

For my students....

A small effort to make you comfortable with learning the language.

1. Hassan's Attendance Problem

1) The narrator of the chapter is Sudha Murthy. 2) She taught Computer Application at a college in Bangalore. 3) One of her students was Hassan. 4) He was a tall and handsome boy with good memory. 5) But he was irregular in attending his classes. 6) He attended college mostly during class tests or exams. 7) His parents were called to college. 8) Both his parents did not take his responsibility.	9) The meeting ended fruitlessly. 10) According to Hassan, hard workers were 'nerds'. 11) After many year she met the narrator. 12) He was 35 years old and plump with a bald head. 13) He had a CD in his hand. 14) He was doing a small job of selling high school software. 15) The narrator advised him to be positive and start life with a new hope.
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Q1. Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class?

Ans. Hassan did not attend the classes regularly. He was present in the college only at the time of tests or exams. That is why Hassan was not noticed by the teachers in the class.

Q2. Why was Hassan's parents called to school?

Ans. Hassan's parents were called to the school because he was not regular in college. His teacher wanted to discuss this problem with his parents.

Q3. Why did parent- teacher meeting end fruitlessly?

Ans. The parent-teacher meeting end fruitlessly because his parents did not take the responsibility of Hassan's behavior. They started blaming each other for Hassan's absence from college.

Q4. Describe the physical appearance of Hassan when he met his teacher after several years?

Ans. Hassan met his teacher at the age of 35. He was fat, bald and moderately dressed.

Q5. Why did Hassan start living separately?

Ans. Hassan did not change his bad habits of college life even after joining job. He remained irresponsible. His father was fed up of all this. So he asked Hassan to live separately.

Character Sketch-Hassan

Hassan is the main character of Hassan's attendance problem. He was an MCA student in Bangalore. He was tall handsome and had good memory. He was from rich family. He was the only son of his parents.

He did not attend his classes regularly. So he was always short of attendance. He learnt only important questions during exams. He got good marks in exams. He called his hard working friends nerds.

Hassan did not value his time. He spent his maximum time on phone and music. He slept at 6am. It became his habit. Therefore he could not get a good job. He became a salesman of software CD's. His teacher was sad for him. She suggested him to start his life with new hopes.

Theme- Hassan's Attendance Problem

The theme of the chapter is that students must attend their classes regularly. It helps them to gain knowledge. Thus they become successful in life. If they are not regular, they lack knowledge and fail in life.

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2. The March King

1) The writer of the story is K.L.Bakeless. 2) The story is about John Philip Sousa. 3) When he was a child, he wanted to become a musician. 4) He started attending music school at the age of 7. 5) Mr. Esputa was his music teacher. 6) He loved playing baseball. 7) He got into trouble because he played baseball on the day of the concert. 8) His teacher's wife gave him a clean shirt to wear.	9) As the shirt was loose and fell away, the concert was a flop show. 10) He started working in a bakery. 11) He didn't like that job, as it was very tiring. 12) Then a circus leader asked him to join circus as a musician. 13) The circus was running near Pennsylvania. 14) Sousa served as band master for five different presidents. 15) He wrote more than a hundred marches. 16) He was known as the March king.
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Q1. Why did Philip learn violin quickly?

Ans. Philip was talented. He was eager to learn. So he learned to play violin quickly.

Q2. Why did Philip get into trouble on the day of the concert?

Ans. Philip got into trouble because of his stupidity. He played baseball whole day on the day of concert. He forgot to keep his dress ready for the concert.

Q3. How did Philip manage to get a clean dress?

Ans. His music teacher's wife Mrs. Esputa helped Philip. She fitted her husband's shirt with the help of pins.

Q4. What made the concert a flop show for Philip?

Ans. The pins of his large shirt got loosen. The shirt fell from his neck. The audience started laughing. In the shock, Philip forgot what he was playing. This made his concert a flop show.

Character Sketch-John Philip Sousa

John Philip Sousa is the main character of this story. He is a young boy in USA. His father is in US marine band. He also wanted to become a musician. He learned to play violin and became a master of violin soon. He also liked to play baseball.

At the age of 11, he had a solo performance in music concert. But he went for baseball match on the same day. Therefore he could not give good performance. So his music teacher scolded him. After this Sousa stopped playing violin.

Now he wanted to become a baker. But it was a tiring job. Soon he left this job also. He started learning violin again. Once a circus man heard souse playing violin. He offered Sousa to join circus. He accepted the offer. He did not tell his parents about it. But his father came to know of his plans. Finally, his father got him selected in Marine Band. Sousa composed more than hundred marches. This made him the March king.

3. Thinking Out Of The Box: Lateral Thinking

1) The chapter is an article adapted from Internet. 2) Edward De Bono gives his notion of lateral thinking. 3) Different kind of thinking is creative thinking. 4) A farmer borrowed a large sum of money from a moneylender. 5) The moneylender was old and ugly. 6) He wanted to marry the farmer's daughter. 7) He suggested a clever plan. 8) He played a pebble game. 9) The girl had to pick one pebble from the bag. 10) If she picked a white pebble, she need not marry the moneylender. 11) If she picked a black pebble, she had to marry the moneylender.	12) He put two black pebbles in the bag. 13) The girl picked one black pebble and quickly dropped it on the ground. 14) Now only a black pebble was left in bag. 15) The girl didn't have to marry the moneylender.16) Thomas was a millionaire. 17) He borrowed a loan of five thousand dollars from the bank. 18) He gave his Ferrari car as security. 19) He returned the loan after two weeks. 20) He paid interest of 15 dollars. 21) Kerry Packer introduced day-night matches and colourful clothing in cricket.
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Q1. What was the proposal given to the poor farmer by the money lender?

Ans. The poor farmer has taken debt from the money lender. The proposal was if farmer's daughter married the money lender his debt will be written off.

Q2. What would have happened if the girl had selected a black pebble in the pebble game?

Ans. If she picked black pebble her father's debt would have been written off. But she had to marry the money lender.

Q3. How did the girl intelligently win?

Ans. The girl picked the stone and trickily threw on the pebble strewn path. The left stone in the money bag was of black color. So it saved the girl from getting married to the money lender but her father's debt was written off.

Q4. What do you understand by the term 'Lateral Thinking'?

Ans. Lateral thinking is non-linear or creative thinking. It also means thinking differently.

Q5. What was the millionaire's trick in borrowing the loan?

Ans. It helped the millionaire to park his Ferrari in bank's garage. The interest of that loan was \$15 only. So he was able to manage safe parking in the middle of New York at very cheap cost.

Theme-Lateral Thinking

Edward de Bono propagated the idea of lateral thinking. Lateral thinking is thinking differently. The chapter is based on the idea that we can use lateral thinking to solve complex problems. All problems cannot be solved logically.

The money lender in the story cheats the farmer and his daughter. Farmer's daughter acts laterally. She changes the situation in her favor. As a result, she did not have to marry the money-lender. Her father's debt is also written off.

Similarly the millionaire also finds a safe place to his car in the middle of New York thinking laterally. In the field of cricket also, many new ideas has been introduced to improve the game. Thus the essay is based upon the importance of lateral thinking in our life.

4. Robots and People.

1) Issac Asimov is the author of the chapter. 2) A robot is a mechanical device. 3) Robots are useless in imaginative and creative jobs. 4) Some jobs are dangerous for human beings. 5) Working in mines and with chemicals and explosives are dangerous jobs. 6) Robots can be used for dangerous jobs. 7) With every invention some jobs are lost. 8) The invention of automobiles led to the loss of jobs involving horses.	9) But new kinds of jobs like tyre manufacturing, garages, repairing jobs, oil well drilling etc. were also created. 10) The factory where cars are made is called an automobile factory. 11) In future, children should be educated using computers and robots. 12) Computers are very good at solving mathematical problems. 13) But human brain is more creative and imaginative
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Q1. What led to the loss of jobs with invention of automobiles?

Ans. Automobiles made travelling easy. So the job related to the earlier mode of transport had a loss of jobs. It included jobs related to horses, carts, leash etc.

Q2. How was the automobile industry a boon for employment?

Ans. It proved a boon because the jobs it created were more than it destroyed. There were jobs related to manufacturing, repair, oil well drilling etc.

Q3. How can we deal with transition period?

Ans. We can deal with transition period only with patience and intelligence.

Q4. What is the prime difference between a robot and a human brain?

Ans. Robots work under instruction. Humans feed program in computers. Robots follow that. But human brains are creative, imaginative and limitless.

Theme-Robots and People

The chapter discusses the role of technology in our life. Some people think that robots will be a reason of unemployment. But the author says that there is difference in human and robot intelligence. Human brain is creative and imaginative. Computers or robots cannot think. They work only on commands.

Moreover robots can be used for the jobs that can be fatal for human beings. Mining, working with dangerous chemicals and explosive materials are some such jobs. In this way robots can prove helpful to save human lives.

The author also supports his views with example of automobile industry. We all know that with automobile industry replace jobs related to horses and horse carts. But it also generated many new jobs of assembly line in the industry. It needs to reeducate people to work with new technology. So basically, technology is very helpful in the development of society.

