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വിദ്യാഭ്യാസപരമായി ഏറ്റവും പുറകിൽ നിന്നിരുന്ന മലപ്പുറം ജില്ല കഴിഞ്ഞ കുറച്ചു വർഷങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുണ്ടാക്കിയ നേട്ടങ്ങൾ അഭ്യുത്പാദനമാണ് . എസ്. എസ്. എൽ. സി, പ്ലസ് ടു, വി. എച്ച്. എസ്. ഇ. ഫലത്തിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല എ പ്ലസ് ലഭിച്ച വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ എണ്ണത്തിലും വിവിധ മത്സരപരീക്ഷകളിലും നമ്മൾ ഏറെ മുന്നേറി. പൊതുവിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സംരക്ഷണത്തിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ മറ്റു ജില്ലകൾക്ക് നമ്മൾ മാതൃകയാണ്. മലപ്പുറം ജില്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്ത് ആവിഷ്കരിച്ചു നടപ്പിലാക്കി കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന വിജയഭേരി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പദ്ധതി, തദ്ദേശ സ്വയംഭരണ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ ഇടപെടലുകൾ, ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ, എസ് . എസ് . കെ, ഡയറ്റ് , വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ഓഫീസർമാർ ഒപ്പം എല്ലാ നല്ല പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടെ നിൽക്കുന്ന അധ്യാപകർ എന്നിവരാണ് ഈ നേട്ടങ്ങൾക്കു പിന്നിൽ.

നേട്ടങ്ങൾ ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നതിനോടൊപ്പം അടിയന്തിര ശ്രദ്ധ പതിയേണ്ടുന്ന മേഖലകൾ ഇനിയും ഏറെയുണ്ട്. 10 - ാം ക്ലാസ്സിൽ നിന്നും വിജയം നേടി പ്ലസ് 1, വി. എച്ച്. എസ്. ഇ. ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ എത്തുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ നല്ലൊരു ശതമാനം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ ഹയർ സെക്കണ്ടറി സിലബസ് പിന്തുടരുന്നതിന് ഏറെ പ്രയാസം അനുഭവിക്കുന്നവരാണ്. കോവിഡ് കാരണം സ്കൂൾ പ്രവർത്തി ദിനങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടതോടെ ഭൂരിപക്ഷം വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും പഠന പ്രയാസങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്നു. ഈയൊരു പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ പ്ലസ് ടു, വി. എച്ച്. എസ്. ഇ. തലത്തിൽ വിവിധ വിഷയങ്ങൾ അനായാസകരമായി പഠിക്കുന്നതിനും എല്ലാ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളും പ്ലസ് ടു, വി. എച്ച്. എസ്. ഇ. പരീക്ഷകളിൽ മികച്ച വിജയം ഉറപ്പു വരുത്തുന്നതിനായി **സ്റ്റേപ്പ്-അപ്പ് 22** എന്ന പേരിൽ പ്രത്യേക മെറ്റീരിയൽ വിജയഭേരി പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി തയ്യാറാക്കി സ്കൂളുകളിലെത്തിക്കുകയാണ്. തീർച്ചയായും ഈ മെറ്റീരിയൽ അധ്യാപകർക്കും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കും ഏറെ സഹായകരമാകുമെന്ന് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

ഈ പഠനസഹായി സമയബന്ധിതമായി പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുന്നതിന് നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയ മലപ്പുറം ഡയറ്റ്, ഹയർ സെക്കണ്ടറി ജില്ലാ കോർഡിനേറ്റർ / അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് കോർഡിനേറ്റർ, ശില്പശാലയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത അധ്യാപകർ എന്നിവർക്കുള്ള നന്ദിയും കടപ്പാടും പ്രത്യേകം അറിയിക്കുന്നു.

സ്കൂൾതലത്തിൽ അനുയോജ്യമായ സമയം കണ്ടെത്തി രക്ഷിതാക്കളുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ ഈ പഠനപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് നൽകണം. അതിനായി എല്ലാ അധ്യാപകരുടെയും സഹകരണം പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

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'STEP UP 22' English +2

Dear Teachers and Learners,

The handbook 'Step Up 22' English is prepared with a dual focus: to ease the offline and online classroom interactions and to equip the learners for second year English public examination. Attempts have been made to make it comprehensive, student-friendly and tech-friendly. It has been framed unit -wise and every unit consists of five/six sections:

Sections	Title	Content and Expected Outcome
A	Gear Up	A few interesting visuals are given to elicit their responses .Learners are expected to write a few sentences related to the theme of the unit.
B	What is in the Unit?	Brief analysis of the lessons in the unit. Let the learners go through the brief summary of each lesson after the classroom interactions.
C	Discourses	Important discourses in the unit are discussed. Model questions and sample answers are given for each discourse.
D	Grammar	Important Grammar items are discussed in some units.
E	Let's Practise	Important questions from the unit are included .Let our learners practise writing answers for the public examination.
F	Unit Test: Google form	Link of 'google form test' is given at the end of every unit. Learners can submit the response sheet to the email id of their English teacher.

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A

Gear UP

Dear Children,

Look at this collage.



Can you identify some of the personalities in the picture?
Do you remember more personalities that can be included in the collage?

All of them are empowered women in society. Many of them are educated and professionally trained leaders. They faced many challenges to reach their destination. They took risks, became leaders and worked hard for the emancipation of women. Women empowerment is the need of the hour. It empowers not only the women but the entire society.



1 Write six sentences on women empowerment in your own words.

(What can we do for women empowerment? What are the challenges faced by women in society? Do only women reap the benefit of women empowerment?)

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2 Write three slogans for International Women's Day Celebration.

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Observe the image. What about your childhood? Write five or six sentences describing a sweet experience in your early childhood.



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B What is in the unit?

This unit is based on the theme of women empowerment. There are three prose lessons and one poem. Let's go through the brief analysis of the lessons:

1. The 3 Ls of Empowerment

(Please watch the video lesson: <https://youtu.be/SCc0Xdxdk1U>)

There are many challenges in the modern world.

Economic role of women is the most important challenge.

Women contribute less to the total economic activity.

As a consequence, many countries lag in the per capita income.

Women are not responsible for this serious problem.

They can contribute, but they are blocked from contributing their true potential.

They are denied equal opportunity.

We can solve this problem with 3 Ls.

The '3Ls' of women empowerment are Learning, Labour and Leadership.

Education is the most important one.

It is the foundation of all changes.

It empowers women to tap out their inborn talents.

It helps women to break the shackles of exclusion.

The second one is labour.

Women face many challenges in the workplace.

Low-paying, low-status and low-security are some of them.

We should uphold the basic norms of 'equal pay for equal work'.

Economic independence empowers women.

Leadership is the third one.

Women can be good leaders.

They can make proper decisions based on inclusion and compassion.

Women should be ready to take risks and to dare the difference.

The entire world can reap the benefit of women empowerment.

2. Any Woman

Please watch the video lesson of 'Any Woman'
<https://youtu.be/of9dZW3zOnQ>

The poem Any Woman is written by Katherine Tynan.

This poem underlines the importance of women in the family.

Woman plays an important role to make the home alive.

Mother has been compared to pillar and arch of the home.

The entire home will be ruined in her absence.

She is the fire upon the hearth.

She has been called the light of the good sun.

Without her, the home would be colder than a stone.

Children cannot grow well without her guidance.

She unites all children within the sacred ring of love.

She protects her children from all dangers.

Her careful touch reaches everywhere and everything in the house.

She prays to God not to take her away till her children grow.

The poem reinforces the unconditional love of a mother.

3. Matchbox

(Please watch the video lesson of *Matchbox* (<https://youtu.be/aspamLIZIog>))

The story Matchbox is written by Ashapura Debi.

Nomita is the wife of Ajit. She comes from a poor family.

Her mother frequently writes letters requesting money.

Ajit opens and reads letters addressed to Nomita without her permission.

This behaviour of Ajit hurts Nomita's self respect.



She had told him many times not to do it.

Nomita becomes angry and quarrels with Ajit.

Nomita, flaming with anger, picks a matchbox and lights a stick and puts it on her sari which instantly catches fire.

Ajit rushes and with his bare hands, he puts out the fire.

Soon after this quarrel, she goes back to the kitchen.

She even tells lies about the burning of her sari.

She pretends as if nothing has happened.

In the story, Nomita represents the typical Indian village woman.



3 . Horegallu

(Please watch the video lesson:

<https://youtu.be/p8afxUEggXE>)

Horegallu is an anecdote by Sudha Murty.

Horegallu is a stone bench on which people can rest and regain their energy.

Sudha Murty speaks of two great personalities- Grandfather and her colleague Ratna.

Grandfather is a retired school teacher.

Grandfather spends hours sitting under the banyan tree in the village.

The villagers talked about their daily lives and worries.

He refreshed the travellers just by listening to them.

Ratna was a colleague of Sudha Murty.

She was a senior clerk working in the company for nearly 25 years.

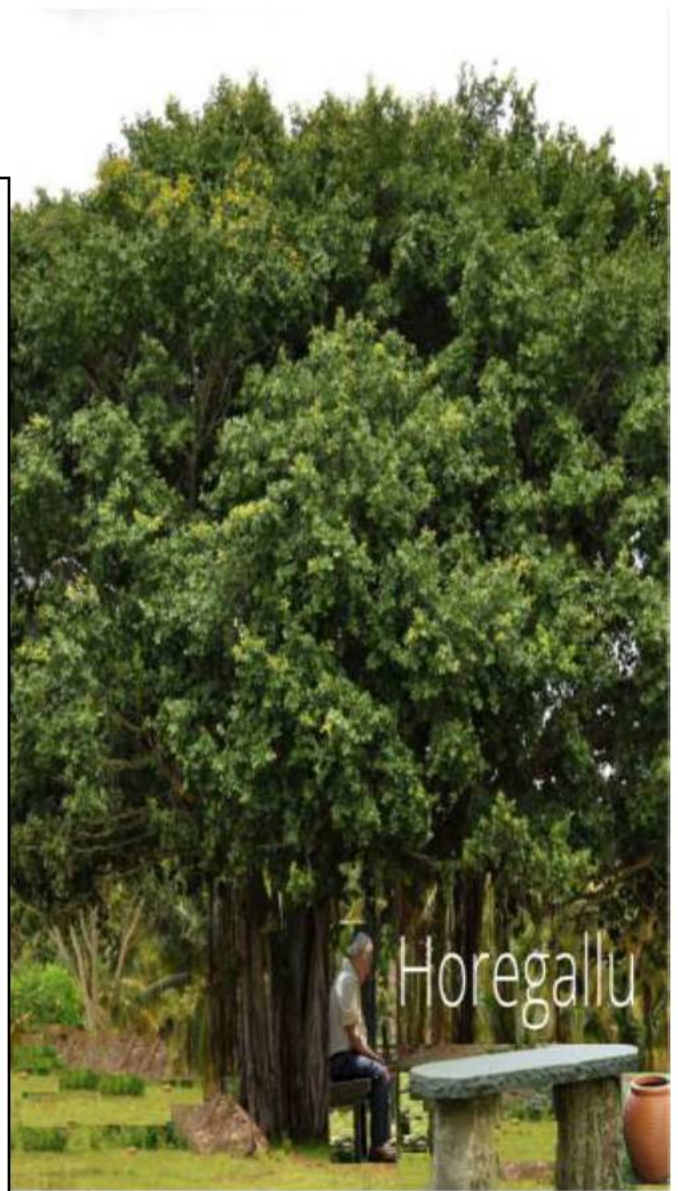
She listened to the problems of her colleagues with sympathy and without any judgement.

