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# Prose <br> THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY  

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## MIND MAP



## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## பாட்்சுருக்கம்

இப்பாடம் குஷ்வந்த்சிங்கின் பாட்டியின் அன்பு, பாிவு முதலிய நற்பண்புகளள படம்பிடித்துக் காட்டுகிறது. இந்த எழுத்தாளர் பள்ளியில் படித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார். அவரது பெற்றோர்கள் அவரை அவருடைய பாட்டியிடம் கிராமத்தில் விட்டுவிட்டு நகரத்திற்கு சென்று விட்டனர். அவரது பாட்டி அவரை நேசித்தார். அவர் பள்ளி செல்லும்போது அவரது பாட்டி கோயில்வரை உடன் சென்றார். அவா் பள்ளி சென்றவுடன் பாட்டி கோயிலுக்கு சென்றார். அவரது பெற்றோா் நகரத்தில் நன்கு வசதியானதும், அவரும், பாட்டியும் அங்கு சென்றனர். அவா் அங்கிருந்த பள்ளியில் சேர்ந்தார். அவரது பாட்டி அங்கு குருவிகளுக்கு உணவளித்தார். குஷ்வந்த்சிங் மேற்படிப்புக்காக வெளிநாடு சென்றார். ஐந்து ஆண்டுகள் கழித்து நாடு திரும்பினார். மறுநாள் பாட்டியின் உடல்நலம் சாியில்லாமல் இறந்தார். பல ஆயிரம் குருவிகள் பாட்டியின் உடலருகே மௌனமாக நின்றன. பாட்டியின் உடல் எடுத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டபோது அவை அமைதியாக கலைந்து சென்றன.

## TEXT TRANSLATION

## THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

ஒரு பெண்்ணின்் உருவப்படம்
என் பாட்டி, எல்லோருடை பாட்டியைப் போல், ஒரு வயதான பெண்மணி. நாண் அவரை அறிந்ததிலிருந்து இருபது வருடங்களாக வயதானவராகவும், சுருக்கத்துடனும் இருந்தார். அவ்் முன்பு இளமையாகவும், அழகானவராகவும் இருந்தார். என்றும் கணவர் இருந்தார் என்றும் மக்கள் ஒருமுறை சூறியிிருந்தார்கள். ஆனால் அதை நம்புவதற்கு சற்று கடினமாக இருந்தது. என் தாத்தாவின் உருவப்படம் அறையில் அலமாாிக்கு மேல் தொங்கிக் கொண்டிருந்தது. வெள்ளைத்தாடி, அவரது மார்பின் பெரும்பான்மையான பகுதியை மூடியிருந்தது மற்றும் அவா் குணறந்தது ஒரு நூறு வயது இருப்பவா் போல இருந்தார். மணைவியோ அல்லது பிள்ளைகளோ அவருக்கு இருப்பது போல் அவா் காட்சி அளிக்கவில்லை. அவருக்கு பேரப்பிள்ளைகள் நிறறய இருப்பது போல தொி்தது. என் பாட்டி இளமையாக மற்றும் அழகாக இருப்பதானல் என் சிந்தனை கிட்டத்தட்ட கிளர்ச்சியற்றது. அவா் குழந்தையாக இருக்கும்போது விளயைாடிய விளையாட்டைப் பற்றிஅடிக்கடி சொல்லுவார். அது அவருக்கு மிகவும் அபத்தமானதாகவும் மற்றும் கேவலமானதாகவம் தோன்றியது. அதைப் பற்றி அவா் சொல்லும்போது தீாக்கதரிசிகளின் கதைகள் போல அதனை நாங்கள் உற்றுக் கேட்போம்

She had always been short and fat and slightly bent. Her face was a criss-cross of wrinkles running from everywhere to everywhere. No, we were certain she had always been as we had known her. Old, so terribly old that she could not have grown older, and had stayed at the same age for twenty years. She could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful. She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of her rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.

My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart; I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a red pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs.

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together. This

அவா் எப்போதும் குள்ளமாகவும் உடல் பருத்தும் மற்றும் சற்று வாைந்த முதுகுடண் இருந்தார். அவரது முகம் எங்கும் ஆங்காங்கே சுருக்கங்கள் குறுக்கும் நெடுக்குமாக இருந்தது. இல்லை, நாங்கள் உறுதியாக இருந்தோம், உங்களுக்கு தொி்்திருந்தால் அவள் எப்பொழுதும் இருந்திருக்கலாம் என்பது நிச்சயம். பழைய, மிகவும் மோசமாக பணைய அவா் இன்னும் வயதானவராக இருக்கமுடியாது. இருபது ஆண்டிகாளக அவர் அதே வயதில் இருக்கிறார். அவர் மிகவும் அழகாக இருந்திருக்க முடியாது. ஆனால் அவர் எப்போதும் அழகாக இருந்தார். தன் வளைந்த தோற்றத்தை சமப்படித்துவதற்காக கையை இடுப்பில் வைத்திருந்தார். மற்றொன்றில் ஜெபமாலை மணியை வைத்திருந்தார். அவளுடைய வெள்ளி முடிகள் முகத்தில் பளபளவென்று சிதறிக்கிடந்தன. அவளுடைய உதடிகள் அடிக்கடி மௌனமான பிரார்த்தனை செய்தன. ஆம், அவள் அழகாக இருந்தாள். அவள் மலைகளில் குளிi்கால நிலப்பரப்பு போல, தூய வெண்மையான அமைதியின் அடையாளமாக திகழ்ந்தார்.

எண் பாட்டி மற்றும் நான் நல்ல நண்பா்கள். என் பெற்றோர்கள் நகரத்தில் வசிக்க சென்றபோது என்ணை அவாிடம் விட்டுச் செண்றார்கள். நாங்கள் தொடர்ந்து ஒண்றாக இருந்தோம். அவர் காலையில் எழுந்து என்ணை பள்ளிக்கு தயராக்குவார். அவா் குளித்து விட்டு, காலை பிரார்த்தனையாக ஒரே மாதிாியான பாடலை பாடுவார். பின்பு எனக்கு உடைமாற்றி விடும் போதும் பாடுவார். ஏஞெனில் நாண் அதணை கேட்பேன். எண் இதயத்தில் அது பற்றிக் கொள்ளும் என்ற நம்பிக்கையில். நான் அவருடைய குரலை நேசித்தேன், ஆனால் அதை கற்றுக் கொள்ளத் துணியவில்லை. பிறகு அவா் எனக்கு ஏற்கனவே கழுவி வைத்திருந்த மரத்தாலான கரும்பலகை மற்றும் மஞ்சள் சுண்ணாகட்டி, ஒரு சிறிய மண்ணாலான - மை பட்டி மற்றும் சிவப்பு பேணா ஆகியவற்றறக் கொண்டது, அவை அணைத்தையும் ஒரு மூட்டையில் கட்டி, என்னிடம் ஒப்படைப்பார். ஒரு தடிமனான காலை உணவாக தடிமனான ரொட்டிகளோடு சிறிது வெண்ணெய் மற்றும் சா்க்காை சோ்த்து சமைத்து சாப்பிட்டு விட்டு,பிறகு பள்ளிக்குச் சென்றோம். கிராமப்புற நாய்களுக்கு அவள் நிறைய பழைய சப்பாத்திகளை கொண்டு வருவார்.

கோயில் பள்ளியுடன் இணைக்கப்பட்டிள்ளதால், பாட்டி எப்போதும் என்னுடன் பள்ளிக்கு வருவார். பூசாாி எங்களுக்கு எழுத்துக்கள் மற்றும் காலல பிரார்த்தனை கற்று தருவார். குழந்மதகள் வராண்டாவின் இருபக்கங்களிலும் வரிசையில் உட்கார்ந்திருந்து எழுத்துக்கள் அல்லது பிராத்தனையை குழுவாக பாடினார்கள். என் பாட்டி வேதங்களை உள்ளே உட்கார்ந்து படிப்பார். நாங்கள் இருவரும் வேலைகளை முடித்த உடன் மீண்டும் ஒன்றாக திரும்பவோம். இந்த நேரத்தில்
time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapatti we threw to them.

When my parents were comfortably settled in the city, they sent for us. That was a turning-point in our friendship. Although we shared the same room, my grandmother no longer came to school with me. I used to go to an English school in a motor bus. There were no dogs in the streets and she took to feeding sparrows in the courtyard of our city house.

கிராமத்தில் உள்ள நாய்கள் கோவில் கதவருகே எங்களை சந்திக்கும். நாங்கள் வீசி எரிகின்ற சப்பாத்திக்காக ஒன்றோடொன்று உறுமிக் கொண்டும் சண்டை போட்டுக் கொண்டும் எங்களை பின் தொடர்ந்து வீடு வணை வரும்.

என் பெற்றோர் நகரத்தில் வசதியாக குடியிருந்த போது, அவர்கள் எங்களை நகரத்திற்கு வரச்சொன்னார்கள். அதுவே எங்கள் நட்பில் ஒரு திருப்பு முணையாக அமைந்தது. நாங்கள் ஒரே அறையை பகிா்ந்தாலும், என் பாட்டி என்னுடன் பள்ளிக்கு வருவது இல்லை. நான் ஒரு பேருந்தில் ஆங்கில பள்ளிக்கு செல்வேண். தெருக்களில் நாய்கள் கிடையாது. எங்கள் நகர வீட்டில் முற்றத்தில் சிட்டுக்குருவிக்கு அவா் உணவளித்தார்.

பல வருடங்களாக, நாங்கள் ஒருவருக்கொருவா் குறைவாகவே பார்த்திருந்தோம். சிறிது நாள் தொடர்ந்து அவா் என்ணை எழுப்பி பள்ளிக்கு என்னை தயார் செய்து அனுப்புவார். நான் திரும்பி வந்த போது, ஆசிரியர் எனக்கு என்ன பாடம் கற்றுக் கொடுத்தார் என்று என்னிடம் கேட்பார். நான் அவருக்கு ஆங்கில வார்த்தைகள் மற்றும் மேற்கத்திய விஞ்ஞானம் மற்றும் கற்றல்,ஈர்ப்பு சட்டம், ஆர்க்கிடிடீஸ் கோட்பாடு, உலகம் எப்படி சுற்றுகிறது, முதலியவற்றை சொல்வேன். இது அவரை வருத்தமடையச் செய்தது. எண் பாடங்களுக்கு அவரால் உதவ முடியவில்லை. ஆங்கில பாடசாலலயில் அவர்கள் கற்றுக் கொண்ட விஷயங்களில் அவா் நம்பிக்கை கொள்ளவில்லை. கடவுளையும் வேதங்களையும் பற்றி எந்த போதனையும் இல்லை என்று வேதனை அடைந்தார். ஒரு நாள் நான் இசைப்பாடங்களை வழங்கியிருப்பதாக அறிவிப்பேன். அவள் மௌனத்தை தவிர வேறு எதுவும் கூறவில்லை. அதற்குப் பிறகு அவா் என்னிடம் மிகவும் அாிதாகவே பேசினார்.

நான் பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்குச் சென்ற போது, எனக்கென்று தனி அணை இருந்தது. நட்பின் பொதுவான இணைப்பு துண்டிக்கப்பட்டது. எண் பாட்டி தனித்திருப்தை ஏற்றுக் கொண்்டா்். அவள் யாருடனும் பேசப்பட்டதாக அவளது நூற்பு-சக்கரத்தை நூற்றி ஆரம்பித்தாள். சூரிய உதயத்திலிருந்து சூரியன் மறறயும் வரை, அவள் நூற்பு சக்கரத்திற்கு அருகில் உட்கார்ந்து பிரார்த்தணைகளைச் சொல்லிக் கொண்டிருந்தார். மதியம் மட்டிம் அவள் சிட்டுக்குருவிகளுக்கு உணவளிக்க சிறிது ஓய்வெடுத்தாள். வராண்்டாவில் உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் பொழுது ரொட்டியை சிறுதுண்டிகளாக உடைத்தார். நூற்றுக்கணக்கான சிறிய பறவைகள் அவணை சுற்றிக் கொண்டு கலகலப்லொலி எழுப்பின. சில அவரது கால்களில் வந்து, மற்றவை அவரது தோள்களில் வந்தடைந்தன. சில அவரது தலலயில் உட்கார்ந்திருந்தன. அவா் சிாித்தார். ஆனால் ஒரு போதும் பறவைகளை

When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years, and at her age one could never tell. But my grandmother could. She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion. Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. Silently she kissed my forehead, and when I left I cherished the moist imprint as perhaps the last sign of physical contact between us.

But that was not so. After five years I came back home and was met by her at the station. She did not look a day older. She still had no time for words, and while she clasped me in her arms I could hear her reciting her prayers. Even on the first day of my arrival, her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed longer and with frivolous rebukes.

In the evening a change came over her. She did not pray. She collected the women of the neighbourhood, got an old drum and started to sing. For several hours she thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum and sang of the home-coming of warriors. We had to persuade her to stop to avoid overstraining. That was the first time since I had known her that she did not pray.

The next morning she was taken ill. It was a mild fever and the doctor told us that it would go. But my grandmother thought differently. She told us that her end was near. She said that, since only a few hours before the close of the last chapter of her life she had omitted to pray, she was not going to waste any more time talking to us.

விரட்டும் ஒலியை அவா் செய்யவில்லை. இந்த அணைமணி நேரம்தான் அவருக்கு நாளில் மகிழ்ச்சியான நேரம் ஆகும்.

மேற்படிப்பு படிப்பதற்காக வெளிநாட்டிற்கு செல்ல முடிவு செய்த போது, என் பாட்டி கவலையடைந்திருப்பதாக எனக்குத் தொிுும். ஐந்து வருடங்களுக்கு நான் வெகுதூரத்திலிருப்பேன். அவருடைய வயதில் ஒரு போதும் செல்ல முடியாது. ஆனால் எண் பாட்டியால் முடியும். அவருக்கு உணர்ச்சி பிணைப்பும் இல்லை. ரயில் நிலையத்தில் என்னை விட்டு செல்ல அவா் வந்தார். ஆனால் எந்த உணர்ச்சியையும் பேசவோ அல்லது காட்டவோ இல்லல. அவரது உதடுகள் பிரார்த்தனை செய்தன. அவருடைய மனம் ஜெபத்தில் இருந்தது. அவளுடைய விரல்கள் ஜெபமாலையின் மணிகளள் மும்முரமாக உருட்டிக்கொண்டிருந்தன. மெதுவாக அவா் என் நெற்றியை முத்தமிட்டார். நான் அவளை விட்டுச் சென்ற போது நான் மிகவும் சந்தோஷமடைந்தேன். எங்களுக்கு இடையேயான உடல் தொடர்புக்கான கடைசி அடையாளம் போல் அச்சிடலாம்.

ஆனால் அது அப்படி இல்லை. ஐந்து வருடங்கள் கழித்து
நான் வீட்டிற்கு வந்தேன். அவா் முன்பு இருந்தது போல் இல்லை. அவருக்கு வார்த்தைகளுக்கு இø்னும் நேரமில்லாமல் இருந்தன. அவா் கைகளில் எண்ணை தழுவிக் கொண்டிருந்த போது, அவா் பிரார்த்தணைகள் சொல்வதைக் கேட்டேன். என் வருகையின் முதல் நாளண்று, அவருடைய மகிழ்ச்சியான தருணங்கள் அவா் சிட்டுக்குருவியுடன் இருந்தது. அதற்கு நீண்ட நேரமாக உணவு கொடுத்தார்.

மாலையில் ஒரு மாற்றம் அவாிடம் வந்தது. அவர் பிரார்த்திக்கவில்லை. அவள் அருகிலிருந்த பெண்களை சூப்பிட்டார். பழைய டிரம் ஒன்றைப் பெற்று பாடுவதற்குத் தொடங்கினார். பல மணி நேரங்களுக்கு அவா் தொய்வு விழுந்த டிரம்ஸ் கொண்டு பாடினார் மற்றும் போர் வீரர்கள் வீட்டிற்கு வருவதை பற்றி பாடினார். அவள் மேல் அழுத்தத்தைத் தவிர்ப்பதற்கு நாங்கள் அவளைத் தூண்ட வேண்டிம். இன்றுதாண் அவா் பிரார்த்தணை செய்யாமல் இருந்தார்.

மறுநாள் காலையில் அவருக்கு உடம்பு சாியில்லை. அது ஒரு மிதமான காய்ச்சல் மற்றும் டாக்டர் அது சாியாகி போய்விடிம் என்று சொன்னார். ஆனால் எண் பாட்டி வித்தியாசமாக சிந்தித்தார். அவருமைய முடிவு நெருங்கி விட்டது என அவா் சொன்னாா். அவா் வாழ்க்கையின் கடைசி அத்தியாத்தின் முடிவிற்கு சில மணி நேரத்திற்கு முன் பிராா்த்தனை செய்யாமல் விட்டுவிட்டதால், அவா்

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| We protested. But she ignored our protests. She lay peacefully in bed praying and telling her beads. Even before we could suspect, her lips stopped moving and the rosary fell from her lifeless fingers. A peaceful pallor spread on her face and we knew that she was dead. | நாங்கள் எதிர்ப்ப தெரிவித்தோய். ஆனாா்் அவர் எங்கள் எதி்்ப்ணப அலட்சியம் செய்தார். அவள் படுக்ணகயயில் அயைதியாகப் படித்திருந்தார். அவா் மணிகணளக் கொண்்டி பிரார்த்தணையயில் ஈடுபட்டிருந்தார். நாா் சந்தேகிக்க முடிவதற்கு முன்்ப, அவருணைய உதடுகள் அயையவில்ணல. அவाது உயிறற்ற விரல்களிலிருந்து ஜெபாாணை கீழே விழுந்தது. அவாது முகத்தில் ஒரு வெஸிர் நிறம் பரவியது. அவா் இறந்து விட்டதாக அறிந்்ோம். |
| We lifted her off the bed and, as is customary, laid her on the ground and covered her with a red shroud. After a few hours of mourning we left her alone to make arrangements for her funeral. In the evening we went to her room with a crude stretcher to take her to be cremated. The sun was setting and had lit her room and verandah with a blaze of golden light. We stopped half-way in the courtyard. All over the verandah and in her room right up to where she lay dead and stiff wrapped in the red shroud, thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor. There was no chirruping. We felt sorry for the birds and my mother fetched some bread for them. She broke it into little crumbs, the way my grandmother used to, and threw it to them. The sparrows took no notice of the bread. When we carried my grandmother's corpse off, they flew away quietly. Next morning the sweeper swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin. | நாங்கள் அவமை படுக்ணகuிலிருந்து தூக்கிநோாம். இது வழக்கமாாண ஒண்று. அவணा தணாயிில் படுக்க ணவத்தோம். பின்பு சிவப்பு கம்பளத்தால் அவணा மூடிணோம். ஒரு சில மணி நேரம் கழித்து அவணை விட்டு விட்டு இறுதி சடங்கிற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்பேதாய். அவணा சுடிகாட்ட்ற்கு கொண்்ட செல்வதற்காக சாயங்்காாம் அமரர் ஊர்தியை எடித்துக் கொண்்டு அவாது அணறக்குச் செண்்றறாம். சூரியன்் அந்திமாணல சாயும் பொழுது அதன்் தந்கக்கீற்றுகளாால் அணறணை நிரப்பியது. நாங்கள் முற்றத்தில் பாதி வழியில் நிறத்தப்பட்டோம். வாாண்்டா மற்றும் அணற முழுவதும் அவர் இறந்த மற்றும் சிவப்ப துணியுடன் மூடப்பட்டிருக்கும் <br> இடத்தில் ஆயிரக்கணணக்கான சிட்டுக்குுுுவிகள் தøரயில் சிதறி அயா்ந்திருந்தø. அயைகள் கீச்சிடவில்ணல. நாங்கள் பறணவகளுக்காக மன்னிப்புக் கேட்டிக் கொண்்டோம். எண் அம்மா அயைகளுக்காக ளெராட்டி கொண்்டவந்தார். அவர் அயத கொஞ்சம் சிறிய துண்்கெகாாக உணடத்து, எø் பாட்டி கொடுக்கும் விதமாக அவா் அணை வீசினார். சிட்டுக்குருவிகள் ளொட்டிணை கவனிக்கவில்ゅல. நாங்கள் எண் பாட்டி சடலத்றத எடித்த போது, அயவகள் அமைதியாா பறந்து சென்றறø. அடுத்த நாா் காணலயில் துப்புரவு செய்பவா் ளொா்டி துண்்டிகணள குு்யபத் தொட்டியில் போட்டார். |

## GLOSSARY

| 1 | mantelpiece | shelf projecting from the wall <br> above fireplace | தட்டு மாடம் |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | absurd | inconsistent/ illogical | அபத்தமான (அ) <br> பொடுத்தமில்லாத |
| 3. | fables | tales/stories | நீதிக்கததகள் (அ) கணதகள் |
| 4. | hobbled | walked unsteadily | கட்டுப்படுத்தப்பட்ட |


| 5. | pucked | to contract the face into wrinkles | சுருக்கு (அ) மடித்து வை |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6. | expanse | widespread | விாிவடைவது (அ) பெரியதாக்கு |
| 7. | monotonous | unchanging /boring | சலிப்பான (அ) ஊக்கமளிக்காத |
| 8. | snapped | broke / cut | முறிந்த |
| 9. | seclusion | isolation | தனித்திருத்தல் (அ) விலகி இருத்தல் |
| 10. | bedlam | noisy confusion | சூச்சல் குழப்பம் நிறைந்த இடம் |
| 11. | perched | sat / rested | இளைப்பாறுதல் |
| 12. | rebukes | scoldings | செல்லச்சிணுங்கல் |
| 13. | dilapidated | damaged | பாழடைந்த (அ) இழந்த (அ) உடைந்த |
| 14. | pallor | an unhealthy pale appearance | நிறமிழு்பு (அ) நோயால் அச்சத்தால் ஏற்படும் வெளிறிய தோற்றம் |
| 15. | shroud | cloth used to wrap a dead person | சவச்சீலை |

## SYNONYMS

| Word | Synonyms | தமிழ் அர்த்தம் |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| wrinkled | folded | சுருங்கிய |
| hung | swaying | தொங்கு |
| turban | cap, hat | தொப்பி, தணலப்பாகை |
| revolting | vile, nasty | புர்சிகரமான |
| absurd | crazy, stupid | முட்டாள்தனமான |
| undignified | rough, common | முரட்டுத்தனமான |
| fables | myth, fiction | புராண்ம் |
| prophets | seer | தீாக்கதாிசி |
| hobbled | walked, unsteadily | தளர்வான நடை |
| spotless | without design | தவறில்லாத |
| untidy | unclean | அுுக்கான |
| puckered | plait, wrinkle | அு்கமான |
| serenity | peace of mind | ஒnvaried, unchanging |
| monotonous |  |  |


| scriptures | sacred writings | புனித புத்தகம் |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| courtyard | front portion | வாசல்புறம் |
| distressed | disappointed | ஏமாற்றமம்ந்த |
| announced | released | வெளியீடு |
| seclusion | privacy, shelter | பாதுகாப்பு |
| resignation | withdrawal | விடுவிக்கப்பட்ட |
| reciting | repeat | மனண்் செய்தல் |
| shooed | scoldings | தள்ளுதல் |
| rebukes | old | பெல்லக்கோபம் |
| sagging | grave clothes | இடுமையானாட்டு துணி |
| shroud |  |  |

## ANTONYMS

| Word | Antonyms | Word | Antonyms |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| wrinkled | X unwrinkled | revolting | X good, clean |
| absurd | X logical, wise | undignified | X well, strong |
| fables | X sense, truth | hobbled | X free, release |
| untidily | X clean | puckered | X smoothness |
| serenity | X trouble | contentment | X unhappiness |
| monotonous | X varied, changing | distressed | X glad |
| announced | X hidden | seclusion | X open, public |
| resignation | X stay, agreement | reciting | X fail, take |
| cherished | X reject, release | rebukes | X approval |
| crumbs | X glob, lot | dilapidated | X creation |

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

1) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences based on your understanding of the story.
a) Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait.

He wore a turban and loose dress. He had white beard. He seemed 100 years old.
b) Why was the author left with his grandmother in the village?

The author's parents went to the city. They had to settle there. So, the author was left with his grandma.
c) Where did the author study in his childhood?

He studied in his village school, in his childhood. It was attached to the temple.
d) Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
(MAY-22)
The author was young. The school was attached to the temple. So, his grandma accompanied him to school.
e) What made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours?
(JUNE-19)
The grandma fed the dogs after school hours. It made them follow her.
f) Why didn't the grandmother feel sentimental when the author went abroad for higher education?
(SEP-20)(MDL-23)
She accepted the change. So, she didn't feel sentimental on his going abroad for higher education.
g) What was the happiest time of the day for grandmother?

She fed sparrows every afternoon. It was her happiest time of the day.
2) Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each. (Text Page5)
a) Describe the author's grandmother.

She was old and bent. She loved the author. She fed dogs and sparrows.
b) What was the daily routine of the grandmother at home?

She woke up her grandson. She made him ready for school. She prayed God. She followed him to school.
c) How is school education in the village different from that in the city?

Alphabet is taught in the village. In the city, English words and western science are taught City schools don't teach scriptures.
d) The grandmother appreciated the value of education. Give instances in support of your answer.

She stressed good manners. She loved all creatures. She fed dogs and sparrrows. She didn't object to her grandson's education.
e) The grandmother was strong-minded.Justify.

She endured the author's separation. She predicted her death. She died calmly.
f) How did the grandmother spend the last few hours of her life?

She didn't talk. She lay on bed. She prayed. Her lips stopped moving. The rosary fell.

## $\beta \Rightarrow A$

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

3) Answer the following in a paragraph of 100-150 words each.
a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also.

The Grandma shaped the author. She was friendly. She told him moral stories. She woke him early. She made him listen to prayers. She taught his spiritual values. My granny told me moral stories. My Mom teaches me good manners. My Dad teaches me punctuality. My uncle teaches me neatness.

Moral: Old is gold
b) As young Khushwant Singh, write a letter to your parents describing your daily routine expressing your thoughts and feelings about staying in the village.

Punjab, $4^{\text {th }}$ March, 20XX

Dear parents,
I am fine. I expect the same from you. Grandma loves me much. She wakes me early. I listen to her prayer. It's boring. But, I like her voice. She helps me to go to school. She gives me chapatis. She follows me upto school. I like the environment here. I wish to stay here for long.
c) Animals are capable of empathy. Substantiate this statement with examples from the story as well as your own experiences.

The grandma fed dogs. She fed sparrows daily. She felt very happy. Later, she died. So many sparrows went there. They were calm. They paid their homage. The writer's Mom threw breadpieces. They didn't eat them. The grandma's body was taken away. The sparrows left calmly. Our grandpa died. Our pet dog was sad. It didn't eat for long. It died. So animals have empathy.

> Moral: Animals too have love

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

## Introduction:

| Prose | : The Portrait of a Lady |
| :--- | :--- |
| Author | : Khushwant Singh |
| Theme | : Grandma's vital role in the |
|  | author's formative years. |

The story "The Portrait of A Lady" written by Khushwant Singh beautifully visualizes the author's closeness to his grandma in his formative years. It also depicts her vital role in the story.

## Parents Shifting To City:

The author and his grandma were good friends. His parents left him with her when they went to live in the city. She would wake him every morning and get him ready for school. She said her morning prayer and bathed him and dressed him. Then, she went with him to school.

## Grandma's Love:

The author's grandma loved him much. He listened to her because he loved her voice. She would bring him wooden slate, an ink-pot and a redpen. After breakfast, she carried stale chapattis for the village dogs.

## Shifting to the City:

When the author's parents settled comfortably in the city, they sent for them. That was a turning-point in their friendship. They shared the same room. But, his - grandma didn't go with him to school. He went to school by bus. His grandma would feed sparrows in the courtyard of the house.

## Separation for Higher studies:

The author went to university where he was given a separate room. Their friendship was snapped. The grandma accepted her seclusion. She spun her spinning - wheel and recited prayers. She fed the sparrows. They sat on her legs, shoulders and head.

## Abroad For Higher Studies:

The author decided to go abroad for higher studies. He would be away for five years. She was not sentimental. She went to the railway station. She wasn't emotional. She prayed and kissed on his forehead. After five years, he returned home. She hadn't changed much.

## Grandma's Death:

A change came over her in the evening. She didn't pray. She sang a song. She was ill the next morning and she told them about her near end. She was dead. A number of sparrows gathered and mourned her death.

## Conclusion :

Thus, the story narrates his grandma's selfless love.
Moral: Selfless love charms all living beings.

## FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

| Prose | $:$ The Portrait of a Lady |
| :--- | :--- |
| Author | $:$ Khushwant Singh |
| Theme | $:$ Grandma's Love |

The grandma's selfless love is portrayed in the story. The anthor's parents left the village. They didn't take him. They would settle well there. They wanted to take him later. His Grandma loved him much. She woke him. She got him ready. She made him pray. She followed him to school. She returned with him. She fed dogs. Grandma and the author shifted to the city. He joined a school. He went there by bus. His grandma accepted the change. She fed sparrows. The author went abroad for studies. Five years passed. The author returned home. The grandma was happy.

She fell sick. She didn't talk. She lay silently. She died. The sparrows were sad. Thus the grandma's selfless love is depicted well.

Moral: Old is gold

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

* Kushwant's parents left the village.
* He was with grandma.
* She loved him.
* She woke him.
* She got him ready.
* She followed him to school.
* She fed dogs.
* They went to the city.
* He jointed a school.
* Grandma accepted the change.
* She fed sparrows.
* Kushwant went abroad.
* He returned after 5 years. Grandma died.

Moral: Old is gold.

## TEXTUAL EXERCISES

## VOCABULARY

a) Read the following words and choose the correct antonyms from the options given:

| Words | Options |  |  | Answers |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| moist | a. marshy | b. arid | c. slimy | d. sultry | moist x arid |
| frivolous | a. serious | b. sad | c. furious | d. happy | frivolous x serious |
| omitted | a. isolated | b. rejected | c. contracted | d. included | omitted x included |
| protest | a. promote | b. apprehend | c. accept | d. project | protest x accept |
| serenity | a. simplicity | b. anxiety | c. absurdity | d. stupidity | serenity x anxiety |
| scattered | a. sprinkled | b. multiplied | c. gathered | d. covered | scattered x gathered |
| monotonous | a. interesting | b. tiresome | c. fragrant | d. satisfying | monotonous x interesting |

b) Fill in the blankschoosing the appropriate compound words from those given in the box: singsong, overstraining, spotless, gentlefolk, grandmother, courtyard, sunset, half-hour, homecoming

Reeta hurried along the road, dressed in her spotless new dress towards the bus stop. Before sunset, she had to reach the house of her grandmother. But the first half-hour of her travel was slow due to traffic jam. Her homecoming would be regarded with joy. She was overstraining herself to reach the place. When she finally stepped into the courtyard, she was received with a big hug by her kind aunt. She was in time to join the gentlefolk at the village, for a singsong.
c) Match the words in Column $A$ with their pairs in Column B to form compound words and write them in Column C.

| A | B | C |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| mantel | lashes | mantelpiece |
| eye | wheel | eyelashes |
| water | gate | waterproof |
| bee | knob | beehive |
| toll | piece | tollgate |
| door | proof | doorknob |
| spinning | hive | Spinningwheel |

d) Frame meaningful sentences of your own using the following expressions from the story. Use a dictionary if required.
i) the thought was almost revolting.

As for my grandmother being young and pretty, the thought was almost revolting.
ii) an expanse of pure white serenity

Mother Thersa is an expanse of pure white serenity.
iii) a turning point

My marriage with Eva is a turning point in my life.
iv) accepted her seclusion with resignation.

My friendaccepted her seclusion with resignation.
v) frivolous rebukes

My mother looks after my grandma with frivolous rebukes.
e) Prefixes \& Suffixes :

Form two derivatives from each of the following words:
manage - mismanage, management
differ - indiffer, different
beauty - unbeauty, beautiful
peace - unpeace, peaceful
arrange - rearrange, arrangement
collect - recollect, collection
approve - disapprove, approved
f) Homophones :

Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones:

1) brake / break
a) The students enjoy and play during the break.
b) He applied the brake to stop the car.
2) waste / waist
a) The wedding dress bunches up onherwaist.
b) I hate towastemoney.
3) principle / principal
a) Dr.Jerald is the principal of that college.
b) My parents questioned myprinciples.
4) bread / bred
a) The race horse is well bred.
b) Hisbread and meat are sweet.
5) lesson/lessen
a) You shouldlessen your expenses.
b) She givesflutelessons.
6) pale / pail
a) The child looks like sick and pale.
b) Roy brought a pail of water to wash his bike.
7) through / threw
a) Sachinthrew the ball to the keeper.
b) The students must gothrough all the notes.
8) corps / corpse
a) The corpse was covered with a shroud.
b) The members of the national cadet corps have gone on a camp.

## Listening Activity

Read the following statements and the given options. Now, listen to your teacher read aloud a passage or play it on a recorder. You may listen to it again if required, to help you choose the right options.
i) According to Napoleon 'Good mothers make good
$\qquad$ —.
a) housewives
b) jobs
c) nations
d) ideas
ii) Mothers exhibit $\qquad$ love.
a) unauthorized
b) unapproved
c) unacceptable
d) unconditional
iii) $\qquad$ mothers care much for their children.
a) Adapted
b) Adopted
c) Adoptive
d) Adaptable
iv) $\qquad$ is the most important thing in the world.
a) Wealth
b) Power
c) Love
d) Influence
v) Love should be extended to $\qquad$ too.
a) friends
b) relatives
c) countrymen
d) creatures

## Grammar

## Articles and Determiners

a) Read the paragraph below and fill in the blanks using ' $a$, an', or 'the'.

It is said that ___ computer is
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ electronic extension of the human brain. Therefore, in principle, $\qquad$ (3) $\qquad$ computer can do all those activities which
$\qquad$
(4) $\qquad$ human brain can do. Today computers are found to be $\qquad$ (5) $\qquad$ most useful devices as knowledge providers. Another important field of application of computers is
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ development of robots.
(7) $\qquad$ internet has brought
8) $\qquad$ drastic change in communication systems.
Answers :
(1) the
(2) an
(3) the (4) the
(5) the
(6) the
(7) The (8) a
b) In the following paragraph, insert 'a, an', or 'the' wherever necessary and rewrite the sentences.

In our family, we have planned to take children to thezoo next Sunday. ́ Van has been arranged and we are sure to have a comfortable journey. Zoo is an interesting place for children who enjoy watching the animals and want to know more about them. Even the youngsters love to visit the zoo.
c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners. (Articles have been included)
Once the emperor gave a bag of seeds to his council of ministers and said that he would give them six months' time to grow the seeds. Whoever does a good job will be made the next emperor of that empire. All the ministers took their task seriously. After six months someministers had small plants in their pots. A few had very large plants. Some had medium sized plants. The emperor entered the hall. He was much amused to see theplants. He called the first minister and asked him what he did with the seed. That minister explained the process he adopted to make theplant grow. The emperor called all the other ministers to explain what they did. Only one minister had come with an empty pot. They laughed loudly at the foolishness of this minister. But the Emperor applauded him and made him the next Emperor. Do you know why? He had given them boiled seeds which will not grow. Only thatminister was honest.
d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners.
i. They came early but there was little (little/ a little) work to do.
ii. Anand invited a few (few/ a few) friends for the birthday party.
iii. The teacher gave every (all / every) student a separate topic for the assignment.
iv. Most of (Most of/Many) the water overflowed from the tank.
v. Each one of my friends (friend/ friends) wished me on my birthday.
vi. Vijay had no (no/ any) idea about the problem.
vii. Adhi had taken many (much /many) photos during the programme.
viii. Some (Some/Few) girls who attended the class informed the others about the test.

## Tenses

a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets and read the completed passage aloud.
The people of India, as a whole, are (be) warmhearted and hospitable. Any calamity in any part of
the world immediately arouses (arise) their charity and generosity and a committee is (be) promptly set (set) up to collect funds to help the distressed. The most endearing quality in them is (be) the respect they show for the work done in any capacity. They believe (believe) in what we call (call) the dignity of labour.
b) Now, use the verbs given in brackets in the following sentences in their correct forms.

1) I (like) to spend time with my friend, whenever I (be) free.

Ans: like, am
2) He (is) likely to miss the train. He (run) up to the station.

Ans: is, is running
3) At the moment they (wait) at the busstop. But I (not know) their plans for the journey.

Ans: are waiting, do not know
4) They firmly (believe) in the existence of God.

Ans: believe
5. We (hear) a lot of noise because the new buildings(transmit) sound vacant.

## Ans:hear,are transmitting

6. She always (make) excuses for coming late.

Ans: makes
7. The Prime Minister (leave) for America to meet the delegates tomorrow.

Ans: will leave
c) You are a commentator for a $\mathbf{5 0 0 0}$ metre running race. Use simple present and present continuous tenses and complete the commentary from the beginning to the end of the race. Read the completed passage aloud.