5. On Giving Advice

1) The author of the lesson is Joseph Addison.	8) One day he and his vizier were passing through a jungle.
2) People do not like receiving advice.	9) Two owls were sitting on a tree.
3) They think that they are being treated like children or idiots.	10) Vizier pretended that he knew the language of birds.
4) Different writers' methods of giving advice are with best chosen words, poetry, wit, short stories, proverbs and fables.	11) He said that the owls were fixing marriage of their children.
5) According to the writer, fable is the best method of advising.	12) The father of the son owl demanded fifty ruined villages in dowry.
6) The message of the fable is moral.	13) The father of daughter owl offered five hundred villages in dowry.
7) Sultan Mahmoud was a Persian emperor.	14) At the end, Sultan rebuilt the villages and towns which he had destroyed.

Q1. Why does one feel reluctant to receive advice?

Ans. One does not like to receive advice because one feels that the other person treats you as a child or an idiot.

Q2. How the fable is best suited amongst various ways of instruction?

Ans. A fable is a story with a moral. Moral of the story makes us think about our actions. So here no direct advice is there that could make us feel insulted. We have to understand the moral ourselves.

Q 3. Why did Mahmoud want to know about the conversation of the owls?

Ans. He wanted to check whether the vizier really knew the language of the birds.

Q4. What made Mahmoud change his old tyrannical ways?

Ans. The vizier told Mahmoud about the two owls' conversation. It made him understand that he has destructed his kingdom. So he changed his old tyrannical ways.

Theme-On Giving Advice

The writer believes that nobody likes taking advice. We feel insult in taking advice. We think the other person believes us idiot or less intelligent. So the author says that advice must be given in a pleasant way. It should not hurt anybody's self-esteem.

He tells about many ways that are used to give advice. But fable is the best way to advise someone. Fable is a story with a moral. It makes advice polite and acceptable. We learn from the moral of the story ourselves. So it does not hurt ego. Using a fable, the vizier in the story advises the king without hurting his self-esteem. The king changes his ways and start working for welfare of his kingdom. That is why the author supports fable as the best way to advise.

6. On Saying Please

1) The author of the lesson is A.G.Gardiner.	5) Bad manners are not a legal crime.
2) Author tells us the importance of politeness in life.	6) Bad manners spoil our life.
3) A liftman threw a passenger out of the lift for not saying please.	7) Words like 'Please' and 'thank you' make life easier.
4) Liftman was fined for this.	8) Author praises the bus conductor.

Q1. Why was the passenger hurled out of the lift?

Ans. The passenger did not say 'please' to the liftman. So the liftman hurled the passenger out of the lift.

Q2. Describe the chain reaction that possibly led to the liftman's outburst?

Ans. The liftman threw the passenger out of the lift. The passenger was impolite to the liftman because his employer did not reply to his wish. The employer was angry because his wife was rude to him at breakfast. So in this way it was along chain of discourtesy that prompted reaction.

Q3. What serves as little courtesies in our life?

Ans. Words like 'please' and 'thank you' serve as little courtesies in our daily life.

Q4. What were the good qualities of the conductor?

Ans. The conductor was polite and helpful. He was respectful to elders, friendly to youngsters, loving to children and caring to handicapped.

Q5. How could the liftman have avoided the trouble?

Ans. The liftman could have avoided the trouble if he had behaved more politely with the passenger.

Theme- On Saying Please

This chapter tells us about the importance of good manners. Good manners make our life pleasant. Bad manners are not a crime. The law does not allow us to punish anyone for bad manners. But no one likes bad manners. Small words like 'please' and 'thank you' make our life sweet. But bad manners poison the stream of life. They work in a chain reaction. Whereas good manners oil the machine of our life and it runs smoothly. We should avoid behaving badly. A person with good manners is praised even in his absence.

Character Sketch-Bus conductor

The bus conductor was a cheerful and kind man. He is full of patience. He never got angry. He spoke very nicely. He always tried to make his passengers comfortable. He was like a son to elders, like a father to children. He laughed with young persons. He was very kind to blind and handicapped.

Once, the writer forgot his purse at home. He was unable to buy the bus ticket. The conductor did not behave rudely to the writer. He paid for writer's ticket. Some other time the conductor trampled the writer's foot by mistake in bus. He apologized the writer very politely. He is always full of good manners. He sets a good example to behave properly at workplace.

7. The Story of My Life

1) The writer of the chapter is Helen Keller.	8) The first words he learned by finger play was 'd-o-l-l'.
2) 'The Story of My Life' is her auto-biography.	9) She got the doll from the blind children of Perkins institution.
3) She wrote it at the age of 22.	10) While learning she got upset and broke the doll.
4) Helen Keller became deaf and blind at the age of nineteen months because of fever.	11) She was confused with the words 'mug' and 'water'.
5) Anne Sullivan was her teacher.	12) At the well house she learned the word 'water'.
6) Helen Keller met Sullivan, when she was of 7 years.	13) Anne Sullivan played a great role in teaching her.
7) She learned the art of lip reading known as TADOMA.	

Q1. What was the wordless cry of the narrator’s soul?

Ans. The wordless cry of the narrator was that she wanted to come out of darkness of her life. She wanted light and love in her life.

Q2. How did the narrator learnt to spell the words?

Ans. The narrator learnt to spell the words with the help of her teacher. The teacher wrote the spellings with her finger on the narrator’s hand.

Q3. List the few words that the narrator’s teacher made her learn.

Ans. The few words that she learnt were doll, water, mug, sit, walk, father, mother etc.

Q4. What did the narrator learnt at the well house?

Ans. At the well the mystery of language became clear to the narrator. She came to know that everything that she can touch or feel, and every emotion that she feels had a word for it. the flowing water on her hand made her clear the difference between water and mug.

Q5. What made the narrator to repent and sorrowful?

Ans. She felt repent and sorrowful when she felt the broken doll. The broken pieces of doll aroused emotions in her.

Theme- The Story of my Life

The story gives the idea that nothing is impossible if we work hard. Strong will power and determination also play an important role. It is a key to success. Helen Keller was just 19 months old when she caught fever. It made her life dark. She became blind and deaf. But she had a very strong will power.

At the age of 7, her formal education started. Anne Sullivan was her teacher. She was a very good teacher. She brought language and emotions in Helen’s life. She gave Helen a light of hope. Helen was also a very good and keen student. She was eager to learn. She learnt very quickly. Learning language filled her life with joy. She learnt to express her emotions also. At the age of 22, she wrote her autobiography. Her strong will power and hard work suggest that nothing is impossible if one is determined.

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8. Two Gentlemen of Verona

1) The author of the chapter is A.J.Cronin.	9) They were saving money for their sister's treatment.
2) The author visited the city of Verona with his friends.	10) Their sister's name was Lucia.
3) He met two boys who were brothers.	11) She wanted to become a singer.
4) The elder was Nicola, the younger was Jacopo.	12) She was suffering from Tuberculosis.
5) They were wearing dirty dresses.	13) Their father, a well-known singer, had been killed in war.
6) They were selling strawberries, when they first met the author.	14) Their home was destroyed in the war.
7) The author bought their biggest basket of strawberries.	15) The boys took the author to Poleta.
8) They guided tourists, sold newspapers and fruits, polished shoes etc. to earn money.	16) The woman at the villa was a nurse.

Q1. What were the jobs that the two boys undertook?

Ans. They did many small jobs to earn money. They sold newspaper and fruits. They also worked as tourist guides. Sometimes they polished shoes also.

Q2. Describe the physical appearance of both the boys.

Ans. They had brown skin, tangled hair and dark eyes. They were in lose, oversized clothes.

Q3. Why did the two boys work endlessly?

Ans. The two boys work endlessly to earn money. They save their money wisely. They paid hospital bills of their sister Lucia with this money.

Q4. What is the message conveyed by the two boys in the story?

Ans. The two brothers give us a message of love, hope and kindness. They are full of devotion and work hard. They also give the message of selflessness service.

Character Sketch-Two Brothers

The story is about two brothers, Nicola and Jacopo. Nicola was the elder brother and Jacopo was younger. They had brown skin, tangled hair and dark eyes. They were orphans. Their father was killed in war. They lost their home in a blast. So they were homeless. Their sister, Lucia, had TB of spine. But they did not lose hope.

They did many small jobs to earn money. They sold newspaper and fruits. They also worked as guides. Sometimes they polished shoes also. They save their money wisely. They paid hospital bills of Lucia with this money. So the two brothers give us a message of love, hope and kindness.

9. In Celebration Of Being Alive

1) The author of the chapter is Christian Barnard. 2) He was a South African surgeon. 3) He designed artificial heart valves. 4) One day he and his wife met with an accident. 5) His eleven ribs were broken and got a cut in the lungs. 6) His wife's shoulder was fractured. 7) Dr. Barnard's brother died with a heart problem. 8) Barnard remembers his two child patients whom he called mechanic and driver.	9) The mechanic was a blind child. 10) The driver had only one arm. 11) The mechanic had become blind when he was accidentally hit with a burning lantern. 12) He got third degree burns. 13) The driver was suffering from the tumor of the bone. 14) According to Dr. Barnard the business of living is the celebration of being alive.
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Q1. In which incident were Dr. Bernard's gloomy thoughts rooted?