Patient listening can solve the pains of many in the modern hectic world.

Grandfather and Ratna did great social service.

Both of them kept the words of the speakers' secret.


Grandfather and Ratna were human horegallus.



An anecdote is a short interesting story about a real incident or person

C Discourses

1. **SPEECH** (please watch the video lesson:<https://youtu.be/CAWrdDpoxn8>)

<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Dear friends, (Dignitaries on the dais, Respected teachers etc.)</p> <p>I am very happy to be here on this occasion.</p> <p>I would like to speak on the topic.....</p> <p>It is very important.</p> <p>It is the need of the hour.</p> <p>I would like to conclude my words .</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	 <p>The diagram illustrates the structure of a speech. It features a central figure of a person speaking into a microphone. The word 'SPEECH' is written in large letters above the figure. Below the figure, the structure is divided into five horizontal sections, each with a blue rounded rectangular box for content: 'Salutation', 'Introduction', 'First main idea', 'Second main idea', and 'Conclusion'.</p>
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Question:

You are invited to deliver a speech on the occasion of celebrating World Women’s Day in the school assembly. Prepare the script of the speech on the topic ‘Challenges Faced by Women in the Modern Society.’

Sample Answer:

Good morning,

Dear friends,

I would like to speak on challenges faced by women in modern society.

Women face many challenges in the modern world. They contribute less to the total economic growth of the world. It is not their fault. They are ready to contribute. But they are not given equal opportunities. As a consequence, many countries lag in per capita income. It is a serious issue.

In many places, women are denied freedom for higher education or for occupation. Women education is a must for the maximum utilisation of the human resources. Women face many problems in their workplace. They don’t get equal payment for equal work. They have low status and low security. We should change this picture. It is our duty.

Friends, as you know, atrocities against women are increasing day by day. Stern steps should be taken against the problems. Let's work hard for a better society. I would like to conclude my words with the hope that we will bring the change we need. Thank you.

2. POEM APPRECIATION and COMPARISON OF TWO POEMS

(Please watch the video lesson to know how to prepare appreciation of a poem <https://youtu.be/dSBoYYY3q1M>)

Poem Comparison:

- 1 • Write an appreciation of the poem given in the question paper
- 2 • Write an appreciation of the poem you studied in the text
- 3 • Write a paragraph comparing both poems.

Or

Introduction of the poem A&B

Summary and analysis of Poem A

Summary and analysis of Poem B

Similarities of these two poems (Use of cohesive device: also, identically, too, equally, similarly, likewise etc.)

Differences between these two poems (Use of cohesive devices: but, however, in contrast, on the contrary, on the other hand, whereas etc.)

Conclusion- your opinion on the impact of the poems.

Common Expressions:

The poem is written by

The theme of the poem is.....

Here the poet uses many poetic devices.

They make the poem very effective.

The poem can be analysed from different angles.

The poem is meaningful and interesting.

The theme of the poem has special social relevance.

Both poems share many things in common.

The first poem discusses.....whereas the second poem analyses

The poets use many poetic devices to make the poems very effective.

Both poems are interesting and meaningful.

The poems can be viewed from different angles.

We can also see many contrasts.

Both poets discuss socially relevant issues.

Question:

Read the poem given below:

WOMAN WORK

-Maya Angelou

I have got the children to tend

The clothes to mend

The floor to mop

The food to shop

Then the kitchen to fry

The baby to dry

I got company to feed

The garden to weed

I have got shirts to press

The tots to dress

The canes to be cut

I gotta clean up this hut

Then see about the sick

And the cotton to pick.

Question:

Now you prepare a review of the poem and compare it with ‘Any Woman’ by Katharine Tynan.

Sample Answer:

The two poems, ‘Women Work’ by Maya Angelou and ‘Any Woman’ by Katherine Tynan highlight the significance of women.

The poem ‘Woman Work’ is written by Maya Angelou. The theme of the poem is the different roles of women in society. She is engaged in different activities at home. She has to work hard from dawn to dusk. She has to care her children and clean her house. She is fully engaged in the kitchen. The poet uses many poetic devices. They make the poem very effective.

The poem ‘Any Woman’ by Katharine Tynan discusses the importance of women at home and in society. A woman plays an important role to make the house alive. The poet uses many metaphors to make her points very effective. A woman has been compared to the pillar and arch of the house. She has been called the light of the good sun. Children can’t grow well without her guidance. She is the force which unites all children within the sacred ring of love. She protects her children from all dangers. The poem concludes with her request to God ‘Take me not till the children grow’.

Both poems share many things in common. They deal with almost the same theme. The theme of the poems underlines the importance of women in society. Both poems tell us that the women play significant roles to keep the house always shining. Her unconditional love towards her children is focused in both poems. The poets use many poetic devices to make the poems very effective. The poet Tynan uses a lot of metaphors to make her ideas very effective. Both poets give a poetic framework for the importance of women in domestic circles. We can also see many contrasts. The poems can be viewed from different angles.

The two poems are highly readable, relevant and thought provoking.

3. CHARACTER SKETCH

(Video lesson: how to prepare character sketch: https://youtu.be/f3WYOSiGk_U)

- Write the name of the character, name of the story and name of the writer, the role of the character in the story etc.
- Write age, appearance and the behaviour of the character.
- Write your comment on the character

Major characters

NOMITA

Nomita is the protagonist in the story Matchbox by Ashapura Debi. She is very beautiful. She is from a poor family without father and brother. Because of her beauty, Ajit marries her. They live in a joint family. Nomita's mother used to send letters to her. Ajit reads letters addressed to Nomita without her permission. She becomes angry and quarrels with him. Ajit insults her with harsh words. She lights her matchstick and burns her sari. Nomita faces insult from in-law family. She wants to lead a life of self-respect. She suppresses her pain in front of others. She is a typical Indian wife.

AJIT

Ajit is the husband of Nomita in the story Matchbox by Ashapura Debi. Ajit is from a rich family. He quarrels with Nomita and hurts her with harsh words. He has the bad habit of opening and reading all the letters addressed to Nomita. He has no respect to his mother-in-law. Ajit says Nomita's mother is a dung picker. He puts out fire when Nomita burns the anchor of her sari. Ajit represents the male dominated Indian society.

NOMITA'S MOTHER

Nomita's mother in the story Matchbox by Ashapura Debi is a widow. She has a big dream about her daughter Nomita. Nomita's mother needs money from Nomita and Ajit. She frequently writes to Nomita requesting money. It seems Nomita's mother is very demanding and shameless. She used to write in postcards which could be read by anyone. To prevent others from reading, Nomita asks her mother to write letters in an envelope. Nomita is ashamed that her mother is begging for money. This habit of Mother puts her daughter's life in trouble. She is an illiterate ordinary Indian Woman.

GRANDFATHER .

(Please click the link to watch the video lesson on Grandfather and Ratna.

<https://youtu.be/X26qzp8VQ10>)

Grandfather is the central character in the anecdote 'Horegallu' by Sudha Murty. Sudha Murty's Grandfather was a retired school teacher. He spent hours every day sitting under the banyan tree talking to those resting there. He listened to the problems of the poor villagers patiently. It refreshed and relaxed them. They shared their thoughts about daily lives and worries. Thus, Grandfather did a great social service without expecting any reward. He believed that a horegallu is essential in the journey of life. It helps people regain their strength. Grandfather was a human horegallu.

RATNA

Ratna is a major character in the anecdote “Horegallu” by Sudha Murty. She was a colleague of Sudha Murty. She was a senior clerk in her company. Ratna used to chat with her colleagues every day during lunch hours. She also listened to the problems of her colleagues with sympathy and without any judgement. She just listened to others’ problems. She kept their words secret. She never provided any solutions to their problems and worries. She believed that she had been blessed with two ears to listen to others. Ratna was a human horegallu.

4.BLURB (Please click here to watch the video lesson on blurb: https://youtu.be/PK1_se_KA5Q)

Blurb is the back cover of a book.

It urges the reader to buy the book.

It usually begins with a catchy statement.

It appears short and dramatic.

The name of the book, author, publisher, language, genre and price are written on the blurb.

Sample blurb and worksheet



Name of the book

Author

IDENTITY OF THE BOOK

NAME OF THE AUTHOR

NAME OF PUBLISHER/PUBLISHERS

PLOT OF THE STORY

PUBLISHER GENRE LANGUAGE PRICE



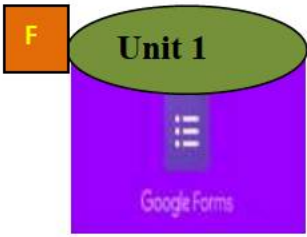
1. Christine Lagarde exhorts the women of the 21st century 'to dare the difference 'if they want to be successful in life. Based on her wishes prepare a write-up on the topic 'Women Empowerment Today – Challenges and Solutions
2. 'Empowerment of women begins at home. 'Do you think so? Write four points to justify this statement.
3. Empowering women is vital for the total development of a country. Prepare an article based on the speech of Christine Lagarde on how women could come out from their comfort zones and participate in the process of nation building.
4. The mother in 'Any woman' doesn't want God to take her away till the children grow up. Write a paragraph explaining why the mother thinks so.
5. Write an essay on the value of mother's love, considering the poem 'Any Woman' you have already learned.
6. The poem 'Any Woman' ends with a prayer 'Take me not till my children grow!'. These lines reflect the unending love and concern of a mother for her children. Do we show the same consideration to our mother in the present day?
7. Women Empowerment should begin at home. Write four points to substantiate this statement in the light of the story 'Matchbox'
8. In the story 'Matchbox', Nomita torches her sari when her anger towards Ajit becomes uncontrollable. Later she lies about this incident and explains that everything happened when she lifted a hot pot of water off the stove. On the basis of the situations mentioned above, analyse the character of Nomita in a paragraph.
9. Suppose you get a chance to talk to Ajit, Nomita's husband. What advice would you give him to be more considerate to his wife? Write four pieces of advice that you would like to give Ajit.
10. Nomita had a fierce quarrel with Ajit. Imagine you are Nomita's friend. How would you console her? Write four pieces of advice that you would like to give her.

You may use expressions like:

I think you should / Why can't you ... / If I were you.../ I'd like to suggest...

11. Sudha Murty says that she wishes there were many more horegallus in this world. Considering the spirit of her words, prepare a short speech on the topic, 'Listening to the problems of others is a social service'.
12. Imagine that the horegallu in Sudha Murty's village can speak. Write three questions you would like to ask Horegallu and their possible answers.

13. Why does Ashapurna Debi compare women to matchboxes? Write your answer in a paragraph.



Dear children,

You learnt the first unit. Now you attempt a google form test. There are some multiple choice questions based on the unit. Please attend the questions, know your score and send it to your teacher's e-mail. Please open the link and answer the questions <https://forms.gle/RoCgJy6d4poWG1zSA>

Unit 2 **Heights of Harmony**



Dear children,

Look at the pictures of walls.

How many of you have got walls around your home?

Why do we make boundary walls?





1

Can you list the advantages and disadvantages of walls?

