Q 1) Read the verses and answer the questions

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

‘Old man,’ said a fellow pilgrim, near,
‘You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?’

The builder lifted his old gray head:
‘Good friend, in the path I have come,’ he said,
‘There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.’

‘This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair- haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.’

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Answer the following questions

1) Write the rhyme scheme for the above poem (3 marks)
   Answer: aabb,

2) What words does the poet use to describe the chasm? (3 marks)
   Answer: Vast, deep and wide.

3) What does the pilgrim say to the old man? (3 marks)
   Answer: The pilgrim enquires on the reason of building the bridge since the old man has completed his journey and will not cross the bridge again.

4) What message is the poet trying to convey through the old man’s reply? (3 marks)
   Answer: Think about the future generation; leave behind you good things which can be enjoyed by the youth of the future. Any reply which discusses about contributing for in the life of future generations

Q II) Answer the following questions

1) Describe the character of Rueben in the extract titled Boggle Mill by G. P. Taylor. (4 marks)

2) Explain the metaphorical meaning of the word “touch” as used in the poem ‘Touching’ by Nissim Ezekiel (4 marks)

3) What did Marcel Marceau mean when he said, “Mime, like music, has neither borders nor nationalities”? (3 marks)
   Answer: Mime can be acted by anyone, it can travel across borders without any racial discrimination, and it’s a way of expressing your emotions and thoughts. Any answer which relates to connecting to people’s hearts by expressing and communicating through Mime

Q III) Write a proverb for each sentence given below. (2 marks)

1) If we have the determination to do something, we can always find the path or method to do it.
   Answer: Where there is a will, there is a way

2) Someone who helps you when you are in trouble is a real friend.
   Answer: A friend in need, is a friend indeed