The 5000 metre race is about to begin. Lined up at the starting point, from left to right, are John of Great Britain, Peter of Nigeria and Jeeva of India. The runners are warming up for the great event. Now they are taking (take) their positions on the track. They are (be) all ready for the start. There goes (go) the starter's gun! Yes, the race has begun. John 4 is leading (lead) with Jeeva closing (close) behind him.
d) Read the extract from Kayal's diary entry regarding her Nepal Trek, and fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.
DAY 1: We left (leave) Anna International Airport in Chennai two days ago catching a direct flight to Kathmandu in Nepal. We spent (spend) a day
sightseeing. Kathmandu is full of people, rickshaws and the smell of sandalwood. I've never been (be) on a trip like this before. So I'm really excited.
DAY 2 : It was raining (rain) when we reached Pokhara, Nepal's second largest city, and saw the snowy peaks of the Himalayas for the first time. We reached (reach) Pokhara after a hairraising six-hour bus journey along very narrow roads with a lot of hairpin bends. The bus was (be) so full that one person had to share the driver's seat.
DAY 3 : We began (begin) our trek at last. We are at about 900 metres and the weather is warm and humid. For lunch we had chips and yak cheese sandwiches. I didn't like them very much. I'm thrilled that we pitched (pitch) tents for our camps in the dense forests.
DAY 4 : Yesterday a landslide blocked (block) our path and we had to use ropes to get over it. This morning we walked along the river Kali Gandaki through dense forests of oak trees and we pitched our camp at Tukuche below the Annapurna mountain range. The main danger in addition to landslides, is 'yak attack'. Yaks are (be) not dangerous but you have to be careful if you meet a herd of them because they can push you off the sides of the mountain.
DAY 5 : We met a lot of children on our trek through the villages. They were playing (play) in the pool of muddy rain water as we left the place. We have already climbed 2,400 metres. Up here, it never rains (rain) and there are no trees. It is_(be) windy and dusty and I am always thirsty.
DAY 6 : Yesterday we went (go) up to the mountainside of the township of Mukthinath, at 3,600 metres. The thin air with less oxygen there left (leave) us breathless.We $\underline{\text { felt (feel) that we couldn't go any further. We drank }}$ (drink) a lot of extra fluids to prevent altitude sickness.
DAY 7 : We turned around today and started to descend to Jomosom. As we went down, the oxygen filled our blood again and we seemed to beflying(fly) instead of walking.
DAY 8 : We went back to Pokhara in a small plane yesterday. It was exciting_(excite) when we flew between the mountain peaks. We arrived in Kathmandu this afternoon and we spent (spend) our last few hours in shopping. We leave for Chennai tomorrow. We've had a trip of a lifetime.
e) In the following passage, circle the verbs in simple present tense and underline the verbs in simple past. The first one has been done for you.
i) Unless one is upright there is no use in being a i) charming fellow. Sometimes it (is) better to be honest than attractive. These are the great truths of modern life which Shyam never realised. He never said an ill-natured word in his life. He was always polite and spoke softly to everybody.
ii) That night he ii) strolled into the Palette Club about eleven o'clock, and found Trevor sitting by himself in the long room. "Well, Alan, did you get the picture finishedall right?" he said, as he lit his cigarette. "Finished and framed, my boy!" answered Trevor, "and by-the-bye, you have made a conquest. That old model you saw is quite devoted to you. I had to tell him all about you - who you (are), where you (live), what your income (is), what prospects you (have)."
iii) "And now (tell) me how Laura (is). The old model iii) was quite interestedin her." "You (don't mean) to say you talked to him about her?"said Hughie. "Certainly I did. He (knows) all about the relentless colonel, the lovely Laura, and the $£ 10,000$." "You told that old beggar all my private affairs?"cried Hughie, looking very red and angry. "My dear Alan,"cried Hughie, "I shall probably find him waiting for me when I (go) home."
f) Fill in the blanks using Past tense forms of the verbs:
i. Ihadnever seen (see) such a beautiful sunrise before I came here.
ii. We were not able to stay overnight as we had not reserved not (reserve) the tickets in advance.
iii. Nirmala had been (be) to the concert several times.
iv. Mariappan knew Pudukottai so well because he had lived (live) there for five years.
v. Yusuf understood the problem because he had experienced (experience) the situation earlier.
vi. Catherine did not have any cash because she had lost (lose) her purse.
vii. My father had been (be) to Mumbai once before.
viii. The cat had chased (chase) the bird before it flew out of the yard.
ix. Edith had visited (visit) several doctors before she found out what the problem was with her knee.
x. If we had called (call) the manager ahead, we would not have needed to wait so long for a table.
g) Read the following news report and underline the past perfect tense form of the verb and circle the simple past tense form of the verb.

## INDIA BEAT PAKISTAN TO WIN BLIND

 CRICKET WORLD CUPChasing a huge target of 308 runs, India (romped) home in the penultimate over of the match to defeat Pakistan and win the Blind Cricket World Cup. India (started off) their chase in a cracking manner, but had losttwo quick wickets. Sunil Ramesh (rose) to the occasion as he (played) a great knock to help India beat Pakistan and had scored93 runs. Earlier India (won) the toss and had decidedto bowl first. Pakistan (amassed) a huge score of 307 for eight in 40 overs. Their openers had giventhem a brisk start which the later batsmen capitalized on.
h) Read the following extract and fill in the spaces with the right form of verbs and complete the passage. The first one is done for you.
i) The poet stops to hear the maiden singing while she i) cuts(cut) and binds(bind) the grain. The song of the lady fascinates(fascinate) the poet, who stands(stand) there to listen to the song. The girl sings(sing) a sad song.
ii) During the monsoon, a tender slightly breeze blows(blow) on a cloudless afternoon. A sort of fragrance rises(rise) from the wet grass and trees in the sunlight. It seems(seem) as if the warm breath of the exhausted earth falls(fall) against one's skin. A sweet voiced bird somewhere chirps(chirp) repeatedly.
i) Read the news item that appeared in a daily and fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in brackets.

Ever since social networking sites entered our lives,they have beenserving(serve) as platforms where users could use the virtual space offered by these social media. However, recent incidents have caused (cause) many to question the freedom to express views on various issues and in some cases, it has become (become) a dangerous platform. Social Contact has transformed (transform) people. They have developed (develop) an addiction to it.
j) Read the following passage and correct the errors you come across.

Rajan slowly settled down in his retired life. His pension plus what his wife brought from the household work she did helped them to meet their requirements. Life was easy until one Sunday. His granddaughter Madhu came crying. The clay doll in her hand had broken into two. Rajan pacify her and promised to mend it. This small repair work became
the founding stone of a very prosperous venture into making clay dolls which earned him great respect.
Games and sportshelp in recreation. Soccer, cricket, lawn tennis or wrestling are eagerly watched by millions of fans all over the world. It helps one get a temporary relief from the tensions of a day. The dedication displayed by all players in the field indicates the mental and spiritual development of the players.


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## PICTURE RELATED TO THE LEASSON



Fighting


## MIND MAP



## PITCTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## பாட்்ச்யுக்கம்

* இப்பாடம் இந்திய குத்துச்சண்ணட வீராங்கணண மேரிகோமின் சாதணைகள் பற்றியது. அவா் 2001-ல் பென்சில்வேனியாாவில் நடந்த உலக பெண்களூக்கான குத்துச்சண்்ணை சாம்பியண்ஷிி் போட்டியில் 48 கிலோ பிரிவில் பங்்ேேற்க தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார். பலருணடய பணஉதவிணயப் பெற்று அப்போட்டியில் கலந்து கொண்ட அவர் தங்கப் பதக்கம் வெல்லும் குறிக்கோளூடண் சென்றார். ஆனால் வெஸ்ளி பதக்கம் வென்றார். 2005-ல் மணிப்ப்் அரசாங்கம் அவருக்கு உதவி ஆய்வாளா் பதலி தந்தது. 2001-2004-ல் அவா் பல அகில உலக போட்டிகளில் பங்கேற்று பல பதக்கங்கள் வென்றார். 2006-ல் ஸ்டெடுலாடுடாட்ணட டெல்லியில் வெண்ற் உலக சாம்பியன் ஆணார். எனவே, அவர் குத்துச்சண்்்டயின் அரசி எண அழழக்கப்படுகிறார்.


## TEXT TRANSLATION

## THE QUEEN OF BOXING

The autobiographies of accomplished sportspersons are replete with the challenges they faced and their singleminded pursuit towards their goal. Such a book is sure to make an interesting as well as an inspirational read. Now, read an excerpt from M.C. Mary Kom's autobiography 'Unbreakable'.

Soon after the Bangkok championship, I was selected in the 48 kg category for the International Boxing Association (originally the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, or the AIBA) World Women's Boxing Championships in Pennsylvania, USA, in NovemberDecember 2001.
My father managed to collect only Rs 2,000 for my trip. I was both upset and very worried because I'd heard of how expensive things were in America. But there was nothing my parents or I could do. I spoke to Onler, one of my friends, about my problem. He invited a few students and elders, who went to meet the two Members of Parliament and seek their help. Two MPs donated Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000 respectively and I suddenly had Rs 10,000 in my hands. With this princely sum, and a little more that had been collected from people, I left for the US. I was relieved to have money in my pocket, and knew that I could not come back empty-handed after all the

## குத்துச்சண்்டையிஞ் அரசி

திறமையுள்ள விளையாட்டு வீரர்களின் சுயசாிதைகள், தங்கள் இலக்கை நோக்கிய சவால்களை எதிர் கொண்டுள்ளன. அத்தகைய ஒரு புத்தகம் மிகவும் சுவாரசியமாகவும், ஒரு தூண்டிதலாகவும் வாசிக்க வைப்பது நிச்சயம். இப்போது எம்.சி. மோிகோமின் சுயசாிதையான "உடைக்க இயலாத" பகுப்பாய்வின் ஒரு பகுதியை வாசிக்கவும்.
பாங்காக் சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் கலந்து கொண்டபிறகுநான்் சர்வதேச குத்துச் சண்டை அமைப்பில் (முதலில் அசோஸியேஷனல் டிபாக்ஷஸ் அமெச்சூர் அல்லது AIBA) பென்சில்வேனியாவிலுள்ள உலக மகளிர் குத்துசண்்டை சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் நவம்பர் - டிசம்பர் 2002 இல் 48 கிலோ பிரிவில் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டேன்.

என் பயணத்திற்காக, என் தந்தையால் ரூபாய் 2000 மட்டுமே சேகாிக்க முடிந்தது. நான் வருத்தமாகவும், சோகமாகவும் இருந்தேன். ஏனென்றால், அமொிக்காவில் அனைத்து பொருட்களும் விலை உயர்ந்ததாக இருக்கும் என்று கேள்விப்பட்டேன். ஆனால் என் பெற்றோராலும் என்னாலும் எதுவும் செய்ய இயலவில்லை. என் பிரச்சனையப் பற்றி என் நண்பா்களில் ஒருவரான ஆன்லருடன் பேசினேன். அவர் பாராளுமன்றத்தின் இரு உறுப்பினர்களை சந்தித்து உதவி பெற சில மாணவர்கள் மற்றும், பெரியவர்களையும் அழைத்துச் சென்றார். இரண்டு நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள் ரூபாய் 5000 மற்றும் 3000 நன்கொடை வழங்கினார்கள். அச்சமயத்தில் திடீரென்று ரூபாய் 1000 எனக்குக்
efforts that people had made on my behalf.

Pennsylvania was cold and beautiful. It was snowing. We were confined to the sports arena, but what little I saw was pleasing to the eye. The people were enormously nice too. It was the first time in my life that I had travelled so far. I was looking forward to seeing what America was all about. But since we were the last team to arrive, we went straight to the sporting arena from the airport. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players. I was tired and suffering from jet lag. It had been morning when I left, and here it was morning again. After weighing in, I found out that I did not have any match that day. I was fortunate, but some of the team-mates were not so lucky. I was able to rest well enough to face my opponent in the round, which I won comfortably. My fear of facing new opponents quickly vanished. I competed in the 48 kg in this championship. While team-mates lost one after the other, I went on to reach the finals. I was even hopeful of winning the gold. The boxers were not unbeatable as I had earlier thought.

I felt like this would be the place, the event that would change my life. I kept telling myself, "I can face anyone in the ring." In the quarter-final, I defeated Nadia Hokmi of Poland by RSC (Referee Stopped Contest-applicable if the referee feels one of the boxers is inferior to the other and risks getting hurt badly), and in the semi-final, I defeated Jamie Behal of Canada by 21-9. I reached the finals, but lost to Hula Sahin of Turkey by 13-5.

|  <br> அமெரிக்காவுக்கு புறப்பட்டேன். என் கைகளில் பணம் இருந்ததினால் நான் நிம்மதி அடைந்தேன். என்னால் வெறும் கையோடு திரும்பிவர முடியாது என்று எனக்குத் தொியும். ஏனென்றால் என் சார்பாக அணைத்து முயற்சிகளையும் மக்கள் எடுத்திருந்தார்கள். |
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| பெண்சில்வேனியா குளிர்ச்சியாகவும், அழகாகவும்  <br> இருந்தது. $\quad$ நாங்கள் விளையாட்டு அரங்கில்  <br> தங்கணவக்கப்பட்டோம். அது என் கண்களுக்கு | நான் அமெரிக்காவைப் பற்றி அணைத்தும் அறிந்து கொள்ள எதிர்பார்த்துக் காத்திருந்தேன். ஆனால் நாங்கள் கடைசி அணியாக சென்றதினால், விமான நிலையத்திலிருந்து விளையாட்டு அரங்கிற்கு நேரடியாக சென்றோம். ஏற்கனவே மற்ற அணிகள் தங்களது எடையிணை அளந்து நிறைவு செய்திருந்தார்கள். இது அனைத்து வீரர்களுக்கும் கட்டாயமாக்கப்பட்ட ஒன்றாகும். நான் விமான பயணத்தினால் களைப்பாகவும் சோர்வாகவும் இருந்தேன். நான் புறப்படும் பொழுது இருந்த பகல் பொழுது நான் திரும்பி வரும் பொழுது, மீண்டும் பகல் பொழுதாகவே இருந்தது. நான் பளுதூக்கும் பிரிவுக்கு சென்ற பின்புதான் தொிந்தது, அன்றறய தினம் எனக்கு எந்தப் போட்டியும் இல்லை என்று. நாண் அதிர்ஷ்டசாலி. ஆனால் மற்ற அணி உறுப்பினர்கள் அந்த அதிர்ஷ்டத்தை பெறவில்லை. எண் எதிராளியை அந்த சுற்றில் எதிர்கொள்வதற்குப் போதுமான ஓய்வு பெற்றதனால் எளிதாக வெற்றி பெற்றேன். புதிய எதிாிகளை எதிர்கொள்ளும் பயம் விரைவில் மாறந்து விட்டது. நான் இந்த சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் 48 கிலோ போட்டியில் போட்டியிட்டேன். அணி உறுப்பினர்கள் ஒருவர் பின் ஒருவராக தோல்வியுற்ற பொழுது, நாண் இறுதி போட்டியை அடைந்தேன். நான் முன்பே அனைத்து குத்து சண்்டை வீரர்களைத் தோற்கடித்து தங்கத்தை வென்று விடலாம் என்று நினைத்திருந்தேன்.

எண் வாழ்க்கையை;‘இந்த நிகழ்வு’,‘இந்த இடம்’ மாற்றும் என்று நிணைத்தேன். "நான் யாணை வேண்டுமானாலும் இந்த வயையத்தினுள் எதிர்கொள்வேன்" என்று எனக்குள் நாணே சொல்லிக் கொண்டேன். காலிறுதியில் RSC முறை மூலம் போலந்தின் நாடியாஹோக்மியை தோற்கடித்தேன். நான் அறையிறுதி ஆட்டத்தில் கனடாவைச் சோ்ந்த ஜேமிபெஹால்லை 21-9 என்ற கணக்கில் தோற்கடித்தேன். நான் இறுதிப் போட்டியை


In the course of my career, I have become used to travel and to the different ways that things work in other countries. One time, in China, we were given chopsticks to eat our meals with. Just when I had painfully begun to master the art of using a knife and fork, I had to use two sticks to fill my stomach. I ended up using both my hands to hold the chopstick to pick up the food and push it into my mouth. My teammates asked for spoons but I tried to manage with the sticks. It helped that I really enjoy Chinese food. I was hungry enough that I managed the complex work required - I ate enough to sate my appetite and my palate. After five years of travelling, I started taking along some packed food from home.

On my return, Delhi gave me a warm welcome at the airport. Back in Imphal, I was greeted with garlands and drumbeats and dancing. There was a victory ride across town, a felicitation programme was held in Langol, an area that houses the government quarters. Thanksgiving prayers were said and words of praise and adulation were showered on me. I was presented with a traditional shawl. Oja Ibomcha was also present and was duly felicitated. When I spoke to the people in Langol that day, I spoke of my hope that I would win gold in future tournaments.

அடைந்தேன். ஆனால் துருக்கியின் ஹீலாசாஹினிடம் 13-5 என்ற கணக்கில் தோல்வியடைந்தேன்.
எனக்கு மிகப் பெரிய இடையூறு என் பசியின்மை. அங்கே
உள்ள உணவு எனக்குப் பழக்கமில்லை. என்னால் முடிந்த
வரை முயற்சித்தேன். என்னால் உணவைச் சாப்பிட முடியவில்லை மற்றும் இறுதி போட்டிக்கு முன்பாக எடை இழு்க ஆரம்பித்தேன். நான் 46 கிலோ மட்டுமே இருந்தேன். இதனால் நான் தங்கம் வெல்லும் கனவை இழந்தேன். இது மிகவும் ஏமாற்றமாக இருந்தது. நான் என் அறைக்கு செண்று அழுதேன். ஆனால் என் பயிற்சியாளர்கள் அன்பானவர்கள். அவர்கள் எண்ணை ஆறுதல் அடையச் செய்தனர் மேலும், நான் வெள்ளி வென்றதற்காக என்ணைப் பாராட்டினார்கள். அணியில் நான் மட்டுமே பதக்கம் பெற்றேன். ஆனால் இந்த சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் இருந்து நான் கற்றுக் கொண்ட மிகப் பெரிய விஷயம் எண்னவெெ்றால் எந்த குத்துச் சண்டை வீரரையும் எதிர்க்க முடியும் என்ற நம்பிக்கையை.
என் வாழ்க்கை பயணத்தில் நாண் பயணிக்கக் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன். அதன் பின் வெவ்வேறு நாடுகளில் நடைறற்ற போட்டிகளில் கலங்து கொண்டேன். சீணாவில் ஒரு முறை எங்கள் சாப்பாடு சாப்பிடுவதற்கு ஜோடிகுச்சிகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது ஒரு கத்தி மற்றும் முட்கரண்டியைப் பயன்படுத்தி உணவு உட்கொள்ள தேர்ந்த நான், எண் வயிற்றை நிரப்ப இரண்டு குச்சிகளை பயன்படுத்த வேண்டியிருந்தது. நான் எண் இரண்டு கைகளையும் பயன்படித்தி உணவு உண்ண ஆரம்பித்தேன். என்னுடன் வந்த வீரர்கள் கரண்டியைக் கேட்டார்கள். ஆனால் எனக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட குச்சியை கொண்டு உணவை உண்ண ஆரம்பித்தேன், அது எணக்கு சீண உணவை விரும்பி சாப்பிட வைத்தது. நான் பசயோடு இருந்ததால் அந்த சிக்கலான செயல்பாடு என்ணை பசியாறவும் ருசியான உணவை சாப்பிடவும் வழிவகுத்தது. 5 வருட பயணத்திற்கு பிய், வீட்டிலிருந்து நான் கட்டிய உணவை எடித்துச் செல்ல ஆரம்பித்தேன். நான் திரும்பி வெண்கல பதக்கத்துடன் வந்த போது டெல்லி விமான நிலலயத்தில் என்னை வரவேற்றனர். மீண்்டும் இம்பால் வந்த பொழுது மாலை மாியாதைகளும், மேலதாளங்களும் மற்றும் நடனங்களினாலும் நான் வரவேற்கப்பட்டேன். நகரம் முழுவதும் வெற்றி கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. அரசாங்க அதிகாாிகள் வசிக்கும் லாங்கல் பகுதியில் என்ணைப் பாராட்டி விழாா நடைபெற்றது. நன்றி பிராா்த்தனை சூறறப்பட்டது. பின்பு, பாராட்டு மற்றும் புகழ்ச்சி வார்த்தைகள் என் மீது பொழியப்பட்டது. பாரம்பரியமான சால்வை எனக்குப் பாிசாக வழங்கப்பட்டது. என்னுடன் இருந்த ஓஜாஇமோம்ஷாவுக்கும் என்ணைப் போலவே மாியாதை வழங்கப்பட்டது. நான் லாங்காவில் உள்ள மக்களிடம்

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| That first international medal, a silver, will always mean |
| a lot to me. The fight and all that followed are clearly |
| etched in my memory. But deep inside, I was not happy |
| with a silver. As I touched down in India, I vowed that the |
| next time I would bring back a gold. I knew I was good |
| enough. |

The silver in Pennsylvania and the prize money from the government had put an end to my immediate financial worries. But I wanted a job too, for that alone can bring long-term security and a steady income. Also, around the time that I was getting married, I had no savings except a couple of life insurance policies. After my second World Championship gold, the Manipur government offered me the post of Sub-Inspector, which I accepted in 2005. I had long dreamt of getting a government job through the sports quota, and it was finally fulfilled. I earned a salary of Rs. 15,000 in that first job. The thing about jobs that are obtained through the sports quota is that we are not required to go in to work as regularly as our colleagues because we tend to be away at camps and tournaments through much of the year. I go to office when necessary. And every time I need to go out of station, I am required to take leave and inform the department.

My medal haul continued after my marriage, putting an end to speculation among my family and friends around that particular topic. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing Championships at Podolsk in Russia, in 2005. Sarita, who had won the bronze, and I were given a hero's welcome at the Imphal airport. We were taken to the Bhagyachandra Open Air Theatre, where a grand reception was organised.

I'd had a good run from 2001 to 2004. I won several golds: all the Senior Women's Boxing Championships; the 2nd Women's Boxing Championships, 2002; the 2nd Asian Women's Boxing Championships at Hisar in 2003; and the Witch Cup Boxing Championships at Paes, Hungary. In spite of this, when I got married, everybody

அன்று பேசியபோது எதி்்கால போட்டிகளில் தங்்த்்மத வெல்வேன்் என்றுு நஸ்பிக்ணகயுடன்் பேசிேேன்.
ஸுதல் சர்வடுதச பதக்கமாண வெள்ஸி, இப்போதும் எணக்கு நிணறய அர்த்தத்ணத் தந்தது. சண்்ணட மற்றும் அயைத்துத் தொடர் நிகழ்வுகளும் எண் நிணைவகத்தில் பபாறிக்கப்பட்டிள்ளது. ஆனாால் எண் உள் மஞதில் வெள்ரிப் பதக்கம் எணக்கு மகிழ்ச்சியயளிக்கவில்ணல. நாாா் இந்தியாவுக்காக அடித்த முணற உறுதியாாக தங்க்் பதக்கம் வெல்வேன் எø்று 2 றுதி மொழி எலுத்தேன். எனக்கு தெரிந்து இது மண நிமறறவாக இருந்தது.
 பரிசப்பணமும்் எணக்கு உடணடி நிதிக்க கவமலணய முடிவுக்குக் கொண்டு வப்தது. ஆணாா்் எனக்கு ஒரு வேம๐ தேணவ. ஏஞொல்றால் தணியயாக நீண்ட காலப் பாதுகாப்பிற்கு ஒரு வருமாாத்றதச் சோ்க்க முடியுய். மேலும், நான் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்்ட நேரத்தில், ஆயுள் காப்ப்படுக் சேமிப்ப தவிர வேறு எந்த விதமான சேமிப்பகளும் எணக்குக் கிணடயாது. எண் இரண்்டாவது உலக சாம்பியன்்ஷிப் தங்கத்திற்குப் பிறகு, மணிப்பூ்் அரசாங்க்் எணக்குத் துணணக் கண்ககாணிப்பாளர் பதவிமை வழிங்கியது. நான் 2005 இல் இゅத ஏற்றுக் கொண்்டேன். நாா்் முதல் வேணலயில் ரூ. 15,000 சம்பாதித்தேன்். விணளயாட்டு இட ஒதுக்கீடு மூலம் கிமடக்கும் வேணலக்கு நநாங்கள் மற்றவர்கணாளப்போல் வழக்கமாக வேணலக்குப் போக வேண்டிய அவசியமில்ஸல. ஏ円ெெய்றால் நாங்கள் ஆண்டு தோறும் முகாம்களிலு், சண்்டடகளிலும் இருந்து வருகிறறாம். தேயவயான போது, நாண் அலுவலதத்த்ற்குச் செல்கிறேன். நான் ஒவ்வொரு முணறயும் நிமலயத்திலிருந்து வெஸியேறும் போது, விடிப்பு எடுப்பணத, துணறக்குத் தெரிவிக்க வேண்டிம்.
எண்றுயைய திருமணத்திற்குப் பிறகு எணது பதக்க்் தொடர்ந்தது. அந்த குறிப்ப்ட்ட விஷயத்்தத்் சுற்றி என் குடும்பத்திஎருக்கும் நண்பா்களுக்கும் ஊகிக்க முடிந்தது. நாா்் ரஷ்்ாாவில் ிபாடால்ஸ் மூன்றாம் உலக மகளிர் குத்துச் சண்்ா சாம்பியன்்ஷிப்பில் உலக பட்டத்றதத் தக்க வைத்துக் கொணர்டேன். 2005 ஆம் ஆண்டில் வெண்கலத்்த வென்ற சிதாாவும், நாறும் இம்பால் விிாா நிமலயத்தில் விர வाரேற்மபப் பெற்றோ்். ‘பாக்கியச்சந்திரா' திறந்த வெஸி திமரயரங்கிற்கு நாங்கள் அயழத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டோம். அங்யு ஒரு வரவேற்ப ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருந்தது.
நாண்் 2001 இல் இருந்து 2004 வமை பல போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெ்றறறன். நூா்் பல தங்கங்கணள வென்றறேன்். மூத்த மகளிர் குத்துச் சண்்மட சாம்பியன்களள், 2வது மகதிர் குத்துச் சண்்்ம சாம்பியம்்ஷிப், 2002, 2003 ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஹிஸாரிி்் 2வது ஆசிய மகளிர் குத்துச் சண்்ட சாம்பியண்ஷிப் மற்றும் ஹங்கேரியிலுள்ள
was doubtful that my medal hauls would continue. But after the wedding, I participated in and won a gold in the Third and Fourth World Women's Boxing Championships in October 2005 and November 2006.

There were a number of other international level championships, in Taiwan, Vietnam, Denmark and so on. But it was retaining my world title in 2006 by defeating Steluta Duta of Romania 22-7 at the Fourth World Championships in New Delhi that I consider one of my greatest achievements. It is probably the most memorable for me because I was able to win at home. The other Indian boxers also performed exceptionally well. India won four golds, one silver and three bronzes, and our team won the overall title. With this hat-trick of World Championship wins, the media christened me 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'.

பயஸின் ஸ்விட்ச் கோப்பை குத்துச் சண்்டை சாம்பியன்ஷிப் போன்றவை இதில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவை. இதுபோல், நான் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்ட போது என்னால் பதக்கத்றதத் தொடர முடியுமா என்ற சந்தேகம் அயைவருக்கும் இருந்தது. ஆனால் திருமணத்திற்குப் பிறகு, அக்டோபர் 2005 மற்றும் நவம்பர் 2006 இல் நான் மூன்றாம் மற்றும் நான்காம் உலக மகளிர் சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் தங்கம் வென்றேன்.
தைவான், வியட்நாம், டென்மார்க் போன்ற பல சர்வதேச நிலை சாம்பியன்கள் பல இருந்தன. 2006 ஆம் ஆண்டில் புதுதில்லி நான்காவது உலக சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பில் ருமேனியாவில் ஸ்டிலுாட்டாடூட்டாவை 22-7 எண்ற கணக்கில் தோற்கடித்ததன் மூலம் எனது உலக சாம்பியன்ஷிப் பட்டத்தைத் தக்க வைத்துக் கொண்டேன். இதுவே என் மிகப்பெரிய சாதணையாகக் கருதுகிறேன். நான் எந்தவித பயிற்சியும் மேற்கொள்ளாமல் வீட்டில் இருந்தபடியே வெற்றி பெற முடிந்ததால், இது எனக்கு மிகவும் மறக்க முடியாத ஒன்றாகும். மற்ற இந்திய குத்துச் சண்டட வீரர்களும் சிறப்பாக விளையாடினர். இந்தியா நான்கு தங்கம், ஒரு வெள்ளி, மூன்று வெண்கலப் பதக்கங்களை வென்றது. எங்கள் அணி ஒட்டு மொத்த பட்டத்தை வென்றது. இந்த மூன்று முறை தொடர் சாதணை மூலம் உலக சாம்பியன்ஷிப்பைக் கைப்பற்றினோம். ஊடகங்கள் என்னை "குத்துச் சண்டை ராணி" மற்றும் "அற்புதமான மோி" என பெயர் சூட்டினார்கள்.

GLOSSARY

| princely | very large | அதிகமான |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| jet lag | a tired and unpleasant feeling, a <br> person experiences, following a long <br> flight through different time zones | விமான பயணத்தில் ஏற்படும் <br> சோ்் |
| appetite | hunger | பசி |
| lauded | appreciated | பாராட்டியது |
| conviction | firm faith or belief | உறுதியான நம்பிக்கக |
| sate | satisfy | தெளிவு, திருப்தி |
| palate | sense of taste | சுவை உண்்வு |
| felicitation | congratulatory address | பாராட்டு |
| adulation | appreciation | பாராட்டுதல் |
| etched | imprinted | பொறிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள |
| speculation | guess | யூகம் |
| haul | taking a collection | திரட்டுதல் |

SYNONYMS

| Word | Synonyms | தமிழ் அர்த்தம் |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| excerpt | piece taken from a book, select, choose, take out | ஒரு பகுதி |
| princely | huge | ஆடம்பரம் |
| relieved | mitigated, eased, alleviated | விடுவிக்கப்பட்ட |
| confined | unfree, rstricted, limited | குறுகிய அளவு |
| arena | enclosed area used for sports, political sphere | இடம் |
| enormously | hugely, tremendously, staggeringly | அதிகமாக |
| weighing | consideration, think, deliberation | ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுதல் |
| opponent | contestant | எதிராளி |
| vanished | disappeared, non existent | மறைந்த |
| competed | taking part, accomplish | பங்கேற்பு |
| unbeatable | unconquerable, invincible | வீழ்த்த முடியாத |
| accustomed | usual, habitual | பழக்கப்பட்ட |
| consoled | expurgated | ஆறுதல் சூறுதல் |
| disappointed | frustrated, foiled, unsuccessful | வருத்தப்படுதல் |
| felicitation | speech act | ஏற்புரை |
| adulation | flattery | புகழ்தல் |
| etched | carved, inscribed | ஆசைப்படுதல் |
| tend | incline, suffer, run | பாதிக்கப்பட்ட |
| retained | maintained, preserved | பாதுகாத்தல் |
| defeating | win a victory, unsuccessful | தோற்றுப் போதல் |
| exceptionally | unacceptable | ஏற்க முடியாத |
| christened | baptised | ஞானஸ்தானம் |
| hat-trick | the scoring of three goals by one player in one game | மூன்று முறை தொடர்ந்து சாதனை |

## ANTONYMS

| Word | Antonyms | Word | Antonyms |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| excerpt | X include, record, add | princely | X poor, vulgar, low class |
| relieved | X unmitigated | confined | X free, unconfined, unrestricted |
| weighing | X tactlessness | opponent | X unthreatening, peaceful |
| vanished | X existent | competed | X begin, broken |


| unbeatable | X beatable, vincible, <br> conquerable | accustomed | X unusal, uncommon, new |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| consoled | X uncensored | disappointed | X successful, productive |
| felicitation | X disagreement | etched | X uncarved, uncut, simple |
| tend | X disagree, distrust | retained | X destroyed, gone |
| defeating | X successful | exeptionally | X acceptable, satisfactory |
| christened | X domobilized |  |  |

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

1.Antonyms (Find and write the antonyms for the words in Box A from the set of words in Box B)

| A | B | A | B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| amateur | X professional | compulsory | X optional/Voluntary |
| traditional | X modern | expensive | X cheap |
| hopeful | X hopeless | hopeful | X desperate |
| accepted | X desperate/refused | accepted | X desperate/refused |

2) Based on your reading of the text answer the following questions in two to three sentences each. (Text Page - 38)
a) How did Mary Kom manage to get financial support for her trip to the USA? How did Onler help Mary Kom in sending her to USA?
(June -19, Mar-20)(MDL-2023)
Her Dad gave Rs.2000/-. Onler got Rs.8000/- from 2 MPs. She collected some money from people.
b) Why did Mary Kom think that she should not return empty - handed?

Her well-wishers offered her money. She didn't want to disappoint them. So, she didn't like to return empty - handed.
c) What was her first impression of America?

It was cold and beautiful. The places were pleasing. It was snowing Americans were nice.
d) Why could she call herself 'lucky'?

She had jet lag. She had enough rest before match. So, she called herself lucky.
e) According to Mary Kom, what was the reason for her losing in the finals?

American food didn't suit her. She lost appetite. She lost weight. So, she lost in the finals.
f) What made her feel confident about the competitive players? Explain.

Mary Kom cried on her defeat in the finals. She won the silver medal. Her coaches encouraged and consoled her. It made her feel confident about the competitive players.
g) What difficulty did she experience while eating Chinese food?

She had to use chopsticks. Eating with them so was hard. She managed to eat with chopsticks.
h) How was she felicitated on her return to India?
(MAR-23)
She was welcomed warmly. She was greeted with garland, drumbeat and dance. A felicitation programme was held.
i) What did she consider her greatest achievement? Why?

She won the world title (2006). She won it in New Delhi. So, she considered it her greatest achievement.

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

3.Answer the following questions in a paragraph of about $100-150$ words each(Text Page 39)
a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal.

She was selected in the 48kg category. Her dad gave Rs.2,000/-. Two MPs gave Rs.8,000/- She decided to win. She shouldn't lose. In America, she was tired. She took rest. She was qualified for the finals. She was hopeful. She lost appetite. She lost weight. She lost gold. She won silver. Her coaches encouraged her. So, she could face any boxer.

Moral: Success follows failure.
b) Lack of adequate financial resources and sponsorships often affect sportspersons. How is this evident from Mary Kom's life?

Mary Kom was selected in the 48 Kg category. Her Dad gave only Rs.2000/- Two MPs gave Rs.8000/- People gave some money. Thus, she got money. She wanted to win gold. She
won only silver. Her worries were over. She wanted a job. She got married. She had 2 insurance policies. Manipur Govt. made her an SI. Her financial problem was over.

Moral: Luck follows talented persons.
c) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

She took part in many matches. She won many medals. She got married. She continued boxing. She won gold medals. She won world title. She retained it. It was her great achievement. It was the most memorable thing. She had hattrick victory. She was called the 'Queen of Boxing'. She was also called Magnificent Mary.

Moral: Talented men are famous.

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS



The story of "The Queen of Boxing" an excerpt of "Unbreakable", an antobiography written by Mary Kom elaborately depicts her financial crisis and winning the International Championship. It also deals with her various achievements till now.

## Her Financial Crisis:

Mary Kom was selected in the 48 kg category for the world women's Boxing Championship in the USA, 2001. He father collected only Rs. 2000 for the trip. She was upset and very worried. Two MPs donated Rs. 8000 through her friend Onler. She collected a little more from others. She left with a decision not to return empty - handed.

## Winning Silver Medal:

Mary Kom was tired and suffering from jet lag. She took rest, faced her opponent and won. She lost her fear of opponents. She hoped to win the gold medal. In the quarterfinal. she
defeated Nadia Hokmi and Jame Behal. She reached the finals. But, she lost to Huha Sahin.
She could win only the silver, She was disappointed. Her coaches consoled and praised her.

## Warm Welcome:

On her return, Delhi gave her a warm welcome at the airport. At Imphal, she was greeted with garlands, drumbeats and dancing. There was a victory ride across town. A felicitation programme was held in Langol. She was presented with a shawl too.

## Financial Prosperity:

The medal and the prize money put an end to her financial worries. Meanwhile, she got married. She had only some life insurance policies. After her second World Championship gold, the Manipur Government offered her the post of sub- inspector in 2005. Her dream of getting a government job was fulfilled finally.

## Various Achievements:

She retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing Championships in 2005. She was given a hero's welcome at the Imphal airport. From 2001 to 2004, she won many gold - all the world's Women's Champtionships, the $2^{\text {nd }}$ women's Boxing Championships. She also won the Third and Fourth World Women Boxing Championships in 2005 and 2006.

Winning Titles:
For her great victories, media called her the 'Queen of Boxing' and Magnificent Mary.

## Conclusion:

Thus, Mary Kom made many great victories.
Moral: Men of pereverence make great victories.

## AVERAGE STUDENTS

Prose : Queen of Boxing

Author : Mary Kom
Theme : Mary Kom's hardwork

The lesson portrays Mary Kom's hardwork and success. She was selected for international match. She had no money. Her Dad gave Rs.2000/-. Two MPs gave Rs.8000/-. Others gave some money. She wanted to win gold. She won silver. Her coaches encouraged her.

Kom had financial problem. She wanted a job. She got married. She had 2 insurance policies. Manipur Govt made her an SI. Her financial problem was over. Kom participated in many matches. She won gold medals. She won world title. She retained it. It was her great achievement. She was called the 'Queen of Boxing. She was also called 'Manificent Mary'.Thus, Mary Kom became successful through hardwork.

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

There was an international match.
Kom was selected.