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict relationships • • •

1. Do you have friends? What is your concept of a good friend?



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What are the qualities of a good friend? Write your views in five or six sentences in the space provided.

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2. Following are a few headlines of the newspaper reports.

Mumbai: CBI arrests inspector for taking bribe of Rs 10K in service tax case

Dec 8, 2021, 04:25 IST



Bank officials and pvt firm employees jailed for fraud

The CBI had registered a case based on a complaint from Bank of India alleging fraudulent discounting of 246 bills against Letter of Credit issued by Canara Bank, Deccan Gymkhana Branch, Pune to the tune of nearly ₹300 crore



Finnish prime minister resigns after being accused of lying by head of postal service

INDIAN EXPRESS
Kerala Agri officer held for taking bribe did 4-year BSc Agriculture course in Agra without taking a break from service

By Anand Mahalingam | Special Report | Published: 08 December 2021, 10:45 AM



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Read the reports carefully and write the reasons why these incidents are happening in our society.

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B **What is in the unit?**

Dear Learners,

In this unit we learn qualities and principles that are essential to maintain the social fabric of human relations. The unit comprises a poem “Mending Wall” by Robert Frost, a story “Amigo Brothers” by Piri Thomas, and a one-act play “The Hour of Truth” by Percival Wilde.

1. Mending Wall (Please click here to watch the video lesson on <https://youtu.be/zVq2vxKvz-I>)

(Please click here to learn poetic devices used in the poem: <https://youtu.be/Ku-qUwoKbgs>)

'Mending wall ' is a symbolic poem.

It is written by the famous American poet Robert Frost.

It has a good theme.

The poet says that Nature is against wall.

He is also against the wall.

Neighbour supports the wall.

He says that 'good fences make good neighbours.'

The poet is modern but the neighbour is conservative.

The neighbour always follows the words of his father.

The poem gives us a good message.

The poet has used the figures of speech such as personification and metaphor.

2. Amigo Brothers (Please watch the video lesson: <https://youtu.be/VGzmOaT9vw8>)

It is the story of two teenagers, Felix and Antonio.

They were close friends.

They had a dream of becoming world boxing champions.

They worked hard to fulfil their dream.

Once they had to fight with each other.

It was a fierce fight.

There were three deadly rounds.

None of them won the match.

Both of them left the ring arm in arm.

They didn't wait for the announcement by the referee.

They were the champions in the world of friendship.



3. The Hour of Truth (Please watch the video lesson: <https://youtu.be/5xY8U2Enl5Y>)

It is a one act play.

The main character is Robert Baldwin.

The other characters are Martha, John, Evie and Gresham.

Robert Baldwin is a good character.

He is honest and bold.

John Gresham, the president of the bank, was arrested for misappropriation of funds.

Robert Baldwin was his secretary.

John Gresham offered him hundred thousand dollars for telling lies in the court.

He didn't accept the bribe offered by Gresham.

His family persuaded him to accept the bribe money.

But he stood for truth and justice.

He was ready even to speak against Gresham at the court.

He never supported Gresham in the Bank wreck case.

At last he got a good job offer from Marshall, the President of the Third National.

It was a reward for his honest character.



1. Poem Appreciation

Prepare a note of appreciation of the poem 'Mending wall'.

Discuss the following:

- The central idea of the poem
- Symbolic significance of 'wall' in the poem
- Poetic devices employed by the poet
- Language
- Structure

Sample Answer:

'Mending Wall' is a poem by the twentieth-century American poet Robert Frost. It reflects on the man-made barriers prevalent in the contemporary society. The poem disapproves the restrictions man creates in human relations through walls and encourages bridging gaps among relations.

The speaker asserts that some force in nature does not love a wall. Moreover hunters widen the gap in the walls to expose the rabbits hidden there. The poet feels it mysterious how the gaps are seen in spring, the mending time, even when no one has seen or heard them made. The speaker informs the neighbour residing beyond the hill to set the wall. The two neighbours walk along the wall and engage in the tedious task of setting the wall. The whole ordeal of restoring the boulders back is difficult since the fallen rocks have assumed a variety of shapes, some like loaves, others like balls etc. The speaker finds the task an outdoor game. He wonders whether they need a wall to separate an apple orchard from a pine orchard. But the neighbour insists on saying that good fences make good neighbours. The poet becomes more amazed since there are no cows to encroach upon the neighbour's orchard. He likes his neighbour state that it is elves that does not like a wall. The neighbour is adamant and says 'good fences make good neighbours'.

Through the image of wall, the poem becomes a reminder to all since we forget the worth of relations. The poet's message is clear. Maintaining friendly ties adds value to life. Nature also invokes harmonious coexistence among all beings. The attitudes of broadness and narrowness towards living harmoniously are visible in this paradox.

The poet has used many poetic devices in the poem. The foremost among these is the metaphor of wall which stands for the barrier that isolates people. Another metaphor is that of the boulders which are 'loaves' and 'balls'. The neighbour compared to an old stone savage is a beautiful simile. This simile becomes all the more forceful when he is represented as moving in darkness. When the poet speaks about a mysterious force which does not like the existence of the wall, we have instance of personification. All these poetic devices add depth and beauty to the poem.

As far as rhyme scheme is concerned there is no definite pattern. The poem is written in first person point of view. The tone of the poem is lighter with its conversational overtone. Composed in blank verse, the language of the poem is simple and conversational.

Despite its simple, almost folksy, language, 'Mending Wall' is a complex poem that deals with a relevant theme and conveys a powerful message. Humour and conversational tone contributes to the aesthetic value of the poem. The abundant use of poetic devices reinforces the theme and message. Thus, 'Mending Wall' becomes a call for amity and friendship.

2. Comparison of Two Poems

Attempt a critical appreciation of the following poem, comparing and contrasting it with "Mending Wall"

'Neighbour'

Iain Crichton Smith

*Build me a bridge over the stream
to my neighbour's house
where he is standing in dungarees
in the fresh morning.*

*O ring of snowdrops
spread wherever you want
and you also blackbird
sing across the fences.*

*My neighbour, if the rain falls on you,
let it fall on me also*

*from the same black cloud
that does not recognise gates.*

Sample Answer:

‘Mending Wall’ is a poem by the twentieth-century American poet Robert Frost. It reflects on the man-made barriers prevalent in the contemporary society. The poem disapproves the restrictions man creates in human relations through walls and encourages bridging gaps among relations. Although it appears to be a simple poem at the first glance, it actually yields to multiple interpretations at various levels. In the poem "Neighbour", Ian Crichton deals with a very similar theme. It is about building bridges across obstacles that separate neighbours.

In the poem "Mending Wall", the poet and his neighbour are the primary characters. They are busy repairing the damaged wall between their properties. Both neighbours in "Mending Wall" wish for good neighbourly relationship. Their argument is only on whether the wall is helping them maintain this relationship or not. One sees the wall as an obstacle. The other sees it as an advantage. The poet doesn't feel the necessity of wall whereas the neighbour is adamant and says ‘good fences make good neighbours’.

In the poem "Neighbour", there is a vivid rustic image of two neighbours separated by a stream in between. The poet can clearly see across as his neighbour is ready for work in the morning wearing dungarees. The poet wishes to have a bridge over the stream connecting both of them. Nature doesn't discriminate. Birdsongs, snowfall and raindrops do not recognise gates.

Both these poems are similar in many ways. The wish for a warm relationship with his neighbour is expressed in a more emotional manner in the poem "Neighbour." When the poet says that the black cloud does not recognize gates, it sounds very similar to the line, "there is something in nature that doesn't love a wall." Both the poems succeed in creating lasting visual images in the minds of readers. Just like the visual images of the stream and the neighbour in dungarees, the auditory image of the song of the blackbird, and the tactile image of ‘the rain falls on you’ are equally memorable. As far as rhyming is concerned, both the poems do not follow a fixed rhyme scheme.

‘Mending Wall’ and "Neighbour" are different in many respects. Although very emotional and appealing, the poem "Neighbour" is pretty straightforward and is not open to multiple interpretations as in the case of "Mending Wall". This need not be seen as a demerit, but in comparison, Frost's poem seems to have greater depth. "Neighbour" is a much shorter poem in comparison to "Mending Wall". So, we may not be able to pick many figures of speech except probably the personification of the black cloud. But this does not diminish its beauty.

The poems of Frost and Smith are based on a similar theme, but they follow different paths in their execution and the final effect. It is quite unfair to judge the merit of one based on the other as they serve the reader in different ways. While one touches you emotionally, the other opens doors for a more intellectual involvement.

3. Write-up

Question:

Prepare a write-up on the friendship portrayed in the story 'Amigo Brothers'.

Sample Answer:

'Amigo Brothers' by Piri Thomas is the story of two best friends who have to face off in a boxing competition. Antonio and Felix are amazing boxers and just so happen to be best friends as well. They have trained together for years and developed different fighting styles. The Golden Gloves Championship Tournament is approaching, and both boys are trying to qualify for the competition. In order to go to the Golden Gloves, they must fight each other to make it to the next stage. Whoever wins will represent the Boys' Club in the championship.

Though they have always trained together, in the days leading up to their bout the boys decide to separate, each focusing on his strategy. They agree to treat each other like typical opponents in the ring, and they vow that, whatever happens, their friendship will remain intact.

On the appointed day, both fighters take some heavy blows and sustain damage. At one point, Antonio knocks Felix down, but he quickly recovers. At the end of the final round, the boys are fighting so intensely they do not hear the bell, and they must be separated. The crowd is uneasy, fearing further violence. However, as the referee is about to announce the winner, he discovers that the boxers have already left the ring together, their friendship restored. This tells us that their friendship is very strong and indestructible.

4. Announcement

Writing the script of the Announcement

Tips –

- Write in present tense
- Address the audience
- It is better to begin the announcement in an attractive style.



Question:

Imagine you are the announcer for the match between the Amigo Brothers. Prepare the script for the announcement.

Sample Answer:

Announcement

“Ladies and Gentlemen, now is the moment we have all been waiting for. The main event between the two fine young Puerto Rican fighters will begin shortly. The fighters are Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas. Felix Vargas weighs 134 pounds and his rival Antonio Cruz weighs 133 pounds. The winner will represent the Boy’s club in the tournament of champions, the Golden Gloves. It would be really a wonderful competition. Soon the whistle will go and you will see the wonderful boxing competition. Be ready for a breathtaking finish. I can see the referee preparing to whistle. Hope all of you would enjoy it well”.

