Comprehension

1. Wild colonies of bees can be found in hollow trees or in the cavities of walls. However, bees that are kept for their honey live in man-made hives looked after by a beekeeper.

2. Inside the hive, the bees build many cells out of wax. These cells are for storing honey and pollen, and for the larvae to grow in. There are three kinds of bees – the queen, the worker and the drone. The queen is the largest bee and there is only one queen in each hive. Her job is to lay eggs, and she hardly leaves the hive once she has started laying. She can live for as long as four years.

3. Drones are male bees and workers are female bees. The adult workers do many jobs. Some of them feed the larvae or build and clean the cells. Others look for nectar and pollen in flowers, and turn the nectar into honey. Each bee carries the nectar in a special place in her stomach. She collects the pollen on her furry body and in pollen baskets found on her hind legs. When she returns to the hive, she empties the nectar from her stomach. Worker bees live for between five to six weeks or more months.

4. The queen lays an egg in each cell. Four days later, the egg hatches into a larva. Worker bees feed it with honey, pollen and milky substance. After five days, the workers cover each cell with a wax lid. The larva changes into a pupa and then a young bee, it bites its way through the lid and crawls out. If it is a worker bee, it will start working immediately.

Read the passage and answer the questions:

1) Where do worker bees collect the nectar from?
2) Which bee has the longest life-span?
3) Where do bees live?
4) What are drones?
5) What is a person who keeps bees called?
6) Tick the correct answer
   
   (i) The Queen Bee _________ in the hive.
   (a) does all kinds of work (b) only does one job

   (ii) The cells in the beehive are made of:
   (a) wax (b) nectar

   (iii) Where does the worker bee carry the nectar?
   (a) In pollen (b) In its stomach

   (iv) From larva, the bee changes into:
   (a) a bee (b) a pupa
7.) Answer the questions choosing the most appropriate option from the choices given:

(i) The living place of the wild bees is called
   (a) kennel   (b) stable   (c) shelter   (d) hive

(ii) The job of the queen bee is to
     (a) rule   (b) enjoy life   (c) lay eggs   (d) be a parasite

(iii) Drones are
     (a) parasites (b) active workers   (c) crippled   (d) clever creatures