* She got help.
* She won silver.
* She was encouraged.
* She got an SI job.
* Her problem was over.
* She participated in many matches.
* She won gold medals.
* She won world title.
* She retained it.
* It was great.

Moral: Hardwork brings success.

## TEXTUAL EXERCISE

## VOCABULARY

A) Abbreviations:

Note the abbreviation used in the following sentence taken from the lesson 'The Queen of Boxing'. In the quarter-final, I defeated Nadia Hokmi of Poland by RSC." Here, the expansion of RSC is Referee Stopped Contest.

Look at the other abbreviations used in the lesson.
USA - United States of America
AIBA - Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur

Write the expanded forms of the following abbreviations we commonly come across in our daily life.

1) IELTS - International English Language Testing System
2) GST - Goods and Services Tax
3) TNPSC - Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
4) STD - Subscribers' Trunk Dialling
5) ISD - International Subscribers' Dialling
6) MBA - Master of Business Administration
7) MHRD
8) NSS
9) PTA
10) NGO
11) ICU
12) IIM
13) MRI
14) ECG
15) NCC
16) LED
17) CPU
18) CBSE
19) GDP
20) LCD
21) NRI
22) IIT
23) ITI
24) USB
25) GPS - Global Positioning System

- Ministery of Human Resource Development
- National Service Scheme
- Parent-Teacher Association
- Non-Governmental Organisation
- Intensive Care Unit
- Indian Institute of Mangaement
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Electro-Cardio Gram
- National Cadet Corps
- Light Emitting Diode
- Central Processing Unit
- Central Board of Secondary Education
- Gross Domestic Product
- Liquid Crystal Display
- Non-Resident Indian
- Indian Institute of Technology
- Industrial Training Institute
- Universal Serial Bus
B) Note the underlined words in the sentences below.They are antonyms formed by adding prefixes 'un' and 'dis' to the base words.
$>$ The boxers were not unbeatable as I had earlier thought.
$>$ The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
Now form the opposites of the words given below by prefixing 'un', 'in', 'dis', 'ir', 'il' appropriately.
fortunate - unfortunate respect - disrespect
rational - irrational direct - indirect
regular - irregular active - inactive
agree - disagreeobedient - disobedient
continue - discontinue decent - indecent
legitimate - illegitimate regular - irregular
aware - unaware finite - infinite necessary - unnecessary
C) Idioms related to Sports

1) throw in the towel - to give up
2) in our corner - on your side in an argument or dispute
3) on the ropes - state of near collapse or defeat
4) below the belt - unfair or unsporting behavior
5) square off - prepare for a conflict.

## Listening Activity

Read the questions based on the running commentary of a cricket match. Then, listen to the running commentary of the match read out by your teacher or played on the recorder and tick the right answers.
i) Who faced the first ball in the 49th over?
a) Kulasekara
b) Yuvraj
c) Dhoni
d) Sachin
ii) Which batsman hit a sixer?
a) Kulasekara
b) Bajji
c) Dhoni
d) Yuvraj
iii) Where was the match held?
a) Chennai
b) Delhi
c) Calcutta
d) Mumbai
iv) Who were popularly called 'The Finishers'?
a) Dhoni and Yuvarajb) Bajji and Malinga
c) Gambhir and Yuvaraj d) Perara and Malinga
v) How many runs did India need to win the match in the last four overs?
a) 30
b) 21
c) 37
d) 27
ii) Choose the correct option.

1) A contact sport usually involves a $\qquad$ contact between players.
a) violent
b) gentle
c) physical
2) Kabbadi is a game played between $\qquad$ -
a) seven teams of two players
b) two teams of seven players
c) four teams of seven players
3) A single $\qquad$ -.
a) player on offence is referred to as a raider
b) offence is referred to as a raider.
c) raider is an offence by the player.

## Grammar

A) Choose the correct word to complete the following sentences.

1) We are not completely sure but Kishore maycome back tomorrow.
2) When Koushik was a child, he used to play in the street.
3) CouldI have some more juice, please?
4) We can / need need not paint this room now.
5) Iwould rather request you to check my exercise before giving it to the teacher.
6) May / Can / ShallI use your mobile phone? It's an emergency.
7) In schools, studentsmust wear uniform. It is compulsory.
8) The voyagers did not dareto drop anchor at the unknown island.
9) Thou shallhave your neighbour.
10) The Manager willnot excuse you, if you fail to complete your assignment today.
11) Helen jotted down the important points lest she should forget it.
12) You ought tonever retain me against my wishes.
13) Being a Monday, the shops will not be crowded today.
14) Iwould admit my fault, if I were you.
15) The groom must certainly be over 30 years of age.
16) My brother will go abroad to pursue his higher studies next year.
17) It's not that urgent. You can/ maytake your own time.
18) There is a lot of time left, so you need not be panic.
19) CanI turn on the fan, please?
20) I can not believe my eyes. Is Santhosh the one who is standing over there?
21) Dinesh must be the richest person in the village. He has just bought two luxury cars.
22. Nirmalacouldwrite perfectly when she was seven.
B) Complete the summary of the poem by filling in the blanks with the words given below.
The poet, in a relaxed state of mind, is sitting in a (1) grove. He reflects on how his mood brings (2) pleasant thoughts, which are inevitably followed by sorrowful ones. He feels conected to all of nature, and senses an inherent joy in all (4) creations. He has faith in the fact that all the primroses and periwinkles around him (5) savour the air they breathe. He feels that every bird in the grove moves with (6) ecsatsy. As the twigs catch the breezy air, they do so with the same pleasure (7) pervading all life on earth. This joy of nature seems to be heaven-sent. Nature's holy plan is to offer joy and peace to all forms of life on earth. The poet's pleasant train of thought slowly leads to the sad reflection of how
mankind alone has wrought sorrow and (8) suffering upon itself. He firmly believes that man is meant to spend his days blissfully taking part in the vitality and joy surrounding him in(9) abundance. He therefore concludes rhetorically, emphasizing that he has good reason to (10) lament the distress, man unnecessarily brings upon himself.
c) Read the following passage adapted from 'Three Men in a Boat' and fill in the blanks with appropriate modals and read the paragraph aloud.
I thought I will go to British Museum today to read the treatment for some slight ailment of which I had a touch. I could read all I wanted to read and then felt I mustbegin to study diseases. I started to generally turn the leaves idly.

I came to typhoid fever, read the symptoms and discovered I was having it for months without knowing it. Cholera, I had severe complications. Diphtheria, I must have been born with. I was relieved to find that Bright's disease, I had only in a modified form as so far as that was concerned, I would live for years. The only disease I could conclude I had not got was a housemaid's knee. I sat and pondered. I tried to feel my heart. I could not feel(not feel) my heart. I walked into the reading room as a happy healthy man but crawled out as a decrepit wreck.

## Prepositions

Sometimes a sentence can end with a preposition. Read the sentences given below.

1) This seat is not very comfortable to sit $\qquad$ _.

| 2) | Ans: on |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3) father gave me some pictures to look |  |
| 3) Was it worth waiting | Ans: at |

A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions.
(i) In case of difficulty, you should refer to a dictionary and then respond to the question.
(ii) The clothes that he has put on are very impressive. He is going to his hometown to pay homage to the village head.
(iii) The nearest hospital $\underline{\text { in }}$ this place is at a distance of twenty kilometers. You can reach it either by car or by a bicycle.
B) Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with suitable prepositions and read the paragraph aloud for better understanding of the use of prepositions.
Mr. Beek of New Jersey has invented a floating lifepreserver, which gives complete protection forpeople who have been shipwrecked. The upper section is large enough for the wearer to be able to move his head and arms out, and a month's supply of food and drinking water can also be stored in it. The cover can be closed in rough weather, and the wearer can see through the window in the front, and breathe througha curved pipe. The life preserver is made of water proof cloth attached to circular metal tubes, which protect the wearer fromsharp rocks and hungry fish.
C) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, using prepositions if necessary.
(i) The new machines are quite different from the old ones. They are able to work at a much faster pace, a substantially reduced risk tothe environment.
(ii) The students discussed the problem amongthemselves. However, they did not arrive at any conclusion. They went to their class teacher and discussed with her. She gave a solution for it and they were happy.
D) Do you know what happened to the Titanic, the largest ship to sail then? She hit an iceberg and sank into the Atlantic Ocean. Now choose the right word and complete the paragraph. Read the paragraph aloud.

The wreck of the RMS Titanic lies at a depth of about 12,500 feet about 370 miles south east off the coast of Newfoundland. It lies in two main pieces about a third of a mile apart. The bow is still largely recognizable with many preserved interiors, despite the damage it sustained hitting the sea floor. A debris field of the wreck contains thousands of items spilled from the ship as it sank. She sank in the year 1912.
E) Solve the crossword using the clues given on page 54.


## Across

2. We fought against the measure.(7)
3. The cat jumped onto the table.(4)
4. The cat climbed up the tree.(2)
5. My story is shorter than yours.(4)
6. Cats are unlike dogs.(6)
7. Put the cookie in the jar.(2)
8. Let's walk through the park.(7)
9. The vegetables were planted behind the apple tree.(6)
10. Banu sings like a bird.(4)
11. My story is about my pets.(5)
12. Subash is the president of our class.(2)
13. We live by the river.(2)
14. Let's walk into class together. (4)
15. The bank is opposite the park.(8)
16. We live within the city limits.(6)
17. I saw John waving above the crowd.(5)
18. I am more cautious since the fall.(5)
19. I have a present for you. (3)
20. We strolled along the river.(5)
21. He ran between us.(7)
22. The leaves had collected beneath the trees. (7)

## Down

1. I put the book upon the table.(4)
2. Please treat us as equals. (2)
3. Desert will be served after dinner. (5)
4. My house is near the school.(4)
5. We walked to the store.(2)
6. No eating during class.(6)
7. The book fell off my desk. (3)
8. I will not leave until the speech is finished.(5)
9. The store is open everyday but Sunday.(3)
10. The dog is outside the house.(7)
11. The cat is hiding below my bed.(5)
12. The cat jumped over the dog.(4)
13. He is hiding behind the bookcase.(6)
14. Dinner is on the table. (2)
15. I put my hands inside my Pockets. (6)
16. We will eat before the play.(6)
17. The cat is sleeping under the bed. (5)
18. This letter is from my aunt.(4)
19. We ran past the other kids.(4)


## FIGURE OF SPEECH

1. Rhyming Words:கொடுக்கப்பட்டபாடலில் உள்ளஒவ்வொருவாியின் கடைசிவார்த்தைகளைக் கவணிக்க வேண்டிம். அவைகளிலேஒரேமாதிரியானஒலிகள் இருந்தால் அவைகள் Rhyming Words ஆகும்.

Ex : Tell me not, in mournful numbers.
Left is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers.
And things are not what this seem.
Rhyming words - numbers - slumbers
dream - seem
2. Ryme scheme :ஒருபாடல் வாிகளின்் கடைசிவார்த்தைகளில் ஒரேஒலியாகவந்தால்

அதற்குஒருகுறியீடுயைக்க வேண்டிம். உதாரணமாகa, b, c....................
Ex : With all my heart I do admire a
Athletes who meat for fun or hire a
Who take the field in gandy pumpb
ஒலிமாறுபடிம் போதுகுறியீடுமாறுும்.
3. Simile : a word or phrase that compares something to something else showing resemblance, using the words like (or) as.
ஒத்தபண்புகணளஒப்பிடிம் போதுஉவமைஎன்கிறோம்.
like,asபோன்றவார்த்தைகளைவைத்துsimile அடையாளம் காணாலம்.
4. Metaphor :It is an implied simile. The use of word to indicate a meaning different from its literal meaning.

He was a lion in the battle.
(He fought like a lion in the battle - simile)
5. Personification : The practice of repreenting objects, qualities etc. as humans, in art and literature.மணிதப்பண்்பமணிதரல்லாதவற்றிற்குஒற்றிச் சொல்லுதல்.

1. Time and tide wait for no none.
2. Laughter holding both her sides.
3. Death lays his hands on things.
4. Appostrphe :An Apostrophe is a direct address to the dead, to the absent, or to a personified object or idea.உயிரற்ற/ நோில்இல்லாதவா்கயை அயைத்தல்.
5. O judgement!thou art fled to brutish beasts.
6. O grave! Where is thy victory.
7. O ye wheels!be silent for today.
8. Oxymoron : Oxymoron is a special form of Antithesis, where two contradictory qualities are predicted at once of thesame thing.எதி்் சொற்களால் ஒருநபணையோ/ ஒரு பொருளையோகுறிப்பது.
9. So innocent arch, so cunningly simple.
10. This honour noted in dishonor stood.
11. Onomatopoeia :The fact of words containing sounds similar to the noises they describe.ஒலிக்குறிப்புச் சொற்கள்.
buzz, chirp, meow (cat's)
He sipped his straight mouth.
12. Anaphora : அந்தாதித் தொடை-aliterary device wherein a word or a phrase is respeated at the beginning of two or more successive sentences.தொடா்ந்துவரும் பாடல் வாிகளில் ஒரேவாா்த்தததிரும்பவரும் போதுஅதணைAnaphoraஎன்கிறோம்.
Ex : 1.In time the savage bull sustains the yoke.
In time all haggard barks will stoop to three- Thomas Kyd-
13. Was it conveanice $\qquad$
Was it perversity $\qquad$
Was it humility
14. Alliteration :மோணைthe use of the same letter or sound (comment) at the beginning of the words that are close together. ஒரு வரியில் ஒருவார்த்தையின் முதல் மெய்யெழுத்து ஒலிமீண்்டிம் வந்தால் அதணை alliterationஎண்கிறோம்.
Ex : 1.Peter $\underline{\text { Picked a pech of pickled peppers. }}$
15. Sing a song of six pece.
16. Assanance : The repetition of similar words in stressed syllables of successive words.

Ex : 1.Sonnet and povidge - same vowels different consonants.
2. Cold and killed - different words same consonants.
12. Hyperbole : A way of speeching and writing that makes something sound more excition that it really is.ஒருவிஷயத்தைமிகைப்படித்திக் சூறுதல்.
Ex : 1.I am so hungry I could eat a horse.
2.If the river were dry, I am able to fill it with tears.
13. Anthithesis: a striching opposition of words is made in the same sentence.எதிா்மறறகளைகருத்துஒரேவாக்கியத்தில் வருதல்.
Ex: 1.Man proposes and disposes.
2.To err is human to forgive is divine.
3.Speech is silver silence is golden.
14. Allusion: When a person or another makes an indirect reference in speech, text or song to anevent or figure.ஒருசெய்தியைநேராகவோ (அ) மணறமுகமாகவோ,ஒருமனிதணையோ (அ)இடத்தையோ (அ)ஏற்கனவேநடந்தஒருநிகழ்வையோகுறிப்பது.
Ex: 1.Your backyard is a Garden of Eden. (Biblical)
2.You're a regular Einstein (Historical allusion)
15. Poetic Diction: The style of speaking or within used by the speaker or writer.

Ex: 1. "Heard melodies are sweet, but those
Un heard melodies are sweeter: then the
Ye soft pipes, play on $\qquad$ ."
16. Archaism:பழைமைக் சூறு: The use of writing or speech that is now rarely used; the use ofolder versions language and art.

1. Know from whence you came.
2. O, Romes, Wherefore art thou Rome?
3. Pun:சிலேடை: A pun is a joke that makes a play on words.

Ex: 1.A bicycle can't stand on its non because it is two-tired.
2.Is life worth living? It depends upon the liver.
18. Repetition: Often use in speech, as a rhetorical device to bring attention to an idea

Ex: 1. If you think you can do it, you can do it
2. The woods are lovely, dark and deep

And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep.
19. Metonymyஆகுபெயர் : It replaces the name of a thing with the name of something else withwhich it is closely associated.

1. Pen is mightier than the sword.
2. The crown, for the king.
3. From the cradle, to the grave.
4. The whole city went out to sea the victorions general.

# UNIT Poem <br> UNIT <br> ONCE UPON A TIME ஒ近 காணத்தீல் 

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## PICTURES RELATED TO THIE LESSON



Teeth of a Snake - Fangs


## MIND MAP



## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## பாடல் ச்யுக்கம்

* இக்கவிஞா் முற்கால மக்களின் நடத்தையையும் இக்கால மக்களின் நடத்தையையும் ஒப்பிடுகிறார். அக்கால மக்கள் வஞ்சனையின்றி இயல்பாக சிாித்தனர். இக்காலத்தவர்கள் அன்பின்றி சிாிக்கின்றனர். இக்கால மக்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியின்றி கைகுலுக்குகின்றனர். "நன்றாக இருங்கள்," "மறுபடியும் சந்திப்போம" என சிரத்தையின்றி சொல்கின்றனர். கவிஞர் ஒருவரை மூன்றாம் முறறயாக சந்திக்கச் செல்லும்போது, கதவுகள் அடைக்கப்படுகின்றன. இப்போது கவிஞரும் மற்றவர்களைப் போலவே பொய்யாகச் சிாிக்கிறார். அதற்கு வருந்துகிறார். தனது குழந்தைப் பருவத்திற்குச் சென்று உண்மையான உணர்வுகளை வெளிபடுத்த விரும்புகிறார். உண்மையாகச் சிாிக்க கற்றுத்தருமாறு தன் மகனிடம் கேட்கிறார்.


## TEXT TRANSLATION

| ONCE UPON A TIME | ஒரு காலத்தில் |
| :---: | :---: |
| Once upon a time, son <br> They used to laugh with their hearts <br> And laugh with their eyes: <br> But now they only laugh with their teeth While their ice-block-cold eyes Search behind my shadow. | முன்னொரு காலத்தில், மகனே <br> அவா்கள் தங்கள் இதயங்களால் சிாித்தார்கள் <br> அவர்களுடைய கண்களாா் சிாித்தார்கள்; <br> ஆனாா்் இப்போது அவர்கள் தங்கள் பற்களால் மட்டுமே சிாிக்கிறார்கள்அவர்களின் அயர்ந்த சோர்ந்த கண்கள் <br> இப்பொழுது என்் நிழலுக்கு பின்னால் தேடுகின்றன. |
| There was a time indeed <br> They used to shake hands with their hearts <br> But that's gone, son <br> Now they shake hands without hearts <br> While their left hands search <br> My empty pockets. | உண்மையில் ஒரு காலம் இருந்தது <br> அவா்கள் தங்கள் மனதார கைகளைக் குலுக்குவார்கள் <br> ஆனால் அது போய்விட்டது மகனே <br> இப்போது அவா்கள் மணமில்லாமல் கைகளைக் குலுக்குகிறார்கள் அவர்கள் சென்ற பிறகு கைகள் தேடுவதோ என்வெற்றுப் பைகளை. |
| "Feel at home!", "Come again": <br> They say, and when I come <br> Again and feel <br> At home, once, twice <br> There will be no thrice - <br> For then I find doors shut on me. | உங்கள் வீட்டில் இருப்பதாக உணருங்கள், மீண்டிம் வாருங்கள்அவ்்கள் சொல்கிறார்கள்,நான் மீண்டும் வீட்டிற்கு வரும் போது உணர்கிறேன், ஒரு முறை இரு முறை மூன்றாவது முறை இல்லை அதன்் பின் எணக்கு கதவுகள் மூடியிருப்பதைக் கண்டுகெொ்டேன் |
| So I have learnt many things, son I have learned to wear many faces Like dresses - home face Office face, street face, host face Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles Like a fixed portrait smile. | அதனால் தான் பல விஷயங்களைக் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன், மகனே பலமுகங்களை அணிய நான் கற்றுக்கொண்டேன் ஆடைகளைப் போல - முகப்பு முகம் அலுவலக முகம், தெரு முகம், விருந்தினர் முகம் கலவை முகம், அவற்றிண் அணைத்தும் ஒத்த சிாிப்புகள் ஒரு நிறலயான உருவப்படத்தின் புன்னணையைப் போல |
| And I have learned too <br> To laugh with only my teeth And shake hands without my heart I have also learned to say "Goodbye" When I mean "Good-riddance": To say "Glad to meet you" | நாண் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன். <br> என் பற்கள் மட்டும் சிாிக்க வேண்டிம். <br> மற்றும் என் மணம் இல்லாமல் கை குலுக்குகிறேன் <br> நான் விடைபெற்றுக் கொள்ளவும் கற்றுக் கொண்டேன் நான் நல்லதை நீக்குதல் என்று பொருள் கொண்டேன் உங்களை சந்தித்ததில் மகிழ்ச்சி என்று |

Without being glad; and to say "It's been
Nice talking to you", after being bored.
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!

So show me, son
How to laugh; show me how
I used to laugh and smile
Once upon a time when I was like you.

மகிழ்ச்சி இல்லாமல் சொல்வதும் மற்றும்
உங்களுடன் பேசியதில் மகிழ்ச்சி என்று,
சலிப்பணைந்த பிறகு சொல்வதையும் கற்றுக் கொண்்டேன்.
ஆனால் எண்ணை நம்பு, மகனே
நாண் என்னவாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என்று விரும்பினேன் நாண்் உங்களைப் போல் இருந்த போது,
இந்த முணு முணுப்பு விஷயங்களை எல்லாவற்றறயும் அலசிப்பார்க்க வேண்டிம் என்று நினைத்தேன் எல்லாவற்றிற்கும் மேலாக, முடக்கக்சூடிய விஷயங்களை நான் கற்றுக் கொள்ள விரும்பவில்லை,
நான் மீண்டும் கற்றுக் கொள்ள விரும்புவது எண்னவென்றால்,
கண்ணாடியில் எண் சிாிப்பு எப்படி இருக்குமெண்று எண் சிாிப்பு ஒரு பாம்பின் வெறுமையான பற்களளப் போல மட்டுமே காட்டுகிறது!
அதனால் மகனே, என்னிடம் காட்டு,
எப்படி சிாிக்க வேண்டிமென்று; எனக்கு காட்டு
நான் சிாிக்கவும் சிாிக்க வைக்கவும் எப்படி பயன்படுத்திஞேன் எண்று முண்னொரு காலத்தில் நாண் உங்களைப் போலவே இருந்தேன்.

## GLOSSARY

| laugh with their teeth | to fake a laugh, laugh without associated emotions | பற்களால் மட்டிம் சிிிித்தல் |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ice-block-cold eyes | eyes lacking a feeling of warmth or endearingexpression | பனி தொகுதி - குளிர்ந்த கண்கள் |
| search behind my shadow | people are hypocritical and they don't mean what they say | எண் ந็\|ழலுக்கு பிண்னால் தேடுங்கள் |
| While their left hands search my empty pockets | evaluating the narrator's worth and power or calculating how he could be exploited | அவ்்களது இடது கைகள் எனது வெற்று பாக்கெட்டிகளள தேடும் போது |
| cocktail face | face showing mixed emotions | உணர்வுகள் நிறறந்த முகம் |
| conforming smiles like a fixed portrait smile | wearing a standard deceitful artificial smile on all occasions | சிரிப்புகள் ஒரு நிலலயான உருவப்படத்தின் புன்னகை போல் இருந்தது |
| good-riddance | expression of relief at being free of an unwanted person | நல்ல முட்டாள்தனம் |
| fangs | teeth of a venomous snake, used to inject poison | நச்சுப்பற்கள் |

1) Based on your understanding of the poem answer the following questions in one or two sentences each: (Text Page - 23)
a) What do you associate with the title of the poem? I associate the past with it
b) What is the relationship between the narrator and the listener?
The narrator is dad. The listener is his son.
c) What happens to the poet when he visits someone for the third time?
The doors are shut
d) Pick out the expeditions that indicate conflicting ideas.
They are: laugh with their hearts and laugh with their eyes.
e) How does the poet compare his face with dresses?

Like changing dresses for different occasions he changes his facial experessions.
f) What does the poet mean when he says 'good bye'?

He means "good-riddance"
g) What pleasantries does the poet use to fake cardiality?
'Good-bye' for 'goodriddance', 'nice talking to you' after being 'bored', etc.
h) What does he desire to unlearn and relearn?

He desires to unlearn unread things. He desires to relearn how to laugh
i) How is the poet's laugh reflected in the narrator? The poet's laughs showing teeth. They resemble snake's fangs.
j) What does the poet long for?

He longs for his boyhood
k) Mention the qualities the child in the poem symbolizes.
It symbolizes innocence.
2) Fill in the blanks choosing the words from the box given and complete the summary of the poem:

The poet Okara in this narrative monologue painfully condemns the (a) $\qquad$ displayed by adults, both in their words and actions. Here, a father laments to his son about the negative changes that creep into the attitude and behaviour of humans, when they grow into (b) $\qquad$ He says that people used to be (c) $\qquad$ when they laugh and the honesty would be reflected in their eyes. But, people of modern times laugh (d)___ Their handshakes used to be warm and happy conveying a sense of togetherness, but nowadays the handshakes have become a mere (e) $\qquad$ . He warns his son that people are not trust-worthy and have become so selfish that they are concerned only about their own (f) $\qquad$ benefits. People utter words of welcome and exchange (g) $\qquad$ , but those words come only from the tip of their tongues and not from the depth of their hearts. Humans have learnt the art of changing their (h) $\qquad$ expressions according to situations merely to ensure social acceptance. They wear(i) $\qquad$ and exhibit multiple faces. The narrator admits that he has also changed into a hypocrite. However, he tells his son that though he (j) $\qquad$ his expressions, he does all these against his will. He says he wants to become a (k) $\qquad$ again and laugh genuinely. He wants to (l) $\qquad$ the unreal things and (m) $\qquad$ how to laugh as he had done once upon a time. When he laughs before the (n) $\qquad$ , he sees no expression. His teeth are bare like that of the (o) $\qquad$ of a snake. So, he asks his son to show him how to laugh the way he used to laugh, when he was a kid like him.
Answers:
a) duplicity
f) personal
k) child
b) adults
g) pleasantries
c) genuine
d) superficially
e) falsity
i) masks
j) fakes
k) child
l) unlearn
h) facial
n) mirror
o) fangs
3) A) Interpret each of the following expressions used in the poem, in one or two lines.
i) laugh with their eyes

Eyes are the gateways of souls. The love for fellow humans was explicit in the eyes when people laughed with their eyes.
ii) shake hands without hearts

It is a handshake that does not show warmth but a routine formality.
iii) like a fixed portrait smile

A smile that remains fixed and does not change with personal feelings and moods.
iv) hands search my empty pockets

In society at present relationships are measured in terms of how much money/power one has.
v) to unlearn all these muting things

Getting rid of falseness in one's behavior makes his laugh unpleasant.

## APPRECIATION QUESTIONS

1. Once upon a time, son

They used to laugh with their hearts
And laugh with their eyes:
But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice-block-cold eyes
Search behind my shadow.
a) To whom is the poet talking?

He is talking to his son.
b) Mention the figure of speech (last befoe line).
Metaphor (மறைமுக உவமை)
c) How did people of the past laugh? They laughed with whole heart.
d) Whom does 'they' in the $4^{\text {th }}$ line refer to? (MDL)
'They' refers to modern people.
e) How do today's people laugh? They laugh with their teeth.
f) 'ice-block-cold eyes'- explain.(MAR.-23) Today's men have no warm feeling.
g) what does 'behind my shadow' mean? It means falsely
h) Who are "They"? (MAR-23)

They are people of the past.
2. There was a time indeed

They used to shake hands with their hearts
But that's gone, son
Now they shake hands without hearts
While their left hands search
My empty pockets
a) What is gone according to the speaker?
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
Friendly handshake is gone.
b) How do people shake hands now?
(MAR-20)
They shake hands without friendliness.
c) What does the last line mean? Today's men value others' money.
d) Which time is referred here? The past is referred here.
e) Explain the second line. (MDL-23)

Ancient men shook hands with friendliness

| Again and feel <br> At home, once, twice, <br> There will be no thrice <br> For them I find doors shut on me |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| a) To whom do people say 'Come again'? <br> They tell their friends so. <br> b) How do they invite their friends? They invite them insincerely. <br> c) Who are 'they'? <br> (MAR-19) They are modern people. | d) Do 'they' really mean it? No <br> (MAR-19) <br> e) Is the poet welcomed for the $3^{\text {rd }}$ time? <br> No. |

## 4. So, I have learned many things, son <br> I have learned to wear many faces <br> Like dresses. home face, <br> Office face, street face, host face <br> Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles

## Like a fixed portrait smile

a) Mention the figure of speech. Simile
(MAY-22)
b) 'Portrait smile' - explain.

It means artificial smile.
c) Explain the $2^{\text {nd }}$ line. (SEP-20) They poet has learnt to have artificial smile.
(MDL-23)
d) What does 'cocktail face' refer to? (SEP-20, MAY-22) (MDL-23)
It refer to a face of mixed feelings.
e) What has the poet learnt?

He has learnt to change face for different situations.

## 5. And I have learned too

To laugh with only my teeth
And shake hands without my heart
I have also learned to say 'Goodbye'
When I mean 'Goodriddance'

To say 'Glad to meet you'
Without being glad, and to say 'It's been
Nice talking to you, after being bored.
a) What does 'good riddance mean? It is an expression of relief.
b) What has the poet learned? He's learned to laugh unnaturally.
c) Identify the figure of speech.
(....nice talking...bored)

Oxymoron (முரணण்தொணட)

> 6. But believe me, son
> I want to be what I used to be
> When I was like you. I want
> To learn 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.
a) What does the poet want to relearn?
(JUNE-19)
He wants to relearn how to learn.
b) Mention the figure of speech. simile
(MAY-22)
c) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
(MAY-21)
Because his laughter resembles snake's fangs.
d) What are muting things? They are: false smile and handshake.
7. So, show me son

How to laugh, show me how
I used to laugh and smile
Once upon a time when I was like you.
a) What does the poet ask his son to teach him?
He asks him to teach how to laugh.
b) Mention the figure of speech. Simile
c) How did the poet laugh as a boy?

He laughed naturally.
d) Who is the speaker?

The poet is the speaker.

## ERC

Explain the lines with reference to the context:
1.Once upon a time, son

They used to laugh with their hearts
(MAR-23)

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara.

## Explanation:

The poet compares the past with the present. Once, people laughed wholeheartedly.
They had real laughter. The poet tells his son this.

## Comment:

The 'past laughter' was genuine

## 2.There will be no thrice

## Context:

This line is taken from the poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara

## Explanation:

Modern people are less hospitable. Suppose a friend visits them twice. They are treated well. Suppose he visits thrice.The door will be shut.

## Comment:

Modern men are less hospitable.
3.I have learned to wear many faces

Like dresses.....
(MDL, MAY-22)

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara.

## Explanation:

Modern people have false faces. They don't show their real faces. The poet too changes his face.

## Comment:

The poet is sad about false faces.
4.I want to be what I used to be
(MDL-2023)

## Context:

This line is taken from the poem"Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara. Explanation:

Modern people hide their real faces. They show false faces. They laugh falsely. The poet hates it. As a boy, he laughed wholeheartedly.

## Comment:

The poet wants to be a boy again.

## 5.I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye', When I mean 'Good-riddance'

(MDL-2023)

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara.

## Explanation:

Modern men have false behaviours. The poet too is the same. He says 'Goodbye' instead
of 'Good -riddance'.

## Comment:

The poet accepts his fake nature.

## 6.But now they only laugh with their teeth

While their ice-block-cold eyes

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara.

## Explanation:

Modern men laugh falsely. Then, they show their teeth. Their eyes have no love.

## Comment:

Modern men have 'fake love'.

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

## Answer the following questions in about 100-150 words each:

i) Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult.
(JUNE-19, MAY-22)
The poet talks about people. Once, people laughed really. They laughed with their heart. They greeted, happily. Today's men laugh falsely. They laugh showing teeth. It is false. They
greet others falsely. The poet too has false behaviours. He has many faces. He laughs falsely. He shows teeth while laughing. His teeth look like a snake's teeth. He wants to laugh really.

Moral: False behaviours aren't welcomed
ii) The poem is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement.
(MAR-19)
The poem is a criticism of modern life. Once, people laughed really. They laughed with their heart. They greeted happily. But modern men laugh falsely. They greet others falsely. The poet is affected by them. He too has false behaviours. He has many faces. He laughs falsely. These are caused by the fake modern life. The poet criticizes it.

Moral: False behaviours aren't welcomed.
iii) Face is the index of the mind. Does this adage concur with the views of the poet?

No. It doesn't agree with the poet's views. Modern men laugh falsely. They laugh showing teeth. It's false. They greet others falsely. The poet too has false behaviours. He has many faces. He laughs falsely. He laughs showing teeth. His face doesn't express his mind.

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

1. How does Gabriel Okara, as a parent express his wish, to shed falsehood and regain true ways of life from his child? Elaborate on it.
(SEP-20) (MDL-23)

| Poem | : Once Upon ATime |
| :--- | :--- |
| Poet | : Gabriel Okara |
| Theme | : Leaving falsehood \& regaining true ways of life |

## Introduction :

The poem "Once Upon A Time" written by Gabriel Okara depicts the poet's deep longing for regaining true ways of life by giving up false ways. He also suggests that he can learn such true ways of life from his little son.

## The Genuine Past:

In this narrative monolgue, Gabriel Okara painfully condemns the duplicity shown by adults both in their words and actions. Here, a father laments to his son about the negative changes
that creep into attitude and behaviour of humans when they grow into adults. Okara says that in the past, people used to be genuine when they laughed and honesty would be reflected in their eyes. But people of modern times laugh superficially. Their handshake used to be warm and happy conveying a real sense of togetherness.

## The Fake Present:

At the same time, the handshakes have become a mere falsity nowadays. He warns his son that people are not trustworthy. They have become so selfish that they are only concerned about their personal benefits People express words of welcome and exchange pleasantries. But those words come only from the tip of tongues and not from the depth of their hearts. Humans have learnt the art of changing facial expressions according to situations to ensure social acceptance. They wear masks and express multiple faces. The narrator admits that he has also changed into a hypocrite. However, he tells his son that though he fakes his expressions, he does all these things against his will.

## Regaining Genuine Ways of Life:

Gabriel Okara says that he wants to become a child again and laugh genuinely, He wishes to unlearn the unreal things and relearn how to langh as he had done once upon a time. When he laughs before the mirror, he finds the fangs of a snake. So, he asks his son to show him how to laugh when he was a child like him.

## Conclusion:

Thus, the poet visualizes the past genuine ways of life and the present fake ways of life.
Moral: Genuine behaviours are really praiseworthy.

## FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

| Poem | : Once upon a Time |
| :--- | :--- |
| Poet | : Gabriel Okara |
| Theme | : Follwing true way of life |

The poem deals with the poet's wish to shed falsehood and regain true ways of life. Once, people laughed really. They laughed with their heart. They greeted happily. Modern men laugh falsely. They laugh showing teeth. It is false. They greet others falsely. Modern life has affected
the poet. He has false behaviours. He laughs falsely. He laughs showing teeth. The poet wishes to leave falsehood and regain true ways of life.

Moral: Real behaviours are welcomed.

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

* Once, people laughed really.
* They laughed wholeheartedly.
* They greeted happily.
* Modern men laugh falsely.
* They laugh showing teeth.
* They greet others falsely.
* The poet has false behaviours.
* He laughs falsely.
* He laughs showing teeth.
* He is sad.
* He wishes to show true love.


## Moral: False love isn't welcomed.

## TEXTUAL EXERCISES

First read the questions given below. Next, listen to an excerpt from a poem read out by your teacher or played in a recorder. Note how a child admires and praises the abilities of his/her father. Then tick the right answers from the options given.
i) When the $\qquad$ needs to be repaired, they have to hire a man.
a) heater
b) furnace
c) stove
d) oven
ii) Father knows no word like $\qquad$ .
a) fail
b) frail
c) jail
d) snail
iii) It is certain that the father would restore the $\qquad$ of the family members.
a) glory
b) prosperity
c) confidence
d) happiness
iv) The father will not be able to mend a broken $\qquad$ .
a) table
b) bench
c) chair
d) stool
v) The children expect their $\qquad$ to guide them in action.
a) mother
b) father
c) teacher
d) guardian
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## Poem <br> CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR  - Ogden Nash

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FredericOgdenNash(August19,1902-May19,1971) was an American poet well known for his light verse, of which he wrote over 500 pieces. With his unconventional rhyming schemes, he was declared the country's bestknown producer of humorous poetry. His light verse even earned him a place on a postagestamp.


## PICTURES RELATED TO THE LESSON

Various Sports and Sportsmen - Pain, agony, competition, sorrow and success


## MIND MAP



## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## பாடல் சயுுக்கம்

* இக்கலிஞ்ர் தான் ஒரு பார்ணவயாளராக இருப்பதில் மகிழ்கிறார். சிறுவா் பல்வேறு விருப்பங்கள் கொணா்டிருக்கின்றனர். அவர்கள் குதிமரவீரர்களாகவோ, சூடைப்பந்தாட்ட வீரர்களாகவோ, ஹாக்கி வீரர்களாகவோ ஆகின்றனர். தடகள வீர்்களும், விணளயாட்டு வீரர்களும் திறணமuானவர்களே. ஆனால், கவிஞ்ர் தான் ஒரு தடகள வீரராகவோ, விணளயாட்டு வீரராகவோ இல்ணை எண்பதில் மகிழ்கிறார். அவர் தான்் தடகள வீரராகவோ, விணளயயாட்டு வீரராகவோ ஆக விரும்பவில்ணல. தான்் ஒரு பார்ணவயாளராாக இருப்பணதயே அவா் பெருமமயாக நிணனக்கிறார்.


