

Q I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10m)

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- 1.The King of Portugal not supported Columbus. Say Why? (2m)
- 2.Why did the Spanish court give him no encouragement? (3m)
- 3.Where did he intend to go after this? (1m)
- 4.Where would he take his son? Why? (2m)
- 5.Mention two ways in which Columbus obtained money. (1m)
- 6.Find word from the passage which means the same as:
a) cruise, sail _____ b)factual ,real _____ (1m)

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Q IV.A. Change the speech.

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1."I am going to Italy next week, "Ritu told her friends".

2.The prime minister said, "The people of India are resilient and hardworking".

3.We told the teacher we were present in the class the previous day.

4.Ajay's father told me , "You have to take ownership of your actions."

5.The lady asked us how frequently do we watch tv.

6.The old lady requested me to help her climb the stairs.

7.The inspector told us, "Ensure that there is no chaos in the city during elections".

8.The professor said that the moon reflects the light of the sun.

B. Change the voice.

(7)

1.The reviewer posted a review of the film.

2.Sahil sung a hauntingly beautiful song.

3.He asked me for help.

4.The parents were called for a meeting by the principal.

5.A portrait is being painted by Raju.

6.Who wrote our national song?

7.Animals get traumatised by the sound of the firecrackers.