Ans. Once, Dr. Bernard and his wife met with an accident. They both were hospitalized. There small kid had to go through a tough time. In this incident Dr. Bernard's gloomy thoughts were rooted.

Q2. What was Dr. Bernard's father's attitude towards life?

Ans. Dr. Bernard's father was an optimistic. He had firm belief in God and His actions. He believed sufferings were God's way to test us. It makes us noble and better human being.

Q3. Why couldn't Bernard's brother survive?

Ans. Bernard's brother had a heart problem. In those days treatment of that problem was not there. So he couldn't survive.

Q4. What made the mechanic and the driver choose their roles?

Ans. Their choice was quiet easy. The mechanic was totally blind and the driver had only one arm.

Theme- In Celebration of Being alive

The theme of the chapter is that we should celebrate our being alive. We should not worry about what we have lost. We should enjoy what we are left with. Pleasure and pain are part of our life. We feel light only after darkness. We feel warmth only after coldness. Similarly, we enjoy happiness after suffering. Physical pain should not stop us from moving ahead.

This idea is presented by the two handicapped boys in the story. One of them is blind. The other is without an arm. They both are in hospital. But they do not let their playfulness go. It teaches the author that we should always enjoy our being alive.

10. Ghadari Babas In Kalapani Jail

<p>1) The author of the chapter is Dr. Harish K Puri.</p> <p>2) Ghadar party was founded by Punjabi Indians of U.S.A. and Canada.</p> <p>3) The main members were Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna, Baba Nidhan Singh, Kartar Singh Sarabha and V.G. Pingley.</p> <p>4) Their aim was to free India from British rule.</p> <p>5) The Ghadar party members returned to Punjab when World War-1 broke out.</p> <p>6) To punish freedom fighters, British government built a special jail in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.</p> <p>7) This Cellular Jail was also known as Kala Pani Jail or the Devil's Island.</p> <p>8) Cellular Jail was opened in 1906.</p> <p>9) The first group of Ghadarites was brought to this jail in 1915.</p> <p>10) The food and weather conditions were very bad.</p>	<p>11) The freedom fighters were mostly sick due to bad food and weather.</p> <p>12) The superintendent of the jail was David Berry.</p> <p>13) The chief commissioner of the jail was Murray.</p> <p>14) On the oil mill (kohlu), they had to extract 30 pounds of coconut oil every day.</p> <p>15) The prisoners were given 30 lashes of whip if production was less.</p> <p>16) David Barry and Murray were known as butchers or the sons of Satan.</p> <p>17) Barin Ghose was brother of Aurobindo Ghose.</p> <p>18) He was convicted in Alipore conspiracy case.</p> <p>19) The name of V.D. Savarkar's brother was Ganesh Savarkar.</p> <p>20) Kehar Singh was 62 years old.</p> <p>21) Nani Gopal's hunger strike lasted for 72 days.</p> <p>22) The political prisoners faced torture by singing Vande Matram and Gurbani.</p>
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Q1. List a few key members of Ghadar Party?

Ans. Lala Hardayal, v.G. Pingley, Sant Baba Wasakha Singh, Sohan Singh Bhakna and Rasbehari Bose were few key members of Ghadar party.

Q2. What was the mode of torturing the brave fighters by the British government?

Ans. A special jail was set up in Andaman by British Government. It was also known as Kalapani Jail or cellular jail. In the jail, they were given very hard work to do. They got poor quality food. It made them sick often. They were not allowed to talk to each other.

Q3. How were they punished if they fail to work properly?

Ans. They were beaten badly if they failed to work properly. They were abused and 30 whip lashes in public.

Q4. Who were addressed as 'demi-gods' and why?

Ans. The officials of the Kalapani jail were addressed as 'demi-gods'. They were very cruel to the prisoners. They tortured them as if they were gods.

Q5. Why did jail authorities discontinue some of their practices of bad treatment?

Ans. Due to torture in the jail, eight prisoners died. It was followed by work and hunger strike. Hunger strike went four month long, leaving different adverse effect on the health of prisoners. Finally the jail authorities had to give in and they discontinued some of their practices of bad treatment.

Ghadar Party

Ghadar Party was formed by Punjabi Indians from U.S.A. and Canada. Their aim was to free India from Britain. At the time of World War I, the Ghadar party members came back to Punjab. They started struggle for freedom from there. The important members were lala Hardayal, v.G. Pingley, Sant Baba Wasakha Singh, Sohan Singh Bhakna and Rasbehari Bose.

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were beaten badly if they failed to work properly. They were abused and 30 whip lashes in public. Eight members of Ghadar party died there. after that their condition in jail became a little better.

1. THE SCHOOL FOR SYMPATHY

1) Name of the author is E. V. Lucas.	10) On maimed day the arms were tied up.
2) The school for sympathy was a special school.	11) Peter was the gardener of the school.
3) Miss Beam ran this school.	12) Millie was the head girl.
4) Students were taught practically.	13) The students were taught spellings, adding, subtracting, multiplying and division.
5) Students had a blind day, a lame day, a deaf day, a maimed day and a dumb day in the course.	14) The rest was done by reading to them and by lectures.
6) The students were made to act like disabled to get an understanding of other's misfortune.	15) They grow with a kind heart and understand the misfortune of handicapped.
7) Blind day was the most difficult.	16) Writer was very impressed by Miss Beam and her school.
8) Bandage was put on overnight.	
9) On lame day, one leg was tied up for whole day.	

Q1. What was the real aim of Miss Beam's school?

Ans. The real aim of Miss Beam's school was to make students kind, noble and thoughtful citizens.

Q2. What is the educative value of a blind, deaf or lame day?

Ans. Students learnt to understand problems of the handicapped. This developed the feelings of sympathy in children. They learnt to help handicapped kindly.

Q3. What does the girl with the bandaged eyes tell the author about her guide?

Ans. She tells that they helped her very kindly.

Q4. What does the girl with the bandaged eyes tell the author about the gardener?

Ans. She tells that the gardener seems to be 100 years old.

Theme- The School for Sympathy

The lesson gives the idea of role of school education in our life. Miss Beam was running a school. The name of her school was the School for Sympathy. It was different from other schools. The students were taught spellings, adding, subtracting, multiplying and division. But the real aim of her school was to make children kind and thoughtful.

Students had a blind day, a lame day, a deaf day, a maimed day and a dumb day in the course.

They learnt to understand problems of the handicapped. This developed the feelings of sympathy in children. They learnt to help handicapped kindly. It suggests that education should make children good human beings and kind citizens.

Character Sketch- Miss Beam

Miss Beam was a kind woman. She was very understanding. Her hairs were turning grey. She was running a school. The name of her school was the School for Sympathy. It was different from other schools. The students were taught spellings, adding, subtracting, multiplying and division. But the real aim of her school was to make children kind and thoughtful. Students had a blind day, a lame day, a deaf day, a maimed day and a dumb day in the course. They learnt to understand problems of the handicapped. This developed the feelings of sympathy in children. They learnt to help handicapped kindly. With this kind of unique school, Miss Beam was an asset to the society.

2. CHAMELEON

1) The writer of the story is Anton Chekhov.	13) He demanded compensation.
2) Otchumyelov was the police superintendent.	14) Police superintendent agreed with him.
3) He was walking in the market square.	15) He asked for the owner of the dog.
4) He was carrying a parcel with him.	16) He came to know that it was General's dog.
5) A red haired policeman was walking after him.	17) He changed his opinion.
6) He was carrying a sieve full of gooseberries.	18) General's cook identified the dog.
7) Hryukin was a goldsmith.	19) Prohor was general's cook.
8) He was wearing a starched cotton shirt.	20) The dog was of general's brother's.
9) He was chasing the dog.	21) The cook took away the dog.
10) His finger was bleeding.	22) Otchumyelov scolded Hryukin.
11) It was bitten by a dog.	23) The crowd made fun of Hryukin
12) It was a small white puppy.	

Q1. What was Otchumyelov walking? What was he carrying under his arms?

Ans. He was walking across the market square. He was carrying a parcel under his arms.

Q2. What was the red haired man carrying in his hands?

Ans. He was carrying a sieve full of gooseberries.

Q3. How was Hryukin's bleeding finger a flag of victory?

Ans. Hryukin's bleeding finger was a flag of victory because it proved that the dog has bitten him.

Q4. Why did Hryukin think that he must have damages?

Ans. A dog had bitten his finger. It was bleeding. He could not work for 7 days . so he thought he must have damages.

Q5. What was Otchumyelov's first reaction on Hryukin's complaint?

Ans. He supported Hryukin. He promised Hryukin that he will teach a lesson to the owner of the dog.

Q6. Why did Otchumyelov later refused to take any action against the owner of the dog?

Ans. When he came to know that it was general's dog, he refused to take any action.

Q7. What was Otchumyelov's opinion when he came to know that it was general's dog?

Ans. He blamed Hryukin for the incident. He said a weak and small dog could not bite a tall and heavy man.

Q8. Why did the crowd laugh at Hryukin?

Ans. The police superintendent blamed Hryukin for his bleeding finger. He did not get any compensation for it. so the crowd laughed at him.

Justify Title- A Chameleon

Chameleon is a reptile. It changes its color to match its surroundings. A man who changes according to situation is also called chameleon. In the story, the policeman, Otchumyelov behaves like a chameleon. Hryukin complains about dog bite to the policeman. He shows his bleeding finger. He asks for compensation from dog's owner.

