

Exercise

Comprehension

Read the passage carefully. Then, using complete sentences, answer the questions that follow. Your answers must be based on the passage.

PERSEVERANCE

According to the concise Oxford dictionary, "perseverance" means steadfast pursuit of an aim.

That ball of light, the sun, was created to shine persistently. Indeed, and all along this far, the sun has been living up to its this majestic role. The rain has not even once stopped the sun from shining. Not even the full army of the clouds has succeeded in turning the sun away from its brilliant role of shining persistently. Darkness, especially in the form of nightfall, has been an enduring attacker of light. However, darkness has yet to succeed in stopping the sun from shining.

Yes, persistence is one plus-point that every human begin can use to help himself/herself survive and even flourish. This quality is definitely one plus-point that can stand to turn out to be a person's match-winner.

That Indian saint, Swami Vivekananda, used to tell his fellow begins to persevere while performing upright work, and, although I am not a saint, I, too, advise that perseverance should turn out to be practised by every one of my fellow beings happening to be performing upright work.

1. What does "concise", as used in the first paragraph, mean?

2. What is perseverance?

3. As used in the first paragraph, what does "steadfast pursuit of an aim" mean?

4. Who was Swami Vivekananda?

5. What positive quality of the sun is highlighted in this passage?

6. Name two powerful forces of Nature that have yet to stop the sun from shining?

7. Why is perseverance necessary in life?

8. As used in the passage, what does "plus-point" mean?

9. Is the writer a saint?

10. In what way(s) can perseverance help a person?