## TEXT TRANSLATION

| CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR | ஒரு பிறவிப் பார்மவயாளாின்் வாக்குமுலம் |
| :---: | :---: |
| One infant grows up and becomes a jockey, Another plays basketball or hockey, <br> This one the prize ring hates to enter That one becomes a tackle or center, <br> I am just glad as glad can be <br> That I am not them, that they are not me. | ஒரு குழந்ணத வளா்்்து ஒரு குதியா வரரனாகிிறது. மற்றறான்ற் சூணடப் பந்து அல்லது ஹாக்கி விமளயாடிகிறதுு, இந்த ஒரு குத்துச்சண்்ணட வணளயய்தில் நுயழய வெறுக்கிறது <br>  மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருப்பதால் நாா்் மகிழ்ச்சியணைகிநறன்் நால்் அவர்கள்் போல் இல்ணல, அவர்கள் எண்ணன்ப் போல் இல்ண๐ |
| With all my heart I do admire Athletes who sweat for fun or hire, Who take the field in gaudy pomp, And maim each other as they romp, My limp and bashful spirit feeds On other people's heroic deeds. | எø் இதயத்ததாடு நான் பாராட்டுகிிறறன் <br> ஓட்டப்பந்தய வீர்ர்கள் வேர்யை சிந்துவது வேடிக்ணகக்காக <br> அவர்கள் மகிி்ச்சிசியில் ததங்கள் களத்றத எடுத்துக் <br> கொள்கிறார்கள், <br> முரட்டுத்தஆமாக விணளயாடும் போது ஒருவணரயொருவா் ழுடமாக்குகுிறார்கள் <br> எø் முடமாக்கியி மळநநிமை தீøியாகிறது <br> மற்ற மக்களின்் வீரச்செயல்களில், |
| Now A runs ninety yards to score, B knocks the champion to the floor, Cracking vertebrae and spines, Lashes his steed across the line, You'd think my ego it would please To swap positions with one of these. | இப்போது A தொண்்ணூறு கெஜம் வெற்றி ดபற ஓடககிறா்் <br> B சாம்பியணன தணாயில் தள்ஸிலிடுகிறாா்் <br> முதுகெலும்புகள்் பாதிக்கப்பட்டன <br> அø்று முழுவதும் அவணा வணசபாடிகின்றறøர், நீந்கள் எø்் ஈகோ எø்று நிணぁப்பீ゙்கள் <br> இணவகளில் ஒன்ற்டன்் இடங்கணை இடமாற்றுவதற்கு, சரி,ஈகோ அது போதும், <br> ஆனால் ஆர்வமுள்ள விறாயாட்டு வீரர்கள் மிகவும் கடியயமானவவர்களாக உள்ளனர். |
| Well, ego it might be pleased enough, But zealous athletes play so rough They do not ever in their dealings Consider one another's feelings. I'm glad that when my struggle begins 'Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins. | அவர்கள் எப்பபாயுது்் தங்கள் செயல்களில் ஈடுபடுவதில்யல ஒருவருணடய உணா்்்சிகிகள உ ணா்வார்கள். <br> எø்் போராட்ட் ஆர்்பிக்கும் போது நான் மகிழ்ச்ச்சி அணைகிறேன் <br> மதி நுட்ப்ம் மற்றும் ஈகோ கலந்திருக்கிறது. இசில் விவேகம் வெற்றியயடககிறது. |

When swollen eye meets gnarled fist When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist, When officialdom demands,
Is there a doctor in the stands?
My soul in true thanksgiving speaks
For this modest of physiques.
"Athletes, I'll drink to you
Or eat with you,
Or anything except compete with you, Buy tickets worth their radium,
To watch you gambol in the stadium,
And reassure myself anew
That you are not me and I'm not you.

வீங்கிய கண்கள் கைமுட்டியை சந்திக்கும் பொழுது. முழுங்காலில் எதி்்பாராமல் அடிக்கும் பொழுது, மணிக்கட்டு நொறுங்கும் பொழுது .
அதிகார பூர்வமான கோாிக்கைகள் தேவைப்படும் போது அரங்கில் ஒரு மருத்துவா் இருக்கிறாரா?
உண்மையான நன்றியுணர்வில் எண் ஆத்துமா பேசுகிறது.
கண்ணியமான உடலமைப்புக்காக
தடகளவீரர்களே, நான் உங்களுடன் குடிக்கிறேன்
அல்லது உங்களுடன் சாப்பிடிகிறேன்்
அல்லது ஏதாவது உங்களுடண் போட்டியிடுவெத தவிர தங்கள் ரேடியம் மதிப்புள்ள டிக்கெட் வாங்க, ஸ்டேடியத்தில் சவால் விடுவதை பார்ப்பதற்கு,
மேலும் புதிதாக எனக்குள் உறுதியளித்துக் கொண்்டேன் நான் அவர்கள் போல் இல்லல, அவா்கள் என்ணைப் போல் இல்லல.

## GLOSSARY

| jockey | horse rider | குதிரை ஓட்டும் பணியாள் |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| prize ring | enclosed area in which boxing matches are fought | பரிசு வளையம் |
| tackle | approach | தடிப்பாட்டம் |
| gaudy pomp | showy dress | ஆடம்பரமாக |
| maim | injure | ஊனமாக்கு |
| romp | play in a rough and noisy way | கடினமான விளையாட்டு |
| $\operatorname{limp}$ | weak | நொண்டி நொண்டி நட (அ) பலவீซமான |
| bashful | shy and reluctant | நாணம், கூச்சம் |
| lashes | beats with a whip | வசைபாடு |
| steed | a large, strong horse | போா்க்குதிரை |
| swap | exchange | இடமாற்றம் |
| zealous | enthusiastic | சுறுசுறுப்பு, பெரும் ஆர்வம் |
| prudence | wisdom | மதிநுட்பம், விவேகம் |
| gnarled | rough and twisted | கரடு முரடான |
| physique | body | உடலமைப்பு |

1) Based on your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions in a sentence or two. (Text Page - 54)
2) Why does the poet feel glad that he does not play any game?
Because his spirit is weak
3) Do you think that the narrator is heroic. Why? No, Because he just wants to be a spectator
4) The poet is satisfied just watching the heroic deeds of others. What could be the reason?
Because he doesn't want to be injured
5) The poet does not wish to exchange position with the runners. Why?

Because he doesn't want to be injured
5) Are the athletes conscious of the feelings of others?

Why do you say so?
No, Because they are just conscious of their own victory
6) Why would the referee ask whether there was a doctor in the stands? What stands is he referring to?

## B.Underline the aliterated words:

1. My soul in true thanks-giving speaks
soul, speaks
true, thanks giving
2. They do not ever in their dealings
they, their
do, dealings
C. Complete the table with suitable rhyming words

| score | floor |
| :--- | :--- |
| please | these |
| fist | wrist |
| demands | stands |
| radium | stadium |
| enter | centre |
| jockey | hockey |
| admire | hire |
| pomp | romp |
| feeds | deeds |

## D.Find out the rhyme scheme of the stanza

One in-fant grows and becomes a jockey -a
Another plays basketball or hockey -a
This one the prize ring hates to enter -b
That one becomes a tackle or center -b
Rhyme scheme

A doctor is needed to treat the injured players. He is referring to the pavilion stands.
7) Why does the poet prefer to buy tickets worth their weight in radium? Bring out the significance of the metal referred to here.
Radium is costly. The cost of the tickets for a sport is costly.

## APPRECIATION QUESTIONS

Read the lines and answer the questions in a line or two.

1. One infant grows up and becomes a jockey

Another plays basketball or hockey
This one the prize ring hates to enter
That one becomes a tackle or center
I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, then they are not me.
a) Why is the poet glad?

Because he isn't a player. He is a spectator.
b) What does one infant become when it grows up?
It becomes a jockey.
c) Pict out the rhyming words.
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
jockey-hockey, enter-center, be -me
d) Mention the figure of speech. Simile (as glad)
e) Who is a jockey?
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
Jockey means a horse-rider.
2. with all my heart I do admire

Athletes who sweat for fun or hire
Who take the field in gaudy pomp
And maim each other as they romp
My limp and bashful spirit feeds
On other people's heroic deeds
a) Mention the figure of speech in the $5^{\text {th }}$ line personification (உருவகம்)
b) Whom does the poet admire?(MDL-23)

He admires athletes. (MAR-23)
c) Who takes the field in gaudy pomp? Athletes take it in gaudy pomp
d) Why do the athletes sweat? They sweat for money (MDL-23)
(MAR-23)
e) What feeds on other people's deeds?
The poet's weak spirit does so.

## 3. Now, A runs ninety yards to score <br> $B$ knocks the champion to the floor <br> Cracking vertebrae and spines <br> Lashes his steed across the line <br> You 'd’ think my ego it would please <br> To swap positions with one of these

a) Mention the rhyming words. (SEP-20) score-floor, please -these (MDL-23)
b) Pick out the alliterated words.
steed, swap, score please, positions
c) Why does B knock A?

Because he doesn't want A to win.
d) Why does A run ninety yards? Because he wants to win the match.
e) Who are 'these'? (MDL-23) These are athletes.
f) Who cracks A's vertebrae and spines? Why?
$B$ cracks them to get victory over $A$.

> 4. Well, ego must be pleased enough
> But zealous athletes play so rough
> They do not ever in their dealings
> Consider one another's feelings
> I'm glad that when my struggle begins
> Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins
a) What wins finally?

Prudence wins finally.
b) Mention the figure of speech in the $5^{\text {th }}$ line. Personification
c) What pleases ego?

Victory pleases ego.
d) Why are the athletes rough?

They are rough to win.

> 5. When swollen eye meets gnarted fist When snaps the knee and cracks the wrist When officialdom demands Is there a doctor in the stands My soul in true thanksgiving speaks For this modest of physiques
a) Mention the rhyming words. fist- wrist, demands, stands, speaks physiques
(MAY-22)
b) Who is the officialdom?

The boxing referee is the officialdom.
c) Why are the eyes swollen? They are hit by the opponent.
d) When are the doctors called?

An athlete is injured. Then, they are called.
(MAY-22)
e) To whom is the poet soul thankful? It's thankful for the sportsmen's modest physiques.
6. Athletes, I'll drink to you

Or eat with you
Or anything except compete with you
Buy tickets worth their radium
To watch you gambol in the stadium
And reassure myself anew
That you are not me and I'm not you
a) Whom does 'you' refer to ? (MAR-19)
'You' refers to atheltes.
b) Whom does the poet reassure?

He reassures himself.
(MAR-19)
c) Give the meaning of 'gambol'
'Gambol' means run/jump happily.
d) What does 'drink to you' mean? It means 'drink to celebre victory.
e) Does the poet want to complete with the athletes?
(JUNE-19)
No.

## ERC

Explain the lines with reference to the context.

## 1.I am just glad as glad can be

That I am not them, that they are not me
(MAR-19)

## Context:

These lines are taken from "Confessions Of A Born Spectator" written by Ogden Nash

## Explanation:

The poet's spirit is weak. He doesn't want to be a sportman. He doesn't want to be an athlete. He wants to be a spectator.

## Comment:

It shows the poet's interest.
2. They do not in their dealing

Consider one another's feelings
(MAY-22)

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Confessions Of A Born Spectator" written by Ogden Nash.

## Explanation:

The athletes are self-centered. They don't care for their opponents. They neglect their feelings.

## Comment:

The athletes value their victory.

## 3. Athletes, I'ill drink to you

Or eat with you
Or anything except complete with you.....

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Confessions Of A Born Spectator" written by Ogden Nash.

## Explanation:

The poet will celebrate athlete's victory. He will drink with them. He will eat with them. He won't compete.

## Comment:

He wants to be a spectator

## 4. With all my heart I do admire

Athletes who sweat for fun or hire

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem "Confessions Of A Born Spectator" written by Ogden Nash.

## Explanation:

Athletes are dedicated. They play for money. They play for fun. The poet admires them.

## Comment:

The poet admires athletes.

## 5. And reassure myself anew

That you are not me and I'm not you

## Context:

These lines are taken from the poem"Confessions Of A Born Spectator" written by Ogden
Nash.

## Explanation:

Athletes are dedicted. They face challenges. The poet gets confidence from them. He isn't like them.

## Comment:

The poet believes in athletes.
Does the poet prefer to buy tickets worth their weight in radium? Bring out the significance of the metal referred here.
a] The poet prefers to buy tickets worth their radium because he entertains himself on their heroic deeds.
b] Radium is a metal which is found in less quantity in the earth crust and so he compares their play with the radium.
2) Read the poem again and complete the summary using the words given in the box.

| thanksgiving | exchange | glad | confesses | physiques |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| zealous | satisfied | aims | admires |  |

In the poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator,' Ogden Nash talks about how people choose different sports in their lives or decide to become athletes. While admiring the talents of athletes and sportsmen, the poet (i)____ that he is glad that he is neither a sportsman nor an athlete. Children have different (ii) $\qquad$ and wish to play various games. Each child has in mind something in particular, but the narrator is (iii) $\qquad$ he is not one of the players. Though the narrator (iv) $\qquad$ the talents of all athletes, he derives satisfaction from watching them, but does not wish to (v) $\qquad$ places with them. He also sometimes regrets that (vi) $\qquad$ athletes play rough games without caring for the feelings of their sporting rivals. He feels that good sense and caution win over ego. The narrator wholeheartedly offers (vii) $\qquad$ the modest (viii) $\qquad$ of athletes. Ultimately the narrator is (ix) $\qquad$ that he himself is not an athlete.

| Answers : | i) confesses | ii) aims | iii) glad | iv) admires | v) exchange |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | vi) zealous | vii) thanks giving | viii) physiques | ix) satisfied |  |

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

3) Read the poem and answer the following in a short paragraph of $8-10$ sentences each. (Text Page - 56)
4) How does the poet establish the victory of common sense over ego?
(MAR-23)
The poet wants to be a spectator. His spirit is weak. He can't be a sportsman. Sportsmen are talented. They are self-centered. They want to be famous. The poet is only a spectator. The thought gives him comfort. He doesn't want the prize money. Athletes play games roughly. They neglect their opponents' feelings. His common sense wins over ego.

## Moral: Common sense is successful.

2) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?

The poet wants to be a spectator. His spirit is weak. He can't be a sportsman. Sportsmen are talented. They sweat for money. The poet enjoys observing them. He doesn't wish to exchange places. He doesn't have such desire. He openly tells so.

## Moral: A bird inhand is better.

3) According to the poet what contributes most to the injuries sustained by the athletes?

The poet wants to be a spectator. His spirit is weak. He can't be an athlete. They are talented. They play roughly. They are self-centered. They neglect their opponent's feelings. Umpires neglect the athletes' injuries. The poet has no roughness.

## Moral: Hardwork brings success.

4. How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator? (MDL23)

The poet wants to be spectator. He admires sportsmen. They are talented. They play roughly. They are self-centred. The poet does not like to be a sportsman. He wants to be a spectator. He does not want to change places.Athletes play roughly. They neglect opponents'feelings. The poet celebrates athletes' victory. But, he likes to be a spectator.

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

| Poem | : Confessions of A Born Spectator |
| :--- | :--- |
| Poet | : Ogden Nash |
| Theme | $:$ The poet's wish to be a spectator |

## Introduction:

The poem "Confessions of A Spectator" is written by Ogden Nash who obviously elucidates his belief that a spectator can be as enthusiastic as a sportsman. He strongly emphasizes that he has great joy in being a spectator rather than an athlete or a sportsman.

## Admiration For Sportsmen:

Ogden Nash tells that different children have different aspirations. Some of them become a jockey, a basketball player or a hockey player. The poet is weak and he is shy too. So, he confesses that he is glad that he is neither a sportsman nor an athlete. The poet really has great admiration for the talents of the sportsmen and athletes. At the same time, the poet is aware that the athletes play very roughly. In addition to that, they are self -centered and over-enthusiastic. Therefore, the poet is not willing to be a sportsman.

## As a Spectator:

The poet states that he is only a born spectator. Not only that, he does not want to change place with athletes. He is not interested in getting wounded. The over- enthusiastic athletes play their games so roughly that they do not even care for the feelings and sufferings of their opponents at all. The poet feels very sad about it.

## The Poet's Determination:

The poes is happy because he may have some conflict between his knowledge and ego sometimes. At such times, only his knowledge finds successes. He never shows any interest in taking part in any sports or athletic games. Sometimes he gets an opportunity to address the winning athletes. On that occasions, the poet remarks that he is quite prepared to celebrate their
victory or wish them on their victory. At the same time, he frankly states that he is never interested in competing with them.

## Conclusion:

The poet does not want to have the challenging task of athletes. He is just contented with his being a spectator.

Moral: Be yourself and be original too.

## FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

| Poem | Confessions of a Born Spectator |
| :--- | :--- |
| Poet | : Ogden Nash |
| Theme | : Willingness to be a spectator |

Children have different aims. The poet wants to be a spectator. The poet admires sportsmen. They are talented. They play roughly. They are self-centred. The poet doesn't like to be a sportsman. The poet wants to be a spectator. He doesn't want to change places. Athletes play roughly. They neglect opponents' feelings. The poet elebrates athletes' victory. But, he likes to be a spectator.

Moral: Be yourself -be Original.

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

* The poet admires sportsmen.

They are talented.

- They are self-centered.
* The poet hates to be a sportman.
* He wants to be a spectator.
* He hates to change places.
* Athletes play roughly.
* They neglect opponents' feelings.
* The poet celebrates their victory.
* But, he likes to be a spectator.

Moral: Be yourself.

## TEXTUAL EXERCISES

Choose the most appropriate option and complete the sentences.

1) Tejaswini Sawant is an Indian $\qquad$ _.
a) shooter
b) boxer
c) cricketer
2) She represented India at the 9th South Asian Sports Federation Games in $\qquad$ .
a) 2001
b) 2002
c) 2004
3) In 2006, she won a Gold medal in the $\qquad$ _.
a) Commonwealth Games
b) Olympic Games
c) Asian Games
4) She became a world champion in the 50 m Rifle Prone game held in $\qquad$ ـ.
a) Germanyb) Russia
c) India
5) Tejaswini was the first Indian woman shooter to win a $\qquad$ medal at the World Championship in the 50 m rifle prone game.
a) gold
b) silver
c) bronze

## 9) Parallel reading:

Thinking
"If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you like to win, but you think you can't,
It is almost certain you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will.
It's all in the state of min
If you think you are outclassed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
To the stronger or faster man.
But soon or late the man who wins, Is the man who thinks he can."

1) Success depends upon
a) one's will
b) one's effort
c) mind
d) money
2) It is all in the states of $\qquad$
a) heart
b) mind
c) soul
d) face
3) out classed- means
a) expelled
b) excelled
c) experienced
d) inexperienced
4) Who is the winner? The man who thinks he can.
5) Give a suitable title. Thinking.


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

O. Henry (1862-1910) is a popular American shortstory writer whose original name is William Sydney Porter. His works romanticized the life of ordinary people in New York City. His stories are well-known throughout the world. They expressed the effect of coincidence on character and often had unexpected twists in the end. His stories are also noted for their witticism and clever wordplay. O. Henry's prolific writing period began in 1902 in New York City, where he wrote 381 short stories. He wrote one story a week for The New York World Sunday Magazine for over a year. O. Henry's short story 'After Twenty Years' was first published in the Sunday edition of the New York World in 1905. The story was included in the 1906 anthology The Four Million, and it has since been re-published in many short story collections. A few of his other popular short stories are The Gift of the Magi, The Cop and the Anthem, The Ransom of Red Chief, A Retrieved Reformation and The Third Ingredient.


## PICTURE RELATED TO THE SHORT STORY



## MIND MAP



## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## கणதச்் சுருக்கம்

இக்கணத இரண்டி நண்பர்கணளப் பற்றிய சுவாரஸ்ய1மாண கணத. பாப், ஜிம்மி வெல்ஸ் ஆகிய இருவரும் நெருங்கிய நண்பர்கள். அவர்கள் நியூயாா்க் நகரத்தவர்கள். ஒரு நாள் இரவு, 20 வருடங்கள் கழித்து அதே இடத்தில், அதே நேநத்தில் சந்திக்க முடிவெடித்து, அவர்கள் பிாிந்தனர். அந்த ஒப்பந்தத்தின்படி, பாப் ஜிம்மி வெல்ஸ்க்காக காத்திருந்தார். அப்பொழுது ஒரு காவல்அதிகாரி அங்கு வந்தார். அவர்தான் ஜிம்மி வெல்ஸ் எซ்பணத அறியாமல், பாப்
 பற்ற வைத்தபோது, பாப் சிக்கா கோவில் தேடப்பட்ட குற்றவாாிி எனக் கண்டுபிடித்தார். ஜிம்மி வெல்ஸ் அங்கிருந்து சென்றார். அவர் சாதாரண உணையணிந்த ஒரு உயரமான காவலதிகாாிமய அனுப்பி பாப்ணப ணகது செய்தார். அந்த அதிகாாி பாப்பிடம் ஒரு கடித்் கொடுத்தார். அதிலிருந்து அவாிடம் முதலில் பேசியவர்தான் ஜிம்டி வெல்ஸ் எண பாப் அறிந்தார்.

## TEXT TRANSLATION

## AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Here is a story entitled 'After Twenty Years' which is about two best friends who had to part ways. They return to keep an appointment they had made twenty years ago. Read to find out what happens when they meet again.

The policeman on the beat moved up the avenue impressively. The impressiveness was habitual and not for show, for spectators were few. The time was barely 10 o' clock at night, but chilly gustes of wind with a taste of rain them had well nigh deepeopled the streets.

Trying doors as he went, twirling his club with many intricate and artful movements, turning now and then to cast his watchful eye adown the pacific thoroughfare, the officer, with his stalwart form and slight swagger, made a fine pictureofaguardianofthepeace.Thevicinitywasonethat kept early hours. Now and then you might see the lights of acigarstoreorofanallnightlunchcounter;butthemajor- ity of the doors belonged to business places that had long since beenclosed.

When about midway of a certain block the policeman suddenly slowed his walk. In the doorway of a darkened hardware store a man leaned, with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. As the policeman walked up to him the man spoke up quickly.

## இવுUது வருடங்களூூ்்ுு் பிø்

இருபது வருடங்கள் கழித்து எண்ற தலலப்பில் உள்ள கணதயானது இரண்டு சிறந்த நண்பர்களைப் பற்றியது, அவा்கள் இருவரும் இருபது ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு ஒரு நியமனம் செய்து கொண்டனர். மீண்டிம் சந்திக்கும் போது என்ன நடக்கிறது என்பதைத் தொி்்து கொள்ள இதை படியுங்கள்.
போலீஸ்காரர் ஒருவா் அங்குள்ள பெரிய தெருக்களில் ரோந்து பணியில் ஈடுபட்டிருந்தனர். பார்வவயாளர்கள் பொறுத்த வரை குறறவு என்பதால் அவருடைய பணியை செய்கிறாரே தவிர ஈர்ப்புக்காகவோ, அழகாக காட்டிக் கொள்ளவோ அல்ல. அப்பொழுது இரவு 10 மணியாக இருந்தது. ஆனால் மணழயின் இளம் காற்றின் ஈரப்பதம் தெருக்களை சீர்குலைத்து விட்டது.
கையில் வவத்திருந்த தடியை சழற்றியபடியே அவா் அங்குள்ள கதவுகளை கவனித்தபடி சென்றார். அவரது வலுவான உடலும் நம்பிக்கையான நடையும் அவணை அமைதியின் காவலராக சித்தாித்தது. அந்த சுற்று வட்டாரத்தில் அந்த நேரத்தில் மக்கள் நடமாட்டம் குறைவாகவே இருக்கும் உணவு விடிதி அல்லது சுருட்டு விற்பணைக் கடை ஆகியவற்றின் வெளிச்சத்தை தாங்கள் காணலாம். அங்கு. பெரும்பான்மையான வணிக நிறுவனங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருந்தன.

ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட தடிப்புப் பாதை வந்ததும் போலீஸார் திடீரென்று அவரது நடமாட்டத்றை மெதுவாக்கினார். ஒரு இருண்ட இரும்புபொருள் கடை வாசல் கதவில் ஒரு மணிதன் சாய்ந்து, அவரது வாயில் ஒரு பற்ற வைக்காத சுருட்டுடன 'நின்று கொண்டிருந்தான். போலீஸ்காரர் அவரை நோக்கி நடந்து கொண்டிருந்த போது அந்த மனிதன் விறரவாக பேசினார்.
"It's all right, officer," he said, reassuringly. "I'm just waiting for a friend. It's an appointment made twenty years ago. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn't it? Well, I'll explain if you'd like to make certain it's all straight. About that long ago there used to be a restaurant where this store stands-Big Joe' Brady's restaurant."
"Until five years ago," said the policeman. "It was torn down then."

The man in the doorway struck a match and lit his cigar. The light showed a pale, square-jawed face with keen eyes, and a little white scar near his right eyebrow. His scarf pin was a large diamond, oddly set.

Twenty years ago tonight," said the man, "I dined here at Big Joe Brady's with Jimmy Wells, my best chum, and the finest chap in the world. He and I were raised here in New York, just like two brothers, together. I was eighteen and Jimmy was twenty. The next morning I was to start for the West to make my fortune. You couldn't have dragged Jimmy out of New York; he thought it was the only place on earth. Well, we agreed that night that we would meet here again exactly twenty years from that date and time, no matter what our conditions might be or from what distance we might have to come. We figured that in twenty years each of us ought to have our destiny worked out and our fortunes made, whatever they were going to be."
"It sounds pretty interesting," said the policeman. "Rather a long time between meets, though, it seems to me. Haven't you heard from your friend since you left?"
"Well, yes, for a time we corresponded," said the other. "But after a year or two we lost track of each other. You see, the West is a pretty big proposition, and I kept hustling around over it pretty lively. But I know Jimmy will meet me here if he's alive, for he always was the truest, staunchest old chap in the world. He'll never forget. I came a thousand miles to stand in this door tonight, and it's worth it if my old partner turns up."

The waiting man pulled out a handsome watch, the lids of it set with small diamonds.
"Three minutes to ten," he announced. "It was exactly ten o'clock when we parted here at the restaurant door."
 "நான் ஒரு நண்பருக்காக காத்திருக்கிறேன்". இருபது ஆண்டிகளுக்கு முன்பு ஒரு, ஒப்பந்தம் செய்து கொண்டதன்போினால் இங்கு நிற்கிறேன். உங்களுக்கு ஒரு வேடிக்கையான நகைச்சுவையாக தெரிகிறது இல்லையா? சாி நீங்கள் அதை செய்ய நோ்ந்தால், அதை சரியாகச் செய்ய நான் விரும்புகிறேன். நீண்ட காலத்திற்கு முன்னர் இந்த கடை அமைந்துள்ள இடம் ஒரு உணவகமாக இருந்தது - பிக்ஜோ "பிராடிஸ் உணவகம்".
"ஐந்து ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முண்பு வணை அதுு இருந்தது", போலீஸ்கார்ர சூறினார். "அது பின்பு இடிக்கப்பட்டுவிட்டது".
வாசலில் இருந்த மனிதன் ஒரு சிகரெட்டைப் பற்ற வைத்தான். ஒளியைக் காட்டிலும் வெளிச்சம், சதுரதாடைமுகம், மற்றும் அவரது வலது புருவம் அருகில் ஒரு சிறிய வெள்ஸைவடு இருந்தது. அவரது ஒற்றை தொகுப்பு கொண்ட டை பெரிய வைரத்தாலானது.















 பார்ப்பது நிச்சயம் என்று எண்ணிஞோம்.
















 முயற்சிக்கு பலண் தரும்".
காத்திருக்கும் மனிதன் ஒரு அழகான வைரங்கள் பதித்தகடிகாரத்தை வெளியே எடித்தான்.
"பத்தாக மூன்று நிமிடங்கள் உள்ளது" எண்று அவா் அறிவித்தார். "நாங்கள் இங்கு சாியாக பத்து மணி அளவில் உணவு விடுதி வாசலில் பாிிந்தோம்".
"Did pretty well out West, didn't you?" asked the policeman.
"You bet! I hope Jimmy has done half as well. He was a kind of plodder, though, good fellow as he was. I've had to compete with some of the sharpest wits going to get my pile. A man gets in a groove in New York. It takes the West to put a razor-edge on him."

The policeman twirled his club and took a step or two.
"I'll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all right. Going to call time on him sharp?"
"I should say not!" said the other. "I'll give him half an hour at least. If Jimmy is alive on earth he'll be here by that time. So long, officer."
"Good-night, sir," said the policeman, passing on along his beat, trying doors as he went.

There was now a fine, cold drizzle falling, and the wind had risen from its uncertain puffs into a steady blow. The few foot passengers astir in that quarter hurried dismally and silently along with coat collars turned high and pocketed hands. And in the door of the hardware store the man who had come a thousand miles to fill an appointment, uncertain almost to absurdity, with the friend of his youth, smoked his cigar and waited.

About twenty minutes he waited, and then a tall man in a long overcoat, with collar turned up to his ears, hurried across from the opposite side of the street. He went directly to the waiting man.
"Is that you, Bob?" he asked, doubtfully.
"Is that you, Jimmy Wells?" cried the man in the door.
"Bless my heart!" exclaimed the new arrival, grasping both the other's hands with his own. "It's Bob, sure as fate. I was certain I'd find you here if you were still in existence. Well, well, well! Twenty years is a long time. The old restaurant's gone, Bob; I wish it had lasted, so we could have had another dinner there. How has the West treated you, old man?"
"Bully; it has given me everything I asked it for. You've changed lots, Jimmy. I never thought you were so tall by two or three inches."
"Oh, I grew a bit after I was twenty."
"Doing well in New York, Jimmy?"
"Moderately. I have a position in one of the city
departments. Come on, Bob; we'll go around to a place I
"மேற்கு பகுதியில் நுங்கள் வசதியாக இருந்துர்களா"? என்று போலீஸ்காரர் கேட்டார்.
"நுங்கள் பந்தயம் கட்டலாம் .ஆம் நிச்சயம் ஜிம்மி கடின உணைப்பாளி என்று நான் நம்புகிறேன். அவன் என்னுடைய சம்பாத்தியத்தில் பாதி சம்பாதித்திருப்பான்.அவன் அதிக பணத்தை சம்பாதிப்பதற்கு சில யுக்திகளை பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும.நியுயயார்க்கில் வாழ்வது மிகக் கடிணம் ஆனால் மேற்கில் வாழ அறிவுக்சூ ர்மை வேண்டும்.
போலீஸ்காரர் தனது தடியை சுழற்றியபடியே ஓாிரு அடிகள் நடந்தார்.
"நாண் எண் வழியய1ல் இருக்கிறேன், உங்கள் நண்பர் சாியான நேரத்தில் வருவார் என்று நம்புகிறேன்". அப்படி வரவில்லையெனில் நுங்கள் சென்று விடுவொ்்களா?
"நாண் அப்படி சொல்லவில்லை" எண்கிறார் மற்றொருவர். "நான் அவருக்கு குணறந்த பட்சம் அரை மணி நேரம் கொடுக்க வேண்டும்" ஜிம்மி பூமியில் உயிருடன் இருந்தால் அவா் அந்த நேரத்தில் இருந்திருப்பார். அவணைப் பா்்த்து ரொம்ப நாளாகி விட்டது.
"குட் நைட், சார்", போலீஸ்காரர், அவரது பாதையில் வுட்டின் கதவுகளை நோட்டமிட்டு சென்றார்.
இப்போது நன்றாக இருந்தது. குளிர்ந்த மழை பொழிகிறது மற்றும் காற்று பலமாக வீசுகிறது.பலமான காற்று வுசிய பிறகு இதமான காற்று வுசியது • அந்த பகுதியில் உள்ள நடைபயணிகள் சுறுசுறுப்பாக கோட் காலரை உயர்த்திக்கொண்டு கொண்டு மற்றும் பாக்கெடடுக்குள் கைகளை வைத்தக் கொண்டு நடந்தனர். தனது நண்பணை சந்திக்க பல ஆயிரம் மைல் தொலலவில் வந்திருந்த மனிதன், தனது இளமைக்கால நண்பனின் நிச்சயமற்ற வருணையைத் தன்மையைக் எண்ணி கோபத்தில் தனது சுருட்டை பிடித்துக் கொண்டு காத்திருந்தான்.
சுமார் இருபது நிமிடங்கள் அவ்் காத்திருந்தார். பின்னர் ஒரு நீண்ட மேல் ஆடை அணிந்த ஒரு உயரமான மனிதர். தெருவின் எதிரெதிர்ப் பக்கத்தில் இருந்து வந்தார். அவா் காத்திருக்கும் மனிதாிடம் நேரடியாக செண்றார்.
"நீயா பாப்?" எண்று அவா் சந்தேகத்துடன் கேட்டார்.
"நீதான், ஜிம்மிவெல்ஸா?" எண்று அந்த மனிதன கத்தினான்.
"கடவுளின் ஆசி! புதிய வருகையைப் பற்றிக் சூறி, மற்றவாின் ணககணள தனது கைகளால் இறுகப் பற்றினார்" பாப் நமது விதி நன்றாக இருக்கிறது நு உயிரோடு இருந்தால் நிச்சயம் உன்ணன சந்திப்பேன் எø்று உறுதியாக இருந்தேன். சாி, நன்றாக இருக்கு!" இருபது வருடம் மிகவும் நீண்ட நாள் - பழைய உணவகம் போய்விட்டது. பாப்! இருந்திருந்தால் நாம் அங்கே இன்னொரு இரவு உணாவப் பெற்றிருந்திருக்கலாம். மேற்கு எப்படி உன்ணை வழி நடத்தியது கிழுா?"
"மகிழு்ச்சி நாண் கேட்டதை எல்லாம் கொடுத்திருக்கிறது. ஜிம்மி நீ நிறறய மாறிவிட்டாய், நீ இரண்டு அல்லது மூன்று அங்குல உயரமாக இருப்பாய் என்று நான் நிணைக்கவில்லை".
"ஓ, நான் இருபது வயதுக்குப் பிறகு கொஞ்சம்உயரமாக வளர்ந்தேன்".
"நியூயார்க்கில் நன்றாக இருந்தாயா, ஜிம்மி?"
"சுமாராக முக்கியமாக, எனக்கு நகர துறறயில் ஒரு
பதவியை பெற்றிருக்கிறார். வா, பாப் நான்் அறிந்த ஒரு
know of, and have a good long talk about old times."

The two men started up the street, arm in arm. The man from the West, his egotism enlarged by success, was beginning to outline the history of his career. The other, submerged in his overcoat, listened with interest.

At the corner stood a drug store, brilliant with electric lights. When they came into this glare each of them turned simultaneously to gaze upon the other's face. The man from the West stopped sud-denly and released his arm.

You're not Jimmy Wells," he snapped. "Twenty years is a long time, but not long enough to change a man's nose from a Roman to a pug."
"It sometimes changes a good man into a bad one", said the tall man. "You've been under arrest for ten minutes, 'Silky' Bob. Chicago thinks you may have dropped over our way and wires us she wants to have a chat with you. Going quietly, are you? That's sensible. Now, before we go on to the station here's a note I was asked to hand you. You may read it here at the window. It's from Patrolman Wells."

The man from the West unfolded the little piece of paper handed to him. His hand was steady when he began to read, but it trembled a little by the time he had finished. The note was rather short.
"Bob, I was at the appointed place on time. When you struck the match to light your cigar I saw it was the face of the man wanted in Chicago. Somehow I couldn't do it myself, so I went around and got a plainclothes man to do the job."

இடத்திற்கு செல்வோம். பழைய காலத்றதப் பற்றி ஒரு நீண்ட பேச்சு பேச வேண்டும்".
அந்த இருவரும் தெருவில் கைகோர்த்து நடக்க ஆரம்பித்தனர். மேற்கில் இருந்து வந்த மனிதன் அவனது வெற்றியை நோக்கி கர்வம் கொண்டான். அவரது வாழ்க்கை வரலாற்றின் சாராம்சத்தை சொல்ல தொடங்கினார். மற்றவர், தனது மேலங்கியும் முங்கிப் போய், அவர் சூறுவஞை ஆர்வத்துடன் கேட்டார். ஒரு மருந்து கடையில் மின் விளக்குகள் பிரகாசமாக ஜொலித்து கொண்டிருந்தது. அவர்கள் இந்த பிரகாசத்திற்குள் வந்த போது, ஒருவா் முகத்தை ஒருவா் பார்த்தனர். மேற்கில் இருந்த மனிதன் திடீரென்று நிறுத்தி, அவன் கையை விலக்கி விட்டான்.
"நீ ஜிம்மி வெல்ஸ் அல்ல", எண்றாண் அவன். "இருபது ஆண்டிகள் என்பது நீண்ட காலம் தான். ஆனால் ஒரு மணித மூக்கிணைரோமானிய வுரனால் சூட மாற்றி வி டக் சூடியஅளவுக்கு நுண்ட காலம் அல்ல.
"இது சில நேரங்களில் ஒரு நல்ல மனிதணை கெட்டவனாக மாற்றுகிறது". எண்று உயரமான மணிதன் சூறினார். "நீங்கள் பத்து நிமிடங்கள் முன்பாகவே கைது செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறீர்கள், "சில்கி" பாப். சிகாகோ காவல்துறற ஒரு செய்தி அனுப்பியிருக்கிறது.அது உன்னுடன் பேச விரும்புகிறது. அமைதியாகப் போகிறாயா நீ? அதுவே புத்திசாலித்தணம். இப்போது, நாங்கள் ஸ்டேஷனுக்கு செல்வதற்கு முன், ஒரு குறிப்பு உங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க நான் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டேன். சாளரத்தில் நீங்கள் அதை படிக்கலாம். இது பாட்ரோல் மேன்வெல்ஸில் இருந்து வருகிறது".
மேற்கில் இருந்த மணிதண் அவ்் கொடித்த சிறிய துண்டுபிரதியை விவரித்தார். அவண் படிக்க ஆரம்பித்த போது அவனுடைய ணககள் நிதானமாக இருந்தன. ஆனாால் அது முடிந்த நேரத்தில் சிறிது சிறிதாக நடுங்கியது. குறிப்பு சிறியதாக இருந்தது.
"பாப் நான் சந்திக்க வேண்டிய இடத்தில் சாியான நேரத்தில் நான் இருந்தேன், உங்கள் சுருட்டை பற்ற வைத்தபோது, நாண் பார்த்தேன் சிகாகோவில் தேடிய மனிதன் என்று, ஏனோ என்னால் உன்னை கைது செய்ய முடியவில்லை அதனால் நான் சென்றுவிட்டேன். பின் இவ்வேயையை செய்ய நான் ஒரு சாதாரண உடையிலிருந்த காவலனிடம் உன்ணை கைது செய்யும் வேலையை ஒப்படைத்தேன்.