Otchumyelov promises to do justice. He tries to find out dog's owner. When he comes to know that the dog belongs to the general, he changes his stand. He starts shouting at Hryukin. After some time Prohor, the General's cook, tells that the dog is not of General. Otchumyelov again changes his stand and promises for justice.

Later, Prohor tells that the dog is of General's brother. It makes Otchumyelov again to change his stand. He starts shouting at Hryukin again. This behavior of Otchumyelov justifies the title of the story.

3. BHOLI

1) The name of the author is K.A.Abbas.	11) Her elder sisters Radha and Mangla got easily married as they were beautiful.
2) Ram Lal was Bholi's father.	12) Ram Lal was worried about Bholi.
3) Bholi's real name was Sulekha.	13) A primary school was opened in the village.
4) She had six siblings: three brothers and three sisters.	14) Tehsildar performed the opening ceremony.
5) Bholi was the youngest child.	15) Bishamber came to marry Bholi.
6) When she was ten months old, she fell off the cot.	16) He demanded 5000 rupees as dowry.
7) Her brain was damaged	17) Bholi refused to marry Bishamber.
8) Her face was disfigured due to this.	18) She decided to become a school teacher in the same school where she had studied.
9) When she was two years old, she had an attack of small pox.	
10) She started speaking at the age of five but stammered.	

Q1. Why was Ram Lal worried about Bholi?

Ans. Ram Lal was worried about Bholi because she was neither good looking nor intelligent.

Q2. Why did Tehsildar want Ram Lal to send his daughters to school?

Ans Ram Lal was a govt. official in the village. Villagers would like follow him. That is why Tehsildar wanted Ram Lal to send his daughters to school.

Q3. Why did Ram Lal's wife agree to send Bholi to the school and not her other daughters?

Ans. nobody liked to marry an educated girl those days. So if their daughters went to school there marriage would become a big problem. But Bholi was not good looking. Her mother thought she would not get married. So she agreed to send her to the school.

Q4. What happened when the teacher asked Bholi her name?

Ans. Bholi could not answer her teacher. She felt nervous. She started crying.

Q5. Why did Bholi's parents agree to Bishamber's proposal?

Ans. her parents thought that Bholi is not good looking. So no one will marry her. Therefore they agreed to marry her to Bishamber who was of her father's age.

Q6. How did Bishamber come to wed Bholi?

Ans. Bishamber came with a big marriage party to wed Bholi. He was sitting on a horse.

Q7. Why did Bishamber demand 5000 rupees as dowry?

Ans. Bholi was not beautiful. She had pock marks on her face. Bishamber saw Bholi at marriage. Because of her looks, he demanded 5000 rupees as dowry.

Q8. Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber?

Ans. Bishamber was a greedy man. So Bholi refused to marry him.

Character sketch-Bholi

Bholi's real name was Sulekha. She was Ram Lal's daughter. She had six siblings. She was the youngest one. At the age of ten months, she fell from a cot. A part of her brain was damaged. It made her a simpleton. At the age of two, she got small pox. The marks of small pox remained on her face forever. She began to speak at the age of 5. She could not speak clearly. She stammered. Nobody cared for her. Children made fun of her. Her ugly look and simpleton behavior proved a blessing in disguise for her. She was sent to primary school. It changed her life. Her teacher was very kind. She gave special care to Bholi. It made Bholi confident. Now she spoke properly.

When she grew up, her marriage was fixed with Bishamber. He was as old as Ram Lal. Bholi accepted her parents' wish. She said yes to the marriage proposal. On the day of marriage, Bishamber demanded rupees 5000 as dowry in lieu of Bholi's ugly looks. Bholi refused the marriage proposal. She spent her life as a teacher in the same school. Education proved a life changing tool for Bholi.

4. THE GOLD FRAME

1) The writer of the lesson is R.K. Laxman. 2) Datta was a frame maker. He was a thin man with dark complexion. 3) He wore silver rimmed glasses. 4) The name of his shop was 'Modern Frame Works'. 5) The shop was an extralarge wooden packing case. 6) It was situated between a medical shop and a radio repair shop. 7) It was full of cardboard pieces, bits of woods, nails, glue, paint boxes etc. 8) There were pictures of saints, gods, players etc.	9) The customer wanted to get his grandfather's photo framed. 10) Datta suggested him a gold frame. 11) Its cost was Rs. 17. 12) The photo got damaged with white enamel paint. 13) He replaced the photo with another old man's photo. 14) The customer did not recognize the trick. 15) He complained about the shape only. 16) He wanted an oval frame. 17) But Datta had used a square frame.
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Q1. Where was the shop 'Modern Frame Works' situated?

Ans. It was situated between a drug store and a radio repair shop.

Q2. What was Datta's experience about his customers?

Ans. Datta's experience was that the customers were never punctual. Some came before the given time. Some came after and some of them came never at all.

Q3. How did the photograph get damaged?

Ans, Datta was taking the measurement of the picture. He could not find his pencil. To find it he shook his clothes. With this movement white enamel paint fell on the picture. In order to clean it Data rubbed it and this damaged the picture completely.

Q4. What solution did Datta come up?

Ans. He replaced the damaged photo with a similar looking photo. It was lying with him unclaimed. The customer could not know that it was not his grandfather's photo. He noticed only the frame. So Datta solved his problem cleverly.

Q5. What effect did the picture have on the customer?

Ans. The customer focused on the frame only. He did not care about the picture. He complained only for the changed shape of the frame. It was not as per the order.

Q6. What was the customer's complaint?

Ans. He complained for the changed shape of the frame. It was not according to the order.

Character Sketch- Datta

Data was a photo frame maker. He was thin. He wore a dhoti. His glasses were silver rimmed. He was very hard working. He did not like to talk much. He answered his customers to the point. He had a small shop. Its name was 'Modern Frame Works'. Its all walls were covered with pictures. It had pictures of Gods, saints, players, leaders, children etc. Datta had a lot of experience of his work. He knew customers never come punctually. Some customers never come to collect their frames.

He was very clumsy. Things are always spread around him. He often lost his pencil in his tools. Once he was taking the measurement of a picture. He could not find his pencil. To find it he shook his clothes. With this movement white enamel paint fell on the picture. It damaged the photo completely. To solve his problem, he replaced the damaged photo with a similar looking photo. It was lying with him unclaimed. The customer could not know that it was not his grandfather's photo. He noticed only the frame. So Datta solved his problem cleverly.

5. THE BARBER'S TRADE UNION

1) The writer of the story is Mulk Raj Anand.	16) Chandu went to shave the notable people in the village.
2) Chandu was a barber boy.	17) The landlord's name was Bijay Chand.
3) He belonged to a low caste.	18) Chandu started going to town riding on the footrest of Lala Hukam Chand's carriage.
4) Narrator belonged to high caste.	19) Narrator walked three miles to go to school.
5) But he was ashamed of his caste mark.	20) Chandu always liked the dress of Dr. Kalan Khan.
6) Chandu was narrator's best friend.	21) One day Chandu dressed himself like a doctor.
7) He was elder to narrator by six months.	22) Narrator was very happy to see him.
8) He was an expert in catching wasps.	23) But landlord, sahuakar and pandit insulted him.
9) He was an expert in making and flying paper kites.	24) He decided not to do their haircut.
10) He was not good in doing sums.	25) He bought a bicycle and started going to town.
11) He was better in reciting poetry.	26) In town he met barber Nringan Das, barbers of Verka and barber Dhunoo.
12) Narrator's mother did not like Chandu.	27) They made a barbers' union.
13) Chandu's mother was of quarrelsome nature.	28) 'Rajkot District Barber Brothers' Hairdressing and Shaving Saloon'
14) Narrator wore tight trousers, gold work shoes and a silk turban.	
15) Chandu wore multicoloured clothes.	

Q1. Why did the narrator considered Chandu the embodiment of perfection for him?

Ans. Chandu was expert in catching flies. He also made kites of different shapes. He read poetry nicely. The narrator liked him for his these skills.

Q2. Why did the narrator's mother constantly dissuade him to play with Chandu?

Ans. Chandu belonged to low cast. He was a barber by cast and by profession too. He lived in the area of the village that was meant for low cast people. So the narrator's mother constantly dissuaded him to play with Chandu.

Q3. How did Chandu's mother treated the narrator?

Ans. Chandu's mother was kind to the narrator. She was friendly too. Sometimes she spoke in a joking manner.

Q4. Why did Chandu decide to go on strike?

Ans. Once, Chandu got dressed like a doctor. The upper class villagers insulted him badly. He felt offended. He decided not to work in the village anymore. So he went on strike.

Q5. What jokes became popular in every home and why?

Ans. When Chandu went on strike, no one made the beards of the villagers. This joke became popular in every home. Everyone laughed at the uncleaned beards of the elders.

Q6. Name the union that gave birth to many other active trade unions in the town.

Ans. The name of the union was 'Rajkot District Barber Brothers' Hairdressing and Shaving Saloon'. It was formed by Chandu and other barbers. It became a milestone for other trades also.

