

VIII. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.**(Total Marks-4)**

Erik rang his grandparents' doorbell and silently wished the next four hours would go by quickly. He didn't want to give up his entire Saturday afternoon at his grandparents' house where there were no kids in the neighbourhood. "You're right on time," Grandma Bethany said opening the door. "There's tea and cake in the dining room."

Erik hung his coat on the rack by the door and saw a strange looking key hanging on a hook. "Grandpa Bill, what's this funny key for?" "That's a skeleton key. It opens the best room in this house," Grandpa Bill whispered so that no one else could hear. "It's the room I go to when your grandmother tries to make me help with the dishes."

"What's so special about the room?" Erik asked. "It's a game room," Grandpa Bill said, "Take the key and see if you can find the room by the time I finish my tea." Erik grabbed the key and stared at it. "A skeleton key? It looks old." Erik headed past the dining room and to the stairs. Grandpa Bill sipped his tea and shook his head. Erik knew that meant he was going the wrong way. Erik rushed to the basement door and looked at the lock. It was different from a normal lock. He slid the key inside and turned it. With a click, the door opened. Erik switched on the light and walked down the stairs. The basement was one giant room with a pool table in the middle and a dartboard on the far wall. "Awesome!" Erik said. "Ever learn to play pool?" Grandpa Bill asked coming down the stairs. "No," Erik said. "Well then, I'll teach you." Erik smiled. The next four hours were going to fly by.

I. Choose the best definition for the underlined word in each sentence.**(2x 1/2)****1. Erik and his grandfather played a game of pool.**

- a. a hole in the ground filled with water
- b. a game where a large ball is shot into a goal
- c. a game where a stick is used to shoot balls across a table

2. Erik noticed a dartboard on the wall in Grandpa Bill's game room.

- a. a square box where darts are kept
- b. a piece of wood used to keep score while playing darts
- c. a target made of cork that is used in a game of dart

II. Answer the following question.**(1)**

1. Why didn't Erik want to visit his grandparents' house at the beginning of the story?

III. Fill in the blanks.**(4x 1/2)**

1. Erik headed past the dining room and to the _____.
2. Grandma Bethany offered Erik tea and _____.
3. The _____ opens the best room in the house.
4. _____ goes to the basement when grandmother tries to make him help with the dishes.