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

## 5. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each. (Text Page - 32)

## a) Compare and contrast the characters of Jimmy Wells and Bob with suitable references

 from the story to support your view.Bob is a great criminal. He is a sincere friend. He wants to meet Jimmy. Jimmy Wells is not so. He is a sincere police officer. He learns Bob to be a criminal. He can't arrest Bob.
He arrests Bob using another policeman. He values duty. He doesn't value friends.
b) 'Means should justify the end.' Explain this adage with reference to O. Henry's story.

One's aim should be noble. His method should be noble. Bob and Jimmy had aims. They tried to achieve them. Bob wanted to be rich. He became a criminal. But, Jimmy lived in NewYork. He tried honestly. He became a policeman. He did not earn much. But, he was honest. So, his method justified his aim.
c) 'Tell me who your friends are and I shall tell you who you are'. How will you explain this statement in the light of Jimmy's and Bob's friendship?

It is a proverb. This story doesn't agree with it. Before twenty years, Bob and Jimmy were good. They had noble aims. Bob wanted to be rich. He went to the west. It was too hard for him to win. So, he selected the wrong method. Jimmy achieved his aim honestly. Time was favourable to him.
d) To your shock, you find out that your close friend is indulging in some wrong activity. Will you avoid him/her or try to correct him/her? Give reasons for your answer.

I shall not avoid such friend. I shall correct him. A friend in need is a friend indeed. A friend may do wrong activities. Suppose we find it. We shouldn't avoid him. We should try to correct him. We should warn him about the result. We should advise him. We should also give him guidelines. We should correct him.
e) What would you do in this situation, if you were Jimmy Wells? Substantiate your reason.

Suppose I were Jimmy Wells. I would not arrest him using an officer. I would not arrest him directly. Instead, I shall ask him to surrender. Suppose he surrenders. The police department will arrest him. He will confess his crime. The court will pity him. He will be punished less. He will be freed soon. He will live honestly.

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS

1. Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to policeman on beat -tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob realised -not his friend - policeman in plainclothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - policeman on beat - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note.
(MDL-2023)(MAR-19, 20)
2. Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted ways - fixed meetig - after 20 years - Bob changed - a criminal -wells - policeman - Bob arrived - appointed time - could not recognize - Wells identified - sent another policeman - respecting friendship - arrested Bob.
(SEP-20, MAR-19) (MDL-2023)

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

| Title | : After Twenty Years |
| :--- | :--- |
| Author | : O. Henry |
| Theme | : Loyalty in the friendship of two friends |

Introduction:
(MAR -20, SEP-20)
This interesting story "After Twenty Years" written by O.Henry thrillingly portrays the faithful friendship of two men namely Bob and Jimmy. It also depicts what happens when they meet after twenty years to keep their appointment.

## The Loyal Friends:

There lived two friends in New York. They were named Bob and Jimmy Wells. In fact, they were veny close and loyal to each other as friends. Once, they made a decision to depart to fulfill their aims and meet again after twenty years at the same place and at the same time in New York. Bob went to the west to follow his fortunes whereas Jimmy Wells settled in New York itself and became a police officer.

## Meeting After Twenty Years:

Twenty years passed by without their meeting during the period. First, Bob went there and was waiting for Jimmy Wells. Then, a police man approached him and talked to him. Bob told him about his friendship with Jimmy Wells and their agreement to meet there at that time of the day. Actnally the policeman was Jimmy Wells. But Bob could not identify him after those twenty years. Then, Bob lighted his cigar and Jimmy Wells recognized him to be the most wanted culprit in Chicago.

## A Man With a Letter:

After talking with Bob, Jimmy Wells moved away. Twenty minutes passed by. Then, a tall man in plain dress approached Bob. Bob thought that the man was Jimmy Well but his nose shape showed that he was not Jimmy Wells.

## The Arrest:

The tall man who approached Bob in plain dress was, of course, a police officer sent by Jimmy Wells to arrest Bob for the great crime he had committed in Chicago. The police officer had a letter with him. He handed it over to Bob, telling that he was sent by Jimmy Wells in order to arrest him for his crime in Chicago.

## Loyal Friend - Jimmy Wells:

Jimmy Wells was the patrol officer who met Bob first. He met Bob at the promised time. But he could not arrest him as a loyal friend. That was why, he sent another officer to go and arrest him. It shows the loyal friendship he had with Bob.

## Conclusion:

Thus, the story beautifully deals with their faithful friendship.
Moral: Faithful friendship is really enchanting

## FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

| Title | : After twenty years |
| :--- | :--- |
| Author | : O. Henry |
| Theme | : Friendship of Bob and Jimmy |

This story deals with the friendship of two friends. Bob and Jimmy Wells belonged to New York. They were close friends. They decided to depart. They promised to meet after 20 years. Bob went to the west. He wanted to be rich, He became a criminal. Jimmy became a policeman. Bob was waiting for Jimmy. A policeman talked to him. Bob told about his friendship. He lit his cigar. The pc found him a criminal. He went away. He sent a tall pc to arrest him. The pc arrested him. He gave him a letter. The first pc was Jimmy Wells. He learnt it from the letter. Thus, their friendship is beautifully depicted.

Moral: Duty is important.

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

* Bob and Jimmy were friends.

Bob wanted to be rich.

* Jimmy wanted to be a pc.
* Bob went to the west.
* He became a criminal.
* Jimmy became a pc.
* 20 years passed. Bob was waiting for Jimmy. A pc went near.
* Bob talked about their friendship.
* The pc found him a criminal.
* He sent another pc.
* He arrested him.

Moral: Duty is important.


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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## PICTURES RELATED TO THE TEXT



## MIND MAP



## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION



## காயத்் சுயுக்கம்

* ஃபிலிப் ஸ்லிதர்பி எซ்பவர் பிரில் மேซருக்கு ஒரு ரயில்வணர்டியில் பயணய் செய்தார். அவர் பாராளுமன்ற மறுதேர்தலில் ஒரு சீட பெற விரும்பிøார். அதற்காக சால்ட்பென் ஐாகோ எø்ற ஒரு செல்வாக்கான பெண்்ண சந்்த்க்க விருஸ்பிணார். அவருடண் பெ்்ட்டி எண்பவர் பயணம் செய்தார். அவர் ஸ்லிதர்பியிடம் 3 பவுண்ட் கடனாகக் கேட்டார். அவர் அப்போது தன்் அம்மா அடர்ந்த காப்பி நிற முடியை உணையவர் என்றறா்். ஸ்லிதர்பி அவா் பொய் சொல்வதாக சந்்ேககப்பட்டார். அதனால் அவருக்கு பணம் தற மறுத்தார். பெர்ட்டியினன் அம்மா மஞ்்ள் நிற முடியை உணையவர் எண ஸ்லித்்பி அறிவார். அவர் கிளாண்்ட பீப்பிள் கே.சி. எண்பவணை சந்தித்தார். அவர் சால்ட்பெண் ஐாகோ அவரது முடியை மஞ்சள் நிறத்திலிருந்து அட்்ந்த காப்பி நிறமாக 5 வாரர்்களுக்கு முன் மாற்றியळத சொன்னார். பெர்ட்டி தன்னிடய் சொன்னதுு உண்்ம என உணர்ந்த ஸ்லிதர்பி, அவணை ஏமாற்றுக்காரர் என யூகித்தது தவறென உணர்ந்தார்.


## TEXT TRANSLATION

## A SHOT IN THE DARK

Philip Sletherby settled himself down in an almost empty railway carriage, with the pleasant consciousness of being embarked on an agreeable and profitable pilgrimage. He was bound for Brill Manor, the country residence of his newly achieved acquaintance, Mrs. Saltpen-Jago. *Honoria Saltpen-Jago was a person of some social importance in London, of considerable importance and influence in the county of Chalkshire. The county of Chalkshire, or, at any rate, the eastern division of it, was of immediate personal interest to Philip Sletherby; it was held for the Government in the present Parliament by a gentleman who did not intend to seek re-election, and Sletherby was under serious consideration by the party managers as his possible successor, and with luck, the seat might be held. The Saltpen-Jago influence was not an item which could be left out of consideration, and the political aspirant had been delighted at meeting Honoria at a small and friendly luncheon-party, still more gratified when she had asked him down to her country house for the following Friday-to-Tuesday. He was obviously 'on approval', and if he could secure the goodwill of his hostess he might count on her nominating him as an assured thing. If he failed to find favour in her eyes - well, the local leaders would probably cool off in their embryo enthusiasm for him.
Among the passengers dotted about on the platform, awaiting their respective trains, Sletherby espied a club

## சரியில்லாத யூகம்

பிலிப் ஸ்லெதர்யை ஒரு புனித பயணத்திற்கு செல்வது போல் கிளம்பி, புகை வண்டியில் யாருமில்லா பெட்டியில் உட்காா்ந்தார். அவர் பரிில் மேனாில் உள்ள சால்டபென் ஜாகோவின் பண்ணை வீட்டிற்கு செல்கின்றார். சால்ட்பென்-ஜாகோ லண்்டனில் உள்ள சாக்க்ஷயர் என்றற இடத்தில் மிகவும் மதிப்பு மிக்கவர். பிலிப்ஸ் ஸ்லெதலர்பைக்கு அந்த இடத்தின் மேல் ஒரு விருப்பம் இருந்தது. அங்கு தேர்தல் வைத்தால் பிலிப்ஸ் ஸ்லெதர்பையை வேட்பாளராக அறிவிக்க கட்சி முடிவெடித்துள்ளது. அதற்கு சால்டபென்-ஜாகோவின் ஆதரவு தேவை. ஆகையால், தன்னுடைய அரசியல் நுழைவிற்காக, இந்த பெண்்மணியின் வீட்டிற்கு வெள்ளிக்கிழமை முதல் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை வணை விருந்திற்காக சென்றாா். அங்கு, தன்ணை உபசாிக்கும் பெண்ணின் நன்மததப்பினை பெறவேண்டும் என்று கருதினார். மேலும், தன்ணை வேட்பாளராக அறிவிப்பார் எண்று உறுதியாக நம்பினார். அந்தப் பெண்ணிற்கு அவாைப் பிடிக்காவிட்டால், உள்ளூரில் உள்ள தலைவர்கள் அவணை அரசியலில் முண்னேற விடாமல் அமுக்கி விடுவார்கள்.
acquaintance, and called him up to the carriage-window for a chat.
"Oh, you're staying with Mrs. Saltpen-Jago for the weekend, are you? I expect you'll have a good time; she has the reputation of being an excellent hostess. She'll be useful to you, too, if that Parliamentary project - hullo, you're off. Good-bye."
Sletherby waved good-bye to his friend, pulled up the window, and turned his attention to the magazine lying on his lap. He had scarcely glanced at a couple of pages, however, when a smothered curse caused him to glance hastily at the only other occupant of the carriage. His travelling companion was a young man of about two-andtwenty, with dark hair, fresh complexion, and the blend of smartness and disarray that marks the costume of a 'nut' who is bound on a rustic holiday. He was engaged in searching furiously and ineffectually for some elusive or non-existent object; from time to time he dug a sixpenny bit out of a waistcoat pocket and stared at it ruefully, then recommenced the futile searching operations. A cigarettecase, matchbox, latchkey, silver pencil case, and railway ticket were turned out on to the seat beside him, but none of these articles seemed to afford him satisfaction; he cursed again, rather louder than before. The vigorous pantomime did not draw forth any remark from Sletherby, who resumed his scrutiny of the magazine.
"I say!" exclaimed a young voice presently, "didn't I hear you say you were going down to stay with Mrs. SaltpenJago at Brill Manor? What a coincidence! My *mater, you know. I'm coming on there on Monday evening, so we shall meet. I'm quite a stranger; haven't seen the mater for six months at least. I was away yachting last time she was in Town. I'm Bertie, the second son, you know. I say, it's an awfully lucky coincidence that I should run across someone who knows the mater just at this particular moment. I've done a damned awkward thing."
"You've lost something, haven't you?" said Sletherby.
"Not exactly, but left behind, which is almost as bad; just as inconvenient, anyway. I've come away without my sovereign-purse, with four quid in it, all my worldly wealth for the moment. It was in my pocket all right, just before I was starting, and then I wanted to seal a letter, and the sovereign-purse happens to have my crest on it, so I whipped it out to stamp the seal with, and, like a doubledistilled idiot, I must have left it on the table. I had some silver loose in my pocket, but after I'd paid for a taxi and my ticket I'd only got this forlorn little six pence left. I'm stopping at a little country inn near Brondquay for three days' fishing; not a soul knows me there, and my weekend bill, and tips, and cab to and from the station, and my ticket on to Brill, that will mount up to two or three quid, won't it? If you wouldn't mind lending me two pound ten, or three for preference, I shall be awfully obliged. It will

நபாரப் பார்த்தார். அவருடன் ஜன்னல் அருகில் அரட்டை அடித்தார்.
"ஓ! சால்ட்பென்-ஜாகோவின் வீட்டிற்கு செல்கிறீர்களா? அவா் நன்றாக தனது விருந்தாளிகளை கவனிப்பவா் அவா். உங்களுக்கு இந்த பாராளுமன்ற தேர்தலில் உபயோகமாக இருப்பார்" என்று சூறறியபடி விடை பெற்றார்.
ஸ்லெதர்பை கையை அயைத்தபடி தனது மடியில் உள்ள செய்தித்தாளை பார்த்தார். ஒரு இரண்டு பக்கத்றத படிப்பதற்குள் தனக்கு எதிரே இருந்த ஒருத்தன் சூறிய கடுமையான வா்்த்தைகளை கேட்டு அதிர்ந்தார். அவருடைய சக பயணி, 22 வயது மிக்க கருமையான சூந்தலை கொண்டவன். உற்சாகமான தோற்றத்தை உடையவன். அவனுடைய உடையை பா்்த்தால், விடுமுறைக்கு செல்பவன் போல் தொி்்து. அவன் ஏதோ ஒரு பொருளை தீவிரமாக தேடுகின்றான். அடிக்கடி, ஆறு பென்னி நாணயங்னறை .தனது பாக்கெட்டில் இருந்து எடுத்து பார்த்துக்கொண்டான். தன்னுடைய சிகரெட் பெட்டி, தீப்பெட்டி, பெட்டிசாவி, வெள்ளி பென்சில் டப்பா மற்றும் பயணச் சீட்டு ஆகிய எதுவும் அவனுக்கு திருப்தி அளிக்கவில்லை. அவனது விஞோதமான செய்கை ஸ்லெதர்மைக்கு தொல்லையாக இல்லை. அவர் தனது செய்தித்தாணை படித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார்.

ஒரு இளமையான குரல் கேட்டது. "நீங்கள் பிாில் மேமோிி் உள்ள திருமதி. சால்ட்பென்-ஜாகோவின் வீட்டில் தங்க போகிறீர்களா? நானும் திங்கள் கிழமை அங்கே வருவேன். அங்கு நாம் சந்திக்கலாம். நான் அங்கு வந்து ஆறு மாதம் ஆகிவிட்டது. நான் தான் சால்ட்பென்-ஜாகோவின் இரண்்டாவது மகன், பெர்டி. நாண் யோகக்காரன். நல்லவேளை நீங்கள் வந்தீாககள். நான்் ஒரு சிக்கலில் மாட்டிக் கொண்்டேன்".

## நீ எதையோ தொலைத்து விட்டாயா? ஸ்லெதர்யை கேட்டார்.

"தொலைக்கவில்லை. விட்டு வந்துவிட்டேன். 4 குவிட் பணம் உள்ள கைப்யையை விட்டு வந்துவிட்டேன். நான் ஒரு கடிதத்தை அனுப்ப அடையாளம் வைக்க வேண்டி இருந்ததால், எனது ணைப்யையை பயன்படுத்தி, அயை அப்படியே மேேஜயில் ஹைத்து விட்டேன். எனது ணையில் சில நாணயங்கள் இருந்ததால், அணைக் கொண்ட ஊர்திக்கும், பயணச் சீட்டுக்கும் கொடுத்துவிட்டேன். இணிமேல், நான் ஒரு தங்கும் விடிதிக்கு மூன்று நாள் மீळ் பிடிப்பதற்காக செல்கிறேன். அங்கு யாருக்கும் என்னை தொியாது. அங்கு நான் தங்கும் செலவு, வண்டி, பிாில்லுக்கு செல்ல பயணச்சீட்டு எடுக்க என 2 அல்லது 3 குவிட் பணம் தேவைப்படுகிறது. நீங்கள் அப்பணத்தை கொடுத்தால், நான் உங்களுக்கு என்றும் நண்றி மறவாதவானாய் இருப்பேன். நான் எணது பிரச்சணனயிலிருந்தும் மீள்வேன்" என்றான்.
pull me out of no end of a hole."
"I think I can manage that," said Sletherby, after a moment's hesitation.
"Thanks awfully. It's jolly good of you. What a lucky thing for me that I should have chanced across one of the mater's friends. It will be a lesson to me not to leave my exchequer lying about anywhere, when it ought to be in my pocket. I suppose the moral of the whole thing is don't try and convert things to purposes for which they weren't intended. Still, when a sovereign-purse has your crest on it-"
"What is your crest, by the way?" Sletherby asked, carelessly.
"Not a very common one," said the youth; "a demi-lion holding a cross-crosslet in its paw."
"When your mother wrote to me, giving me a list of trains, she had, if I remember rightly, a greyhound *courant on her notepaper," observed Sletherby. There was a tinge of coldness in his voice.
"That is the Jago crest," responded the youth promptly; "the demi-lion is the Saltpen crest. We have the right to use both, but I always use the demi-lion, because, after all, we are really Saltpens."
There was silence for a moment or two, and the young man began to collect his fishing tackle and other belongings from the rack.
"Good-bye," said Sletherby.
"I've never met your mother," said Sletherby suddenly, "though we've corresponded several times. My introduction to her was through political friends. Does she resemble you at all in feature? I should rather like to be able to pick her out if she happened to be on the platform to meet me."
"She's supposed to be like me. She
has the same dark brown hair and high colour; it runs in her family. I say, this is where I get out."
"Good-bye," said Sletherby.
"You've forgotten the three quid," said the young man,
opening the carriage-door and pitching his suit-case on to the platform.
"I've no intention of lending you three pounds, or three shillings," said Sletherby severely.
"But you said-"
"I know I did. My suspicions hadn't been roused then, though I hadn't necessarily swallowed your story. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard, notwithstanding the really brilliant way in which you accounted for it. Then I laid a trap for you; I told you that I had never met Mrs. Saltpen-Jago. As a matter of fact I met her at lunch on Monday last. She is a pronounced blonde."

ஒரு சில நிமிட தயக்கத்திற்குப் பின் ஸ்லெதர்யை "அந்த பணத்தை கொடுக்க முடியும்" என்றார்.
"மிகவும் நன்றி. நாண் ரொம்ப அதிர்ஷ்டசாலி. அதனால் தான் நீங்கள் என்னுடன் இருக்கிறீர்கள். இந்த சம்பவம் எனக்கு ஒரு பாடத்றை கற்பித்திருக்கிறது. எனது ணைப்மையில் குடிம்ப அடையாளமே இருந்தாலும், ஒரு பொருஸை அது இருக்க வேண்டிய இடத்தில் வைக்க வேண்டும்" எண்றான்.


கலக்கம் தொி்்தது.
"அது ஜாகோ அடையாளம். இது சால்ட்பென் அடையாளம். நாங்கள் இரண்டையும் பயன்படுத்தலாம். ஆனால், நான் எப்பொழுதும் சிங்கத்தை மட்டுமே பயன்படுத்துவேன்" என்றான்.
சில நிமிடங்கள் அமைதியாக கழிந்தது. அந்த இளைஞன் தனது பொருள்களை எடுக்க ஆர்்பித்தான்.
"எனது நிறுத்தம் அடுத்தது" எண்றான்.
"நாண் உனது அம்மாவை நோில் சந்தித்தது இல்லை. அவா் எவ்வாறு இருப்பார்? உன்ணை மாதிாி இருப்பார்களா?? என்று ஸ்லெதர்மை கேட்டார்.

எனது அம்மா என்னை மாதிிி கருமையான சூந்தலையும், நல்ல நிறமும் உடையவர். நான் இங்கே இறங்கப்போகிறேன்" என்றான்.
"போய் வா" என்று ஸ்லெதர்மை சூறினார்.
"நீங்கள் அந்த 3 குவிட் பணத்தை மறந்து விட்டீர்களா? என்று பெர்ட்டி கேட்டான்.
"நான் உனக்கு ஒரு நாணயம் சூட தருவதற்கு தயாராகவில்லல" எண்று ஸ்லெதர்மை கடிமையாக சூறினாா்.
"ஆனால் நீங்கள் சூ.றினfா்கள்.."
"நான் கூறினேன். உனது கணதயை கேட்க எனக்கு சந்தேகம் உருவாகியது. குடும்ப அடையாளம் பற்றி கேட்ட பொழுது நீ தெளிவாக ஒரு கதையை சொன்னாய். நான் உன்னிடம் திருமதி சால்பெட்ன்ஜாகோவை பா்்த்தது இல்லை என்றேன். அது பொய். நீ செசால்வது உணர்மையா என்று கண்டுபிடிப்பதற்கு சொன்னது. நான் கடந்த திங்கள்கிழமை தான் அவர்களை பார்த்தேன். அவருக்கு பொன்னிறமான சூ,ந்தல்" என்று ஸ்லெதர்மை சூறறினார்.

The train moved on, leaving the soi-disant cadet of the Saltpen-Jago family cursing furiously on the platform.
"Well, he hasn't opened his fishing expedition by catching a flat," chuckled Sletherby. He would have an entertaining story to recount at dinner that evening, and his clever little trap would earn him applause as a man of resource and astuteness. He was still telling his adventure in imagination to an attentive audience of dinner guests when the train drew up at his destination. On the platform he was greeted sedately by a tall footman, and noisily by Claude People, K.C., who had apparently travelled down by the same train.
"Hullo, Sletherby! You spending the week-end at Brill? Good. Excellent. We'll have a round of golf together tomorrow; I'll give you your revenge for Hoylake. Not a bad course here, as inland courses go. Ah, here we are; here's the car waiting for us, and very nice, too!"
The car which won the K.C.'s approval was a sumptuouslooking vehicle, which seemed to embody the last word in elegance, comfort, and locomotive power. Its graceful lines and symmetrical design masked the fact that it was an enormous wheeled structure, combining the features of a hotel lounge and an engine-room.
"Different sort of vehicle to the post-chaise in which our grandfathers used to travel, eh?" exclaimed the lawyer appreciatively. And for Sletherby's benefit he began running over the chief points of perfection in the fitting and mechanism of the car.
Sletherby heard not a single word, noted not one of the details that were being expounded to him. His eyes were fixed on the door panel, on which were displayed two crests: a greyhound courant and a demi-lion holding in its paw a cross-crosslet.
The K.C. was not the sort of man to notice an absorbed silence on the part of a companion. He had been silent himself for nearly an hour in the train, and his tongue was making up for lost time. Political gossip, personal anecdote, and general observation flowed from him in an uninterrupted stream as the car sped along the country roads; from the inner history of the Dublin labour troubles and the private life of the Prince Designate of Albania he progressed with an easy volubility to an account of an alleged happening at the ninth hole at Sandwich, and a verbatim report of a remark made by the Duchess of Pathshire at a Tango tea. Just as the car turned in at the Brill entrance gates the K.C. captured Sletherby's attention by switching his remarks to the personality of their hostess.
"Brilliant woman, level-headed, a clear thinker, knows exactly when to take up an individual or a cause, exactly when to let him or it drop. Influential woman, but spoils herself and her chances by being too restless. No repose. Good appearance, too, till she made that idiotic change."

[^0]புகைவண்டி நகர்ந்தது. சால்ட்பென்-ஜாகோவின் மகன் என்று சூறியவன் சபித்துக்கொண்டே சென்றான்.
"இவன் எண்னிடம் மீன் பிடிக்கும்திறமையை காட்டியிருக்க சூடாது" என்று நணைச்சுவையாக ஸ்லெதர்மை சூறினார். இன்று இரவு சாப்பிடும் பொழுது இந்த சம்பவத்றை சூற வேண்டிம் என்று நிணைத்தார். அணைவரும் இவணைப் பாராட்டுவார்கள். இவருடைய நிறுத்தம் வந்தவுடன், நடைமேடையில் ரொம்பவும் மாியாததயாக கிளாடு பீப்புள் கே.சி. வரவேற்றார்.
"ஸ்லெதர்யை, பிரிலுக்கு வந்தீர்களா?" நல்லது கோல்ப் விளையாட்டு நாறை விளையாடலாம். நமக்காக கார் காத்திருக்கிறது". அவர்களுக்காக வந்த கார் மிகவும் பெரியதாக இருந்தது. பெரிய உணவகத்தில் நுயைந்தது போல் பல வடிவமைப்புடன் இருந்தது.
"நமது முன்னோர்கள் சென்ற குதிறை வண்டிபோல் இது பிரம்மாண்டமாக உள்ளது" எண்று கே.சி. காணை பாராட்டி கொண்டு வந்தார். மேலும், காாின் பகுதிகளையும் ஓட்டுவதற்கு தேவவயானவைகளையும் பற்றி பேசுகிறார்.
"நமது முன்னோர்கள் செண்ற குதிரை வண்டிிபோல் இது பிரம்மாண்டமாக உள்ளது" என்று கே.சி. காணை பாராட்டி கொண்டு வந்தார். மேலும், காாின் பகுதிகளையும் ஓட்டுவதற்கு தேவவயானவைகளையும் பற்றி பேசுகிறார்.

| ஸ்லெதர்பை | காதில் | எதுவும் | விழவில்லை | அவுது |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| கண்்கள் | காாின் | இரண்டு | கதவைப் | பா்்துது |
| கொண்டிருக்கின்ற். | அதில், | இரண்டு |  |  | அடையாளங்களும் - ஒரு நாயும், ஒரு சிங்கமும் தனது கையில் சிலுவை வைத்தபடியும் இருந்தன.

கே.சி. அமைதியான மனிதர் இல்லல. புகைவண்டிய1ல் ஒரு மணி நேரம் அமைதியாக இருநத்ததால், இப்பொழுது காரில் பேசிக்கொண்டே இருந்தார். அரசியல் புரளி, தனது சொந்தக்கதை மற்றும் பொது விஷயங்களை பேசிக்கொண்டு இருந்தார். டப்லினில் உள்ள தொழிலாளர்கள் பிரச்சனன, அல்பெனியாவின் இளவரசாின் சொந்த வாழ்க்கை, பாத்ஷ்யாின் இளவரசி டேங்கோ டி எண்ற இடத்தில் சொன்ன வார்த்றைகள் எซ்று ஏகப்பட்ட விஷயங்களை சூறிøார். பிறகு, தங்களை விருந்து உபசாிக்கும் பெண்மணியைப் பற்றி பேசினாா்.

| "அறிவாளி நல்ல புத்தி சூர்மை உடையவர். யாருக்கு |
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| என்ன வேண்டிம் என்று சாியாக புிந்தவர் மக்கள் |
| செல்வாக்கு உடையவர். ஆனால் ஓய்வு எடுக்காமல் |
| உழைக்கிறார். யாரிடமும் உதவி எதிர்பார்க்காதவர். |
| நல்ல தோற்றம் உள்ளவர். ஆனால் ஒரு |
| முட்டாள்தனமான மாற்றம் செய்யும் வரை. |
| மாற்றமா? "என்ன மாற்றம்?" என்று ஸ்லெதர்பை |
| கேட்டார். | எண்ன வேண்டிம் எண்று சாியாக புாிந்தவா் மக்கள் செல்வாக்கு உடையவர். ஆனால் ஓய்வு எடுக்காமல் உழைக்கிறார். யாாிடமும் உதவி எதி்்பா்்க்காதவர். நல்ல தோற்றம் உள்ளவா். ஆனால் ஒரு முட்டாள்தனமான மாற்றம் செய்யும் வரை.

"What change? You don't mean to say- Oh, of course, you've only known her just lately. She used to have beautiful dark brown hair, which went very well with her fresh complexion; then one day, about five weeks ago, she electrified everybody by appearing as a brilliant blonde. Quite ruined her looks. Here we are. I say, what's the matter with you? You look rather ill."


#### Abstract

"என்ன மாற்றமா?" "ஓ! உங்களுக்கு இப்பொழுதுதான் சாலட்பென்-ஜாகோவைத் தெரியும். அவருக்கு, அழகிய கருமையான கூந்தல் புத்துணர்ச்சியுடன் தொிவார். ஐந்து வாரத்திற்கு முன்னால், அவா் தனது சூந்தலை பொன்னிறமாக மாற்றி அணைவரையும் அதிர வைத்தார். அவரது அழகை அழித்து விட்டார். உங்களுக்கு எண்ன ஆகிவிட்டது? உடம்பு சரியில்லாதது போல் இருக்கிறீர்கள்"


## GLOSSARY

| embarked | boarded | மேற்கொண்டு |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| espied | caught sight of | சாக்கின் முனை |
| ineffectually | in vain | பலனற்ற, விளைவு அற்ற |
| ruefully | regretfully, sorrowfully | வருத்தத்துடன் |
| pantomime | exaggerated behaviour | கட்டிக்கணையை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட நாடகத்தில் பங்கேற்போம் |
| quid | (British) one pound sterling | புகையிலைக் கத்தை |
| exchequer | national treasury | அரசாங்க பொக்கிஷு் |
| crest | a symbol representing a family, reproduced on writing paper | உச்சி, சிகரம் |
| tackle | equipment required for a task or sport | தடிப்பாட்டம் |
| discrepancy | difference | வித்தியாசம் |
| soi- distant | self styled | சுய விருப்ப நடை |
| astuteness | cleverness | மதி நுட்பம், தந்திரம்,புத்தி |
| sedately | in a dignified manner | சாந்தமான |
| sumptuous | expensive looking | ஆடம்பரம் |
| chaise | horse-drawn carriage | இரு சக்கர குதிரை வண்டி, இழுத்த இழுப்புக்கு |
| expounded | explained | விவாிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. |
| volubility | fluency, talkativeness | சரளமாக பேசு |
| blonde | pale yellow hair | பொன்னிறம் |
| Honoria | (Latin) honour, a woman of reputation | மாியாதை |
| mater | (Latin) - mother | கற்ற |
| courant | animal represented in the act of running | விலங்குகள் ஓடும் பாதை |

## PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

## 4. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of about $100-150$ words each. (Text Page 64)

a) Describe the youth's strange behaviour when he was in the train.

Philip Sletherby travelled by a train. He was going to Brill Manor. There was the parliament re-election. He wanted to get a seat. He was going to meet Saltpen Jago. She was an influential lady. There was a youth. He was Bertie. He was about 22. He was Saltpen's son. He searched for his purse. It was wasteful. He blamed himself.
b) One has to be cautious and not be carried away by stories. How did Sletherby exhibit caution?

Philip Sletherby travelled by a train. He was going to Brill Manor. He wanted to get a seat in the parliament re-election. He wanted to meet Saltpen Jago. There was a youth. He was Bertie. He was Saltpen's son. He had left his purse somewhere. He blamed himself. He wanted 3 pounds. He asked for Sletherby's help. Sletherby doubted him. He had never seen his Mom. He asked him if she resembled him. His Mom had dark brown hair. He said so. Sletherby said about her yellow hair.
c) How did Sletherby's judgement of Bertie turn out to be a wrong one?

Philip Sletherby travelled to Brill Manor. He wanted to get a seat in the parliament re-election. He wanted Saltpen Jago's help. A man talked to Philip. He was Bertie. He asked him for 3 pounds. He told about his Mom's brown hair. Sletherby became careful. He knew his Mom's yellow hair. He doubted Bertie. Clande told him about her change. She changed her hair into yellow. Sletherby felt his wrong judgement.
d) As Sletherby, would you apologise to Bertie for your rude behaviour? Give reasons.

I would apologise to Bertie. I only knew about the greybound courant crest. I didn't know about the demi-lion crest. I knew his Mom just recently. I knew about her blonde hair. I didn't know her change. She had changed her hair into brown. I would apologise for my rude behaviour.
e) 'Seeing is believing'. How is this humorously disproved in this story? Bring out the irony in the situation.

Bertie wanted three pounds. He asked Sletherby for it. Bertie told about the Jago crest and his Mom's brown hair. Slitherby knew his Mom's yellow hair. So, he doubted Bertie. He hesitated to help him. He found two crests on the car's door panel. Clande told about Bertie's Mom's hair change. So, 'seeing is believing' is disproved.

## SPECIAL PARAGRAPH

1. Philip Sletherby - Politician - Brill Manor - meet - Mrs.Saltpen Jago - London - Re-election - young man - Bertie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - fraud - Jago Crest - demilion"Seeing is believing"
(MAR-23)
2. Philip - travels - train - Brill Manor - Meets Bertie - Second son - left purse - four quids needs money - requests Philip to lend him - two pounds - did not help - true son- mistake for a fraud.

## FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

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Title : A Shot In the Dark
Author : Saki
Theme : Sletherby's misconception about Bertie
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## Introduction:

The story "A Shot In The Dark" written by Saki beautifully amusingly depicts the misconception of Philip Sletherby about Bertie, the second son of Saltpen Jago in Brill Manor, while he travelled by train.

## Sletherby Travel To Brill Manor:

Philip Sletherby travelled in an almost empty carriage on a profitable pilgrimage. He was bound for Brill Manor, the country residence of Saltpen Jago. Saltpen Jago was a person of some social importance and influence in London. He was going there in order to get a seat in the parliament re-election. He wished to meet saltpen Jago and get some support for the election.

## Bertie's Company:

His travelling companion was a young man of about twenty two with fresh complexion and smartness on a rustic holiday. He introduced himself as Bertie, the second son of Saltpen Jago. He informed Philip Sletherby that he had left his purse with his family crest on it as he was in a hurry. He was urgenty in need of rightly three guid. Suppose Philip Sletherby lent it to him, he would repay it early. On hearing his words, Sletherby wanted to help him.

## Slitherby's suspicion:

On hearing the details of his Jago crest and his Mom's dark brown hair, Philip Sletherby suspected Bertie to be a cheat. Sletherby knew very well that saltpen Jago's hair was not dark brown but blonde and her letter a greyhourd courant crest. Therefore, Philip Sletherby refused to lend him the money. So, Bertie left the train with irritation.

## K.C.'s Clarification:

When the train arrived at the station, he was received by a man named clande people K.C. When the car's door was opened, two crests were found on the car's door panel - a grey hound courant and a demi-lion with its paw a cross - crosslet. Sletherby Philip was, of course, greatly shocked to see the Jago crest as told by Bertie, the second son of Saltpen Jago was promptly correct without any doubt.

## Blonde Hair:

Just as the ear turned in at the Brill entrance gates, the K.C.captured Philip Sletherby's attention by switching his remarks to the personality of Saltpen Jago. Previously she had beautiful dark brown hair. But, She spoiled her appearance by changing her hair into blonde. Then, K.C.looked at Philip sletherby who looked rather ill. So, he had wrongly suspected Bertie and Bertie's words were absolutely genuine.

## Conclusion:

Thus, the story nicely depicts sletherby's unnecessary suspicion of Bertie.

Moral: Appearnces are always deceptive.

## FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

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| Title | : A Shot In the Dark |
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| Theme | : Sletherby's misconception |

This story beautifully portrays Sletherby's misconception about Bertie. Slitherby travelled to Brill Manor. He wanted to meet Saltpen Jago. A youth, Bertie talked to him. He asked him for 3 pounds. Bertie told about the Jago crest and his Mom's brown hair. Sletherby knew about her
yellow hair. So, he doubted Bertie. Clande received him. He told about Bertie's Mom's hair change. He found two crests on the car's door panel. He realized his misconception. Thus, 'seeing is believing' is disproved.

Moral: Clear analysis reveals the truth.

## FOR SLOW LEARNERS

* Sletherby travelled by a train.
* He wanted to meet Saltpen Jago.
* Bertie asked for 3 pounds.
* He told about his Mom's brown hair.
- Sletherby knew about her yellow hair.
* So, he doubted Bertie.
* Clande received him.
* He told about Jago's hair change.
* He found two crests on the car's door panel.
* He realized his misconception.

