

**NAS Based Reading Comprehension****22.10.2021**

Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Every individual wants peace of mind. But it is hard to find a person who can say that he has attained such a state of mental equilibrium that will allow him to live a life of tranquility. Peace of mind is a distant dream for all of us. What is the reason for this? The reason is that people hanker after ideal peace, that is, pure peace—a peace that is free from all kinds of non-peace items. But this kind of absolute peace is not in nature's storehouse. Let us take the analogy of the rose. A rose is a very beautiful flower, but every stem has its thorns. Indeed, thorns are an integral part of the rose plant. A poet has rightly said that thorns serve as security guards for the flower. The translation of his Urdu lines is: "The safety of the flower would become impossible if the thorns were silk-like." So flowers have to be accompanied by thorns. There must be hard thorns along with soft flowers—that is, there must be non-peace items along with peaceful items. A peaceful mind is a very precious aspect of human nature and it too needs safety to maintain its sublime quality.

Q1. What is the requirement of every individual?

- a) healthy body
- b) healthy mind
- c) peace of mind
- d) none of these

Q2. Why is peace of mind a distant dream?

- a) Absolute peace is not in nature's storehouse.
- b) People have no interest.
- c) State of mental equilibrium is not there.
- d) all of these

Q3. What is the function of thorns?

- a) serve as security guards for the flower
- b) transmit food to the flower
- c) maintain the tenderness of flowers
- d) none of these

Q4. The precious aspect of human nature is _____

- a) peaceful atmosphere
- b) peaceful mind
- c) fulfillment of wishes
- d) curiosity

Q5. What does 'sublime' mean?

- a) disgrace
- b) diligent
- c) supreme
- d) none of these

