

Q1. (A): Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below it. (11)

King Amrit loved his people and looked after the affairs of his kingdom well. His minister, Chandana, was a wise man who helped the king in his work tirelessly. One day, King Amrit and Chandana were talking a walk on the terrace of the palace. The terrace offered beautiful views of the surroundings, and they could see far into the distance. They spotted the weekly market from up there, with people in colourful clothes buying and selling all kinds of things. There was plenty to buy and the people had money to buy too. There were no poor people to be seen anywhere. The king watched with a smile on his face. He was delighted to see the prosperity of his kingdom. Like any good ruler he was happy when his people are happy.

He turned to Chandana and said, "see how contented my people are. But I want to check this first-hand by talking to them. Tomorrow, summon people from all walks of life to the court, and I will ask them myself how they are doing." Chandana was used to the king's strange requests and went off to carry out this order.

The next day, the king arrived in court humming a happy tune to himself. Seeing all the people gathered there waiting for him, he was even more pleased. He cleared a throat and said in a loud voice, "I have called you here to ask you a very important questions. As your king, I need to know if all you are contented."

Questions :

- 1) How was the minister, Chandana ? (1)
- 2) What were the people doing in the weekly market ? (2)
- 3) Why was the king delighted ? (2)
- 4) According to you, what is true happiness? Explain it. (2)
- 5) Do as directed.
 - (i) They could see far into the distance.
(Use another modal auxiliary showing obligation) (1)
 - (ii) He said to Chandana, "see how contented my people are".
(Rewrite in indirect speech) (1)
 - (iii) They spotted the weekly market from up there.
(Rewrite using past perfect continuous tense) (1)
- 6) **Vocabulary** : Find the words from the passage which mean: (1)
 - (i) greatly pleased, happy -
 - (ii) satisfied -

