Death before Prayers:

1. **What did the last meal of Gandhi consist of?**
   The last meal of Gandhi consisted of raw and cooked vegetables,goats milk, oranges and a mixture of ginger, sour lemons and butter with juice of aloe.

   2. Why was the conversation between Gandhiji and Patel important?
   There were rumours of disagreement between Patel and Nehru. It was an issue of national importance to be settled by Gandhiji. So the conversation was important.

   3. What did Abha do to divert Gandhiji's attention? Why did she do so?
   Abha picked up Gandhiji's pocket watch and showed it to him to remind him that he was getting late for his daily prayer meeting.

   4. "My walking sticks", he called them. Who were Gandhiji's walking sticks? Why did he call them so?
   Abha and Manu were Gandhiji's walking sticks. He called them so because he kept his arms on their shoulders while walking.

   5 . Who were Gandhiji's time-keepers? Why did he call them so?
   Abha and Manu were Gandhiji's time-keepers. He called them so because they reminded Gandhi of his schedule, meetings, and programmes and helped him do his work on time.

   6. Why do you think Gandhiji was late for his prayer meeting?
   Gandhiji was late for his prayer meeting as he was discussing an issue of national importance with Patel.

   7. How can you say that Gandhiji had sense of humour?
   At times Gandhiji used to laugh and make others laugh. During the two minutes walk to the prayer ground he relaxed and joked. He mentioned the carrot juice as cattle food. He called Abha and Manu as his "walking sticks and time-keepers".

Comprehension Passages (1 Mark questions):

Passage 1:

Read the passage carefully and answers the questions that follow:

"The conversation was important. There had been rumours of disagreements between Patel and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. This problem, like so many others, had been dropped into the Mahatma's lap."

Now answer the following questions.

1. Who were two people taking part in the conversation?
2. What was the conversation about?
3. Where do you think this conversation took place?
4. This problem….. What is this problem referred to?
5. Who was going to find a solution to this problem?

Answers:

1. Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel.
2. The conversation about rumours of disagreement between Patel and Nehru.
3. The conversation took place in Gandhiji's house.
4. This problem referred to rumours of disagreement between Patel and Nehru.
5. Gandhiji, as an adviser, was going to find a solution to this problem.

Passage 2:

"My walking sticks", he called them.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Who is 'he' referred to?
2. Who were his walking sticks?
3. Why did he call them so?

Answers:

1. He refers to Gandhiji.
2. Abha and Manu were Gandhiji's walking sticks.
3. He called them so because he leaned his arms on their shoulders while walking.

Passage 3:

Ba used to call it horse food." Abha replied.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Who was Ba?
2. What is "it" referred to?
3. What did Ba call it?

Answers:

1. Ba was Kasturba, Gandhiji's late wife.
2. "It" refers to carrot juice.
3. Ba used to call carrot juice as horse food.

Passage 4:

I am late by ten minutes," Gandhi said. " I hate being late. I should be here at the stroke of five."

Now answer the following questions.

1. What did Gandhi hate?
2. Why was he late?
3. "Here" means Where?

Answers:

1. Gandhiji hated being late.
2. He was late because he was discussing some important issue with Patel.
3. Here means Prayer ground in New Delhi.