Character Sketch- Chandu

Chandu is the main character of the story. He was a poor barber boy. He belonged to low cast. He was six months elder to narrator. But they were very good friends. Chandu was expert in catching flies. He also made kites of different shapes. He read poetry nicely. The narrator liked him for his these skills. But Chandu was not good in solving maths sums.

Chandu's father had died. He lived with his mother. He carried his family business to earn money. He shaved and cut hair of the villagers. Once he got dressed like a doctor. The upper class villagers insulted him badly. He felt offended. He decided not to work in the village anymore. He bought a bicycle and started his business in the city.

He was very ambitious. He made a union with barber boys of nearby villages. They opened a shop. He made people to walk to them for their services. Chandu was a great visionary.

6. THE BULL BENEATH THE EARTH

<p>1) The name of the writer is Kulwant Singh Virk. 2) Karam Singh and Mann Singh were army men and good friends. 3) Karam Singh was a havildar. 4) Mann Singh was a Naik. 5) They were fighting at Burma front. 6) Karam Singh was a crackshot. 7) He killed many Japanese soldiers. 8) Mann Singh got a few days leave. 17) The postman bought the pension papers of Karam Singh. 18) Mann Singh got shocked on hearing the news of his friend's death.</p>	<p>9) Mann Singh was from Taran Taran. 10) Karam Singh was from Thathi Thara. 11) Thathi Thara was 50 miles from TaranTaran. 12) There are three Gurudwara's mentioned in the lesson. 13) They are Sri Taran Taran Sahib, Sri Khadur Sahib, Sri Goindwal Sahib. 14) Mann Singh visited Karam Singh's village Thathi Thara. 15) He first met Karam Singh's father, sitting in the porch. 16) Then Karam Singh's younger brother Jaswant Singh. 19) Karam Singh's father was a bull beneath the earth who bore the additional burden of other's pain.</p>
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Q1. What did mann Singh tell Karam Singh's family about the latter's war-skills?

Ans. Mann Singh said that Karam Singh was very famous in the Burma and Japanese war. He was famous as crack-shot. He never missed his shot.

Q2. What news did the postman bring?

Ans. The postman brought the papers of Karam Singh's pension. This news hit Mann Singh like a blow.

Q3. What was the effect of Karam Singh's death on Mann Singh?

Ans. The news of Karam Singh's death hit Mann Singh like a Blow. He felt Choked in his chest. His body became numb.

Q4. Why did the members of Karam Singh's family break the news of his death to Mann Singh?

Ans. Mann Singh was on holiday. Karam Singh's family understood the value of holiday for an army man. They did not want to spoil his holidays. That is why they did not break that sad news on Mann Singh.

Q5. Why did Mann Singh compares Karam Singh's father to a bull that bore upon its head the burden of the whole earth?

Ans. The bull discussed here is a symbol of kindness and selfless service. Similarly, Karam Singh's father also chose willingly to bear the burden of other's sorrow. This made Mann Singh to make this comparison.

Character Sketch- Karam Singh's Father

Karam Singh's father is a noble human being. He is a very good example of caring for human concerns, specially, when it concerns to the comfort of army men. He is a respected head of his family. Karam Singh and Mann Singh both are in army. They are friends. Once, Mann Singh is on holiday. He visits Karam Singh's village. Karam Singh has died in the war by then. But Karam Singh's father does not share this sad news with Mann Singh. He does not want to sadden Mann Singh during his holidays. So he hides this sad news from Mann Singh. He bears the burden of this grief alone. He is in deep sorrow. But he tries to behave normal. He makes Mann Singh as comfortable as possible. His family also follows his will. Nobody expresses their grief in front of Mann Singh. When the postman reveals reality to Mann Singh, he has all the respect for Karam Singh's father. He thinks Karam Singh's father is the bull beneath the earth that bears everybody's burden.

Justify Title- The Bull Beneath The Earth

The title of the story is an old belief. It is said that a bull is carrying the earth upon its horns. It bears the weight of the earth. Karam Singh's father in the story represents that bull.

Karam Singh and Mann Singh both are in army. They are friends. Once, Mann Singh is on holiday. He visits Karam Singh's village. Karam Singh has died in the war by then. But Karam Singh's father does not share this sad news with Mann Singh. He does not want to sadden Mann Singh during his holidays. So he hides this sad news from Mann Singh. He bears Mann Singh's share of sorrow also. He bears the burden weight of this sorrow alone. He is in deep sorrow. But he tries to behave normal. He makes Mann Singh as comfortable as possible. Thus the title of the story is just. Karam Singh's father acts like the bull beneath the earth that bears everybody's burden.

1. Prayer of the Woods

The poet of 'Prayer of Woods' is anonymous. In the poem, trees appeal human beings for their kindness. Trees play huge role in our life. We use wood from birth to death. Trees give us heat in winters and shade in summers. These also give us juicy fruits to eat. We use trees to make furniture. Trees make a very polite appeal to human beings. They request not to cut trees needlessly.

<p>I am the heat of your hearth on the cold winter nights, the friendly shade Screening you from the summer sun, and my fruits are refreshing draughts Quenching your thirst as you journey on Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Prayer of Woods'. The poet is anonymous. Q3. List the things woods give us. Ans. Woods give us furniture, fruits, handles for tools Q2. How can woods give us heat as well as coldness? Ans. burning woods in winters give us heat. In hot summers woods give us shade. Q4. Name the figure of speech used in bold line. Ans. The friendly shade – personification. Screening you from the summer sun – Alliteration. Q5. What does 'refreshing draughts' refer to? Ans. It refers to juicy fruits.</p>	<p>I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead, the wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin. I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. 'ye who pass by, listen to my prayer: Harm me not. Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Prayer of Woods'. The poet is anonymous Q2. What is the prayer of the woods to human beings? Ans. The woods pray not to harm them. Q3. Who is the speaker in the poem? Ans. Woods are the speaker in the poem. 4. Write down the line that explains the statement : the wood accompanies us from birth till death. Ans. 'the wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin.' explains the above statement.</p>
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2. On Friendship

'On Friendship' is written by Kahlil Gibran. The poet tells the value of friends in our life. Friends are gift of God. Friends always support us. We can share our thoughts and ideas without any fear. They guide us for right and wrong. Friendship makes our spiritual bonds with friends stronger.

<p>He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. And he is your board and your fireside. For you come to him with your hunger, and seek him for peace</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'On Friendship'. The poet is 'Kahlil Gibran'</p> <p>Q2. When we shower our friends with love, what do we earn in return? Ans. In return we receive love and thanksgiving.</p> <p>Q3. How is a friend our fireside? Ans. By showing sympathy and love friend is our fireside.</p> <p>Q4. What is the most important thing that one can give to a friend? Ans. Love and support is the most important to give to a friend.</p>	<p>For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence As the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit</p> <p>Q2. A true friend is one with whom we can share our... Ans. Joys and sorrows.</p> <p>Q3. List all the qualities a true friend should have. Ans. The qualities a true friend should have – Love, care, sympathy, support.</p> <p>Q4. How does the poet relate the line in bold letters above to understand the value of a friend? Ans. Absence of a friend makes his qualities clearer to us and we value the friend with better understanding.</p> <p>Q5. What should be the main purpose of the friendship? Ans. Friendship should make the spiritual bond stronger between two friends.</p>
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3. The Echoing Green

'The Echoing Green' is written by William Blake. The poem tells about three stages of life. The first stage is childhood. Rising sun, singing birds, playing children share idea of childhood playfulness. The second stage is maturity. The old people in the ground remember their past. They feel themselves in playing children. Sun set, darkness, games coming to an end suggest death, the last stage of life.

<p>The sun does arise, and make happy the skies, the merry bells ring, to welcome the spring The skylark and thrush, the birds of the bush, sing louder around, to the bells' cheerful sound While our sports shall be seen on the Echoing Green</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'The Echoing Green'. The Poet is William Blake.</p> <p>Q2. How can you say that the mood in the poem is happy and carefree? Ans. Playing children, singing birds, ringing bells to welcome spring signify the happy and carefree mood.</p> <p>Q3 Name the birds which sing to welcome the spring. Ans. The birds are – The skylark and the thrush.</p> <p>Q4. What purpose does the ringing of the merry bells serve in the poem? Ans. The merry bells are ringing to welcome the spring.</p>	<p>Till the little ones weary, no more can be merry; The sun does descend, and our sports have an end. Round the laps of their mothers, Many sisters and brothers, Like birds in their nest, are ready for rest And sport no more seen, on the darkening Green.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'The Echoing Green'. The Poet is William Blake</p> <p>Q2. Name the things that take rest at the end of the day. Ans. children, birds, men and women take rest at the end of the day.</p> <p>Q3. What do the words <i>weary, descend, end and rest</i> suggest? Ans. The words suggest that all the activities in the ground are coming to an end</p> <p>Q4. Why has the Echoing Green become darkening Green? Ans. The children stop playing with Sun set. It makes the echoing green the darkening green.</p> <p>Q5. Which figure of speech has been used in the above line in bold letters? Ans. Similie.</p>
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4. Once Upon A Time

'Once Upon a Time' is written by 'Gabriel Okara'. The poem criticizes the modern life. Modern man is hypocrite. He does not show what he feels. His behavior is always artificial. He laughs without being happy. He says good bye when he means good riddance. The poet does not like this artificial behavior. He wishes for old simplicity.