5. Newspaper Report

Please watch the video link: <https://youtu.be/ryGnO4CIV10>

The key elements of a News Report are:

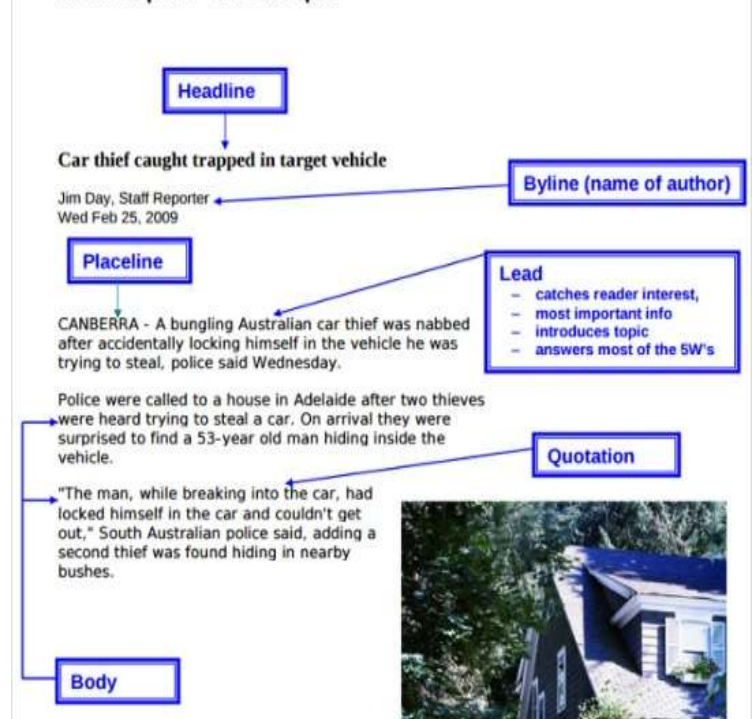
- A. **Headline** Catches your attention. Sums up the story.
- B. **Byline** Writer’s name Writer’s Speciality, e.g. sports, food, crime, current events.
- C. **Placeline** Where the story begins.

D. **Lead** The opening section Gives most important information Should answer most of the 5W's.

E. **Body** Supplies detail: most important details come first (Inverted Pyramid). simple true statements

- F. **Quotation** What someone actually said. Adds accuracy .Adds “at the scene” feeling

News Report - An example



Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter and you witness the contest between the amigo brothers and prepare a newspaper report to be mailed to your editor.

Sample Answer:

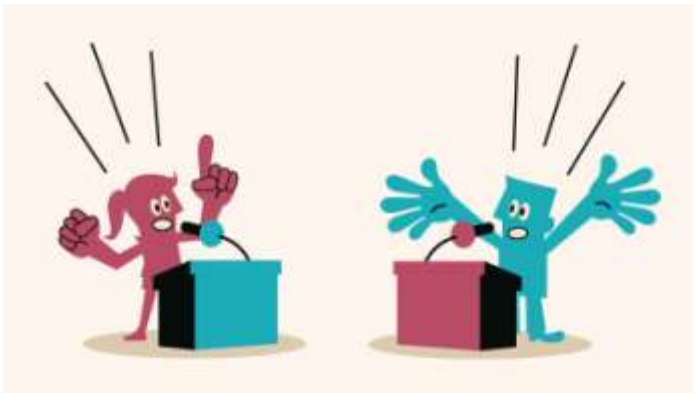
'Amigo Brothers' Bout Ends Dramatic *Ashok Raj, Sports Correspondent*

Manhattan: The much awaited fight between 'Amigo Brothers came to a dramatic end as the two left the ring without waiting for the result announcement. It was a wonderful evening for the audience at the Tompkins Square Park. Everybody present there witnessed the stunning performance of Amigo Brothers.

The fight between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas was fixed in Tompkins Square Park. The Park was crowded even before the scheduled time. The game started at 2 o' clock. When the both fighters entered the audience welcomed them with great applause. Felix was escorted by a dozen fans in white T-shirts. Antonio too was escorted and guided in a grand manner.

At first the referee gave the instructions. When the fight began, the boxers attacked each other with strong blows and punches. The crowd was vibrant and enthusiastic in the beginning. When the fight was about to finish, they got worried. It was because of the fighters' savage attacks. Both of them were really fighting hard. Everybody thought that it would end in a draw. The crowd became silent and their blows continued. The bell rang again and again. Their blows appeared as hailstones. Finally, the referee and the two trainers pried Felix and Antonio apart. After a few minutes, they looked around and then rushed towards each other and embraced each other. The referees were really in a dilemma. They found it very difficult to find the winner. The announcer began to make the announcement. He was looking around to see the winner. But both Antonio and Felix had left like true friends. They knew they would always be champions to each other. The crowd at the Tompkins Square Park witnessed the true friendship of these two boxers.

5. Debate



Question:

“The announcer turned to point to the winner and found himself alone. Arm in arm, the champions had already left the ring.”

The winner in the boxing competition left without receiving the prize. This is against the rules and regulations of a game. Do you agree to this opinion?

Answer:

For

A contestant has a right to refuse a prize.

- Each of them didn't want to humiliate his friend publicly.
- They both considered themselves as champions.
- Taking part in a contest does not force anyone to accept the prize.
- Their friendship was priceless to them and the prize was secondary to them.

Against

- Going away without receiving the prize is against the rules and regulations.
- Every competition has rules and regulations. The participants should obey them.
- If you break the rules, the competitions can't be done properly.
- The competitors came to the competition knowing fully well only one could win as it was an elimination contest. They should have gone only after the referee announcing the winner.
- If Felix and Antonio loved each other so much they should not have agreed to take part in the competition in public.
- They both had tried hard to defeat the other. So why doesn't the winner collect his prize?

6. Character Sketch

Question:

Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin

Sample Answer:

Robert Baldwin is the central character in the play *The Hour of Truth* by Percival Wilde. He lives with his wife Martha, son John and daughter Evie. He has been working as the secretary of John Gresham in a bank owned by him. For financial misappropriation, John Gresham is arrested and his trial is about to start. The day before the trial begins, Gresham sends for Baldwin. He offers hundred thousand dollars not to testify against him.

Robert Baldwin is very honest and scrupulous. He values his principles more than his friendship with Gresham. He doesn't have to think twice before rejecting the offer of money. He is very particular about “going to his grave clean.”

The family members who wanted to send Gresham to jail in the beginning change their attitude when they come to know about the huge amount on offer. They try to convince Robert Baldwin to accept it by a host of arguments. Despite the pressure, Baldwin remains firm.

The integrity of Baldwin is rewarded when he was offered a job in a bigger bank. Gresham himself tells Marshall that no amount of money will make him do something he thinks wrong. Rather than making Baldwin testify against him, Gresham decides to confess.

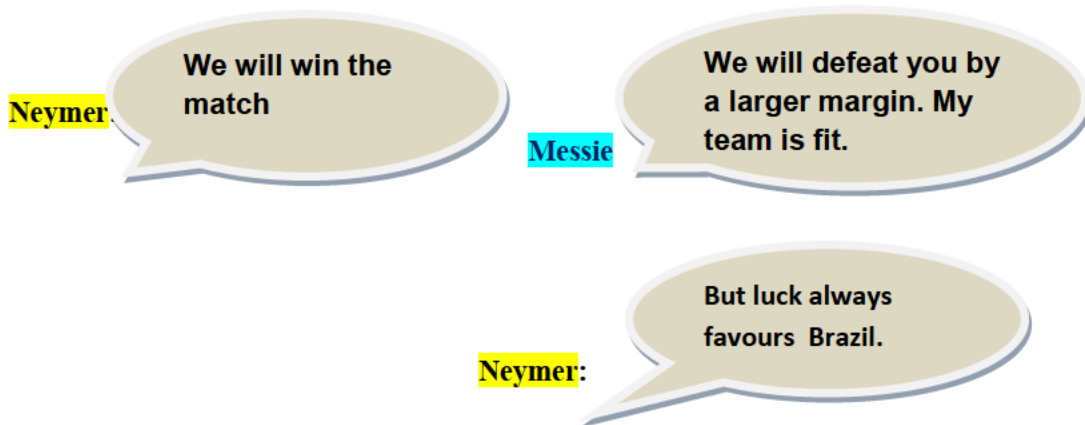
At one occasion Baldwin says, “When John Gresham offered me money, I was angry. But when I rejected it, and he showed no surprise, then I was pleased.” This shows how Baldwin values not only his principles, but also how others consider him. His firm moral attitude stands in contrast with the other family members who change their stand because of the temptation of money.

He is very faithful to his employer. When he comes to know about the impending wreck he never mentions it even to his own wife. He never complains about the low payment he gets. He is leading a happy life with whatever he has. His lament “Shams! Liars! Hypocrites! Thieves! We have seen our souls naked, and they stink to Almighty Heaven!” shows how principled and moralistic his attitude is. Thus, Robert Baldwin becomes a role model character.



1. Reported Speech

Read the conversation between Lionel Messi and Neymar:



Imagine you are a reporter and you would like to report the conversation. How can you do it?

Answer:

Neymer told Messie that they would win the match. Messie replied that they would defeat Brazil by a larger margin. He also added that his team was fit. Neymer opined that luck always favoured Brazil.

Here you have noticed some changes when a conversation is changed into reported speech. Let's learn something general about **Direct speech and Reported speech.**

There are two ways of reporting the words of a speaker:

1. Direct Speech
2. Reported Speech

Neymer said, "We will win the match"

Messie replied, "We will defeat you by a larger margin"

Here we report the exact words of the speaker using comma (,) and quotation mark ("....."). Often a reporter finds this type of reporting difficult when the words of a speaker are long and pointless. Moreover, it may be monotonous to the readers or listeners. Here the reporter doesn't have freedom to change the words of the speaker.

In the case of Reported speech or Indirect Speech, we report the words of the speaker without quoting his exact words.

Neymer told that they would win the match. Messie replied that his team would defeat Brazil by a larger margin.

You might have noted some changes when Direct Speech is turned into Reported speech:

- The essence of the words of the speaker is conveyed to the readers or listeners without quoting his exact words.
- The comma after 'said' and the quotation marks are removed.
- corresponding past tenses.
- Sentences are written in declarative sentences.
- Pronouns and Possessive adjectives of the first and second persons in the direct speech('we & you' in the examples given above) are changed into the third person in the Indirect('We' becomes 'they' 'You' becomes 'them' in the example)
- If the person addressed reports the speech himself, then the second person is changed into the first.

Example:

If Messi reports the words of Neymar to others, reported speech should be as:

Neymar told me that they would win the match. I replied to him that we would defeat them by a larger Margin.

Question:

Read the conversation between Evie and Baldwin and write in the reported speech.

Evie: *And they put John Gresham in Jail, what will people say?*

Baldwin: *They will say I have done my duty*

Answer:

Evie asked Baldwin what people would say if they put John Gresham in jail. Baldwin simply replied that people would say he had done his duty.

2. The Passive

Read the two short passages:

1.

You should clean your hands with soaps and sanitisers. You should wear mask properly. You should keep social distance .The Police will punish you if you violate the Covid protocol.

2.

Hands should be cleaned with soaps and sanitisers. Masks should be worn properly. Social distance should be kept. You will be punished if you violate the Covid protocol.

What kind of difference have you noticed?

Both these passages have almost same meaning, but the sentence pattern is different.

➤ **In the first passage doer of the action is given in the beginning itself and so it is highlighted. It is said to be in the Active Voice as the doer is active.**

- In the second passage the doer or subject 'you' is not highlighted and remains passive. So it is called in the Passive Voice. The action of the doer is highlighted here.
- In the second passage, as the word 'you', the doer, repeats in all other sentences the passage seems to be monotonous.
- Often sentences in passive construction standardize your language .

➤ We use only V3 in passive voice .



Please observe the picture and note the use of active voice and passive voice in different tenses:

Active	Passive
The monkeys eat banana.	Banana is eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys eat bananas.	Bananas are eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys are eating banana.	Banana is being eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys ate banana.	Banana was eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys were eating banana.	Banana was being eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys were eating bananas.	Bananas were being eaten by the monkeys.
The monkeys will eat bananas tomorrow.	Banana will be eaten by the monkeys tomorrow.
Monkeys eat bananas every day.	Bananas are eaten by the monkeys every day.