Moral: Clear analysis reveals the truth.


Answer all the questions.
$20 \times 1=20$
Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

(Text book Glossary: $\mathbf{4 , 5 , 3 8}, 70,108,142,170,171$ )
Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.
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## Govt Exam Questions

1. We treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us.
(MAY - 22, MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) hymns
b) songs
c) storeys
d) stories / tales
2. The coaches lauded me.
(MAY - 22)
a) appreciated
b) gifted
c) garlanded
d) rebuked
3. The toilers did not enjoy this privilege.
(MAY - 22)
a) kings
b) bosses
c) leaders
d) workers
4. $\qquad$ not anger or exasperation, but just simple wonder.
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) amusement
b) nervousness
c) irritation
d) surprise
5. So common is it that I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor.
(SEP - 20, JUN -19) (MDL-23)
a) uninterested
b) unwilling
c) forced
d) persuaded
6. A peaceful pallor spread on her face.
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) devotion
b) apprearance c) results
d) stress
7. $\qquad$ either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) great
b) bold
c) strong
d) perfect
8. I shall $\qquad$ only reiterate some of the cardinal principles.
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) accept
b) express
c) repeat
d) adopt
9. The role of the University today is not cloistered...
(JUN - 19)
a) flexible
b) restricted
c) determined
d) challenging
10. She thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum.
(MAR - 19)
a) preserved
b) repaired
c) damaged
d) costly
11. $\qquad$ and I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness.
(MAR - 19)
a) toughness
b) weakness
c) brightness
d) seriousness
12. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
(MAR - 19, 2023)
a) hope
b) memory
c) alertness
d) hunger
13. $\qquad$ that we regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric.
(MAR - 19)
a) modern
b) weary
c) normal
d) weird
14. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face....
(MDL-23)
a) graceful
b) fresh
c) smoothed
d) wrinkled
15. It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
(MDL-23)
a) irritation
b) inability
c) inferiority
d) ability
16. $\qquad$ we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities..
(MDL-23)
a) safeties
b) dangers
c) securities
d) certainty
17. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing - song
(MAR-23)
a) jarring
b) boring
c) piercing
d) depressing
18. What was her Vexation $\qquad$ (MAR-23)
a) annoyance
b) discomfort
c) confusion
d) lethargy


## Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

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1. Grandmother was always in spotless white.
(MAY -22)
a) pure
b) pointless
c) dirty
d) creased
2. The staff looked so unsympathetic.
(MAY -22)
a) credible
b) genuine
c) dutiful
d) sympathetic
3. It requires individual responsibility.
(MAY -22)
a) classical
b) personal
c) collective
d) modern
4. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing championship.
(SEP -22) (MDL-23)
a) attained
b) distribute
c) ruined
d) gave up
5. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk...
(SEP -22) (MAR-23)
a) concerned
b) surprised
c) motivated
d) forced
(MDL-23)
6. ___ people with robust optimism will be discouraged and forced to take to the path of ease. (SEP -22)
a) rough
b) soft
c) weak
d) thin.
(MDL-23)
7. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard .....
(MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) originality
b) similarity
c) functionality
d) triviality
8. Such a cosy little room!
(MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) uncomfortable
b) inexpensive
c) filthy
d) dingy
9. But how near the surface and ready .... is worldly guile!
(MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) hardship
b) peace
c) honesty
d) pleasure
10. He has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.
(JUN -19)
a) clever
b) timid
c) rigid
d) strong
11. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions...
(JUN -19)
a) faith
b) loyalty
c) interest
d) liking
12. The other teams....weight in, which is compulsory for all players.
(JUN -19, MDL)
a) optional / voluntary
b) natural
c) critical
d) occasional
13. Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rubukes.
(MAR -19)
a) serious
b) harmless
c) funny
d) decent
14. "Don't look so doleful, girls."
(MAR -19)
a) peaceful
b) joyful
c) doubtful
d) powerful
15. There are, it must be admitted, some matters.....
(MAR -19)
a) replied
b) denied
c) argued
d) accepted
16. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.
(MDL-23)
a) rich
b) wealthy
c) poor
d) luxurious
17. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder - not anger or exasperation.
a) irritation
b) calmness
c) vexation
d) annoyance
(MDL-23)
18. I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness.
(MAR-23)
a) loneliness
b) eagerness
c) weakness
d) sadness
19. My particular specialty now is returning to hotel desks two or three times a day
(MAR-23)
a) peculiar
b) exemplary
c) moderate
d) general.


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Word - 1 | Word - 2 | Compound word |  |
| ice | axe | ice axe |  |
| ice | berg | Pattern |  |
| ice | cap | ice cap |  |
| ice | floe | ice floe |  |
| ice | sheet | ice sheet |  |
| ice | rink | ice rink |  |
| knife | edge | knife - edge |  |
| wind | proof | wind - proof |  |
| snow | board | snow board |  |
| snow | mobile | snow mobile |  |
| snow | chains | snow chains |  |
| snow | storm | snow storm |  |
| snow | bird | snow bird |  |


| snow | belt | snow belt |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| store | room | store room |  |
| butter | milk | butter milk |  |
| head | master | headmaster |  |
| ice | fall | ice - fall | Noun + Verb |
| hair | cut | haircut |  |
| water | fall | waterfall |  |
| public | speaking | public speaking | Noun + Gerund |
| diamond | hard | diamond - hard | Noun + Adjective |
| world | famous | world - famous |  |
| show | cause | show cause | Verb + Noun |
| draw | back | draw back | Verb + Adverb |
| over | step | overstep | Adverb + Verb |
| out | put | output |  |
| never | ending | never - ending | Adverb + Gerund |
| partly | full | partly - full | Adverb + Adjective / Adverb |
| sleeping | bags | sleeping - bags | Gerund + Nound |
| swimming | pool | swimming pool |  |
| grand | mother | grandmother | Adjective + Nound |
| soft | ware | software |  |
| half | way | half - way |  |

## What are compound words?

Compound words are formed when two or more words are put together to form a new word with a new meaning.
Ex : School + bus = School bus
சூட்டுச் சொற்கள் எø்றறால் எø்ம?
இரண்டு அல்லது அதற்கு மேற்பட்ட வார்த்ணைகணள இணணக்கப்பட்டி, உருவாக்கப்படும் ஒரு புதிய வார்த்றதக்கு Compound wordஎø்று பெயா்.

School, busஆகிய இரு தணித்தணி வார்த்ணதகணள இணைக்க்ப்பட்டு School busஎø்ற புதிய வார்த்றத உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

There are three ways of writing a compound word.
3வகைகளால் நாம் சூட்டுச்சொற்களை உருவாக்கலாம்.

## A. Closed compound words :

Theyare made up of two words without a space in-between.
Ex : football, keyboard, notebook.
இணைக்கப்பட்ட இரு வார்த்்ததளுக்கிணையே Space இருக்காது. Hyphen(-)ம் இருக்காது.

## B. Open compound words :

They have a space between the smaller words that make them up. Even though the words seem separate, when you read them together they have a new meaning..

இணைக்கப்பட்ட இரு வார்த்்தகளூக்கிணடயே (Space)இணடவெஸி இருக்கும்.
Eg : real estate, post office, public speaking
ஒரு Compound word-ஐ உருவாக்க, தேணவயாான வாா்த்மதகள் கீழ்கண்்ட வணககளிலிருந்து பெறப்படிம்.
C. Hyphenated compound words :(சிறு நடுக்ககோடு வகை)

They are formed by using a hyphen, a small dash used to connect words together.
இணணக்கப்பட்ட இரு அல்லது அதற்கு மேற்பட்ட வார்த்மதகளுக்கிணையே Hyphen அதாவது சிறு நடிக்கோடு (-) இருக்கும்.

| Ex: | two-year-old | six-pack | day-to-day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Mother-in-law | brother-in-law | father-in-law |

Sister-in-law
(i) Parts of Speech : Noun, verb, Adjective, Adverb, Preposition
(ii) Gerund : A verbal noun which ends in-ing
'ing'ன்் முடியும் verbal noun.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ex : } & \text { Noun }+ \text { Noun }=\text { School boy } & \text { Noun }+ \text { Verb }=\text { Sun rise } \\ & \text { Noun }+ \text { Adj }=\text { Home less } & \text { Noun }+ \text { Preposition }=\text { Passer-by }\end{array}$
Noun + Gerund $=$ dreaming
(i) Parts of Speech :

1. Noun - பெயா்்ச்சொல் Eg : mother, sister, brother, cricket
2. Verb - விணைச்சொல் Eg : run, care, wait, use
3. Adjective-பெயர் உாிச்சொல் - பெயயை விளக்க உதவும் சொல்

Eg : huge, white, old, good, bad
4. Adverb -விணை உாிச்சொல் - விணぁணை விளக்க உதவும் சொல்

Eg : after, well, loudly
5. Preposition-உருபீஜடச் சொல் Eg : up, down, on, out, by
(ii) Gerund :
‘ing'எø்று முடியும் விணைச் சொல்
Eg : swimming, going, looking, working

## Examples :

Bee hive, door knob, courtyard, eyelashes, gentlefolk, grandmother, half hour, home coming, mantel piece, overstraining, sing song, spinning wheel, spotless, sunset, tollgate, water proof.


| water proof | guide book | reading room | black berry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| white paper | cry baby | washing machine | P. Preposition + Noun |
| B. Noun + Verb | bath room | cooking gas | over work |
| sun rise | rest room | dining table | after noon |
| hair cut | G. Verb + Gerund | L.Adverb+ Adjective | back ground |
| rain fall | Type setting | newly rich | over age |
| finger print | type writing | blue back | under weight |
| bus stop | note making | terriby hot | inside |
| tooth brush | H.Verb + Preposition | carefully chosen | Q. Adjective + Verb |
| C. Noun + Adjective | look up | amazingly good | safeguard |
| age old | look down | vitally important. | time taken |
| dead slow | give up | M. Adverb + Participle | white-wash |
| duty free | put in | over worked | side walk |
| world famous | put on | under privileged | easy-going |
| life long | slow down | well dressed | dry-cleaning |
| homesick | I. Verb + Adverb | ill mannered | R. Preposition + Verb |
| D. Noun + Gerund | draw back | well behaved | upload |
| mind reading | fall out | dreamy-eyed | overload |
| day dreaming | look out | N.Preposition + Gerund | byline |
| air conditioning | take off | outgoing | input |
|  |  | incoming | output |
|  |  |  | down load |

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| A | B | C | A | B | C |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mantel | piece | mantelpiece | sun | set | sunset |
| eye | lashes | eyelashes | grand | mother | grandmother |
| water | proof | waterproof | half | hour | halfhour |
| bee | hive | beehive | home | coming | homecoming |
| toll | gate | tollgate | over | straining | overstraining |
| door | knob | doorknob | court | yard | courtyyard |
| spinning | wheel | spinningwheel | gentle | folk | gentlefolk |
| spot | less | spotless | sing | song | singsong |

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'mantel' to form a compound word.
(MAR-19)
a) cover
b) cloth
c) picture
d) piece
2. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "toll".
(MDL-23)
a) plaza
b) late
c) proof
d) wheel
3. Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with "bee"
(MAY-22)
a) piece
b) lash
c) gate
d) hive
4. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'over throw'
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) Adjective + Verb
b) Adverb + Noun
c) Adverb + Verb
d) Adjective + Noun
5. Choose the word that can be added after 'good' to form a compound word.
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) sense
b) time
c) form
d) will
6. Choose the word that cannot be used after ' key' to form a compound word.
(JUN - 19)
a) note
b) lock
c) board
d) hole
7. Choose the word that can be placed after he word 'Court' to form a compound word.
(MAR-23)
a) yard
b) file
c) gate
d) bail

## EXERCISE

1. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "sing"
(TB)
a) man
b) bird
c) song
d) long
2. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "over"
(TB)
a) straining
b) singing
c) dancing
d) drilling
3. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "spot"
(TB)
a) erring
b) less
c) loss
d) man
4. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "gentle".
(TB)
a) music
b) folk
c) repost
d) mark
5. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "grand"
(TB)
a) channel
b) building
c) mother
d) kid
6. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "court"
(TB)
a) yard
b) premise
c) varanda
d) door
7. Choose the word from the options given to from a compound word with "sun"
(TB)
a) set
b) bright
c) gliter
d) fine
8. Choose the word from the options given to from a compound word with "half"
(TB)
a) loaf
b) second
c) hour
d) day
9. Choose the word from the optines given to form a compound word with "home"
(TB)
a) arriving
b) reaching
c) coming
d) depaiting
10. Choose the word from the options given to form acompound word with "mantel"
(TB)
a) work
b) lock
c) piece
d) peace
11. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "eye"
a) lashes
b) strainins
c) exercise
d) look
12. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "water"
(TB)
a) leakage
b) proof
c) scarcity
d) drain
13. Choose the word from the options giver to form a compound word with "bee"
(TB)
a) hones
b) hive
c) busy
d) lazy
14. Choose the word from the options given to form acompound word with 'toll"
a) cat
b) hate
c) gate
d) hat
15. Choose the word from the options given to form acompound word with "door"
a) knot
b) side
c) open
d) knob
16. Choose te word from the options given to form a compound word with "spinning"
(TB)
a) wheel
b) car
c) tyre
d) guard

## Choose the correct combination for the compound word.

1. Choose the correct combination for the compound word'Goodwill'.
a) Adjective + Noun
b) Noun + Noun
c) Adjective + Adverb
d) Adverb + Noun
2. Choose the correct combination for the compound word‘Dancing bird'.
a) Adjective + Noun
b) Gerund + Noun
c) Gerund + Adverb
d) Adverb + Noun
3. Choose the correct combination for the compound word'Snow white'.
a) Adjective + Verb
b) Verb + Noun
c) Noun + Adverb
d) Noun +Adjective
4. Choose the correct combination for the compound word'Shop owner'.
a) Adjective + Noun
b) Adverb + Noun
c) Noun + Noun
d) Noun +Adjective
5. Choose the correct combination for the compound word'upstream'.
a) Adjective + Adverb
b) Verb + Noun
c) Adjective + Noun
d) Preposition + Noun

## Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination.

1. Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination 'Noun + Verb'.
a) passport
b) downfall
c) eve teasing
d) bus stand
2. Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination‘Adverb + Participle’.
a) cat walking
b) incoming
c) eye watching
d) hand weaving
3. Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination'Adjective + Adjective'.
a) light green
b) star light
c) flash light
d) light sensitive
4. Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination 'Gerund + Noun'.
a) sun rise
b) washing machine
c) fast food
d) cat walking
5. Choose the appropriate compound word for the combination'Adjective+ Verb'.
a) school boy
b) outrun
c) dry clean
d) radio active

In the following examples, identify the compound word and state what type it is: closed, open, or hyphenated.

1. A rainbow appeared after the rainstorm. Ans: rainbow, rainstorm (closed compound)
2. I started attending high school when I was thirteen.
3. The web page was useful for my research.
4. The hotel offered us cookies at check-in.
5. My daughter's favorite ride is the merry-go-round.

Ans:high school (opencompound)
Ans:web page(opencompound)
Ans:check-in(hyphenatedcompound)
Ans:merry-go-round(hyphenatedcompound)


Prefixes cannot function as independent words. They modify the meaning of the words to which they are added. One set of prefix reverses the meaning of the word. வார்த்தைக்கு முன்னால் இணையும் வார்த்தைகள் தனி வார்த்தைகளாக செயல்பட முடியாது. அயைகள் சேரும் வாா்த்தைகளின் அர்த்தத்தை மாற்றும். ஒருவகை முண்னால் சோ்க்கும் வாா்த்தை, வார்த்தையின்் அர்த்தத்தை தலைகீழாக மாற்றும்.

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| PREFIX |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| all- | all-over | be- | befriend | ex- | ex-minister |
| il- | illegitimate | im- | impatient | ir- | irrational, irregular |
| mis- | mismanage | re- | Rearrange | self- | self-satisfied |
| dis- | dishonour, disrespect, disobey, dishonest, disagree, disobedient, discontinue, disapprove, disrespect, disadvantage |  |  |  |  |
| in- | Inaudible, indirect, inactive, indecent, infinite, infertile, indifferent |  |  |  |  |
| un- | unbeatable,unfortunate,uncomfortable,unaware,unneccessary |  |  |  |  |


| SUFFIX |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -al | Approval | -ance | resemblance | -dome | Wisdome |
| -ent | Different | -er | finer,wiser,larger | -est | Bravest, safest,nicest |
| -ity | Fertility,nobility | -ing | obeying | -ify | Classify |
| -less | Useless | -ion | Collection,narration | -ness | Willingness, likeness |
| -or | Collector | -ous | Courageous | -some | tiresome |
| -th | Ninth | -ty | Ninety,honesty |  |  |
| -able | Honourable, respectable,comfortable,changeable,manageable,traceable,noticeable, lovable,movable |  |  |  |  |
| -ful | Awful,skilful,hopeful,shameful,peaceful,beautiful |  |  |  |  |
| -ics | Linguistics,aesthetics, numismatics, electro dynamics,phonetics,aesthetics, genetics,statics, politics, <br> aeronautics, informatics |  |  |  |  |
| -ism | Nationalism, egocentrism,feminism,criticism,amateurism,barbarism,idealism,heroism,absenteeism, <br> optimism |  |  |  |  |
| -ist | Dentist,gynaecologist,gastroenterologist,dermatologist,neurologist,pulmonologist,cardiologist,otolaryngol <br> ogist, ophthalmologist,neonatolist |  |  |  |  |
| -ly | Truly,duly,differently,friendly,frequently,patiently,surely,constantly |  |  |  |  |
| -ment | Argument,management,movement,arrangement |  |  |  |  |
| -ology | Ecology,technology,pathology,cynology,ichthyology,oology,biology,zoology |  |  |  |  |


| Prefix | Meaning | Example |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Contra | Against/ Opposite | Contraindicate |
| Contradiction |  |  |
| Counter | Contrary/ Opposite | Counteract |
| Counterclockwise |  |  |
| Dia | Passing Through/ Across/ Between | Dialogue |
| Diameter |  |  |
| Fore | Before | Foretell |
| Forecast |  |  |
| Pan | Pertaining to All | Pan American |
| Pan Indian |  |  |



| Prefix | Root Word | New Word |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| anti | biotic | antibiotic |
| co | worker | co-worker |
| de | forest | deforest |
| dis | agree <br> appear <br> approve | disagree <br> disappear |
| em | brace | embrace |
| ex | terminate | exterminate |
| extra | ordinary | extraordinary |
| hyper | active | hyperactive |
| il | legal | illegal |
| in | definite | indefinite |
| ir | responsible | interact |
| inter | act | microbiology |
| micro | biology | misunderstand |
| mis | understand | monosyllable |
| mono | mortem | post-mortem |
| post | fix | prefix |
| pre | discover | rediscover |
| re |  |  |


| semi | circle | semicircle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| super | star | superstar |
| trans | port | transport |
| tri | angle | triangle |
| un | happy | unhappy |

## SUFFIX

A suffix is a letter or a group of letters linked to the end of a word. By adding suffixes, the grammatical function of the words gets changed.
suffix எண்பது வார்த்தையின் கடைசியில் இணைக்கபடும் ஒரு எழுத்து அல்லது ஒரு சில எழுத்துகள். பின்வரும் எழுத்து அல்லது எழுத்துகளை இணைப்பதால், அந்த வார்த்தைகளின் இலக்கண செயல் மாறும்.

Eg : adding "ment" to the root word "manage" which is a verb, the new word becomes a noun - "Management"

| Suffix | Function | Examples |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - ile | It is used to express capability, liability, <br> Susceptibility etc | docile, fragile, juvenile, volatile, ductile |
| -ling | It refers to one that is young, small or inferior | princeling, duckling, hireling |
| -let | Indicate Smallness | booklet, eaglet, leaflet |
| -ette | It is generally used in diminutive sense reoffering <br> to something small and tiny | novelette, kitchenette |
| -ity | It is used for changing adjectives into noun of <br> quality and condition | visibility, ability, duravlity, capability, <br> ductility, senseblity |
| -ise | It is used to change a adjective or noun into adverb. <br> It is also used to indicate quality condition or <br> function. | familiarize, verbalise, popularise, criticise, <br> vandalise, publicise |
| -ly | It is used to change an adjective into adverb | slowly, sweetly, immediately and frequently |


| Root Word | Suffix | New Word |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| remedy | al | remedial |
| post | age | postage |
| count | able | countable |
| free | dom | freedom |
| invent | or | inventor |
| escape | ism | escapism |
| valid | ity | validity |
| enjoy | ment | enjoyment |
| happy | ness | happiness |
| friend | ship | friendship |
| promote | tion | promotion |
| power | ful | powerful |
| number | wise | numberwise |
| wire | less | wireless |
| awe | some | awesome |
| child | hood | childhood |


| fortune | ate | fortunate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| book | let | booklet |
| clear | ly | clearly |
| child | ish | childish |
| danger | ous | dangerous |
| cruel | ty | cruelty |
| full | y | fully |

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| Root Word | Prefix | Suffix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| manage | $\underline{\text { mismanage }}$ | management |
| differ | $\underline{\underline{\text { indiffer }}}$ | different |
| beauty | $\underline{\text { unbeauty }}$ | beautiful |
| peace | $\underline{\text { unpeace }}$ | peaceful |
| arrange | $\underline{\text { rearrange }}$ | arrangement |
| collect | $\underline{\text { recollect }}$ | collection |
| approve | $\underline{\text { disapprove }}$ | approved |
| audible | $\underline{\underline{\text { inaudable }}}$ | -- |
| constant | -- | honesty |
| honest | $\underline{\text { dishonest }}$ | -- |
| beatable | $\underline{\text { unbeatable }}$ | -- |
| advantage | $\underline{\text { disadvantage }}$ | -- |
| fortunate | $\underline{\text { unforutnate }}$ | -- |
| direct | $\underline{\underline{\text { indirect }}}$ | -- |
| agree | $\underline{\text { disagree }}$ | -- |
| decent | $\underline{\text { indecent }}$ | -- |
| aware | $\underline{\text { unaware }}$ | -- |
| rational | $\underline{\text { irrational }}$ | -- |
| active | $\underline{\text { inactive }}$ | -- |


| continue | $\underline{\text { discontinue }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| regular | $\underline{\text { irregular }}$ |
| necessary | $\underline{\text { unnecessary }}$ |
| respect | $\underline{\text { disrespect }}$ |
| obedient | $\underline{\text { disobedient }}$ |
| legitimate | $\underline{\text { illegitimate }}$ |
| finite | $\underline{\text { infinite }}$ |

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word "tidy"
( MAY -22)
a) ir
b) in
c) dis
d) un
2. From a derivative for the underlined word. Mom told me to arrange the table.
(MAY -22)
a) ful
b) ment
c) ity
d) ness
3. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
Mistakes are an 'essential' part of education.
a) un
b) ir
c) in
d) il
4. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base-word "animate". (MAR-20)(MDL-23)
a) de_
b) un
c) in
d) re_-
5. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "peace"
(MAR-23)
a) - ly
b) - able
c) - ful d) - ment

## EXERCISE

1. Choose the correct prefix for the word "audible".(TB)
a) dis
b) un
c) in
d) im
2. Choose the correct prefix for the word "manage".
a) mis
b) dis
c) ir
d) pre
(TB)
3. Choose the correct suffix for the word "differ". (TB)
a) un
b) ent
c) ly
d) dis
4. Choose the correct suffix for the word "beauti".
a) $\mathbf{f y}$
b) ly
c) mis
d) ment
(TB)
5. Choose the correct suffix for the word "peace". (TB)
a) less
b) fy
c) ful
d) ness
6. Choose the correct prefix for the word "arrange".
a) un
b) re
c) dis
d) non
(TB)
7. Choose the correct prefix for the word "collect". (TB)
a) re
b) mis
c) un
d) anti
8. Choose the correct suffix for the word "approve".
a) ent
b) al
c) ence d
d) ly
(TB)
9. Choose the correct suffix for the word "manage".
a) ly
b) ment
c) ence d) al
(TB)
10. Choose the correct suffix for the word "clasi". (TB)
a) $\mathbf{f y}$
b) ly
c) es
d) ent

## PART II



Read the following set of poetic line and answer any four sets.
> கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள ஆறு விணாக்களிலிருந்து ஏதேனும் நான்குு விணாக்களுக்கு விணடயளிக்கவும்
> இணை Poem பகுதியிலிருந்து வினாக்கள் கேட்கப்படும்.

## SECTION II

Answer any three questions 3x2=6

> REPORT THE DIALOGUE உணைุuாLலை Mற்க்ணையாக்குதல் MARKS

1. Direct Speech - நேர்சூ $\dot{\text { ற்று }}$
2. Indirect Speech - அயற்சூற்றறறு
3. Direct Speech : It is the actual words of the speaker.

> பேசுபவா் சூறிிய வார்த்றதககயள அப்படியே மாற்றாமல் சூ_றுவது நேர்சூறற்று ஆகும்.

Ex : The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east".
2. Indirect Speech : It is just like a report of what the speaker said.

The teacher said that the sun rises in the east.
Note : No inverted commas for Indirect speech.
குறிப்பு : அயற்சூற்றுவு வாக்கியத்தில் " " வராது.

## Change of Pronouns

## Rule 1 :

The first person pronouns in the statements, questions, commands and exclamations refer to the first (pro) noun before the introductory verb (say, tell etc.) In short, the first person pronouns refer to the first (pro) noun.
Rule 2 :
The second person pronouns in the statements, questions, etc. refer to the (pro) noun after the introductory verb. In short, second person pronouns refer to the second (pro) noun.

## Rule 3 :

Sometimes the first person plural pronouns may refer to both the pronouns before and after the introductory verb (eg. Peter said to Jane, "We are happy")
In Tamil the use of direct speech is more common. So the learner should avoid indirect speech in conversation.
எø்று / எø = that; சொல் / čறு = say / tell; கேள் / வினவு = ask

## KINDS OF SENTENCES:

1. Declarative sentences. (சாதாரண வாக்கியம்)
2. Interrogative sentences. (விøா வாக்கியம்)

## SIX RULES FOR CHANGING DIRECT SPEECH INTO INDIRECT SPEECH:

1. commas and quotation must be changed குறியீடிகணள நீக்குவது
Ex. :
He said," I am very happy now".
He said I am very happy now.
2. reporting verb must be changed நேர்சூ ற்று விணனசொற்கணள மாற்றுவது
Ex. :
He said," I am very happy now".
He said I am very happy now.
3. suitable conjunctions தகுந்த இணணாப்ப சொற்கணை பயன்படுத்துவது
Ex:
He said," I am very happy now".
4. Imperative sentences. (கட்டணை வாக்கியம்)
5. Exclamatory sentences.(வியப்பு வாக்கியம

He said that I am very happy now.
4. change in pronoun பிரதிபெயர் சொற்கணை மாற்றுவது.
Ex. :
He said," I am very happy now".
He said that he am very happy now.
5. changes of a tense forms விணேசொல்லிø்் காலเாாற்றம்
Ex:
He said," I am very happy now".
He said that he was very happy then.
6. change in time adverbials கால விமை உாிமாற்றங்கள்.

He said," I am very happy now".
He said that he was very happy then.

## REPORTING VERB \& CONJUNCTION

| Sentences | Change in Reporting verb | Conjunction |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Statement | says - says, say -say | that |
|  | said - said |  |
|  | said to - told |  |
| Interrogative | said -asked | 'Wh' \& 'H' Qns - same Qn. |
|  |  |  |


| Imperative | said/said to - ordered / asked | 'to' or 'not to (for don't)' |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
|  | commanded/requested |  |
|  | advised / warned |  |
| Exclamatory | said /said to - exclaimed | that |

## SUBJECT CHANGES WHEN DIRECT SPEECH IS CHANGED INTO INDIRECT SPEECH :

| I - he, she | We | Us they |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Me - him, her | Our $\quad$ them |  |
| My $\quad$ his , her | Ours $\quad$ theirs |  |
| Mine - his(1), hers | Ourselves - themselves |  |
| Myself - himself, herself |  |  |

## LISTEN:

| I | நான் | Himself | அவணையே, இவணையே, அவஞே, இவனே |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| He | அவண் | Herself | அவளையே, இவளையே, அவளே, இவளே |
| She | அவள் | We | நாம் |
| Me | எனக்கு, என்ணை | They | அவர்கள், அவைகள், இவர்கள், இவைகள் |
| Him | அவனுக்கு, அவணை, இவனுக்கு, இவனை | Us | எங்களுக்கு, எங்களை, நமக்கு, நம்மை |
| Her | அவளுக்கு அவளை, இவளுக்கு, இவளை | Them | அவர்களுக்கு, அவைகளுக்கு, இவர்களுக்கு, இவைகளுக்கு |
| My | என்னுடைய | Our | எங்களுடைய, நம்முடைய |
| His | அவனுடைய, இவனுடைய | Their | அவா்களுடைய, அவைகளுடைய, இவர்களுடைய, இவைகளுடைய |
| Her | அவளுடைய, இவளுடைய | Ours | எங்களுடையது, நம்முடையது |
| Mine | என்னுடையது | Theirs | அவர்களுடையது, அணைகளுடையது, இவர்களுயையது, இவைகளுடையது |
| His(1) | அவனுடையது, இவனுடையது | Ourselves | எங்களையே, நம்மையே, நாங்களே |
| Hers | அவளுடையது, இவளுடையது | Themselves | அவர்களயே, அவைகளையே, இவர்களையே, இவைகளையே, அவ்்களே, அவைகளே, இவர்களே, இவைகளே |
| Myself | என்ஞையே, நானே |  |  |

SOMEWORDS ARE CHANGED WHEN DIRECT SPEECH IS CHANGED INTO INDIRECT SPEECH:

| This - that | இது, இந்த - அது, அந்த |
| :--- | :--- |
| These - those | இவைகள் - அணவகள் |
| Here - there | இங்கே - அங்கே |
| Now - then | இப்பொழுது - அப்பொழுது |
| Thus - so | இப்படியாக - அப்படியாக |
| Ago - before | முன்பு - முன்பாக |
| Hence - thence | இதிலிருந்து - அதிலிருந்து |


| Today - thatday | இன்று - அன்று |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tonight -thatnight | இன்றிரவு - அன்றிரவு |
| Hereafter -thereafter | இதன்பிறகு - அதன்பிறகு |
| Tomorrow - the next day / the following day | நாயை - அடுத்தநாள் |
| Yesterday - the day before /the previous day | நேற்று - முந்றையநநாள் |
| Last night - the night before /the previous night | கடந்த இரவு - முந்தைய இரவு |
| Last week - the week before /the previous week | கடந்த வாரம் - முந்தைய வாரம் |
| Next week - the week after / the following week | அடுத்த வாரம் - அடுத்த வாரம் |
| Next month - the month after /the following month | அடுத்த மாதம் - அடுத்த மாதம் |
| Next year - the year after /the following year | அடித்த வருடம் - அடுத்த வருடம் |
| Day after tomorrow - day after next day | நாளைய மறுநாள் - அடுத்த நாளுக்கு பிந்தைய நாள் |
| Day before yesterday - day before the previous day | நேற்று முன்தினம் - முந்னைய நாளுக்கு முந்றைய நாள் |

## Govt Exam Questions

## Change into reported speech.

1. The old woman said to the boy, "Please help me."
(MAY -22)
Answer: The old woman requested the boy to help her.
2. She said, "I decided to rent the shop because it is on the main road".
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
Answer: She said that she had decided to rent the shop because it was on the main road.
3. Anu requested her brother to drop her at the airport that night.*
(MAR - 20)(MDL-23)
Answer: Anu said to her brother, "Please drop me at the airport tonight."
4. The libraraian said to the students, "Speak softly"
(MAR-23)
Answer: The librarian instructed / asked / advised /warned / told the students to speak softly.
Report the following dialogue.
5. Leena : "Mom, I burnt my finger".
(JUN - 19)
Mother : " I have warned you not to play with the fire".
Answer : Leena told her mother that she had burnt her finger. Mother replied that she had warned her not to play with the fire.
6. Conductor : Where do you want to go?
(MAR - 19)

Passenger : I'm going to Coimbatore. Give me a ticket, please.
Answer : The Conductor asked the Passenger where he wanted to go. The passenger replied that he was going to Coimbatore and requested to give him a ticket.
6. Taj : Where are you going now?
(MDL)

Harisha : I am going to the library. Are you coming with me?
Answer : Taj asked Harsha where she was going then. Harsha replied that she was going to the library and Harsha asked Taj if / whether she was coming with her.

## EXERCISE

Change the sentence into Reported Speech.

1. Sindhu said, "I play chess"

Ans: Sindhu said that she played chess.
2. Jayashree said, "I am working in a school".

Ans: Jayashree said that she was working in a school.
3. Mani said, "I bought a car".
(TB)
Ans: Mani said that she had bought a car.
4. Muthu said, "I was walking along the street".

Ans: Madhu said that she had been walking along the street.
5. Sasi said, "I haven't seen her".
(TB)
Ans: Sasi said that he hadn't seen her.
6. Vijay said, "I had taken swimming lessons before"

Ans: Vijay said that he had taken swimming lessons before.
7. Sundar said to me, "I'll see you later".
(TB)
Ans: Sundar told me that he would see me later.
8. Shankar said to me, "Do you know me?"

Ans: Shankar asked me if I knew him.
9. Eva said to Siva, "Are you living here?"
(TB)
Ans: Eva asked Siva if she was living there.
10. Senthil said, "Where is the post office?"

Ans: Senthil enquired where the post office was.
11. Shanthi said to Baskar, "What are you doing now?"
(TB)
Ans: Shanthi asked Baskar what he was doing then.
12. The old woman said to the boy, "Please help me".
(TB)
Ans: The old woman requested the boy to help her.
13. The librarian said to the students, "Speak sofly". (TB)

Ans: . The librarian instructed the students to speak softly.
14. Raj said to Sukumar, "Please drop me at the station to night".
(TB)
Ans: Raj requested Sukumar to drop him at the station that night.

## Report the following dialogue:

1. Adhira : Hi Yazhini! How are you?

Yazhini $\quad:$ I am fine. Congrats. I heard that you have scored very good marks in the SSLC examination. What is the group that you have chosen?
Ans:
Adhira greeted Yazhini and asked how she was. Yazhini replied that she was fine and congratulated her by adding that she had heard that she had scored very good marks in the SSLC examination. Yazhini asked Adhira what was the group she had chosen.
2. Adhira : Thank you. I have chosen the arts group.

Yazhini : Good. Tell me about your future plan.
Ans:
Adhira thanked Yazhini and told her that she had chosen the arts group. Yazhini appreciated and asked her to tell her about her future plan.
3. Adhira : I have already made up my mind to pursue law.

Yazhini : Is there any specific reason?
Ans:
Adhira told Yazhini that she had already made up her mind to pursue law. Yazhini asked her if there was any specific reason.
4. Adhira : Yes. I would like to start my own law firm and defend the innocent.

Yazhini : Do you know it calls for a lot of tolerance and hard work?
Ans:
Adhira replied positively and said that she would like to start her own law firm and defend the innocent. Yazhini asked her if she knew it called for a lot of tolerance and hard work.
5. Adhira : Yes I know that it is not going to be easy but I like challenge.

Yazhini : Go a head! Study well! You will succeed.
Adhira : Thank you so much.

## Ans:

Adhira accepted and added that she knew that it was not going to be easy but she liked challenges. Yazhini cheered her up to go ahead and to study well and wished that she would succeed. Adhira thanked her.
Prabhu : What are you doing here, Kiran? I haven't seen you for a few months.
Kiran : I have just come back from my native town Virudhunagar.
Ans:
Prabhu asked Kiran what he was doing there and added that he hadn't seen him for a few months. Kiran replied that he had just come back from his native town Virudhunagar.

| Prabhu | : Did you enjoy your vacation? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Kiran | : Yes. I love the place. It is clean and busy town. |

Ans:
Prabhu asked Kiran whether he had enjoyed his vacation. Kiran agreed and replied that he loved the place and it was a clean and busy town.
8.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Prabhu } & : \text { Where did you go and what did you see? } \\ \text { Kiran } & \text { : I went to Courtallam falls in Tenkaski. }\end{array}$
Ans:
Prabhu asked Kiran where he had gone and what he had seen. Kiran answered that he had gone to courtallam falls in Tenkasi.
9.

| Prabhu | : Share some pictures of your trip. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Kiran | $:$ Sure. See you later. |

Ans:
Prabhu asked Kiran to share some pictures of his trip. Kiran promised and departed.
10. Taj : Where are you going now?

Harsha : I am going to the library. Do you like to come with me?

## Ans:

Taj asked Harsha where he was going then. Harsha replied that he/she was going to the library and asked him if he/she liked to come with him/her.
11. The stranger said to the boy, "Where do you live?"

Ans: The stranger asked the boy where he lived.

(TB: Unit - 3) (Pg.no: 77-80)
Active Voice: (செய்விணை) When a verb form shows that the subject is doing something to the object.
Ex.Jebin writes a letter.
Passive Voice:(செயப்பாட்டு விணை)When a verb form shows that something has been done to the object.
Ex. A letter is written by Jebin.