<p>. And I have learnt too, to laugh with only my teeth, and shake hands without my heart. I have also learnt to say 'goodbye', when I mean 'good riddance' To say 'glad to meet you', without being glad; and to say 'it's been nice talking to you', after being bored.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Once Upon A Time'. The poet is Gabriel Okara.</p> <p>Q2. Who is the speaker in the poem? Ans. A father is the speaker in the poem.</p> <p>Q3. What has the poet learnt to do with his feelings? Ans. He has learnt to hide his real feelings.</p> <p>Q4. What kind of life is the poet living? Ans. He is living an artificial life.</p> <p>Q5. What is the meaning of laughing only with my teeth? Ans. It means to laugh without being happy from inside.</p>	<p>But believe me, son, I want to be what I used to be When I was like you. I want to unlearn all these muting things. Most of all, I want to relearn how to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Once Upon A Time'. The poet is Gabriel Okara.</p> <p>Q2. Whom is the poet talking to? Ans. The poet is talking to his son.</p> <p>Q3. What are the things that the poet wants to unlearn? Ans. The poet wants to unlearn hypocrisy of modern life.</p> <p>Q4. What does the poet compare his laugh to? Ans. He compares his laugh to the poisonous expression of snake.</p>
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5. Cheerfulness Taught by Reason

'Cheerfulness Taught by Reason' is written by 'Elizabeth Browning'. The poem teaches us to be optimistic. We should thank God for everything we have. We should not be sad for the things that we do not have. We should not look only at the problems of life. But we should be thankful that all the problems of life are for short time.

<p>O Pusillanimous Heart, be comforted And, like cheerful traveller, take the road Singing beside the hedge.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and the poet. Ans. the name of the poem is 'Cheerfulness Taught by Reason'. The poet is 'Elizabeth Browning'.</p> <p>Q2. Which figure of speech is used in the above lines? Ans. Pusillanimous Heart-Personification</p> <p>And like cheerful traveller take the road-Simile</p> <p>Q3. Pusillanimous heart is...? Ans. The heart which is frightened to take risks.</p> <p>Q4. In which manner should one move on a journey? Ans. One must move on a journey in a cheerful manner.</p>	<p>What if the bread be bitter in thy inn, and thou unshod To meet the flints? At least it may be said 'Because the way is short, I thank thee, God'.</p> <p>Q1. What are the two complaints in above lines? Ans. The two complaints are: 1. Bread in our inn is bitter. 2. We have to walk on stony path without shoes.</p> <p>Q2. What does the line in bold letters mean? Ans. It means that we have to walk on stony path without shoes.</p> <p>Q3. The poet asks us to be in life. Ans. optimistic.</p> <p>Q4. What should we thank God for? Ans. We should thank God because our problems are for a short time.</p>
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6. Father Returning Home

'Father Returning Home' is written by 'Dilip Chitre'. The poem shares the idea that today everyone is busy in his life. Nobody has time for others. The old people, specially, feel ignored in the society. The man in the poem, has stuck in his daily routine. He is not happy in the busy world around him. He feels comfortable only in his past memories.

<p>His eyes dimmed by age. Fade homeward through the humid monsoon night. Now I can see him getting off the train Like a word dropped from a long sentence. He hurries across the length of the grey platform. Crosses the railway line, enters the lane.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Father Returning Home'. Its poet is 'Dilip Chitre'.</p>	<p>His sullen children have often refused to share Jokes and secrets with him. He will now go to sleep. Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming Of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking Of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'Father Returning Home'. Its poet is 'Dilip Chitre'.</p> <p>Q2. Explain the behavior of old man's children towards him.</p>
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<p>Q2. Which line in the poem describes father's irrelevance to the train? Ans. Now I can see him getting off the train Like a word dropped from a long sentence.</p> <p>Q3. Write two reasons for father's eyes being dimmed? Ans. His eyes are dimmed because of his old age and humid monsoon night.</p> <p>Q4. Where does father go after getting off the train? Ans. He crosses the railway line and enters the lane.</p>	<p>Ans. The children have no time for him. They do not share any jokes or secrets with him.</p> <p>Q3. What does he do after being written off by his children? Ans. He goes to sleep listening to the radio.</p> <p>Q4. How can you say that the old man's dreams mirror that either he is thinking about his past or future? Ans. He dreams of his ancestors or grandchildren. It shows that the old man's dreams mirror that either he is thinking about his past or future</p>
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7. The Road Not Taken

'The Road not Taken' is written by 'Robert Frost'. The poem tells the value of choice making in life. Choice of an aim is very difficult. It affects the whole life of a man. The second idea that poem suggests is that extra ordinary things can be achieved only by taking a new path.

<p>Two roads diverged in a yellow wood And sorry I could not travel both. And be one traveller, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth; Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'The Road Not Taken'. Its poet is 'Robert Frost'.</p> <p>Q2. What did the poet see in front of him? Ans. He saw two roads diverged in front of him.</p> <p>Q3. What is the poet sorry about? Ans. He is sorry that he can not travel both the roads.</p> <p>Q4. What is the symbolic meaning of two different paths in the woods? Ans. The one path is for the ordinary people. The other less travelled path is for extraordinary people.</p>	<p>I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence Two roads diverged in a wood, and I I took the less travelled by And that has made all the difference.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'The Road Not Taken'. Its poet is 'Robert Frost'.</p> <p>Q2. Which path did the poet choose to travel? Ans. He chose the less travelled path.</p> <p>Q3. What does the poet mean by 'difference' in the last line? Ans. It means difference between ordinary or extraordinary life.</p> <p>Q4. Is the poet doubtful about his decision? Ans. The poet is not doubtful. He clears that whatever his life will be in future, depends upon his today's choice.</p>
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8. On His Blindness

'On His Blindness' is written by 'John Milton'. The poet suggests that we should always thank God for everything we have. God does not need anything in return of his blessings. God does not want us to do things to make Him happy. Those who feel happy and satisfied in God's will also serve Him.

<p>When I consider, how my light is spent Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide And one talent which is death to hide Lodged with me useless.....</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'On His Blindness'. Its poet is 'John Milton'</p> <p>Q2. In the first line 'light' is afor vision. Ans. Metaphor.</p> <p>Q3. The word spent means... Ans. Used up.</p> <p>Q4. What is meaning of word 'talent' in above line? Ans. the word talent here means poet's ability to write poems.</p>	<p>But patience to prevent That murmur soon replies, 'God doth not need Either man's work or his own gifts. Who best Bear his mild yoke, they serve Him best.</p> <p>Q1. Name the poem and its poet. Ans. The name of the poem is 'On His Blindness'. Its poet is 'John Milton'</p> <p>Q2. What is the meaning of 'murmur' in above line? Ans. It means 'tell'.</p> <p>Q3. What does patience say about God? Ans. Patience says that God does not want us to do things to make Him happy. Those who feel happy and satisfied in God's will also serve Him.</p> <p>Q4. What God does not need? Ans. God does not need anything in return of his blessings.</p>
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Letter writing

Letter to the editor

Opening -: I would like to share my views about

Closing: Some steps must be taken to control this evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

Letter to any officer

Opening: I would like to draw your attention towards

Closing: Some steps must be taken to control this evil. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

1. Subject: Eve teasing

403A, Model Town
Moga

July 11, 2019

The Editor
The Tribune
Chandigarh

Subject: Eve teasing

Sir

I would like to share my views about eve teasing. Youth of today is aimless and irresponsible. They do not care for their social duties. We often see and read about cases of eve teasing around.

Girls face a lot of problem because of this. They do not feel safe outside their homes. It is not easy for girls to stand or walk alone on roads. Sometimes it leads to mis-happenings also. Parents should train boys to behave responsibly. They should be helpful to girls and not troubling them.

Some steps must be taken to control this evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

2. Subject: street begging

I would like to share my views about street begging. Begging in India is considered a part of charity. Helping needy is no doubt a charity.

But these days beggars play emotionally. They beg in the name of God. Sometimes they act as handicapped or carry a child with them. They do this to gain sympathy and money. It has become an easy shortcut for shirk workers to earn money.

At some place begging has become an organized Mafia. Small children, old people and handicapped are forced to beg. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

3. Subject: usage of unfair means in exams

I would like to share my views about use of unfair means in the examination. Youth of today is aimless and irresponsible. They do not care for their future. It has become a fashion these days.

Students do not rely on their own capabilities. They do not prepare for exams properly. They use slips and cheat from each other in exams. It leads to downfall in the standard of education. One main reason is lack of moral values in students. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

4. Subject: Bad condition of buses

I would like to share my views about the bad condition of buses running in the state. I travelled by bus yesterday. It was really a very bad experience. It was full of dust. The seats were torn and very dirty. Window panes were also cracked. Apart from these problems, the engine of the bus was also not working properly. It got us late to reach the destination.

There are many people who travel daily by buses. They have to reach for their jobs. But it must be hard for them to reach on the station at time. Moreover it might not be possible for them to reach at job place in neat and clean clothes. Some steps must be taken to improve the bad condition of the buses. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

5. Subject: Reckless driving

I would like to share my views about the problem of reckless driving on the roads. Number of vehicles has increased many folds. Increasing population is one of the major causes. Another reason is advanced and cheaper technology. It has enabled most of the youth with motor vehicles. Today's youth is crazy about speed. No rule can limit their speed. Reckless driving is actually foolishness. One should not play with own or others' life.