Learning More from the Video:

Please watch the videos if you want to learn more about passivisation. The links of the video have been given below.

1.

[BBC 6 minutes Grammar Passive Voice.](#)

2.

[Emma on Passive Voice](#)

Question:

1. 'Finally, the referee and the two trainers pried Felix and Antonio apart.' Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'Finally, Felix and Antonio.....'

Answer:

Finally, Felix and Antonio were pried apart by the referee and the two trainers:

Dear Children,



Let's practise writing answers for the examination. Write answers to the questions of the 'Assignment' section in your notebook.

Assignments

1 You present your thoughts on the topic "Corruption curtails the development of a country" participating in a Group Discussion. Prepare the script of your presentation.

2) Robert Baldwin in 'The Hour of Truth' stands as an epitome of honesty throughout the play. His decisions are never influenced by any financial offers. Prepare a character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

3) It has been decided to stage the play 'The Hour of Truth' on the occasion of your school fest. You are told to introduce the play. Prepare the script for compering, including details like theme, cast and credit.

4) "Those three words would choke me if I tried to speak them. For some other men it would be easy. But for me?"

Who is the speaker?

What trait of the character is revealed here?

5) You are to deliver a speech in your school assembly on "Truth and Honesty in public life". Prepare the script of the speech.

6) Your class is going to present a skit based on the play 'The Hour of Truth'. Prepare an announcement prior to its staging.

7).After reading the play ‘The Hour of Truth’ you are happy to know that Truth wins in the end. Suppose you send an email to Baldwin appreciating him for his honesty. Draft the email.

8) Corruption should be dealt with severe punishment. The culprits should be hanged to death. Do you agree with the opinion? Write four points for or against the opinion.

9) You are a friend of Amigo brothers and you witnessed a contest between them with great excitement. Prepare a blog entry describing the contest.

10) Imagine you are the poet's neighbour in the Mending Wall. You want to justify your viewpoint that ‘Good fences make good neighbours’. Present your reasons in the form of two arguments.

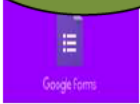
11) The Hour of Truth shows how an upright man resists the temptation of bribe. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school assembly about the topic “Honesty in Public Life”.

12) Just like traffic jam slows down the traffic, corruption slows down a country's Development. Prepare the script for a speech to be delivered on Gandhi Jayanthi on the topic “Corruption: Ways to counter it”.

F

Unit Test

Dear Children,



You have learnt the second unit. Now you attempt a google form test. There are some multiple choice questions based on your study. Please attend the questions, know your score and send it to your English teacher.

Please open the link and answer the questions <https://forms.gle/zd4WPMhq3AZZbHUr7>

A

Gear UP

Dear Children,

Don't you have dreams related to your career? We hope so. Please observe the placards given below. Here the first three placards show their dreams and ambitions. What do you want to be in your life? Write it on the fourth placard.



Did you write? Work hard to fulfil your career dream. All the best!



Now write a paragraph on your career plans and dreams. (What do you want to be? Why do you like it? What service do you wish to give to the needy in our society? etc.)

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Have you observed the third one with the placard? He wants to be a **social entrepreneur**. What do you mean by social entrepreneurship?

Social entrepreneurship combines social service and business. It empowers the youth of a nation. It tackles the problems of unemployment. It is a powerful tool to uplift the poor in society. It adds to the economic growth of a nation. It is a sort of big charity. A social entrepreneur does business and contributes to the society.

(Please watch the video lesson given in the section B if you want to know more about social entrepreneurship)



Now write five sentences on the **Importance of Social Entrepreneurship in Indian society** using the hints given below. (business- innovative enterprise-social uplift- poor sections of society-tackle unemployment problem-youth empowerment)

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B **What is in the unit?**

Dear Learners,

This unit introduces people who think big and do differently. Here we learn the importance of ‘social entrepreneurship’. There are two prose lessons and one poem. Let’s go through the brief analysis of the lessons:

1. A Three Wheeled Revolution

(Please open the link given below and watch the video lesson on Three Wheeled Revolution.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= cHt3Ryuai4 \)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHt3Ryuai4)

It is an interview with IrfanAlam, an innovative social entrepreneur from Bihar.

Here we learn how he became a shelter to the poor rickshaw pullers in India.

He is a very simple man with big dreams.

He started a portfolio management firm when he was 13.

He won the famous reality show Business Baazigar.

He founded the Sammaan Foundation in 2007 to uplift the rickshaw sector.

The life of rickshaw pullers was pathetic.

Most of them did not own the rickshaws.

They had to pay rent and did not make profit.

He selected rickshaw pullers and gave them training.

Irfan redesigned the rickshaws to make journey comfortable for the passengers.

They sold newspapers, water bottles, mobile cards etc inside the rickshaw .

They also displayed ads on the newly designed rickshaws.

SammaaN helped to get loans for the rickshaw pullers.

They provided id cards, uniforms and insurance too.

Free classes for the rickshaw pullers and their families were also given.

They made profit and Sammaan expanded to so many states in India.

Irfan hopes that rickshaws are the vehicles of the future because they are environment friendly.

He advises students to take up entrepreneurship as their career so that it would reduce unemployment in our country.

2. Didi (Please watch the video lesson: <https://youtu.be/R9ZJlnCfAHo>)

It is a personal story narrated by Shaheen Mistri.

It is about how she educated the slum children of India

Here we see how she dared to pursue her dream.

Shaheen Mistri is an Indian social activist and educator.

She is the founder of Akanksha foundation and CEO of *Teach for India*.

She is a social entrepreneur.

She was born in a wealthy family.

She wanted to do something in return for the favours she got in life.

Her visit to an orphanage during a vacation changed her outlook.

She noticed inequality everywhere.

So she decided to remain in India and work for poor children.

She was searching for an identity.

She decided to teach the slum children of Mumbai.

She launched Akanksha Foundation in 1991.

She faced difficulty in finding classrooms to teach slum children.

A few came forward to help her and support her.

Within a few years, Akanksha grew to 58 centres,6 schools and over 3500 children.

The children were taught English,Math,values, confidence and self-esteem.

The children call her DIDI.

Shaheen found the Indian education system very bookish compared to US.

She learned more outside the classroom.

3. **Stammer**

(Please open the link given below and watch the video lesson on *Stammer*.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szRh6K5dr10>)

The poem *Stammer* is written by Satchidanandan.

Stammer stands for the imperfections in human beings.

The poet says that it is not a handicap, but a way of speech.

He compares stammer in speech to lameness in action.

Both involve a gap or a silence.

Stammer came with the origin of man and before language.

It is a language than a dialect because stammer is universal.

We give different meanings to words.

These are sacrifices to the God of meanings.

We use our mother tongue more than any other language.

When all the people are imperfect, stammer becomes their mother tongue.

This is the situation now.

We are all affected with stammer.

We do not react or respond to the burning social problems around us.

God created man with imperfections.

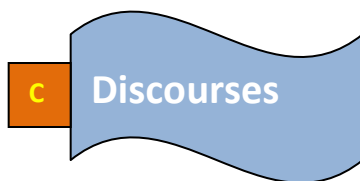
God might have stammered when he created man.

That is why often man says one thing and he does another thing.

Man stammers when he prays, he stammers when he commands.

These imperfections or stammer is found in life, language and also in poetry, says the poet.

We give different meanings to a poem that add to the beauty of the poem.



Dear Children,

You may have to begin seeking a job within a few years. You have to design your own route of life. It is one of the challenges before you, isn't it? Here, let us learn some important discourses that help seek a job.

1. Job Application with Resume

Question.1

1. You happened to see an advertisement in the Indian Express daily seeking qualified hands for the post of Accountant in a reputed firm. You wish to apply for the job. Prepare an application with a resume.

Sample Answer:

From

Kumar

Snow line Street

New Delhi.

1stDecember 2021.

To

The Manager

ABC Private Limited

Chennai.

Sub: Application for the post of accountant

Dear Sir,

In response to your advertisement, I would like to apply for the post of accountant in your company. I have completed my graduation in commerce with 80% marks. I have also completed Diploma in Computer Application. I have been working as a clerk in a private company for the last three years. If I am selected, I will work hard for the growth of your company. My resume is enclosed herewith. I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest.

Yours truly,

Sd/

Kumar

Resume

Name	Kumar.S
Age	25
Present address	Kumar. S. Snow line Street, Rose Marg, New Delhi.
Objectives	To become an expert accountant.
Educational Qualification	M.com, Diploma in computer application
Phone number	8270076452

Email	Kumars@gmail.com
Experience	Three years of experience as an accountant in a private firm(Experience certificate enclosed)
Skills	Computerized accounting, software programmer
Languages Known	Malayalam, English, Hindi
Interests	Cricket, Reading, Swimming

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature.

Name.

Question.2

Read the following advertisement:

<p>Let's Empower our Nation SammaaN Foundation 2/30 SBI Colony Khezpara Baily Road- Patna <u>Wanted</u> <u>Accountants</u></p> <p>Apply within 10 days Qualification : Any graduation Send your application with the latest Resume to the Chairman, Sammaan Foundation</p>

You wish to apply for the job. Prepare an application letter and a resume, to be attached with the application.

2. Job Interview/Interview

<p>Questions</p> <p>Why do you prefer this job.....?</p> <p>Do you have any previous experience?</p> <p>What do you think are the challenges in this field?</p> <p>What will be your contribution if you are selected?</p> <p>What do you think of social entrepreneurship?</p> <p>How can you help the society around you?</p>

What inspired you to become a social entrepreneur?
Who is your role model?
Can you share any special experience in your life?
Do you think you have fulfilled your dreams in life?
What is your message to students?

Question:

1) **You got a chance to interview Irfan Alam when he visits your school. Prepare five questions for the interview.**

Model Answer:

- Qn.1) What inspired you to become a social entrepreneur?
Qn.2) Who is your role model?
Qn.3) Can you share any special experience in your life?
Qn.4) Do you think you have fulfilled your dreams in life?
Qn.5) What is your message to students?

Question.2

Imagine that Ratna is invited to your school and you have got a chance to interview her. Prepare five questions for the interview.

Question.3

Imagine that a famous woman activist is invited to your school. You have got a chance to interview her. Prepare five questions for the interview.

3. E-mail

Common Expressions:

I am sending this email to invite/congratulate/appreciate you .
You did a very nice job.
You have a positive attitude to life.
You are a very kind person.
You are an inspiration.
You light up the lives of others.
People will remember you for your good deeds.
I wish there were more people like you.
Keep up your good work.

1) After reading the play *The Hour of Truth*, you are happy to know that truth wins at the end. Suppose you send an email to Robert Baldwin appreciating him for his honesty. Draft the email.

Send to:robertbaldwin2021@gmail.com

Cc:

Bcc:

Sub: Appreciation

Sir,

I am sending this email to appreciate you.

You are a very honest person. People will remember you for your right actions. You move on the path of righteousness and truth. You proved that truth wins at the end. Even the members of your family compelled you to receive the bribe. But you didn't yield to their temptations. You are a role model for others. Congratulations!

Keep up your good qualities.

Sincerely,

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abc@gmail.com

Question.2

Draft an email inviting Irfan Alam to your school.

Question.3

Send an email to Ratna congratulating for her good work.

4. Blogging

Common Expressions:

I would like to share my thoughts/reading experience here.