## Rules of conversion from Active to Passive Voice:

- Identify the subject, the verb and the object. (S+V+O) (முதலில் subject,verb\&objectஐ கண்டுபிடிக்கவும்)
- Change the object into subject. (பிறகு object ஐ subject ஆக மாற்றவும் )
- Put the suitable helping verb or auxiliary verb.(அதன் பிறகு சாியானதுனை வினைச்சொல்லை இடவும்)
- Change the verb into past participle(V3) of the verb.(வினைச்சொல்லை செயப்பாட்டு வினைச்சொல்லாக மாற்றவும் )
- Add the preposition" by".(after the main verb 'by' சேர்)
- Change the subject into object.( subject ஐ object ஆக மாற்றவும்)



Object

Changes of Pronouns: (Subject)

| Active | Passive |
| :---: | :---: |
| I | by me |
| We | by us |
| You | by you |
| He | by him |
| She | by her |
| It | by it |
| They | by them |

## Rule 1

Present Indefinite
TenseSubject+am/is/are+V3+by/Preposition+Obj
ect
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| I sip tea. | Tea is sipped by me. |
| I help the poor. | The poor are helped by me. |
| He helps me. | I am helped by him. |

## Object:

| Active | Passive |
| :---: | :---: |
| me | I |
| us | We |
| you | You |
| him | He |
| her | She |
| it | It |
| them | They |

## Rule 2

Present Continuous Tense
Subject+am/is/are+being+V $\mathbf{V}_{3}+$ by + Object
For examples,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| I am eating a <br> mango. | A mango is being eaten <br> by me. |


| He is singing a song. | A song is being sung by <br> him. |
| :--- | :--- |
| He is teaching me. | I am being taught by him. |
| He is abusing them. | They are being abused by <br> him. |

## Rule 3

Present Perfect Tense
Subject+has/have+been+V ${ }_{3}+$ by + Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| He has done this work. | This work has been <br> done by him. |
| She has helped them. | They have been helped <br> by her. |

## Rule 4

Past Indefinite Tense
Subject+was/were $+V_{3}+$ Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| He wrote an essay. | An essay was written <br> by him. |
| He wrote several <br> novels. | Several novels were <br> written by him. |

## Rule 5

Past Continuous Tense
Subject+was/were+being+V3+by+Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| He was writing an <br> application | An application was <br> being written by him. |
| They were singing <br> folksongs. | Folk songs were being <br> sung by them. |

## Rule 6

Past Perfect Tense
Subject+had been+V3+by+Object

For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| I had purchased a <br> scooter. | A scooter had been <br> purchased by me. |
| They had invited me. | I had been invited by <br> them. |

## Rule 7

Future Indefinite Tense
Subject+shall/will+be+V3+by+Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| I shall help Ravi. | Ravi will be helped by <br> me. |
| He will feed me. | I shall be fed by him. |

## Rule 8

## Future Perfect Tense

Subject+shall/will+have een+V3+by+Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| He can teach you. | You can be taught (by <br> him) |
| She may win the <br> match. | The match may be won <br> (by her). |
| He could fry fish. | Fish could be fried (by <br> him). |
| I must help her. | She must be helped (by <br> me) |
| I should please her. | She should be pleased (by <br> me). |
| I shall have helped <br> him. | He will have been helped <br> by me. |
| He will have taught <br> me. | I shall have been taught <br> by him. |

## Rule 9

Verb 'to have'
Subject+has/have/had+to be+V3+by+Object
For example,

| Active | Passive |
| :--- | :--- |
| You have to teach him. | He has to be taught by <br> you. |
| He has to feed the <br> beggars. | The beggars have to be <br> fed by him. |
| She had to help me. | I had to be helped by <br> her. |

## Statement(Assertive) Sentence

Examples : He/ closes/ the gate . (AV)
$\underline{\text { He }}$ is a subject , closesis a verb
the gateis an object ( $\mathrm{S}+\mathrm{V}+\mathrm{O}$ )
Step 1: The gate (write object first)
Step 2: The gate is(use the opt helping verb)
Step 3: The gate is closed(Change V1 into V3)
Step 4: The gate is closedby (add conjunction'by')
Step 5: The gate is closedbyhim.(write subject \&if subject is in noun form then change it into object pronoun)
Step 6: If other words come, write as it is at the end of a sentence

Ans:The gate is closed by him. $(\mathrm{PV})(\mathrm{O}+\mathrm{V}+\mathrm{S})$

1. She watches a movie. (AV)

A movie is watched by her.(PV)
2. They are playing Cricket.(AV)

Cricket is being played by them.(PV)
3. I have not eaten fruits. (AV)

Fruits have not been eaten by me.(PV)
4. We sang songs.(AV)

Songs were sung by us.(PV)
5. You were not drawing a picture.(AV)

A picture was not being drawn by you.(PV)

## Imperative Sentence

Rule: Let+object+be+V3(PP)
Do /Don't - You are advised to/ You are advised not to
Please - You are requested to

## Question:Wash your hands

Step 1: Let (put 'let' first)
Step 2: Let your hands (write the object)
Step 3: Let your hands be (add 'be')
Step 4: Let your hands bewashed.(put V3)
Ans: Let your hands be washed.

## Rule 10

| Sentences having may/can/could/should/must/ |
| :--- |
| Subject+may/can/could+be+V3+by+Objectetc+ |
| Verb |
| Active |
| I shall help Ravi. |
| He will feed me. |

Question:Do exercises regularly.
Step 1: You are advised to (put 'You are advised to' first) (don't - You are advised not to')
Step 2: You are advised todo exercises regularly.(remaining words as it is used)

Ans: You are advised todo exercises regularly.

## Question:Please close the door.

Step 1: Delete please (put 'You are requested to' first)
Step 2: You are requested to
Step 3: You are requested toclose the door. (remaining words as it is used)

Ans: You are requested to close the door.

## Examples:

1. Help me.(AV)

Let me be helped.(PV)
2. Open the door.(AV)

Let the door be opened.(PV)
3. Please show me your tickets.(AV)

You are requested to show me your tickets.
4. Do your homework regularly.(AV)

You are advised to do your homework regularly.(PV)
5. Don't waste your time.(AV)

You are advised not to waste your time.(PV)

## Interrogative Sentence

1. Does she sell fruits? - Are fruits sold by her?
2. Do you know Prabhu? - Is Prabhu known by you?
3. Is he driving the car? - Is the car being driven by him?
4. Who wrote this poem? - By whom was this poem written?
5. Why did you break the box? - Why was the box broken by you?
6. Is he driving the car? - Is the car being driven by him?
7. Have you enjoyed the film? - Has the film enjoyed by you?
8. Did you wash your clothes? - Were your clothes washed by you?
9. Who did this? - By whom was this done?
10. Why does he send this poem? - Why is this poem sent by him?

BOOK BACK
B) Change the voice of the following senetences:

1. Mohammed follows the rules.

Ans: The rules are followed by Mohammed.
2. Mohan has completed the course.

Ans : The course has been completed by Mohan.
3. Magdalene is singing the prayer.

Ans: The prayer is being sung by Magdalene. 4. Who wrote this complaint?

Ans: By whom was this complaint written.
5. May god bless you with happiness?

Ans: May you be blessed with happiness.
6. A house is being constructed by them.

Ans: They are constructing a house.
7. Let the door not be slammed.

Ans: Do not slam the door.
8. The team was trained by the coach.

Ans: The coach trained the team.
C) Make sentences using the passive forms of the verbs:

1. Tagore / award / nobel prize.

Ans: Tagore was awarded nobel prize.
2. IIM Ahmadabad / established / 1961.

Ans: IIM Ahmadabad was established in 1961.
3. Chattisgarh / form / 2000

Ans: Chattisgarh was formed in 2000.
4. First passenger train / inaugurated / India / 1853.

Ans: First passenger train was inaugurated in India in 1853.
5. Indian Airlines / set up / 1953.

Ans:Indian Air lines was set up in 1953.

## Govt Exam Questions

1. I saw him opening the box. (change the voice)
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)

## Answer: He was seen opening the box by me

2. The farmers usually harvest the mango fruits only in the month of May. (Change the voice)
(MAR - 20)(MDL-23)
Answer: The mango fruits are usually harvested only in the month of May by the farmers / The mango fruits are usually harvested by the farmers only in the month of May.
3. Change the voice of the following sentence.
(JUN - 19)
My friend was arrested by the police on a charge of theft. He was released soon for lack of evidence.
Answer: The police arrested my friend on a charge of theft. They released him soon for lack of evidence.
4. Rewrite the following sentence in its passive form.
(MDL-23)
Kaleel wrote a letter to the editor.
Answer: A letter to the editor was written by Kaleel. / A letter was written by Kaleel to the editor.
5. Rewrite the sentence using passive voice

No one has opened that house for several years.
Answer: That house has been opened by no one/none for several years.

## Textbook Exercise

1. One should respect one's elders. (Change into passive form)
Answer: Elders should be respected.
2. I speak English everyday. (Change into passive form)
Answer: English is spoken by me everyday.
3. The cave paintings of Ajantha were made in the Gupta period. (Change into passive form)
Answer: The Gupta's made the garbage containers on the streets.
4. Waste is collected from the garbage containers on the streets. (Change into active form)

Answer: The sweeper collects wast from the garbage containers on the streets.
5. Ground level ozone and fine particles are released in the air. (Change into active form)
Answer: The air pollutants release ground level ozone and fine particles in the air.
6. Smog is formed purely by air pollution. (Change into active form)
Answer: Air pollution forms pure smog.
Change into other voice: (Text page -78)

1. The pilot flew the airplane to Bengaluru.
(TB)
The airplane was flown to Bengalaru by the pilot.
2. The bananas were eaten by the monkey.
(TB)
The monkeys ate the bananas.
3. Mohammed follows the rules.

The rules are followed by Mohammed.
4. Magdalene is singing the prayer.
(TB)
The prayer is being sung by Magdalene.
5. May God bless you with happiness !
(TB)
May you be blessed with happiness by God.
6. Let the door not be slammed.
(TB)
Do not slam the door.
7. Mohan has completed the course.

The course has been completed by Mohan.
8. Who wrote this complaint?
(TB)
By whom was this complaint written?
9. A house is being constructed by them.

They are constructly a house.
10. The team was trusted by the coach. The coach trusted the team.
11. The Govt. awarded Tagore the Noble prize. The Nobel prize was awarded by the Govt. to Tagore (or)
Tagore was awarded the noble prize by the Govt.
12. The Indian Government established IIM Ahemdabad in 1961.
(TB)
IIM Ahemadabad was established in 1961 by the Indian Government.
13. The Central Govt. formed chattisgarh in 2000. (TB) Chattisgarh was formed in 2000 by the Central Govt.
14. Indian Railways inaugurated the first passenger train in 1853.
(TB) The first passenger train was inaugurated in India in 1853.
15. They set up Indian Airlines in 1953.
(TB)
The Indian Airlines was set up in 1953.

# BEGIN WITH STARTERS/ INVERSION MODEL 

## $\overline{\text { Rewrite the sentences as instructed: }}$

1. If I had seen you before, I could have given it to you. (Begin with 'Had')

Ans: Had I seen you before, I could have given it to you.
2. If I was ridiculously rich, I think I'd still work. (Begin with 'Were')

Ans: Were I ridiculously rich, I think I'd still work.
3. If we had arrived sooner, We would not have missed the beginning. (Begin with 'Had')

Ans: Had we arrived sooner, we would not have missed the beginning.
4. If the dirver were faster, we would have arrived ages ago. (Begin with 'Were')

Ans: Were the driver faster, we would have arrived ages ago.
5. If we had got just one more signature, we would be on target now. (Begin with 'Had')

Ans: Had we got just one more signature, we would be on target now.
6. If it had not rained yesterday, we would have finished painting the walls. (Begin with 'Had')

Ans: Had it not rained yesterday, we would have finished painting the walls.
7. If I were you, I'd tell her the truth (Begin with 'Were')

Ans: Were I you, I'd tell her the truth.

## SECTION II



ANSWER ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 30 WORDS EACH
> கொடிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள மூன்று வினாக்களிலிருந்து ஏதேனும் இரண்டு வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்கவும்
> இவை Prose பகுதியிலிருந்து வினாக்கள் கேட்கப்படும்.


ANSWER ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 30 WORDS EACH
Pie-chart, Tabular Column, Histogram
வடிவில் தகவல்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் தகவல்களை முழுமையாக புாிந்து பொருத்தமான ஐ தேர்ந்தெடுத்துக் சூட்டல், கழித்தல் மற்றும் சதவீத கணக்குகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு கேள்விகள் கேட்கலாம்.

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Study the following line graph which gives the details about the yearly sales of a company write three sentences on your inference about the data.
(SEP-20)(MDL-23)

2. Study the following bar graph which gives the details of the Annual Income and Expenditure of three families in Chennai. Write three sentences on your inference about the data
(MAR-20) (MDL-23)


## Answer:

1. The Sridharans' income and expenditure are the same.
2. The Mehtas' income is higher than their expenditure.
3. The Henry's expenditure is higher than their income.
4. Study the pie-chart carefully and answer the questions that follow.
(MAR-19)


## Answer:

a. What is the most sought after entertainment activity in the apartment?

Mobile Phone.
b. Name the activity preferred by the least number of people.

## Reading

c. Which activity is chosen by half the number of people who use mobile phones?

## Outdoor games

Other Exercise:


1. What is the maximum comment in the chart?
a. Very Satisfied
b. Not satisfied
c. Neutral
2. How many people said that it is satisfied?
a. $24 \%$
b. $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$
c. $5 \%$
3. How many people said that it is neutral?
a. $10 \%$
b. $8 \%$
c. 5\%
4. What is the minimum comment in the chart?
a. Very satisfied
b. Not satisfied
c. Neurtral
5. How many people are extremely not satisfied?
a. $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ b. $10 \%$
c. $8 \%$
6. $\qquad$ is the highest means of transportation.

## a. car

b. Bicycle
c. Bus
2. $\qquad$ is the least means of transportation.
a. car
b. Bicycle
c. Bus
3. The amount of transportation by bus is
$\qquad$ .
a. $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$
b. $15 \%$
c. $45 \%$
4. Transportation through walking is greater than $\qquad$ but less than bus.
a. Bicycle
b. car
c. None of the above
5. What is the $\qquad$ \% of minimum transportation?
a. $10 \%$
b. $45 \%$
c. $30 \%$

## DESCRIBING A PROCESS ஆெய்புறையை வ்ளக்குதல்

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Describe the process of ironing a shirt
(MAY-22)
$>$ Wash your shirt, making sure any stains are removed as ironing could set them in further.
$>$ Set up your ironing board.
$>$ Turn your iron onto the correct setting.
$>$ Start off with the collar.
> Move onto the sleeves.
$>$ ron the back of your shirt.
$>$ Flip the shirt over and work on the front.
2. Describe the process of making vegetable soup
(SEP-20) (MDL-23)
$>$ Simmer all the vegetables in 4-6 cups of water.
$>$ Heat the olive oil in a large pan.
$>$ Add the minced garlic, carrots, potatoes, and celery.
$>$ Add all other vegetables.
$>$ Add the sliced tomatoes.
$>$ Add 4-6 cups of vegetable stock.
$>$ Cook the soup to cook for 25 to 30 minutes.
$>$ Check that the potatoes and carrots are cooked.
$>$ Add salt, pepper, and any other seasonings you desire.
$>$ Serve and enjoy your delicious vegetable soup.
3. Describe the process of cleaning the tarnished brass items at home.
(MAR-20) (MDL-23)
$>$ Mix $2 / 3$ cup vinegar and $2 / 3$ cup flour in a glass bowl.
$>$ Add $1 / 2$ cup salt and stir.
$>$ Spread on tarnished metal. Wait 1 to 2 hours.
> Rinse, dry and polish with a soft cloth and a dab of olive oil.

## 4. Describe the process of cleaning an overhead water tank

(JUN-19)
$>$ By scrubbing, you can remove the dirt, sediments, fungus and the stains.
$>$ You must wear a mask while cleaning the tank.
$>$ After the scrubbing, the floors and ceiling of the tank is washed using water and high pressure jet.
$>$ You can soak the dirt and sediments using the vacuum cleaner.

## 5. Describe the process of opening a bank account

(MAR-19)
$>$ Decide the Type of Bank Account you want to open.
$>$ Approach any Bank of choice \& meet its Bank Officer.
$>$ Fill up Bank Account Opening Form - Proposal Form.
$>$ Give References for Opening your Bank Account.
$>$ Submit Bank Account Opening Form and Documents.
$>$ Officer will verify your Bank Account Opening Form.
$>$ Deposit initial amount in your newly opened Bank Account.
6. Describe the process of making lime juice.
(MDL)
$>$ Roll the limes on the worktop or hard surface in a circular motion andso they are easy to get juice.
$>$ You can also roll between your palms.
$>$ Cut and squeeze the lemons.
$>$ Add the freshly squeezed lime juice in a pitcher
$>$ Add 2 liters of cold water and stir.

## What is a Notice?

A notice is a written or printed news announcement or information. A notice can be on the form of a formal announcement of public importance. It can be a warning in advance and may be used for giving information to a section of people or people at large. Notices are given generally in newspapers or magazines. Educational notices are displayed on notice boards in schools and colleges. A notic can also find a place in columns of a newspaper as an advertisement.

Notices are effective means of communication in the modern age. They are the effective ways to teach a large number ofpersons in a short time. As such we must be clear and brief in writing notices.

## Points to Remember :

1. Generally school notices are written on printed pads of the students council / institution / drama or cultural club etc.
2. Notices are written in a very formal and simple languages.
3. Notices for schools notice boards contain certain announcmenets or information to students.
4. They are brief and to the point, having no scope for irrelevant or superfulous material.
5. The signatures of the issuing authority, of the notice, for example, the principal / president of secretary of the students /
council / secretary of the drama and cultural club etc. are made at the bottom on the left side.
6. The date is given either at the top or at the bottom.
7. The students can choose any of the following ways of writing the date.
(i) 17 Jan 2023 (ii) 17 Jan, 2023
(iii) $17_{\text {th }}$ Jan, 2023(iv) Jan 17, 2023.

Unless mentioned in the question, students should write the same date on which they are taking the examination.
8. It should be enclosed in a box.

Noticeஎன்பது ஒரு அறிவிப்மையோ அல்லது ஒரு தகவலையோ எழுதுவதாகும். ஒரு தகவலை குறிப்பிட்ட பிரிவினருக்கு முன்கூட்டியே தொிவிப்பதன் முக்கிய நோக்கமாகும். கல்வி தொடர்பான அறிவிப்புகள் மற்றும் செய்திகள் பள்ளி மற்றும் கல்லூாிகளில் உள்ள தகவல் பலகையில் எழுதப்படுவதாகும்.Notice writingஎண்பது தற்காலத்தில் தகவலை விரைவாகத் தொிவிக்க பயன்படும் ஒரு நுட்பமாகும்.

## நியைவில் கொள்ள வேண்டியவை :

1. பொதுவாக பள்ளி தகவல் பலணைகளில் கல்வி நிறுவனம் / கல்வி குழு / இலக்கிய மன்றம் / விளையாட்டு மன்றம் ஆகிய மன்றங்களின் சார்பாக அறிவிக்கப்படும்.
2. எளிய மற்றும் முறை சார்ந்த மொழி நடையில் எழுதப்பட வேண்டும்.
3. Noticeசுருக்கமாகவும் அதே சமயத்தில் சூற வேண்டிய விஷயத்தை நோிடையாகவும் கூறப்பட வேண்டும்.
4. தகவல் தொிவிக்கும் நபாின் கையெழுத்து பதவியுடன் இடப்பக்க ஓரத்தில் இருக்க வெணஸடிம்.
5. தேதி மேலேயோ (அ) கீழேயோ எழுதப்படலாம்.
6. மாணவ மாணவியா் தேதியை கீழ்கண்டவாறு குறிப்பிடலாம்.
(i) 17 Jan 2023
(ii) 17 Jan, 2023 (iii) $17^{\text {th }}$ Jan, 2023
(iv) Jan 17, 2023.
7.கேள்வியில் தேதி குறிப்பிடப்படாத வரையில் மாணவ மாணவ மாணவியர்கள் தேர்வு எழுதும் தேதியைத் தான் குறிப்பிட

வேண்டும். அவா்களாக கற்பணையில் ஏதே ஒரு தேதியைக் குறிப்பிடக் கூடாது.
8. ஒரு பெட்டிக்குள் விடை இருக்க வேண்டிம்.

## Govt Exam Questions

1. You are Raja / Rita, secretary of the English Literary Club. Your literary club is organizing a creative - writing workshop for the student's of classes XI and XII. Draft a notice encouraging the students to participate. Give suitable details and instructions.(SEP-20)
(MDL-23)

## SMS Public School, Madurai. NOTICE

$1^{\text {sh }}$ Dec 20xx.
CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
This is to inform all the students of class 11 and 12 that the school is hosting a workshop on creative writing on 7 December 20xx in the school Auditorium at 11:00 am. All students who are interested may give their name on or before 5 December 20xx. For further information contact the undersigned.

Raja
Secretary of English literature club
Raja(signature)
2. Prepare a notice announcing suspension of water supply in a residential apartment complex on account of maintenance work. Give suitable details and instructions to the residents.
(MAR-20) (MDL-23)

## SANJEEVI GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY, SRIVILLIPUTTUR. NOTICE <br> SUSPENDED WATER SUPPLY

1 March 2023

On account of cleaning the water tank, the water supply in our socity will remain suspended for eight hours, 10 am to 6 pm on 6 March 2023. All the residents are requested to store water in advance to meet their daily needs. The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Subramanian
Secretart
Sanjeevi Group Housing Society

## EXERCISES :

1. You are Praveen / Praveena. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organized an interschool orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubliee Celebration of your school. Write a notice about this competitions.

## Cultural Forum <br> ABC Hr. Sec. School, Chochin. <br> NOTICE

Cultural Forum of our school is going to organize an Inter School Orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubliee celebration. The orchestra temas of 20 schools are participating in the competition. The program will commence at $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on $2^{\text {nd }}$ Feb in the school auditorium. Free entry, Entry passes can be obtained from the undersigned on or before $27^{\text {th }}$ Jan, 2019.
Praveen,
Cultural Forum.
17 Jan, 20XX.
2. You are President of the cultural society of your school. You are planning to organize or cultural programme.

## Cultural Society <br> ABC School, Trichy. <br> NOTICE

The cultural club of our school is organising a musical evening on the $5^{\text {th }}$ of the next month. The programme will include light and classical music and dance. The minister of education has kindly consented to preside over the function. The students interested in participating in the cultural activities should give thir names to the undersigned later by $20^{\text {th }}$ April.
Raga,
President.
5 April, 20XX.
3. You are Navi / Naveena, the cultural secretary of King's Senior Secondary School, Valliyoor. Write a notice for your school notice board giving the details for participation of students in a cultural programme to be organized by your school.

## Cultural Society <br> King's Senior Secondary School, Valliyoor <br> NOTICE

The cultural club is going to organize cultural programme on $18^{\text {th }}$ Aug 2019. The commissioner of police has kindly consented to preside over the function ad will gave away the prizes to the winners. Those who are interested can register with the undersigned on or before $10^{\text {th }}$ Aug.
Naveena,
Secretary.
1 Aug, 20XX.
4. You are Abhishek / Aishwarya of Class XI. Being on Activity Co- ordinator. Draft a notice to all the other activity council members to discuss and plan the activities for Christmas Day celebration.

## XYZ Public School, Pune. <br> NOTICE

1 Dec 20XX.
Activities for celebration of Christmas. All the activity council members are informed to attend a meeting tomorrow at 10.30 A.M. in the multimedia Hall. The meeting is called to discuss the activities for Christmas Day. You should come with your ideas and the estimated cost as well as the infrastructure required. Please contact the undersigned for further details.
Class XI,
Activity Co-ordinator.
5. You are Vikarm, School captain of Presentation Convent, Chennai. Write a notice informing the students of Class XI about a guest lecture by Mr. Rao, environmentalist of the topic "Conservation of Water". Write a notice in not more than 50 words.

## Presentation Convent, Chennai. NOTICE

$30^{\text {th }}$ Oct 20XX.
Guest Lecture by Environmentalist. All the students of Class XI are hereby informed that there will be a guest lecture on "Conservation of Water" by renowned environmentalist Mr. Rao, on $5^{\text {th }}$ Nov 2020 on the auditorium from 11 to 12.30 . Attendance of Class XI students is compulsory. For more information contact the undersigned.
Vikram,
(School Captain).

# DIALOGUE WRITING உறையாடல் ォழுதுதல் 

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Build a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a fruit vendor and a customer (MAR-19)

Vendor : Welcome, Sir. What do you want?
Customer : I want apple. Give me one kilo.
Vendor : Ok. Take it. Please, give Rs.200/-.
Customer : Take the money. Do you have banana?
Vendor : Yes, Sir. How many do you want?

Customer : I need four.
Vendor : Take these. Give me Rs.40/-.
Customer : Here it is.
2. Extend the conversation with three more exchanges:

Seema : Could I get something to eat immediately?
Waiter : Yes Ma'am. We have hot idlies.
Seema : Bring me 5 idlies.
Waiter :Take them. Do you want any other?
Seema : Bring me one special dosa.
Waiter : Ok. Take it. Any other .........
Seema : A cup of tea.
Waiter : Ok, Here it is.

## Build a conversation for the following situations with a minimum of three exchanges:

1. A passenger and a railway staff regarding the cancellation of the reserved tickets.

| Passenger | $:$ | Good evening Sir. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Railway staff | $:$ | Good evening, What can I do for |
| you? |  |  |

2. Two friends about the NSS Camp which they are
going to attend.
Mithran : Hi! Akash; You look so happy.

Akash : Oh! Nothing Mithran, Don't you know we are going to attend the NSS camp?
Mithran : Yea, I forgot it. How long will it take, Akash?

| Akash | I think it will last for 7 days. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mithran | May I know them, Akash? |
| Akash | Of course. First thing we have to do |
|  | Enrollment drive and orientation programme, on the first day. The second day we have stem cell Donor |
|  | Registration Camp. Then Blood DonationCamp, Malaria and |
|  | Dengue awareness programme, |
|  | Road Saftey Programme, Voting awareness programme and finally |
|  | AIDSawareness programme. |
| Mithran | I think all will teach us to mingle |

3. A salesman and a customer at an electric shop

Customer : Good morning, Sir.
Salesman : Good morning, how can I help you?
Customer : Sir, I would like to buy a PC.
Salesman : We have Lenova, Sony, HCL etc.
Customer : Could you tell me the prices?
Salesman : Lenova costs Rs.15,000, Sony Rs.14,000 and HCL Rs.12,000. Which one do you prefer?
Customer : What is the guarantee period?
Salesman : Each two years.
Customer : OK. I prefer Sony. Is there any discount?
Salesman : No Sir.
Customer : Here is the money. Please pack it.

$\checkmark$ கடிதம் எழுதுதல், வினாவில் ஒரு சூழல்கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். ஒருவர் யாருக்கு, எதற்காகக் கடிதம் எழுதுகிறார் என்ற குறிப்புகள் இருக்கும். அதனைப் படித்து கொடுக்கப்பட்ட குறிப்புகளுக்கு தகுந்தாற் போல கடிதத்தின் உள்ளடக்கத்தை கற்பனை செய்து சொந்த நடையில் எழுத வேண்டும்.


Sub :
Respected Sir / Madam,


Thank You,
Yours faithfully / Sincerely,
1/2 Mark

Address on the envelope : To


## Personal or informal Letters

## இவை நண்பர்கள், உறவினர்கள் மற்றும் பெற்றோர்களுக்கு எழுதும் கடிதங்கள்.

Dear Friend / Mom / Dad etc $\}$ 1/2 Mark
$\qquad$

Address on the envelope :
To
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ 1/2 Mark

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions or the street in your locality
(MAY-22)
18.03.2023

Madurai
From
K. Lavanya

MIG 14, Anna St,
Amma Colony,
Shanthi nagar
Madurai


1/2 Mark $\{$ with love / yours lovingly

To
The Commissioner
Corporation of Madurai
Madurai -2
Sir,
Sub: Deteriorating sanitary conditions complaint I wish to submit the following painful facts for your consideration and immediate action. There are four big garbage bins kept in my street. For the past three weeks, your corporation vehicles have not come to clear the garbage. Now dust bins are overflowing. People are throwing garbage around the garbage bins. But the stench arising out of the accumulated garbage is nauseating. I'm really worried that some serious diseases may break out. Dengue is still causing anxiety among the residents
of Madurai as it has already taken a toll of seven babies, two young boys and three old men. Please instruct your officers to send vehicles immediately to collect the garbage and send your sanitary inspectors to sprinkle/spray disinfectants to ensure the prevention of infectious diseases like cholera too. Thanking you in anticipation

## Yours truly,

K. Lavanya

## To

The Commissioner , Corporation of Madurai Madurai - 2
2. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her that you would visit her the following week and celebrate your birthday there
(MAY-22)

## From

Sanjeevi,
Mayandi patti street,
Srivilliputtur
26 May 2023
To
Ram,
Mariamman Kovil Street, Rajapalayam

My dear friend,
Hye! How are you?hope your doing great, I am also fine here.How is your study going?

I have written this letter for a special purpose i want to let you know that i am coming to your place this following week.I have planned my birthday celebration with you there.

I am very excited to meet you and i know you are feeling the same.We will go to a big restaurant for the celebration.I will also invite our other childhood freinds.

I already know that this birthday is going to be best birthday of my life.We all will have soo much fun.After many years we all will stay together at one place.i am just waiting for the day,hope it will come soon.

## Thankyou

Your loving Sanjeevi

## 3. Write a letter to your cousin describing you school field trip (SEP-20) (MDL-2023)

To
Rajesh, North Car Street, Madurai - 1

Dear Rajesh,
How are you? I am fine, hope you are doing well. I am writing this letter to share my recent experience with my school education trip to Chennai, which we visited on $10^{\text {th }}$ May 2023.
I have enjoyed the tour a lot and at the same time, it is knowledgeable.

The tour was initiated by our principal sir, and an amount of 1000 Rs was collected from each student. We started on $9^{\text {th }}$ May 2023 on our school bus and visited so many beautiful places during the journey.
We reached the actual location by afternoon, and we went to a nearby restaurant to have lunch, the food is good. After finishing lunch we had so much fun, we played different games and sang songs.

In the evening we went sightseeing, the place is so beautiful with trees, hills, and waterfalls. The tour is memorable, and it will be much better if you are with us.

Give my regards to your parents, I will meet you soon.

> Your friend,
> Muthu.
4. You are Nirav/ Neena Write a letter of complaint to the inspector of your locality about the theft of your new mobile phone from your street. (SEP-20) (MDL-23)
Hints : - mobile got robbed, 'Samsung ultra' model

- dark street, no street lights.
- Police patrolling required.

YYYY
ZZZZ
$20^{\text {th }}$ April 2023,
The Inspector,

North Police Station, Rajapalayam.

## Sir,

Sub: Complaining about the theft of my mobile phone- Reg.
I went to a hotel for my dinner yesterday at 8 pm . I had idlies and dosa. When I walked along our street, I found my new mobile phone missing. I asked the people there about it. It was in rain. It was 'Samsung Ultra' I bought it recently. Our street is T.P.T.R. Road. It has no street light. So, it is dark at night. It needs police patrolling at night. So, I request you to take steps to recover my mobile phone early.
Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Nirav/ Naveena

## Address on the envelope:

 To :The Inspector,
North Police Stration, Rajapalayam.
5. Write a letter to your cousin describing a music concert you had attended recently.
(MAR-20) (MDL-2023)
Mani,
West Car Street,
Madurai - 1
$21^{\text {st }}$ May 2023

## Dear Ramu,

I hope that you have done well in your exam. Don't you have any vacation plans?

Last Sunday, I went to attend a musical concert by the renowned singer K S Chithra at ABC auditorium in Kochi. The concert started in the evening around 7 pm . The concert was organized on account of world music day. I went with my singer friend to the concert. Ms Chithra sang Carnatic as well as film songs in the concert. Though I am not a fan of Carnatic music, the film songs she sang are my all-time favourite. All the seats were filled but there was no crowd and for that reason the audience enjoyed the concert calmly. I loved the concert.

It was a relief from the work life. I will be eagerly waiting for your letter.

Your friend,
Mani.
6. Write a letter to an eminent writer him to be a Chief Guest for the inauguration of your school Literary Association (MAR-20) (MDL-2023)

## The letter is as follows:

St. Marry's Hr sec school,

## Trichy

30th December, 2020
Subject: Request to be the Chief Guest.
Dear Sir/ Madam,
We are very pleased to inform you that the inauguration ceremony of our school's Literary Association is being held on 18th January, 2023. We request you to be a part of the ceremony as the Chief Guest. The program would start at around 5:00 pm.
It would be an honor if you would attend the inauguration ceremony. We all will be waiting for your presence.

## Thanking You

Yours Sincerely
Sundar
(Principal)

## 7. Write letter to the Inspector of Police reporting a theft in your house. (JUN-19)

From
M.Vasanthi,

5, Jinnah Street,
Melapalayam-627005.
To
The Inspector of Police, Police Station, Melapalayam-627005.

Sir,
Sub: Complaint of burglary (theft / robbery) - Request for investigation
I wish to file a complaint of burglary in my house. My
family was out of station for 3 days ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ April 2023 To $4^{\text {th }}$ April 2023 ). When we returned home this morning, we noticed a burglary. A thief has broken a window and entered the house. He has stolen the following things:

1. A TV set (Sony) No. 82345
2. Four silver timbers (with initials VVR)
3. Six silk sarees (with initials HR)
4. Jewels (24 grams Chains)
5. A video camera (Brand National, with initials PR)

I request you, sir, to take necessary steps to find out the thief and recover the stolen things.

Yours faithfully,
M.Vasanthi.
[Signature]
Date: 21st April 2023
Place: Melapalayam

## 8. Write a letter to the Chief Reservation

 Supervisor of Railways requesting him to grant concession for you educational tour. (MAR-23)27.06.2023

Nanguneri
From:
M.Prabu,

SPL.GHSS.
Nanguneri.

To:
The Chief Reservation Supervisor, Southern Railways Thirunelveli,
Sir,
Sub:GHSS Educational tour to Bangolre requesting to grant concession - Reg.

I am M.Prabu studing in the XI-D section. I am the school pupil leader. I've been asked by my school Headmaster to work out the cost for our educational tour to Bangolore. A team of eighty students intends to go the Bangalore in the month of November. Could I request you to consider extending us a concession? Please let us know either through a reply letter or by mail what would be the cost of all 80 tickets (to and fro) and the dates ideal for us to travel. We intend to stay in Bangalore for two days. Kindly check the availability in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ week. If possible could you please request authorities to allot two bogies for us exclusively both ways? I have enclosed the name list of the students for your kind consideration. My e-mail id is splngi@gmail.com. An early reply will help me collect the money and meet you to book our onward and return journey.

Thank you
Your sincerely,
M.Prabu

To:
The Chief Reservation Supervisor, Southern Railways, Thirunelveli.


Some common errors are given below in the sentences that follow:

## 1. He is an University Professor.

The error, here, is 'an', ' $a$ ' should be used before University, Universal, Useful, Unique, European and one.

Ans: He is a University Professor.
2. He is a M.A. graduate.

Here an should be used before M.A. M.Sc, M.L.A., M.P., etc.

Ans: He is 'an' M.A. graduate.

## 3. Ramesh is inferior than Raghu.

Here 'than' is the error. The words inferior, superior, junior, senior, prefer, prior and elder are followed by 'to' not 'than'
Ans: Ramesh is inferior to Raghu.
4. He is one of the tallest boy in the class.

Here 'boy' is wrong. 'one of the' should be followed by a plural noun.
Ans: He is one of the tallest boys in the class
5. The price of fruits are high.

Here the actual subject is the price but not fruits. So the erb should be 'is'
Ans : The price of fruits is high.
6. Physics are my favourite subject.

Here 'are' is an error. Physics is singular. Hence 'is' should be used.
Mathematics, Economics, Physics, Billiards etc are followed by singular verb.
Ans : Physics is my favorite subject.
7. Each one of the girls are responsible.

Here the error is 'are' Each Either, Every, Neither, should be followed by a singular verb.
Ans : Each one of the girls is responsible.
8. Many a boys have done so.

Many a should be followed by a singular noun and singular verb.
Ans: Many a boy has done so.
9. The Minister with his secretaries have come.

Here, the Minister is the actual subject. Any
singular subject joined to a plural word by 'with' will take asingular verb. Here 'has' should be used as the subject in III person singular.
Ans : The Minister with his secretaries has come.
10. Five hundred rupees are a big sum.

The amount is always singular
Ans : Five hundred rupees is a big sum.
11. He gave me a ten rupees note.

Rupees should not come.
Ans: He gave me a ten rupee note.
12. Cauvery is a holy river.

Name of famous places such as rivers mountains and buildings, are preceded by 'the'
Ans : The Cauvery is a holy river.
13. If you had come to me, I would help you : The if clause has the past perfect tense. So the main clause should have would + have +pp Ans : If you had come to me, I would have helped you.
14. Though he came late but he was allowed. In complex sentences the co-ordinating conjunctions cannot be used.
Ans: Though he came late, he was allowed. In compound sentences the sub-ordinating conjunctions cannot be used.
Ans : He came late but he was allowed.
15. He, I and you are going to the market.

The order of pronouns, is wrong. At first second person (You) should come, then third person (He, She, It)should come and finally first person (I, We) should come.
Ans : You, he and I are going to the market.
16. I want to know why did you come late.