Traffic police should initiate some awareness campaign about traffic rules. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

6. Subject: Causes of indiscipline among the students

I would like to share my views about the main causes of indiscipline among the students. Most of the students are not respectful to their teachers, elders and parents. They do not like to follow any rule and regulation. They do not understand that discipline is very important for society.

Main reason for this behavior is falling moral values. One of the sources of moral values was joint family system. This system has come to an end almost. Children do not feel any responsibility towards family now. It affects their school life too.

Another reason is commercialization of education system. Education is not seen in high reverence now. It is available easily with money. This thinking has changed teacher-student relationship. Students no more care for their teachers' instructions.

Some steps must be taken control this growing evil. I would appreciate if my appeal reaches to the concerned authorities through your newspaper.

7. Subject: Change of name

I want to change my name. I am writing this letter to ask the cost of publication of this matter.

"I, Ranvijay Singh s/o Shri Bharat Singh, R/O #83, Adarsh Nagar Khanna, have changed my name from Ram Singh to Ranvijay Singh".

Kindly publish this in the next weekly issue. I would send the demand draft for it.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Ranvijay Singh

8. Subject: Setting up a dispensary

V.P.O.Nihal Khera
Moga

July 11, 2019

The Deputy Commissioner
Moga

Subject: setting up a dispensary

Sir

I would like to draw your attention towards the urgent need of a dispensary in our area. The nearest dispensary is in a nearby town. It is around 20 kms from our village.

This distance is a major problem. A lot of time is wasted in visiting there. It is crowded also. So people have to wait for their turn for long time. Sometimes whole day is spent. For the labor class, it is a big thing to waste a day.

Another problem is, sometime the need of a doctor arises as an emergency during night. People go through a lot of emotional struggle. First aid help in some cases becomes a major concern. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

9. Subject: Use of loud speakers

I would like to draw your attention towards the use of loud speakers in our city. Loud speakers are used in temples, gurudwaras, rallies, public functions, fairs, for publicity etc. It is an easy and cheap device for publicity. But its appropriate use is also required.

It's a major source of noise pollution. It disturbs sleep of patients, old people and small children. It becomes a big problem for students. They cannot study properly in such noise. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

10. Subject: Need of Parks and gardens

I would like to draw your attention towards the need of parks and garden in our city. Population is increasing at a rapid rate. Villagers are shifting to towns. They want a better life style. This is making houses small to adjust more people. Some streets of our city are very congested. The sunlight does not reach in every corner of the city. It causes many diseases too.

So there is need of parks and gardens. Open places will be good for children to play. People will be able to have some fresh air. It will decrease diseases. Kindly, look into the matter for the well-being of the citizens and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

11. Subject: insanitary conditions.

403A, Model Town
Ludhiana

July 11, 2019

The Municipal Commissioner
Ludhiana

Subject: Insanitary conditions

Sir

I would like to draw your attention towards the insanitary conditions of our area. It has become a big problem for the residents.

The sweeper does not come regularly. Garbage piles up all around. It stinks awful. The rainy season is ahead. It worries us about the risk of diseases. The garbage with clogged water attracts many insects and infections. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

12. Subject: Delay in delivery of mail.

403A, Model Town
Ludhiana

July 11, 2019

The Post Master
Ludhiana

Subject: Delay in delivery of mail

Sir

I would like to draw your attention towards the irregular delivery of my letters. It has become a big problem me. The postman, Ram Lal does not come regularly.

Sometimes he delays important letters. It causes me huge loss. Some times he delivers letters to wrong persons or to the children playing in the street. He does not care for our instructions. Some steps must be taken to control this evil. Kindly look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

13. Subject: Loss of bicycle

403A, Arjun Vihar
Muktsar

July 11, 2019

The S.H.O.
Division 1
Muktsar

Subject: Loss of bicycle

Sir

I am writing this letter to notify about the loss of my bicycle from the main bazar. In the morning around 10 am, I went to buy some goods at Parkash Kiryana Store. I came out after 15 minutes. I did not find my bicycle.

I am sure that I have locked my bicycle. The people around helped me to find the bicycle. But we did not find it anywhere. The bicycle is of Avon make and black color. I shall be thankful if you register my complaint.

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj.

14. Subject: Loss of motorcycle

I am writing this letter to notify about the loss of my motorcycle from the main bazar. In the morning around 10 am, I went to buy some goods at Parkash Kiryana Store. I came out after 15 minutes. I did not find my motorcycle.

I am sure that I have locked my motorcycle. The people around helped me to find the motorcycle. But we did not find it anywhere. The motorcycle is of Hero Honda make and black color. I shall be thankful if you register my complaint.

15. Subject: Need of Library

403A, Model Town
Chandigarh

July 11, 2019

The Mayor
Chandigarh

Subject: Need of library

I would like to draw your attention towards the need of setting up a library in the city. The trend of reading books is diminishing fast. Today youth is more interested in spending time with computers, television or mobile phones. Games on mobiles attract them more than books.

Book reading gives us knowledge. It also develops many other good habits. It makes readers to sit silently and read peacefully. If an initiative to set up a library in the city is taken, we might get our youth back to these most needed habits.

I would appreciate if my suggestion is taken into consideration.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj.

16. Subject: Frequent electricity breakdown in the area

403A, Model Town
Moga

July 11, 2019

The S.D.O.
PSPCL
Moga

Subject: Frequent electricity breakdown in the area

Sir

I would like to draw your attention toward the frequent electricity breakdown in the Model Town. Power cuts are always there in summers. But this time its becoming a big problem for the residents. These are unannounced and for longer duration than usual.

Most of the house-hold chores depend upon electricity. Students have to prepare for examination. People have to take rest for some time at noon. We are so dependent on electricity for all these tasks. Kindly, look into the matter for the well-being of the citizens and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

17. Subject: Non-payment of interest

403A, Arjun Vihar
Muktsar

July 11, 2019

The Branch Manager
SBI, Main Branch
Muktsar

Subject: Non-payment of interest

Sir

I am writing this letter to notify about non-payment of interest in my account. My name is Amit Bajaj. My A/C no. is 53649237346. I have deposited 1,50,000 rupees in my account. Yesterday I checked the statement of my account online. I was shocked to find that interest is not being paid for three months. Kindly, look into the matter and do the needful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Amit Bajaj

18. Subject: Full fee concession

Examination Hall
.....City

May 20, 2019

The Principal
Government Senior Secondary School
Moga

Subject: Full fee concession

Sir

I am a student of Class XII A of your school. My name is Simran. I request you to kindly give me full fee concession. My father is a peon in a Factory. He cannot pay my fees with his low income.

I always pass with first division. I want to study further. I want to become a teacher. Kindly help me to achieve my aim. I may please be given full fee concession and some help from students' aid fund for other expenses for my study. I shall be very grateful to you for this act of kindness.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
Simran

19. Subject: Remission of fine

I am a student of Class XII A of your school. My name is Simran. I request you to kindly remit my fine. It was our English test in the first period today. I have prepared well for the test. I was on the way to school in time. Suddenly, I felt the front tyre has got flat. I had to drag the bicycle for 3kms. So I got late for school and could not take the test. The teacher fined me 50 rupees for missing the test.

My father is a peon in a Factory. He pays my school fee with great difficulty. He can not pay this extra money. I always pass with first division. Kindly remit my fine this time. I will never let it happen again. I shall be very grateful to you for this act of kindness.

Thanking you in anticipation.

20. Subject: Shortage of lectures

I am a student of Class XII A of your school. My name is Simran. I request you to kindly complete my lectures. I always pass with first division. I never miss the school.

Sir, my mother fell sick in the month of November. My father is an army man. He could not get leave. I am the only son of my parents. So I had to miss the school to take care of my mother. Now I fell short of lectures. Kindly, condone the shortage of my lectures. I shall be grateful to you.

21. Subject: Issuing of testimonial.

I was a student of Class XII A of your school in the last session. My name is Simran. I request you to kindly issue me a testimonial as my character certificate. I have taken admission in college. I have to submit it there. Kindly, issue me testimonial showing my academic and other records. I shall be grateful to you.

22. Subject: Changes in the school library

I am a student of Class XII A of your school. My name is Simran. I would like to give some suggestions regarding school library. It is not well organized. A lot of time is wasted in search of books.

The books should be kept alphabetically and subject wise. Some magazines and journals are also required. It would prove helpful to students. A neat and clean library will be a perfect reading place. A group of 6 students is ready to help the librarian for this task. Kindly allow us for this change.

23. Subject: Change of name in school records.

I am a student of Class XII A of your school. My name is Ram Singh. I request you to kindly change my name in school records. I have changed my name from Ram Singh to Ram Singh Rathod. All the legal formalities has been done.

I request you to change my name in the school records. Examination forms will be filled in the next month. Kindly allow me to fill the forms with changed name. I shall be grateful to you.

Yours faithfully
Ram Singh

E-MAIL WRITING

To:

Date:

Subject:

Dear Sanam

It is your birthday party on Sunday. I have to go to for a state level match on Sunday. So I can not attend your birthday party. A very happy birthday to you.