I read the lesson/poem.

I watched the film

It has a good theme.

It is thought provoking.

It impressed me/It shocked me.

I have no words to express my feelings.

This is a must watch/read.

Question.

The poem *Stammer* impressed you. You would like to share your reading experience through a blog. Prepare the blog.

Sample Answer:

Stammer by Satchidanandan.

January 21, 2021/ Lalu

I read the poem *Stammer* by Satchidanandan. It impressed me. The poet views stammer from a different angle. To the poet, stammer is not a handicap but a mode of speech. It is a silence that falls between word and its meaning. When we stammer, we are offering a sacrifice to the God of meaning. When a whole people stammer, stammer becomes their mother tongue.

The theme of the poem is really thought provoking. It is a good satire. The poet satirises modern society for its hypocrisy.

It makes me think. Everybody stammers in the world. We are not sincere to our words and deeds. Actually, am I reacting to the burning social issues around? Why do I hesitate when it requires action on my part?

This poem and its original *Vikku* in Malayalam is a must read.

Question.2

You watched a new movie and that captured your heart and mind. You would like to publish your thoughts on the blog. Prepare the blog entry.

1. Phrasal Verbs

Please read an extract from the report of Ballon d'Or 2021:



The Ballon d'Or 2021 was **given away** to Lionel Messi considering his outstanding performance in the soccer field. It was declared on Monday in Paris **writing off** the likes of Lewandowski and rival Cristiano Ronaldo.

Messi is a unique soccer star who had to **take up** many challenges in life. He could **keep up** his football magical touch throughout his career. He could **get into** the hearts of football lovers with his unique tricks and knacks. He was born and **brought up** in central Argentina. He can never **put an end** to his heartbeats for soccer vibes until he **passes away**.

Focus on the highlighted phrases in the passage.

Give away, write off, take up, keep up, get into, brought up, put an end to, pass away

They are called phrasal verbs.

A Phrasal verb is a short phrase consisting of a verb and a preposition / an adverb. The combination of the both creates a meaning different from the original verb alone.



Let's Write

Find out the meaning of the phrasal verbs given in the first box. Replace the highlighted words with the suitable phrasal verbs selected from the second one. **Write the seven sentences with the phrasal verbs in your notebook**

keep up	pass away
go on	call off
break out	make up
run out	carry away
put off	put up with
take over	turn down
give up	to put up with
Put on	to get together

1. Bichu Thirumala, famous lyricist and poet, **died** on 26th November 2021.
2. He will never **cede** his attempts of becoming a pilot.
3. The player **rejected** the offer as he was not paid well.
4. The authority has granted permission, now you can **proceed** with your plans.
5. You may **wear** new dress to school on your birthday.
6. Parents meet is **postponed** to the next week.
7. The charm of the music **enthalls** him.

Please open the link given below and watch the video lesson if you want to learn more about *Phrasal Verbs*.

<https://youtu.be/U9kWtb7Xv4Y>



Dear children,

Let's practise writing answers for the examination. Here the questions from this unit that appeared in the previous years' public examinations are given. Write answers to the questions of the 'Assignment' section in your notebook. You can answer 'more questions' if you want to get more practice

Assignments

1. Read the following advertisement put forward by the Research and Development wing of Sammaan to recruit Junior Assistant. **Draft an application letter and resume.**

VACANCY
Junior Assistant
SammaaN Foundation, P.B. NO.: 395. Bihar
 Qualification: Graduation in any discipline
 Age: Between 20 and 30
 The ideal candidate should:
 * Possess good communication skills.
 * Be well groomed, friendly and energetic.
 Previous experience will be an added advantage
 Interested candidates, please submit your
 application and bio-data within ten days.

2. Do you agree with Irfan Alam that “It is important to dream, but it is equally important to take calculated risks to achieve your dream”? **Express your opinion in a paragraph of 80 words.**
3. You have dreams of setting up a business of your own after studies. You are greatly inspired by Irfan Alam’s views and ideas. **Draft a letter of enquiry** to SammaanN Foundation asking for clarification of the doubts regarding financial investment of the organization, mode of operation, security of the members, etc
4. Irfan Alam visited your school and invited suggestions from you to modify cycle rickshaws. **Draft two suggestions which you think would improve cycle rickshaws.(2)**
5. In the light of reading excerpts from the lives of Irfan Alam and Shaheen Mistri, you arrive at the conclusion that ‘Entrepreneurs are not made, they are born.’ Our nation benefits from such enterprises too. **Write an essay on the topic highlighting the merits of promoting entrepreneurship among the youth.**
6. Irfan Alam comes to your school to inaugurate the Youth Club. **Prepare a script for announcement introducing him** (Young Entrepreneur – founder and chairman of SammaanN Foundation – recognized as one of the top thirty Youth Icons of India by the Times of India). (4)
7. Shaheen Mistri felt dejected when all the 20 schools in Mumbai refused permission to conduct classes for slum children in their classrooms for 3 hours in the evenings. If you were a friend of Shaheen Mistri, how would you offer sympathy and encouragement to her. **Write 3 sentences expressing your sympathy and support for her.**

You may use expressions like: I am sorry to It is unfortunate that etc. (3)

8. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri using the hints given below:

Birth: 16th March, 1971

Place of birth: Mumbai

Academic Qualifications : B.A. degree (Sociology), M.A. in Sociology

Almamater : University of Mumbai, University of Manchester

Occupation : CEO, Teach for India

Famous as : Indian social activist and educator

Founder : Akansha Foundation, Teach for India

Awards won : Ashoka Fellow (2001), Global Leader for tomorrow (2002), Asia Society 21 Leader (2006)
Authored : Redrawing India – The Teach for India Story (2014)

9. You get an opportunity to interview Shaheen Mistri. In the light of your reading of, 'Didi' **prepare four relevant questions to interview her.**

10. A grand function is organized by the authorities of St. Xaviers College to felicitate the former student, Shaheen Mistri. The Principal himself introduces her to the audience. **How would he introduce Shaheen Mistri? Draft the speech for him.**

11. Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

The program developed very organically, over years. Like a soup made by chefs tossing in what's needed, after each tasting. A blend all its own. The stock ingredients were basic English and Math – to that, a dash of values, self-esteem and confidence.

- a) Which program is referred to here? (1)
- b) Who are referred to as the 'chefs'? (1)
- c) Pick out the word from the excerpt that means 'naturally'. (1)

12. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'Is entrepreneurship the best way to tackle unemployment?' **Write four arguments either in favor of, or against the topic.**

13. *Stammer is the silence that falls
between the word and its meaning
just as lameness is the
silence that falls between
the word and deed.*

- a) What is common to 'stammer' and 'lameness'? (1)
- b) Identify the figure of speech employed in the lines. (1)
- c) What does the poet think of 'stammer'? (1)

14. Poet critic K. Satchidanandan has won the Ezhuthachan Award for his contribution to literature. Your class has decided to send an e-mail congratulating him on this achievement. **As the leader of the class, what would you write in the e-mail? Draft the e-mail.**

15. Most often people keep silent against sensitive social issues. This silence can be interpreted as some kind of stammer. Do you agree with this argument? **Express your views in the form of a write-up.** (Hints: fear of social seclusion - public reaction - self-centeredness)

16. Imagine that you are invited for an interview for the post of chef at Taj Group of Hotels. **Complete the interview suitably. (4)**

Interviewer : (a)?

You : I have specialized in Chinese and Continental dishes.

Interviewer: (b) ?

You: Yes, of course. I am comfortable with all types of delicacies.

Interviewer:..... (c) ?

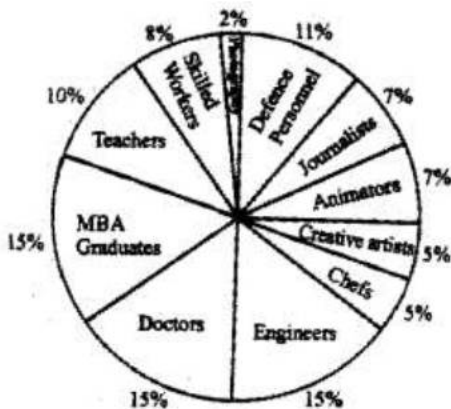
You: I expect comfortable work atmosphere, fantastic team work and opportunities to develop.

Interviewer : Where do you see yourself ten years from now?

You : Ten years from now, I (d)

More Questions

1. The pie-diagram given below shows the changing mindset of youth in the selection of their careers and fields of study.



(Hints: Chefs – hospitality management, creative artists – dancers, musicians, painters, etc.)

What helps you decide your choice of a career? What are the reasons for these varied preferences? **Prepare a write-up on the career choices of the present generation.**

2. Read the passage and answer the questions given below:

“I knew then that this could be my country, and that whatever I did here could make more of a difference than in the manicured reality of my university life in the States.”

a) **Who is the narrator? (1)**

b) **What does the author mean by the word “manicured”? (1)**

a) Scholastic b) Polished c) Commonplace d) Exciting

3. While reading about Irfan Alam’s Sammaan rickshaws, you are reminded of ‘She taxi’ introduced in Kerala. **Write an e-mail to Irfan Alam informing him about this project for the social and economic empowerment of women.**

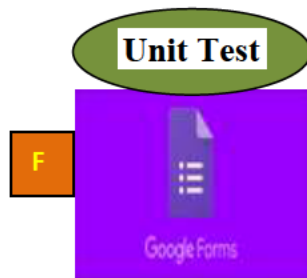
(‘She taxi’ – technology – enabled safety cab services – operated by women – to carry women commuters – first of its kind in India – 24 x 7 – with emergency response systems and control room – ensures the safety of women travellers – empowers the women – makes them financially independent) (5)

4. “Each time we stammer
we are offering a sacrifice
to the God of meanings”.

Why does the poet think so? (2)

5. Inspired by Shaheen Mistri, you want to join Akanksha Foundation as a teacher volunteer. You are Megha, a postgraduate in English Literature with good command of the language. Being a socially responsible person, you are willing to share your knowledge and skills for the benefit of the underprivileged. **Prepare a letter of application and a resume to be sent to the Foundation (8)**

6. Irfan Alam, the founder and chairman of Sammaan Foundation came out with an innovative idea and transformed it into a business model. You come to know about a vacancy for the post of an accountant in ‘Sammaan’. **Prepare an application for the post and attach a resume with the necessary details. (8)**



Dear Children,

You learnt the third unit. Now you attempt a Google form test. There are some multiple choice questions based on your study. Please attend the questions, know your score and send the screenshot to your English teacher.

Please open the link , answer the questions and send the answers to your English teacher.

<https://forms.gle/YHug35iLhDPbJCqQA>

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Gear UP

Dear Children,

Only a healthy person can live in harmony with nature. Do you maintain a healthy and eco-friendly life style? Now a days we are living in a world with a number of environmental and health issues such as pollution, flood, drought, dumping of waste, population explosion, drug addiction etc.

What can we do to avoid such issues ?

Fill in the blank circles.

Stop Pollution

Encourage
Afforestation

Let's Write

Presently scarcity of water is becoming a major issue in the world. Suppose you find students waste a lot of water on the campus leaving the pipes open or pouring out the drinking water. As a senior student, how would you advise the young students?

Write any two pieces of advice that you would give about conservation of water.

1.

2.

