

(b) Man first appeared on earth half a million years ago. Then he was a little more than an animal. Even so, early man had certain big advantages over the animals. He had a large brain, he had an upright body and he had in him something that enabled him to invent a language and use it to communicate with his fellow men. This ability to speak was of great value because it allowed men to share ideas and to plan together. Speech also enabled ideas to be passed on from generation to generation. As a result of it the stock of human knowledge slowly increased.

It was these special advantages that put men far ahead of all other living creatures. Since those far-off times, when he first made his appearance, man has achieved a great deal. He has used animals, steam, electricity and oil to get himself faster and faster from place to place. He has overcome rivers

and seas with rafts, boats and ships of endless variety. Now he can fly faster than sound and he is conquering space too.