With regards
Pardeep

2. Subject: Condolences

Dear Sanam

Ravi told me about your father's death. I am very sorry for your loss. I could not come for the last ceremonies of your father. I am on a business trip for fifteen days. May your father's soul rest in peace. May god give strength to you and your family to bear this loss.

Will visit you as soon as I am back in the city.

Regards

Rajan

3. Subject: Invitation for inauguration.

Dear Sanam

I am glad to invite you for the inauguration ceremony of my new company. The party is on June 15, 2019 at 10:30 am at 110, Paltan Bazar.

Will wait for you.

Regards

Amit

4. Subject: Thanks for the Interview

Sir

I would like to express my gratitude for considering me as a candidate for the post of Assistant Manager. I found the interview environment very positive.

I assure you that you will be proud of me if I become a part of your team.

Looking forward to get a positive reply.

Regards

Ram Saroop.

5. Subject: Invitation to silver jubilee celebration

I am glad to invite you for 25th anniversary celebration of my parents. The party is on June 15, 2019 at 8:30 pm at Hotel India

Will wait for you.

Regards

Amit

6. Subject: Salary report

Hello Ranbir

You wanted to know your salary records till March. I have prepared the details and sending you the same.

Feel free to call for any doubt.

Regards

Mandeep.

7. Subject: Donation for flood victims

Dear Mohinder

I appreciate your efforts for the flood victims. I am on a business trip for fifteen days. So I can not come and help you in person. I am sending rupees ten thousand in your account for the help.

Will join you soon.

Regards

Parry

8. Subject: Request for SLC

Sir

I am a student of class XII in your school. My name is Dharamvir, roll no. 16. My father is a bank manager. He is transferred to Moga recently. Kindly issue me my school leaving certificate. I have paid all the dues.

I shall be thankful to you.

Yours truly

Dharamvir

Class XII

9. Subject: Request for extension of leave

Sir

I am a student of class XII in your school. My name is Vandana roll no. 16. I was on leave for 2 days for my sister's ring ceremony. The families have suddenly planned the wedding on coming Sunday. A lot of preparation for marriage has to be done. So I can not come to school for another week.

Kindly extend my leave for a week. I shall be thankful to you.

Yours truly

Vandana

Class XII

10. Subject: Wrong supply of smart phone

Sir

Oppo F9 pro, ten smart phones have been ordered. But the parcel that was delivered contained Samsung phones. I am sending the parcel back. Kindly try to send the correct model ASAP.

Regards

Harsh

11. Subject: Change in meeting schedule

Hello Ajay

This is to notify that there is change in meeting schedule with Mr. Karan Bhatia. Now this meeting will be on July 14, 2019 at 3 p.m. the venue is same.

Sorry for inconvenience.

Regards

Sumit Verma.

12. Subject: Books for Library

Madam

I am a student of class XII. The books in the school library are of old syllabus. So I request you to procure new syllabus books for the library. It will be of great help for the students.

Regards

Vijay Bansal

Class XII B

13. Subject: Come home this weekend.

Dear Simmi

How are you doing there? You haven't come home for a month. It is mom's birthday on this Sunday. I have planned a surprise party for her. So you must come home this weekend. Your presence will be the best gift.

Love you.

Saneha

14. Subject: Need some money

Dear Papa

How are you doing there? My final exams are from next Monday. I have to clear my dues. Roll no. will be given after no dues certificate. Please transfer 1000 rupees in my account.

Waiting for your reply. My love to mom.

Yours

Sanjay

15. Subject: Request for help

Dear Anu

You know my presentation on sales report is on Monday. I am so nervous. It's a big deal. Need you badly. Please spend this weekend with me to help me with this presentation.

Waiting for your reply.

Siya.

PRECIS WRITING

1. TITLE: BENEFITS OF MEDITATION

In modern world people suffer from stress a lot. It disturbs everything in life. Meditation is the best solution of this problem. Meditation is focus on breathing with closed eyes. It connects with deep inner-self. Regular practice leads to peace of mind and changes our reactions and attitudes. One becomes thankful for god's gift i.e. life.

2. TITLE: ROCK GARDEN

Rock garden is a beautiful sculpture garden near Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh. It was created by Nakechand. It is spread over 40 acres. He started working on it in 1957. It was opened to public in 1976. He used industrial material and home waste for it. He created different shapes with it. It includes human shapes also. Its theme based on lost kingdom makes it more beautiful.

3. TITLE: CULTURE OF PUNJAB

Culture of Punjab is one of the oldest and richest. It is apparent in its folk dances, folk songs, poetry, painting, cuisines and folk games. Punjabis love eating. They celebrate their festivals, traditions and weddings with a great spirit. Punjabis are fun loving, emotional and very religious.

4. TITLE: FEMALE FOETICIDE

Women face many challenges. Female foeticide is the worst challenge. It means the killing of a healthy female foetus by abortion. In our country, female foeticide is considered a crime. The continuous female foeticide will disturb the social balance. For a healthy society, the male or female gender ratio should be at a balanced level. If it is not checked, it will have a serious effect on the future generation of our society.

5. TITLE: DRINKING WATER

'Safe drinking water' is one of the basic needs. Drought or other natural disasters could lead to scarcity of water. In any type of crisis, proper management of drinking water supply to the affected people on an 'immediate basis' is an essential requirement. Proper measures are essential to reduce or eliminate chances of disease prevalence/outbreak of epidemics. The SOP document explains, what steps they should take before, during and after a natural hazard.

6. TITLE: EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Education is a fundamental right of even the disabled children. Such children have right to free education till the age of eighteen. Their learning process is planned according to their special needs. Modifications in the infrastructure are done for their free movement. The teachers should develop a positive attitude in the students towards the special child. They should create a co-operative spirit among all the students.

7. TITLE: THE MUSEUM OF SIKHISM IN ANANDPUR SAHIB

The museum of Sikhism in Anandpur Sahib, shows Sikh heritage through the use of audio-visual aids and audio guides. The echo of mantra makes the environment divine. On entering the first gallery one gets a glimpse of the history of a village of Punjab. The inner galleries show the culture of Punjab and the teachings of the Sikh Gurus. We get the history of the Sikh religion from the first to the tenth Guru.

8. TITLE: TIME MANAGEMENT

By good time management, we can work better and get more output with less efforts and time. Bad time management means less productivity. With proper time management, one achieves success, greater quality, higher productivity and more reputation. To get maximum out of our time, we should divide work into urgent and non-urgent. We should avoid distractions. We must utilize what is our best time for work. We should do one task at a time, remain calm and keep our place uncluttered. Often take break and review your work.

9. TITLE: THE GRASSLANDS AND FORESTS

The grasslands and forests depend on climate. Grass is more resistant to less moisture and grows in areas of low rainfall and where water drains away rapidly. There are woodland savannahs on the borders of a forest and shrub size trees in drier areas. In a semi-arid climate, the grass is shorter and the vegetation is thin. When there is great shortage of rainfall, the grassland turns to desert.

10. TITLE: TENSIONS AND HEADACHES

Tensions and headaches cause pressure and tightness in the head, neck and the shoulders. It can be prevented by massage, meditation and visualization. Foods and drugs containing caffeine increase tension, anxiety and headaches. Headaches may also increase tension, anxiety and headaches. Headaches may also be due to sinusitis which causes ache. This pain worsens when a person bends over.

11. TITLE: ERADICATION OF OPEN DEFECATION

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan aims to achieve an open defecation free India by October 2, 2019 by constructing 12 million toilets in rural India. The Prime Minister said that women folk of the village wait for the night to go out to defecate in open. He also spoke of the need for toilets in schools. The Ministry of Urban Development, commissioned Quality Council of India aims to foster a spirit of competition among the cities about their sanitation status.

12. TITLE: FAST FOOD

The modern man is very busy. In his hurried routine, he prefers to eat junk food. It does no good to the body as it lacks nutritional value. Fast food chains are popular worldwide. Fast food is served on social functions. Such foods are major source of obesity, high blood pressure, diabetics etc. School and college tuck shops should sell fresh fruits, salad, sprouts etc. Milk and butter milk should replace aerated drinks.

13. TITLE: DEMOCRACY

Democracy is a social order aiming at the greatest good for the greatest number of people. People are provided freedom of thought, speech, expression and action. General elections are held after every five years. All citizens are equal before law. Opinion of minority is also given due respect. Every individual above eighteen years of age participates in selecting the government. People come together to fight against social evils for uplifting all the sections of society.

14. TITLE: HOBBIES

An activity or interest pursued for pleasure or relaxation is a hobby. It is something you do for fun, not for money. If it earns money, it is all the more beneficial. It involves collecting, building or creating something. Some hobbies could become career also with requisite skills or qualification. The idea of a hobby is to derive pleasure first and financial gain later.

15. TITLE: RELIGION

For a religion to be effective, enthusiasm is necessary. We should accept the broadness of a universal religion. God, though everywhere can be known to us in and through human character. No character was ever so perfect as Rama Krishna. Every being should have same rights and freedom of thought and action. We should reject none on the basis of particular codes of morality.

With best wishes

Urvashi

Lecturer-in-English