This unit raises the question "What do we do to preserve the indigenous and the natural" ? There are three lessons: a speech, a poem and an essay. Let's go through the brief summary of the lessons:

1. When a Sapling is Planted

(Please open the link and watch the Nobel Prize acceptance speech by Wangari Maathai

https://youtu.be/dZap_QlwlKw)

- The text of the lesson is a speech delivered by Wangari Maathai during her Nobel Prize acceptance.
- She was the first African woman who received Nobel Prize in the category of peace.
- Through this speech Wangari Maathai explicates the role of women in environmental protection.
- She protests against the replacement of forests with commercial plantations.
- The speech elaborates the role of Green Belt Movement in environmental protection.
- Environmental degradation also degrades the quality of our life.
- Under the initiative of The Green Belt Movement, around 30 million trees were planted.
- Wangari Maathai underlines the fact that democracy plays a prominent role in environmental protection activities.
- Here, tree became a symbol for the democratic struggle in Kenya.
- Tree also became a symbol of peace and conflict resolution.
- In this speech, she requests world leaders to expand democratic spaces for building a good society.
- She concludes the speech by recollecting her childhood memories in relation with environment.
- She recollects the world of pure water and species.
- She says that it is the world she inherited from her parents.
- But, that world is gone now.

- The role of the present generation is to restore the world of pure water and species in the place of dried streams.

2. Rice

The poem "Rice" written by Chemmanam Chacko is a satire.

It presents a contrast between the expectation and the reality.

The poet comes home after a gap of four years on completion of his successful research in the north.

He is very eager to have a meal of 'athikira' rice.

He expects to see his father and brother working in the field as usual.

But when he reaches home, the picture had totally been changed.

There were full of rubber plants and arecanut palms in the place of paddy fields.

His father proudly says that he has stopped rice cultivation and shifted to rubber farming.

It is more profitable and convenient.

He sees his younger brother carrying a sack of wheat from the ration shop!

He watches the chief minister heading towards north in aeroplane, to demand more rice from the centre.

The poet sarcastically asks himself whether he too would get some husk from the Centre to make toys.

The poem is full of scorn and sarcasm.

3. Dangers of Drug Abuse.

It is an Essay by Dr. Hardin B Jones.

Drugs were discovered to prevent and cure diseases.

Excitement over drugs has led the people to believe that any disease can be cured by just taking a pill.

As a result drug abuse has also increased. Medicines and sensual drugs are two different things.

Sensual drugs are not needed for our body.

They just give a strong sense of pleasure to the user by stimulating the brain's pleasure centres.

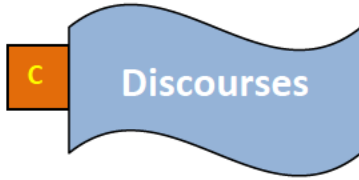
The continuous use of drugs will weaken the brain's pleasure mechanism and the user will get less and less satisfaction.

The drug addict will feel many physical discomforts and personality changes.

He feels dead inside.

There are many drug related health disorders such as liver disease, venereal disease, infection of kidney and brain, pneumonia, tuberculosis, malnutrition, weight loss etc.

Damage to the brain is the most dangerous effect.



1: Speech.

Question

As part of World Environment Day on 5th June, your school is conducting a speech competition on the topic “Environmental Pollution: Reasons and Solutions” Prepare the same to be delivered in the speech competition.

Structure of a Speech:

While preparing a speech you can follow the given simple structure in your writing.

- **Salutation.**

Respected teachers and my dear friends,
a warm good morning to all of you.

- **Introducing the topic.**

Today I am very happy to stand in front of you people to deliver a short speech on the topic.....

- **Elaboration of the given topic**

You can elaborate the given topic by providing definitions, examples and real experiences in relation with the topic.

- **Conclusion.**

Try to conclude the speech by providing a gist of speech.

Sample Answer.

Respected teachers and my dear friends,

A warm good morning to all of you.

Today I am very happy to stand in front of you to deliver a short speech on the topic “Environmental Pollution: Reasons and Solutions”

Dears...

The given topic is very important to discuss in the present day situations. There are different kinds of environmental pollution, like air pollution, water pollution and sound pollution. Day by day environment is getting polluted. There are different reasons behind it. One of the prominent reasons behind environmental degradation is the attitude of present day generations. We are extremely poor in building policies and systems against environmental pollutions. According to Wangari Maathai, a democratic space plays an important role in activities of environmental protection. However, it is very sad to note that most of the environmental pollutions take place because of the ineffective governance and policies. Hence, it is our duty to build a democratic space for building a system against the aggressive forms of environmental pollution that take place even in our rustic places day by day. Another solution for environmental pollution is planting trees. Organizations like Green Belt Movement and Chipko Movement are standing for planting trees and against cutting trees. We can protect our environment from serious pollutions with a concerted effort.

I would like to conclude my speech. Dears, it is our duty to protect the environment from pollution. We can protect it by applying democratic governance and forming organizations like Green Belt Movement and Chipko Movement.

Thank You

Jai Hind.

2:PROFILE

Question

Given below are the details in the life of the great cricketer Virat Kohli. Prepare his profile using the given hints.

Born	:	November 5, 1988, Delhi
Parents	:	Prem Kohli, criminal lawyer Saroj Kohli, house wife
Spouse	:	Anushka Sharma

Education : Vishal Bharati Public School

Career : International Cricketer

Achievements : ICC ODI Player of the Year 2012
 BCCI's International Cricketer of the year 2011-12 and 2014-15 sessions
 Arjuna Award in 2013

Sample answer:

Virat Kohli was born on November 5, 1988, in Delhi. His parents are PremKohli, a criminal lawyer, and Saroj Kohli, a house wife. His wife is Anushka Sharma. He did his schooling at Vishal Bharati Public School. He is an International Cricketer. He won ICC ODI Player of the Year 2012, BCCI's International Cricketer of the Year 2011-12 and 2014-15 sessions. He won Arjuna Award in 2013.

3: REPORT based on PROGRAMME NOTICE.

Question:

As part of World Environment Day, your school is organizing a Seminar on the topic “*Role of Good Governance in Environment Protection*” in your school auditorium. The programme chart of the seminar is given below. Prepare a programme report to be submitted in your school magazine.

PROGRAMME CHART OF THE SEMINAR	
<i>“Role of Good Governance in Environment Protection”</i>	
CBA PUBLIC SCHOOL	
23 rd December, 2021	
VENUE	: School Auditorium
Prayer	: School Choir
Welcome Speech	: Rajeev T (Secretary, Nature Club)
Presidential Address	: Hareendranath K (Principal, CBA Public School)
Inauguration	: Jacob TR (Popular Environmentalist)
Felicitations:	: Anil Ragav (Staff Secretary)
	: Ramla Beegam (Adviser, Nature Club)
	: Haneen Hyder (School Leader)
Paper Presentations:	: 1) Arunlal (Research Scholar)
	“Good Governance and Environment Protection”
	: 2) Kabeer Ali K (Research Scholar)
	“Democracy and Environment Protection”
Vote of Thanks:	Alex Peter K (Nature Club Volunteer)

Sample Answer:

A Seminar on the topic “Role of Good Governance in Environment Protection” is conducted at CBA Public School on 23rd December, 2021 at the school auditorium. The welcome speech of the programme was given by Rajeev T, Secretary of the Nature Club. The presidential address of the programme was given by Hareendranath K, Principal of CBA Public School. The programme was inaugurated by Jacob TR, Popular Environmentalist. Felicitations were given by Anil Ragav, Staff Secretary and Ramla Beegam, Adviser of Nature Club. Papers were presented by Arunlal on the topic “Good Governance and Environment Protection” and Kabeerali K on the topic “Democracy and Environment Protection” respectively. The vote of thanks was proposed by Alex Peter K, Nature club volunteer.



Dear children,

Let's practise writing answers for the examination. Here some questions that appeared in the previous years' public examinations from this unit are given. Write answers to the questions in your notebook.

Assignments

1." Son, we've stopped working on all the rice. It was quite inconvenient.

The farmer gained nothing: only
fools turn to rice farming for gains"

This is a pathetic condition pointed out by Prof. Chemmanam Chacko.

Can you give two suggestions that will revive paddy cultivation in the state? (2)

2) Read the excerpt from "When a sapling is planted" and answer the questions that follow:

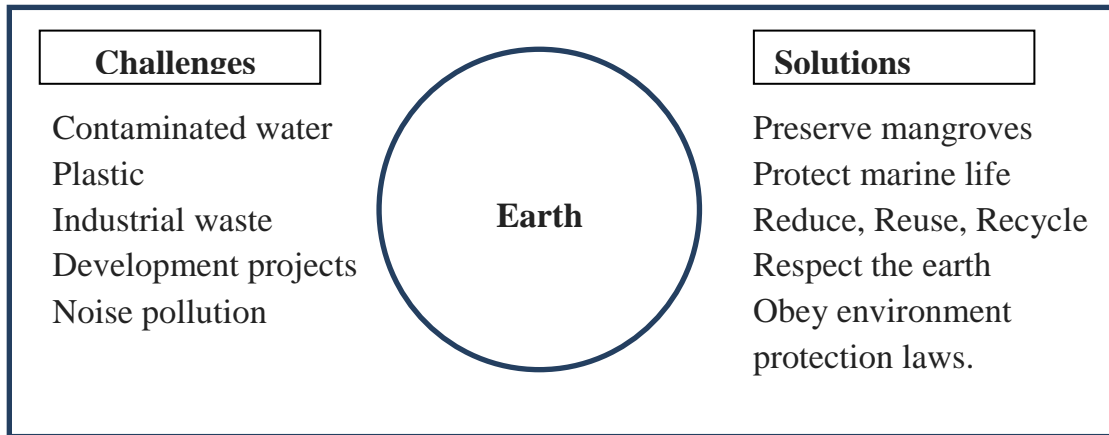
"Later they became aware of the wide spread destruction of the ecosystems , especially through deforestation, climatic instability and contamination of the soil and waters-all contributed to excruciating poverty and subsequent riots.

i) Who does the speaker refer to as 'they'? (1)

- ii) What was the main reason for the destruction of the ecosystem? (1)
- iii) Which word from the options given, can best replace the word "excruciating" ?
- a) Entertaining b) Progressing c) Agonising. (1)
- 3) Bring out the satire in the following lines of the poem "Rice".
"Can we get some husk from the centre too
to make toys with it? I don't know". (2)
- 4) "Excitement over what drugs can do has led people to believe that any ailment infective or psychic can be relieved by taking a pill. At the first sign of nervousness, they try pep pills".
(Taken from "Dangers of Drug Abuse").
Do you think that drug abuse is a social problem"? Express your opinion in about 30 words.
(Hints: addiction, health problems, prevention etc) (3)
- 5) You are a participant in a group discussion on the topic "India needs more job creators than job seekers".
What arguments would you raise? Draft the script for your presentation in about 80 words. (4)
- 6) We are called to assist the earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own, indeed, to embrace the world of creation in all its diversity, beauty and wonder".
Prepare a blog entry based on your understanding of Wangari Maathai's speech. (4)
- 7) Your class is conducting a debate on the topic" Environmental conservation is more important than economic growth".
Write four arguments in favour or against the topic. (4)
- 8) The NSS unit of your school has decided to conduct an anti drug campaign in a slum in your locality to give awareness to the slum dwellers about the consequences of using drugs.
Prepare a short paragraph advising them against the use of drugs. (4)
- 9) In the poem "Rice", the speaker portrays different aspects of his father's character. Write **Four** sentences on your understanding about the speaker's father. (5)

10) Your class has decided to visit an organic farm named "Nattu Nanma" to know more about the production of pesticide-free vegetables, cattle rearing and the cultivation of indigenous crops. Write a letter to the owner of the farm enquiring about the practices in the farm and seeking permission to visit it. (6)

11) Study the poster given below.



