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Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow:

Do you know that around 270 eucalyptus trees or 460 bamboo plants are saved when we produce one tonne of hand-made paper? It is ecofriendly hand-made paper that also checks pollution of water, land and air. Large quantities of polluting chemicals are used by paper mills.

Hand-made paper is the best form of recycled paper. It has a fine surface for writing. It is also strong enough for making drawings.

Paper manufacturing is a very old tradition. It was invented in China nearly two thousand years back. Indians used the leaves of palm trees for writing. Papyrus is a kind of paper made from a reed of the same name. It grew on the banks of the River Nile, and was used in Egypt.

The hand-made paper industry flourished in India during the Mughal period. But it died with the setting up of paper mills in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mahatma Gandhi revived it during the freedom movement. Today it is a fast growing industry.

Questions:

1. Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Why is hand-made paper becoming more and more popular?
- (b) Mention two features of hand-made paper.
- (c) What did Indians use for writing when there was no paper?
- (d) What is papyrus?
- (e) Why did the hand-made paper industry die in India in the 18th and 19th centuries?

2. Find words from the above passage that mean the same as:

- (a) control
- (b) prospered
- (c) bring back to life.