraordinary core of values in them, plain human values that make them help each other in distress and in dejection. The number of courageous Indians who, unfazed by the wrongdoings of so many, continue to fight for justice, for honesty, for service, is amazing.

With their help, we must reinvent ourselves. We have to go back to where we started, to the roots of our ideals, our dreams. That good man, Kamaraj from Madras, you will remember, gave us a plan that we called the Kamaraj Plan. Ministers resigned office in large numbers to go back to the people, to where they came from. That gave us, then, a sense of idealism, of sacrifice and service for India's greatness. I will say no more except this that India needs to be governed by men and women, even if they be from outside of Parliament, outside of politics, honest people, idealists, not self-seekers disguised as pragmatists, patriots who are motivated not by power and money but by the ideals of justice and fair-dealing, giving the nation a leadership that can look us - you and me - in the eye. As I leave you, I have a request: You have shown me love as you have shown perhaps to no one. But please do not iconize me, do not idolize me, do not make a cult of me. All cults are wrong, personality cults more than all others. Disagree with me, show me where I err, correct me. I would prefer that you do that than that you follow me unthinkingly. Oxen and sheep do that, not descendants of Asoka and Rajendra Chola, Akbar and Shivaji."

1. What is a synonym of pragmatism ?

- A. Idealism
- B. Materialism
- C. Cynicism
- D. A Practical Approach

2. Why personality cults are wrong ?

- A. They are divisive
- B. They are corrupt
- C. They make citizens ignorant
- D. They encourage idolizing

3. Human values make ordinary people

- A. Honest
- B. Self-confident
- C. Passionate

D. Compassionate

4. 'Oxen and sheep' in the passage represent

- A. ordinary people
- B. unthinking followers
- C. hopeless people
- D. ignorant people

5. Who would help us reinvent ourselves ?

- A. Leaders of the past
- B. ordinary Indian citizens
- C. politicians
- D. Kamaraj