Now write an Essay on “Co- existence of man and nature for sustainable living” in about 150 words. (8)

12) The cases of drug addicts are alarmingly increasing in our state. As a leader of the NSS unit of your school, you are asked to deliver a speech on the topic "Say no to drugs."

Draft the script of the speech.

(Abuse of drugs-spoils mental and physical health-social isolation) (8)



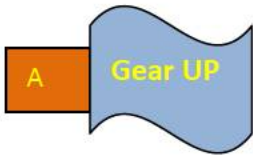
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Unit 5

THE LIGHTER SIDE



Dear Children,

Observe the three hot air balloons given below:



Hi! Guys! Here we make **you think.**



Hi Guys! Welcome, Here we make you **think and laugh.**



Hi! Guys! Here we make **you cry.**



1

Which balloon do you like most to take a ride? Why? Write three sentences (I like.....most. It makes us....., benefits of laughing, etc.)

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Yes, we love the people who make us laugh. They make our life simple and beautiful. They are blessed with sense of humour. It enhances our physical and emotional well being. Their words and deeds make our life happier. Let's spend more time with such people when we are under the grip of tensions and disappointments. It makes our life healthier

2

What is the importance of laughter and humour in our life? Write five or six sentences.

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B **What is in the unit?**

Dear Learners,

In this unit we have a one-act play, a poem and a short story. Here we see some characters with sense of humour. They make us think and laugh. Let's go through the brief analysis of the lessons:

1. POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

It is a humorous one act play by R. H. Wood
The action of the play takes place in a post office.

This play centers on a Christmas parcel which is mistaken for a time bomb.

A foreign tourist comes to the post office to send a parcel of fine clock.

When a tick-tick sound is heard from the parcel, the farmer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Higgins and the Lady Assistant mistake it for a time bomb.

Soon they inform the police.

They put the parcel into a bucket of water.

At that time the tourist comes again to take his gloves that he had forgotten there.

He takes the wet parcel out of the bucket and it was a fine clock.

It is completely ruined.

The Assistant leaves the job to work at the animal clinic.

She thinks that animals won't do such silly things.

2. THIS IS GOING TO HURT JUST A LITTLE BIT (Poem)

'This is going to hurt just a little bit' is a humorous poem by Ogden Nash.

The poet describes the unpleasant experience of a man with a dentist

He says that dental tortures are both physical and mental.

One loses one's dignity while sitting in a dentist's chair.

The poet compares the mouth to a road that is being repaired.

The patient is fearful because the doctor does all his works with the help of a mirror.

The poet has drawn a comic picture of a dentist with his crowbar in one hand and a mirror in the other hand.

He has used a lot of exaggerated statements.

He has used similes, metaphors and exaggerations to give a special charm and comic effect to the poem.

3. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (Short Story)

RK Narayan's Crime and Punishment is a satire on over parenting.

The story deals with the relationship between the teacher and the student.

The teacher gave tuition to the boy.

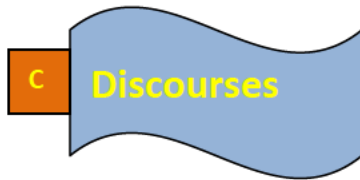
But he was not ready to study.

He tried to make the teacher angry.

The teacher slapped the naughty boy, when he repeated the wrong answer.

The boy threatened the teacher that he would tell his parents about it and the teacher was horrified.

The teacher tried to console the boy but the boy took this opportunity to blackmail the teacher. Fed up by his blackmailing, the teacher decided to tell the truth to his parents. At the end of the story, the teacher felt sympathy and supported the boy and saved him. Student-teacher relationship, over parenting, corporal punishment etc. are the themes of the story. It is a humorous short story.



1. INVITATION NOTICE

Question.

1. The activities of the literary club of your school will be inaugurated by the cine artist Sri. DulquerSalmaan . The one-act play 'Post early for Christmas' will be staged on the day. *Prepare a notice inviting all for the programme.*

Sample Answer:

<p>LITERARY CLUB ABC HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL PUNE</p>
<p>Dears,</p> <p>The activities of our Literary Club will be inaugurated by the famous Cine Artist Sri. Dulquer Salman. The inaugural meeting will take place at 10.00 a.m. at the school auditorium on 26th December. After the inaugural session, the one act play titled "Post Early for Christmas" by R.H. Wood will be staged by our Literary Club Members.</p> <p>"Post Early for Christmas" is a hilarious comedy in which you find different kinds of people coming to</p>

the Post Office and the havoc created by a parcel that was ticking. Some people think it is a bomb. There are many frantic activities going on. See what happens on stage!

All are invited.

Sam

Secretary

Place,

Literary club

Date.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Question.

The Literary Club of your school is going to enact the play Post Early for Christmas in connection with the school anniversary. *Prepare a script for announcement prior to its staging.*

Sample Answer :

Ladies and gentlemen,

Warm welcome to all,

Let's enjoy this evening watching a beautiful humorous play. The Literary Club of our school is enacting the play Post Early for Christmas by the well-known British play wright R.H. Wood. It is a hilarious play in which a Christmas parcel containing a beautiful Swiss clock is misunderstood to be a time-bomb. The people get panic as the clock stops ticking. The story takes place in a village post office in England.

The direction of the play is by Master Raj and music is by Kumari Reena. Rani, Biju, Swetha and Raheem are the actors. We are sure that it will be a feast to your eyes and minds. Watch and enjoy one hour of pure fun.

Thank you.

3. MAKING SUGGESTIONS

Question: You have come to know that your close friend is having severe toothache. *Frame four sets of suggestions* you would make before him/her. You may use expressions like: I think you should/ If I were you, I/ Would you like/ Perhaps you could/ I'd like to suggest/ You had better.....

Sample Answer:

You had better consult a doctor.
I think you should immediately gargle your mouth with salty warm water.
If I were you, I would go to a dentist.
Perhaps you could take a pain killer to suppress your pain.

4. DEBATE

Question

Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'PUNISHMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE'. *Write four arguments either favouring or opposing the topic*

Sample Answer

FOR (favouring)

- 1) It helps to maintain a healthy and disciplined environment.
- 2) It improves the quality of the child's academic achievement.
- 3) It helps them to be more attentive in the class.
- 4) It helps to stop the bad behaviour of the child.

Against (opposing)

- 1) It is a form of child abuse.
- 2) It may sometimes change the personality of the child.
- 3) In the fear of getting punishment, the child may not express his /her creativity.
- 4) It stops the students to flourish in the way they do so.

5. CHARACTER SKETCH

The Young Lady Assistant

The Young Lady Assistant is the central character in the play 'Post Early for Christmas'. She is very polite and dutiful public servant.

She patiently listens to her customers and replies them sincerely.

Even though some of them disturb her with their foolery, she never gets angry.

She is punctual and responsible.

When the foreign tourist's parcel is damaged, she feels responsible and leaves the job.

She is a memorable character.

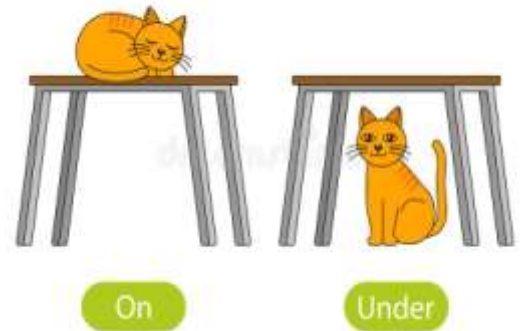


PREPOSITIONS

What do you see in the picture? Can you write two sentences using the short words 'on' and 'under'?

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The first cat is **on** the table, and the second one is **under** the table.



Now you read the following sentences from the story:

The father had written a thesis **on** infant psychology **for** his M. A and the lady had studied a great deal **of** it **for** her B.A. They lectured **to** him every day **on** their theories.

The highlighted words in the above passage are called **prepositions**.

The words which come before a noun or a pronoun showing their relation with the other words in the sentence are called prepositions.

Now you underline the prepositions in the news paper report given below:

Harnaaz Sandhu Brought Home the Crown after 21 Years

After a long gap of 21 years, Indian actor-model Harnaaz Sandhu brought home the crown of Miss Universe 2021'. Sandhu was the third Indian to win the title beating contestants from 79 countries. Before Sandhu, only two actors –Sushmita Sen in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000 –won the title. 21-year old Sandhu from Chandigarh has won several beauty pageants in India before becoming Miss Universe 2021



Preposition:

Questions:

Insert the suitable prepositions in the following blanks:
(in , of, to, under, for)

1. When a person _____trouble or _____ a lot of strain finds an outlet _____his worries, it relieves half his burden.
2. Learning helps women _____help themselves and break the shackles _____ exclusion. Nowhere is this more essential than_____ the developing world.
- 3.Anju Bobby George has bagged the BBC lifetime achievement award ----- best athlete ----- India.



Dear Children,

Let's practise writing answers for the examination. Here the questions that appeared in the previous years' public examinations are given. Write answers to the questions in your notebook.

1. Do you think the title *Crime and Punishment* is an appropriate title? Justify your views
2. A teacher is a mentor and has a great role in moulding the personality of a child. Analyse the character of the teacher in the story “Crime and Punishment” by R.K. Narayan.
3. The teacher in “Crime and Punishment” is a pathetic figure at the mercy of his student who blackmails him. Don’t you think that he should change his approach to the child for making him disciplined? Write four sentences giving your suggestions to the teacher.
4. The tourist in the play ‘Post Early for Christmas’ loses the precious gift that he intended to send via post. With the wet clock in his hand , he approaches the Postmaster General and files a complaint. What would he write in the complaint? Draft the letter of complaint for him.
5. Imagine that the tourist in the play ‘Post Early for Christmas’ sends an e-mail to the friend to whom he wanted to send the precious clock. He expresses his grief and frustration over the incidents at the post office. What would he write in the e-mail? Draft the e-mail for him.
6. The last minute rush in the post office for sending Christmas gifts and greetings may seem a fantasy to the new generation. Create a blog pointing out the difference between the past and present mode of exchange of greetings and gifts.
7. The postal assistant in "Post Early for Christmas" quits her job commenting, "I am going down the road to work at the animal dispensary. Animals don't do such silly things". Do you think it was an appropriate remark on the part of a responsible official like the postal assistant? Express your opinion in a paragraph.
8. A reporter who happened to visit the post office at the time of the incidents in ‘Post Early of Christmas’ started writing a news report in this manner:

Commotion in post office over a Hoax Bomb Alert

East London : A Hoax bomb alert caused much panic and confusion in a rural post office

Complete the report.

9. “I will never post anything in this country again. I shall see the Postmaster General about it.” The tourist tells the assistant in ‘Post Early for Christmas’. Suppose the tourist meets the Postmaster General and narrates the incident to him. Write the narrative in a paragraph.
10. In the poem *This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit* the poet explains his unpleasant experiences with a dentist. Do you have similar unpleasant experience? Narrate your experience in a paragraph.



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