**NOTEMAKING - ASSIGNMENT**

**2. Read the passage given below : (8)**

**The tests of life are its plus factors. Overcoming illness and suffering is a plus factor for it moulds character. Steel is iron plus fire, soil is rock plus heat. So let͛s include the plus factor in our lives.**

**Sometimes the plus factor is more readily seen by the simple-hearted. Myers tells the story of a mother who brought into her home - as a companion to her own son - a little boy who happened to have a hunchback. She had warned her son to be careful not to refer to his disability, and to go right on playing with him as if he were like any other boy. The boys were playing and after a few minutes she overheard her son say to his companion:**

**͞Do you know what you have got on your back?͟ The little boy was embarrassed, but before he could reply, his playmate continued: ͞It is the box in which your wings are and some day God is going to cut it open and then you will fly away and be an angel͟.**

**Often it takes a third eye or a change in focus, to see the plus factor. Walking along the corridors of a hospital recently where patients were struggling with fear of pain and tests, I was perturbed. What gave me fresh perspective were the sayings put up everywhere,intended to uplift. One saying made me conscious of the beauty of the universe in the midst of pain, suffering and struggle. The other saying assured me that God was with me when I was in deep water and that no troubles would overwhelm me.**

**The import of those sayings also made me aware of the nether springs that flow into people͛s lives when they touch rock-bottom or lonely, or even deserted. The nether springs make recovery possible, and they bring peace and patience in the midst of pain and distress.**

**The forces of death and destruction are not so much physical as they are psychic and psychological. When malice, hate and hard-heartedness prevail, they get channelled as forces of destruction. Where openness, peace and good-heartedness prevail, the forces of life gush forth to regenerate hope and joy.**

**The life force is triumphant when love overcomes fear. Both fear and love are deep mysteries, but the effect of love is to build whereas fear tends to destroy. Love is often the plus factor that helps build character. It helps us to accept and to overcome suffering. It creates lasting bonds and its reach is infinite.**

**It is true that there is no shortage of destructive elements - forces and people who seek**

**to destroy others and in the process, destroy themselves - but at the same time there**

**are signs of love and life everywhere that are constantly enabling us to overcome setbacks. So let͛s not look only at gloom and doom - let͛s seek out positivity and happiness. For it is when youseek that you will find what is waiting to be discovered.**

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and**

**sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary.**

**1.2 Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words using the notes made and also**

**suggest a suitable title.**