The sentence is assertive. (indirect speech)
Ans: I want to know why you came late.
17. He bought some stationeries.

Some words are collective noun and there is no plural for them.
Ex : Cattle, furniture, stationery, information, sheep, aircraft.
Ans: He bought some stationery.
18. He asked me why I am crying.

Tense form should be the same.
Ans: He asked me why I was crying.
19. He asked me that when $I$ returned home.

It is the interrogative form of indirect speech. 'that' should be removed.
Ans: He asked me when I returned home.
20. Ram is taller than many other boy in the class.
Many other should be followed by plural.
Ans: Ram is taller than many other boys in the class.
21. Ramu and Somu fought among themselves.

When two nouns are given, the preposition 'between' should be used. 'among' is used for more than two nouns.

Ans : Ramu and Somu fought between themselves.
22. I have met him yesterday.
'Yesterday' denotes past tense. Present Perfect
Tense should not be used.
Ans: I met him yesterday.
23. I want your advise.

Advise is a verb. The noun form is advice
Ans: I want your advice.
24. Hema is taller than any other girls in the class.
In the comparative degree, any other should be followed by singular noun.
Ans : Hema is taller than any other girl in the class.
25. That man is sleeping below the tree.

The preposition 'under' must be used, not below.
Ans: That man is sleeping under the tree.
26. If you run fast, you would catch the bus.

According to probable condition. If clause must have present simple and Main clause must have simplefuture tense.
Ans : If you run fast, you will catch the bus.
27. He has a liking of story books.
'liking' should be followed by 'for' not 'of'
Ans: He has liking for story books.
28. He referred the dictionary.

The word 'refer' should be followed by 'to' Ans: He referred to the dictionary.
29. Preposition 'between' should be used for only two people/thing. 'among' should be used/three thing and more than that.
Ex : The sweets are distributed among the five children.
Ans : There is a quarrel between brother and sister.
30.Beside - by the side of / Besides - in additionto

Ex : I am sitting beside my friend.
Ans : Besides a scooter, Nimmy has a car.

## Govt Exam Questions

1.Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly
(MAY-22)

## Question :

a) I saw many gooses in the park
b) Ramu is one of the tallest boy.
c) He is my cousin brother.
d) They discussed about the matter.
e) Either of these are right.

## Answer :

a) I saw many geese in the park.
b) Ramu is one of the tallest boys.
c) He is my cousin.
d) They discussed - the matter.
e) Either of these is right

## 2.Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly

(SEP-20) (MDL-23)

## Question:

a) If she had known of your arrival, she would come to receive you.
b) Neither siya nor Seema are present today.
c) Despite being old yet he is active.
d) I cannot cope up with pressure.
e) She met the concerned officer.

## Answer :

a) If she known of your arrival, she would have come to receive you.
b) Neither siya nor Seema is present today.
c) Despite being old _ he is active.
d) I cannot cope _ with pressure.
e) She met the officer concerned.

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## PRACTICE BOOK

## PART I

## Q.No $1-3$

## SYNONYMS

MARKS


## Govt Exam Questions

1. We treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us. (MAY - 22, MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) hymns
b) songs
c) storeys
d) stories / tales
2. The coaches lauded me.
(MAY - 22)
a) appreciated
b) gifted
c) garlanded
d) rebuked
3. The toilers did not enjoy this privilege.
a) kings
b) bosses
c) leaders
d) workers
4. $\qquad$ not anger or exasperation, but just simple wonder.
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) amusement
b) nervousness
c) irritation
d) surprise
5. So common is it that I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor. (SEP - 20, JUN -19) (MDL-23)
a) uninterested
b) unwilling
c) forced
d) persuaded
6. A peaceful pallor spread on her face.
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) devotion
b) apprearance
c) results
d) stress
7. $\qquad$ either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.
(MAR - 20)
a) great
b) bold
c) strong
d) perfect
(MDL-23)
8. I shall $\qquad$ only reiterate some of the cardinal principles.
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) accept
b) express
c) repeat
d) adopt
9. The role of the University today is not cloistered...
a) flexible
b) restricted
(JUN - 19)
c) determined
d) challenging
10. She thumped the sagging skins of the dilapidated drum.
(MAR - 19)
a) preserved
b) repaired
c) damaged
d) costly
11. $\qquad$ and I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness.
(MAR - 19)
a) toughness
b) weakness
c) brightness
d) seriousness
12. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
(MAR - 19, 2023)
a) hope
b) memory
c) alertness
d) hunger
13. $\qquad$ that we regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric.
(MAR - 19)
a) modern
b) weary
c) normal
d) weird
14. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face....
(MDL-23)
a) graceful
b) fresh
c) smoothed
d) wrinkled
15. It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
a) irritation
b) inability
c) inferiority
d) ability
(MDL-23)
16. $\qquad$ we have to re-call the struggles of the past and realize the perils and possibilities...
a) safeties
b) dangers
c) securities
d) certainty
(MDL-23)
17. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing - song
(MAR-23)
a) jarring
b) boring
c) piercing
d) depressing
18. What was her Vexation
(MAR-23)
a) annoyance
b) discomfort
c) confusion
d) lethargy

## PROSE - 1 <br> THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

Wrinkled, hung, turban, revolting, absurd, undignified, fables, prophets, hobbled, spotless, untidy, puckered, serenity, monotonous, scriptures, courtyard, distressed, announced, seclusion, resignation, reciting, shooed, rebukes, sagging, shroud

## PROSE - 2 <br> THE QUEEN OF BOXING

Excerpt, princely, relieved, confined, arena, enormously, weighing, opponent, vanished, competed, unbeatable, accustomed, consoled, disappointed, felicitation, adulation, etched, tend, retained, defeating, exceptionally, christened, hattrick

> | PROSE - 3 |
| :---: |
| FORGETTING |

Astonished, vile, provincial, antipathy, devotee, pills, potions, reluctant, rely, oath, holding, embarrassing, unadventurous, compelled, delinquent, grim, destination, prosaic, magnificent, glorious, virtue, utopia, mediocre, fallible, sieve, audacious, indignant, relish, prosail, quivering

PROSE - 4
TIGHT CORNERS
Wounded, tremendous, shepherdesses, rustle, auctioneer, dazed, rectified, speculating, rammed, rectitude, gent, husky, bid

## PROSE - 5 <br> CONVACATION ADDRESS

Mobilized, toiling, embarks, cradled, nurtured, conferred, prosperous, reiterate, cardinal, enunciated, advice, annotations, regret, ruggedness, repositories, emissaries, eschewed, autocracy, monarchical, feudal, gilded, eminent, confronting, secluded, weave, fabric, dazzling, privileged, cloistered, trim, perseverance, inherent, perils, sole, indebted, tillers, toilers, replenish, toning, alleys, solace, dingy, afflicted, despondent, sermons, aristocracy, seek, wink, tyranny, robust, endowed, crusade, nectar, legacy, equipped

## PROSE - 6

## THE ACCIDENTIAL TOURIST

Spilling, chaos, globetrotter, alley, lavatory, jammed, yanked, grunts, frowns, extravagantly, cascade, bounced, oblivious, concourse, lavish, gashed, hysterics, exasperation, recline, clawing, freed, perch, drenched, venerable, zillion


## Govt Exam Questions

1. Grandmother was always in spotless white.
a) pure
b) pointless (MAY -22)
c) dirty
d) creased
2. The staff looked so unsympathetic. (MAY -22)
a) credible
b) genuine
c) dutiful
d) sympathetic
3. It requires individual responsibility. (MAY -22)
a) classical
b) personal
c) collective
d) modern
4. I retained the world title in the Third World Women's Boxing championship. (SEP -22)
a) attained
b) distribute (MDL-23)
c) ruined
d) gave up
5. I pulled myself together sufficiently to hand my card, nonchalantly to the clerk... (SEP -22)
a) concerned
b) surprised (MAR-23)
c) motivated
d) forced
(MDL-23)
6. ___ people with robust optimism will be discouraged and forced to take to the path of ease.
(SEP -22)
a) rough
b) soft
c) weak
d) thin.
7. The discrepancy about the crests put me on my guard .....
(MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) originality
b) similarity
c) functionality
d) triviality
8. Such a cosy little room! (MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) uncomfortable
b) inexpensive
c) filthy
d) dingy
9. But how near the surface and ready .... is worldly guile! (MAR -20) (MDL-23)
a) hardship
b) peace
c) honesty
d) pleasure
10. He has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.
(JUN -19)
a) clever
b) timid
c) rigid
d) strong
11. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions...
(JUN -19)
a) faith
b) loyalty
c) interest
d) liking
12. The other teams....weight in, which is compulsory for all players. (JUN -19, MDL)
a) optional / voluntary
b) natural
c) critical
d) occasional
13. Her happiest moments were with her sparrows whom she fed with frivolous rubukes.
a) serious
b) harmless (MAR -19)
c) funny
d) decent
14. "Don't look so doleful, girls."
(MAR -19)
a) peaceful
b) joyful
c) doubtful
d) powerful
15. There are, it must be admitted, some matters.....
a) replied
b) denied (MAR -19)
c) argued
d) accepted
16. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.
(MDL-23)
a) rich
b) wealthy
c) poor
d) luxurious
17. It was at this point that my wife looked at me with an expression of wonder - not anger or exasperation.
(MDL-23)
a) irritation
b) calmness
c) vexation
d) annoyance
18. I do claim to represent him in all his ruggedness.
a) loneliness
b) eagerness (MAR-23)
c) weakness
d) sadness
19. My particular specialty now is returning to hotel desks two or three times a day (MAR-23)
a) peculiar
b) exemplary
c) moderate
d) general.

## PROSE - 1 <br> THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

Wrinkled, revolting, absurd, undignified, fables, hobbled, untidily, puckered, serenity, contentment, monotonous, distressed, announced, seclusion, resignation, reciting, cherished, rebukes, crumbs, dilapidated

## PROSE - 2 <br> THE QUEEN OF BOXING

Excerpt, princely, relieved, confined, weighing, opponent, vanished, competed, unbeatable, accustomed, consoled, disappointed, felicitation, etched, tend, retained, defeating, exceptionally, christened, amateur, compulsory, traditional, expensive, hopeful, accepted

## PROSE - 3 FORGETTING

Astonished, provincial, devotee, rely, embarrassing, unadventurous, grim, prosaic, glorious, mediocre, andacious, relish, utopia, vile, antipathy, reluctant, oath, compelled, delinquent, destination, magnificent, virtue, fallible, indignant, eccentric

## PROSE - 4 TIGHT CORNERS

Wounded, tremendous, rustle, auctioneer, dazed, rectified, speculating, rammed, rectitude, gent, husky, bid

## PROSE - 5 <br> CONVACATION ADDRESS

Mobilized, embarks, prosperous, cardinal, advice, regret, autocracy, feudal, secluded, privileged, trim, inherent, sole, replenish, solace, depondent, seek, robust, toiling, hnurtured, reiterate, enunciated, annotations, escheived, monarchical, eminent, weave, cloistered, perseverance, perils, indebted, toning, dingy, aristocracy, tyranny

## PROSE - 6 <br> THE ACCIDENTIAL TOURIST

Chaos, jammed, yanked, frowns, extravagantly, oblivious, venerable, lavish, exasperation, recline, drenched, uttered, dath, zillion, frustration

## Q.NO 7-20

## COMPOUND WORDS

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## Govt Exam Questions

1. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'mantel' to form a compound word. (MAR-19)
a) cover
b) cloth
c) picture
d) piece
2. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with "toll".
(MDL-23)
a) plaza
b) late
c) proof
d) wheel
3. Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with "bee" (MAY-22)
a) piece
b) lash
c) gate
d) hive
4. Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'over throw'
(SEP - 20) (MDL-23)
a) Adjective + Verb
b) Adverb + Noun
c) Adverb + Verb
d) Adjective + Noun
5. Choose the word that can be added after 'good' to form a compound word. (MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) sense
b) time
c) form
d) will
6. Choose the word that cannot be used after ' $\mathbf{k e y}$ ' to form a compound word.
(JUN - 19)
a) note
b) lock
c) board
d) hole
7. Choose the word that can be placed after he word
'Court' to form a compound word.
(MAR-23)
a) yard
b) file
c) gate
d) bail

## OTHER EXERCISE

1. brother
a. hood
b. people
c. road d. way
2. sun
a. rise
b. neat
c. walk d. path
3. moon
a. star
b. light
c. top d. sky
4. dust
a. music
b. bin
c. box
d. cap
5. clear
a. centre
b. paper
c. cut d. walk
6. fare
a. wife
b. well
c. shop d. man
7. tongue
a. morning b. box
c. twister d. come
8. silk
a. light
b. pick
c. bank d. worm
9. press
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { a. mark } & \text { b. meet } & \text { c. port } & \text { d. car }\end{array}$
10. historic
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { a. event } & \text { b. camp } & \text { c. space d. sight }\end{array}$
11. over
a. go
b. come
c. box d. bank
12. speed
a. travel b. thought
c. post d. feast
13. cup
a. stick
b. fly
c. board d. call
14. water
a. bath
b. control
c. thirsty d. fall
15. out
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { a. dated } & \text { b. media } & \text { c. dog }\end{array}$
16. snow
a. phone
b. clips
c. sky d. white
17. sun
a. ride
b. shine
c. model d.market
18. tube
a. light
b. test
19. ear
a. colour
b. phone
20. safe
a. stay
b. reach
c. guard d. sky
21. magic
a. $\operatorname{dog}$
b. show
c. walk d. dream
22. brown
a. hair
b. market
c. dated d. free
23. heart
a. mild
b. clips
c. broken d. plan
24. super
a. light
b. sun
c. dream d.market
25. note
a. book
b. ware
c. light
d. cream
26. match
a. up
b. fox
c. code d. box
27. name
a. fast
b. list
c. jockey d. made
28. get
a. girl
b. room
c. up d. media
29. walking
a. tank
b. writing
c. book d. stick
30. hand
a. shot
b. writing
c. media d. ware
31. self
a. sick
b. road
c. employed d. arrest
32. night
a. bore
b. sky
c. hall
d. study
33. horse
a. code
b. leaves
c. mediad. ride
34. human
a. being
b. phone
c. star
d. estate
35. office
a. sun
b. staff
c. box
d. light
36. hand
a. doy
b. being
c. book d. board
37. hot
a. news
b. stand
c. pencil d. station
38. child
a. boy
b. bus
c. hood d. night
39. noise
a. tank
b. pollution
c. ware
d. breath
40. semi
a. trip
b. air
c. hanger d. finals

## PREFIX AND SUFFIX ழுண்ணொட்டு \& ப்ண்ணொட்டு <br> 1 <br> MARK <br> - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word "tidy"
( MAY -22)
a) ir
b) in
c) dis
d) un
2. From a derivative for the underlined word.

Mom told me to arrange the table. (MAY -22)
a) ful
b) ment
c) ity
d) ness
3. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
Mistakes are an 'essential' part of education.
a) un
b) ir
c) in
d) il
4. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base-word "animate". (MAR-20)(MDL-23)
a) de_
b) un
c)in__
d) re
5. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "peace"
(MAR-23)
a) - ly
b) - able
c) - ful
d) - ment

## OTHIER EXERCISE

1. 'childish'

The boy is behaving childish $\qquad$
a. en
b. ly
c. ful
d. ty
2. 'free'

India got free $\qquad$ on August
$\mathbf{1 5 , 1 9 4 7}$
a. al
b. ly
c. dom d.age
3. 'act'

The man $\qquad$ acted well
a.en
b. ex
c. il
c. re
4. 'comfort'

The room is not comfort $\qquad$
a. able
b. al
c. er
d. ed
5. 'kind'

Kind $\qquad$ is necessary for every human
beings.
a. able
b. ful
c. less
d. ness
6. 'strong'

Karthik is the strong $\qquad$ boy in the class
a. er
b. est
c. able
d. ness
7. 'change '

Is there any ___ change offer available.
a. in
b. un
c. ex
d. dis
8. 'possible'

Nothing is $\qquad$ possible
a. non
b.pre
c. non
d. im
9. 'equal'

It is $\qquad$ equal in quantity
a. un
b. ex
c. re
d. il
10. 'usual'

The $\qquad$ usual things are happening now.
a. de
b. un
c. re
d. dis
11. 'honest'

He is a $\qquad$ honest man.
a. al b. some c.er d. dis
12. 'legal'

It is a $\qquad$ legal property.
a. in
b. im c.il
d. dis
13. 'stand'

Try to $\qquad$ stand what I am saying
a. under
b. mis c. de
d. re
14. 'happy'

He is $\qquad$ happy.
a. non
b. re c. un
d. dis
15. 'virus'
$\qquad$ virus protects our computer.
a. pre
b. post c. anti
d. dis
16. 'biography'

He is writing his own $\qquad$ biography.
a. auto
b. bio c. multi d.re
17. The $\qquad$ logy is the study of water
a. hyper
b. hydroc. hypo d. auto
18. 'take'

Don't $\qquad$ take me?
a. dis
b.re
c. mis
d, non
19. 'media'

The $\qquad$ media are becoming popular nowadays.
a. multi
b. non
c. dis
d. de
20. 'technology'

The $\qquad$ technology is the study of very small objects.
a. Geo
b. nano c. anti
d. non
21. 'come'

The $\qquad$ come of this will lead to our success.
a. of
b. bi
c. dis
d. out
22. 'orphan'

They adopted a child from Orphan $\qquad$
a. age
b.ly
c. able
d. ness
23. 'present'

The gift is worth present $\qquad$
a. ly
b.ness c. able
d. ed
24. 'refer'

Please mention the refer $\qquad$ pages.
a. ence
b. ful
c. est
d. able
25. 'millionaire'

He is a $\qquad$ millionaire.
a. non b.multi c.dis d. re
26. 'adventure'

Travelling to a mountain is a adventure $\qquad$ one.
a. or
b.ous
c. er
d. able
27. 'bio'

Bio $\qquad$ is the study of living things.
a. able
b.ness c. logy
d. less
28. 'draw'

I $\qquad$ draw money from the bank.
a. sub
b. poly c. with d. non
29. 'angle'

The $\qquad$ angle has three sides.
a. tri
b. dis
c. non
d. re
30. 'circle'

Do $\qquad$ circle has same radius as that of circle?
a. hemi
b. semi c. tri
d. bi
31. 'way'
$\qquad$ way is useful for avoiding traffics
a. sub b. semi c. un
d. dis
32. 'synthesis'
$\qquad$ synthesis is essential for plants
a. re
b. uni c. photo
d. pre
33. 'night'

Raghu reached home at $\qquad$ night.
a.en
b. il
c. mid d. re
34. 'regular'

The shape is $\qquad$ regular.
a. en
b. im
c. ir
d. re
35. 'pure'

The water is $\qquad$ pure.
a. dis
b. im
c. in
d. il
36. 'dermis'

The $\qquad$ dermis is the outermost layer.
a. dis
b. with c. epi
d. auto
37. 'operation'

Your $\qquad$ operation is very essential
a. non
b. co c. en
d. sub
38.'mate'

Naveen is my $\qquad$ mate.
a. well
b. good c. nice d. class
39.' qualified'

You are $\qquad$ qualified.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { a. dis } & \text { b. in } & \text { c.en }\end{array}$
40. 'person'

Shyam is a courage $\qquad$ person
a. ful
b. ness c. less
d. ous

## CLIPPED WORDS

ஆரூூக்கบ்யட்ட வார்த்தைகள்

## 1 <br> MARK

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Choose the clipped form of the word'dormitory'.
a) dormy
b) dory
(MAR - 19)
c) dorm
d) dormit
2. Choose the clipped form of'Demonstration'.
a) Demon
b) Monster
c) Demo
d) Station
(MDL-23)
3. Choose the clipped form of 'alchemist'. (SEP - 20)
a) alchemy
b) chemistry
c) chemist
d) mist
4. Choose the unclipped form of the word 'champ'.
(MAR -20)(MDL-23)
a) champion
b) chamberlin
c) champagne
d) chimpanzee
5. Choose the the unclipped form of 'memo'.
a) memorabilia
b) memorizer
(JUN -19)
c) memorandum
d) memento
6. Choose the clipped from of the word 'helicopter'.
(JUN - 19) (MAR-23)
a) heli
b) helicop
c) copter
d) helter
7. Choose the unclipped form of "mark". (MDL-23)
a) remark
b) market
c) demarcate
d) marks

## OTHER EXERCISE

1. refrigerator
2. perambulator
3. photograph

7 .laboratory
9. kilogram
11.signature
13.aeroplane
15.mathematics
17. pressure cooker
19. fountain pen
21. newscast
23. viva voce
25. representative
2. demonstration
4. taxicab
6. advertisement
8. spectacles
10. gymnasium
12. handkerchief
14. facsimile
16. omnibus
18. daddy
20. television
22. bicycle
24. diskette

## SYLLABIFICATION <br> 

## 1 <br> MARK

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Choose the trisyllabic word. (SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
a) laughter
b) auction
c) interesting
d) language
2. Choose the trisyllbic word from the following .
a) distinguished
b) fortunately
(MAR - 20)
c) information
d) traditional
(MDL-23)
3. 'Ability' is a $\qquad$ word.
(JUN -19)
a) trisyllabic
b) tetrasyllabic
c) disyllabic
d) pentasyllabic
4) Choose the Tri-sylllabic word. (MDL)
a) grandmother
b) tourist
c) photographer
d) lesson
5) Pick out the word that has four syllales.
a) animosity
b) exception
c) animation
d) excitement

## OTHER EXERCISE

| 1. sovereign | 2. profession | 3. protect |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4. certainly | 5. popular | 6. reaction |
| 7. advantage | 8. eagerly | 9. inability |
| 10. except | 11. inform | 12. apologise |
| 13. music | 14. internal | 15. entertainment |
| 16. properly | 17. agricultural | 18. queue |
| 19. guitarist | 20. permanent | 21. master |
| 22. religion | 23. example | 24. external |
| 25. violinist | 26. famous | 27. around |
| 28. energy | 29. sincere | 30. seniors |
| 31. believe | 32. response | 33. personal |
| 34. artist | 35. address | 36. redress |
| 37. practice | 38. classical | 39. exodus |
| 40. prisoner | 41. suspect | 42. minimum |
| 43. routine | 44. suffice | 45. included |
| 46. money | 47. boundary | 48. record |
| 49. little | 50.typical | 51. appear |
| 52. adjacent | 53. awoke | 54. serge |
| 55. possible | 56. compare | 57. hundred |
| 58. devctce | 59. dedicate | 60. enormity |

## EXPANSION \& ABBREVIATIONS \& ACRONYMS <br> 

Govt Exam Questions

1. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation
'CAT'
(MAY - 22)
a) Career and Aptitude Test
b) Competitive Aptitude Test
c) Captal Aptitude Test
d) Central Law and Aptitude test
(Note: Correct Abbreviation is Common Admission Test)
2. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation
'CAD'
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
a) Computer Aided Designing
b) Computer Augmented Design
c) Computer Aided Design
d) Computer Assisted Design
3. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation
' $\mathbf{B C C I}$ '.
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
a) Board of Council for Cricket in India
b) Board of Cricket Control in India
c) Board of Cricket Council in India
d) Board of Control for Cricket in India
4. Choose the expanded from of 'MHRD' (JUN - 19)
a) Member of Human Resource Department
b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
c) Modern Housing Rural Development
d) Metro Highways and Railways Department
5. Select the correct expansion of 'HDTV'(MAR - 19)
a) High Definition Television
b) Heavy Dielectric Television
c) Heavy Distributary Television
d) Highly Decentralized Television
6. Choose the expanded form of 'GST'.
a) Goods and Service Trade
b) Goods and Savings Term
c) Goods and Services Tax
d) Good Social Tax
7. Choose the expended form of TNPSC (MAR-23)
a) Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
b) Tamil Nadu Private Sector Commission
c) Tamil Nadu Publice Service Committee
d) Tamil Nadu Private Sector Committee
8. Teetotaller
a) lover of alchohol
b) refuses alchohol
c) lover of tea
d) lover of coffee
9. Globe trotter
a) one who travels all over the world
b) one who hater travelling
c) one who supports travelling
d) one who writer travelogue
10. Optimist
a) one who thinks negatively
b) one who thinks positively
c) one who helps others
d) one who uses optimum

## 35. Patriotism

a) one who betrays his country
b) one who loves his country and defendist
c) one who protects his country
d) one who escapes his country

## 36. Barbarism

a) cruel or vident behavior
b) cutting hair
c) curved point
d) gentle and amicable

## 37. Nationalism

a) feeling of hatred for one's country
b) feeling of indifference
c) feeling of love for and pride in your country
d) feeling of disgrace
38. Amateurism
a) taking part in sports for enjoyment
b) taking part in sports for money
c) taking part in sports
d) taking part in tour
39. Idealism
a) belief that one ideas are contrary
b) belief that others' ideas are good
c) belief that our ideas are real
d) not believing any idea
40. Criticism
a) making comments
b) supporting characters
c) degrading one's character
d) making fair careful judgement about the good and bad qualities
41. Absenteeism
a) the fact of being present
b) the fact that one is not absent
c) the fact that one cheats
d) the fact of being away from work a school

## 42. Feminism

a) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for women
b) a doctrine that advocates equal rights for all
c) a doctrine that advocates women's welfare
d) a doctrine by women writers
43. Egocentrism
a) act of thinking only about yourself
b) act of thinking welfare of others
c) act of thinking about family
d) act of thinking about nation
44. Heroism
a) great cowardice
b) great intelligence
c) very great courage
d) great cunningness


## POEM - 1 <br> ONCE UPON A TIME

1. Once upon a time, son

They used to laugh with their hearts
And laugh with their eyes:
But now they only laugh with their teeth
While their ice-block-cold eyes
Search behind my shadow.
a) To whom is the poet talking?
b) Mention the figure of speech (last befoe line).
c) How did people of the past laugh?
d) Whom does 'they' in the $4^{\text {th }}$ line refer to?
(MDL)
e) How do today's people laugh?
f) 'ice-block-cold eyes'- explain.
(MAR.-23)
g) what does 'behind my shadow' mean?
h) Who are "They"?
(MAR-23)
2. There was a time indeed

They used to shake hands with their hearts
But that's gone, son
Now they shake hands without hearts
While their left hands search
My empty pockets
a) What is gone according to the speaker?
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
b) How do people shake hands now? (MAR-20)
c) What does the last line mean?
d) Which time is referred here?
e) Explain the second line.
(MDL-23)
3. Feel at home! Come again

They say and when I come
Again and feel
At home, once, twice,
There will be no thrice
For them I find doors shut on me
a) To whom do people say 'Come again'?
b) How do they invite their friends?
c) Who are 'they'?
(MAR-19)
d) Do 'they' really mean it?
(MAR-19)
e) Is the poet welcomed for the $3^{\text {rd }}$ time?
4. So, I have learned many things, son

I have learned to wear many faces Like dresses.......home face, Office face, street face, host face Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles Like a fixed portrait smile
a) Mention the figure of speech.(MAY-22)
b) 'Portrait smile' - explain.
c) Explain the $2^{\text {nd }}$ line. (SEP-20)(MDL-23)
d) What does 'cocktail face' refer to?
(SEP-20, MAY-22) (MDL-23)
e) What has the poet learnt?
5. And I have learned too

To laugh with only my teeth And shake hands without my heart
I have also learned to say 'Goodbye'
When I mean 'Goodriddance'
To say 'Glad to meet you'
Without being glad, and to say 'It's been Nice talking to you, after being bored.
a) What does 'good riddance mean?
b) What has the poet learned?
c) Identify the figure of speech.
6. But believe me, son

I want to be what I used to be When I was like you. I want
To learn 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.
a) What does the poet want to relearn?
b) Mention the figure of speech.
simile
(JUNE-19)
(MAY-22)
c) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
(MAY-21)
d) What are muting things?
7. So, show me son

How to laugh, show me how
I used to laugh and smile Once upon a time when I was like you.
a) What does the poet ask his son to teach him?
b) Mention the figure of speech.
c) How did the poet laugh as a boy?
d) Who is the speaker?

## POEM - 2

CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR

1. One infant grows up and becomes a jockey

Another plays basketball or hockey
This one the prize ring hates to enter
That one becomes a tackle or center
I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, then they are not me.
a) Why is the poet glad?
b) What does one infant become when it grows up?
c) Pict out the rhyming words. (MAR-20)(MDL-23)
d) Mention the figure of speech.
e) Who is a jockey?
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
2. with all my heart I do admire

Athletes who sweat for fun or hire
Who take the field in gaudy pomp
And maim each other as they romp
My limp and bashful spirit feeds
On other people's heroic deeds
a) Mention the figure of speech in the $5^{\text {th }}$ line
b) Whom does the poet admire?(MDL-23)
(MAR-23)
c) Who takes the field in gaudy pomp?
d) Why do the athletes sweat?
(MDL-23) (MAR-23)
e) What feeds on other people's deeds?
3. Now, A runs ninety yards to score $B$ knocks the champion to the floor Cracking vertebrae and spines Lashes his steed across the line You 'd' think my ego it would please To swap positions with one of these
a) Mention the rhyming words. (SEP-20)
(MDL-23)
b) Pick out the alliterated words.
c) Why does B knock A?
d) Why does A run ninety yards?
e) Who are 'these'?
(MDL-23)
f) Who cracks A's vertebrae and spines?Why?
4. Well, ego must be pleased enough But zealous athletes play so rough They do not ever in their dealings Consider one another's feelings I'm glad that when my struggle begins Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins
a) What wins finally?
b) Mention the figure of speech in the $5^{\text {th }}$ line.
c) What pleases ego?
d) Why are the athletes rough?
5. When swollen eye meets gnarted fist When snaps the knee and cracks the wrist When officialdom demands
Is there a doctor in the stands My soul in true thanksgiving speaks For this modest of physiques
a) Mention the rhyming words. (MAY-22)
b) Who is the officialdom?
c) Why are the eyes swollen?
d) When are the doctors called? (MAY-22)
e) To whom is the poet soul thankful?
6. Athletes, I'll drink to you

Or eat with you

Or anything except compete with you
Buy tickets worth their radium
To watch you gambol in the stadium
And reassure myself anew
That you are not me and I'm not you
a) Whom does 'you' refer to ?
(MAR-19)
b) Whom does the poet reassure?
(MAR-19)
c) Give the meaning of 'gambol'
d) What does 'drink to you' mean?
e) Does the poet want to complete with the athletes?
(JUNE-19)

## POEM - 3

LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

## 1. I heard a thousand blended notes While in a grove, I sat reclined In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

a) Where is the poet sitting? (MAR-19)
b) What's meant by a thousand blended notes'?
(MAR-19)
c) What was the poet's mood?
d) What brought sad thoughts to the poet's mind?
e) Mention the rhyming words.
f) What did the poet hear?
2. To her fair works did Nature link The human soul that through me ran And much it grieved my heart to think What man has made of man
a) Give the meaning of the $4^{\text {th }}$ line.
b) What did Nature link with it?
c) Mention the figure of speech.
d) Pick out the words in alliteration.
3. Through primrose tufts in that green bower The periwinkly trail'd its wreaths And tis my faith that every flower Enjoys the air it breathes
a) What is bower?
b) What is the poet's faith?
(JUNE-19)
c) What's the figure of speech?
(JUNE-19)
d) What quality of Nature do you see here?
4. The birds around me hopp'd and play'd Their thoughts I cannot measure But the least motion which they made It seemed a thrill of pleasure
a) What can't the poet measure?
b) Who are 'they'?
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
c) What are they doing?
(MAR-20) (MDL-23)
d) What gave pleasure to the poet?
5. The budding twigs spread out their fan To catch the breezy air And, I must think do all I can That there was pleasure there
a) What did the twigs do?
b) How did they feel?
6. If this belief from heaven be sent If such be Nature's holy plan Have I not reason to lament What Man has made of Man?
a) What does 'lament' mean? (SEP-20)
(MDL-23)
b) Mention the rhyme scheme.
c) Mention the figure of speech in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ line.
d) Mention the figure of speech in the first two lines.
e) What does heaven refer to ? (MAR-23)
f) Why does the poet call Nature 'holy'?
(MDL-23) (MAR-23)
g) Identify the figure of speech in the second line.
(MDL-23)

## POEM - 4 <br> MACAVITY - THE MYSTERY CAT

## 1. Macavity's a Mystery Cat he's called the Hidden

 pawFor he's the master criminal who can defy the law He's the bafflement of Scotland Yard the Flying Squad's despair
For when they reach the scene of crime -
Macavity's not-there!
a. Whom does 'He' refer to?
b. Why is the flying squad disappointed?
c. Is Macavity a real cat?
d. What's Scotland Yard?
e. Does the Squad arrest Macavity?
f. Why's the cat called the Hidden Paw?
2. Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity
His power of levitation would make a fakir stare When you reach the scene of crime, Macavity's not there.
a. Write the words of alliteration.
b. What does a fakir stare?
c. What's levitation?
d. Is the fakir surprised?
e. Who's a fakir?
f. Is Macavity comparable with anybody?
g. What is a Macavity?
h. What has Macavity broken?
3. You may seek him in the basement, you may look up in the air
But I tell you once and once again, Macavity's not there
Macavity's a ginger cat, he's very tall and thin
You would know him, if you saw him, for his eyes are-sunken in
a. Can we find Macavity any-where?
b. How does it appear?
4. His brow is deeply lined with thought, his head is highly domed His coat is dusty from reglect, his whiskers are uncombed
He sways his head from side to side with movements like a snake And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake
a. Mention the figure of speech.
(MAR-19) (MAR-23)
b. How does it sway its head?
c. Who is 'he'?
(MAR-19)
d. Mention the rhyme - scheme.
e. Why is its coat dusty?
(SEP-20)
(MDL-23)
f. Explain the comparison made here.
(MAR-23)
g. How is the cat described in the above lines?
(MAR-23)
5. Macavity, Macavity there's no one like Macavity

For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity
You may meet him in a bystreet, you may see him in the square
But when a crime's discovered, then Macavity's not there!
a. 'Monster of depravity'-explain (Jn-19, MDL23)
b. Pick out the rhyming words.
c. Mention the poem and the poet
(MDL-23)
d. Mention the alliterated words.
e. How does Macavity appear?
6. He's outwardly respectable. (They say he cheats at cards
And his footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's And when the larder's looted or the jewel case is rifled
Or when the milk is missing or another peke's been stifled
a. What has Macavity stolen?
b. Pick out alliterated words. (MAR-20)
(MDL-23)
c. What does Macavity do in the cards?
d. Why do they want its footprints?
e. What's the challenge for Scotland Yard?
f. Whose footprints do the police need and why?
(MDL-23)
7. Or the greenhouse glass is broken and the trell is past repair
Ay, there's the wonder of the thing! Macavity's not there

## When the Foreign office find a Treaty's gone

 astrayOr the admiralty lose some plans and drawings by the way
a. Who breaks all?
b. What happened to the plans of admiralty?
c. What does 'admiralty' mean?
8. There may be a scrap of paper in the hall or on the stair But it is useless to investigate, Macavity's not there!
And when the loss has been disclosed, the Secret Service say
It must have been Macavity, but he's a mile away
a. Write down the rhyming words.
b. Where is the scrap of paper?
c. Where is Macavity?
d. Why is it useless to investigate?
9. You'll be sure to find him resting or a licking of his thumbs
Or engaged in doing complicated long division sums
Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity

There never was a cat of such deceitfulness and suavity
a. What are the qualities of Macavity?
b. What is talked about here?
c. Is there any other cat like Macavity?
d. How is it different from other cats?
10. He always has an alibi and one or two to spare And whatever time the deed took place, Macavity wasn't there
And they say all the cats whose wicked deeds are
widely known
(I might mention Mungojerrie, I must mention Griddlebone)
And nothing more than agents for the cat who all the time
Just controls their operations; the Napoleon of Crime
a. Mention the rhyming words.
b. Who are the agents of Macavity?
c. Does it leave any evidence of its crime?
d. Who is called the Napoleon of Crime?
e. Who controls the agents' operations?

## POEM - 5

EVEREST IS NOT THE ONLY PEAK

1. We are proud and feel so tall, Our virtues though be few and small Our nature it is that whatever we try We do with devotion deep and true
a) What should we feel proud of?
b) Whom does 'we' refer to?
c) Pick out the rhyming words.
d) How should we do our duty?
2. Defeat we repel, courage our fort; Cringing from others we haven't done, To seek a gain we adore none: We are proud and feel so tall.
a) What does 'Cringing from others' mean?
b) Which is our fort?
c) How do we react to defeat?
(MAR-23)
d) Which is considered as our stronghold?
(MAR-23)
3. We deem it our duty and mission in life, To bless and praise the deserving ones;

Never shall we fail in what we commit, Shall nourish the ones that nourish the world.
a) How should we treat the deserving ones?
b) Pick out the alliterated words.
4. We are proud of the position we

Hold; humble as we are,
Our pride springs from the way we live.
Ours is a path of dignity and honour,
A life that knows no kneeling and bending.
We are proud and feel so tall.
a) Pick out the alliterated words.
(MDL-23)
b) What kind of life does the poet talk about?
(MDL-23)
c) What's the speaker proud of?
d) How is the speaker humble and proud?
5. Everest is not the only peak, Every hillock has a summit to boast! The height you reach is not that we care; He, who does not stoop, is a king we adore. We bow before competence and merit;
a) Pick out the words in alliteration.
(JUNE - 19)
b) Who is adored as a king?
(MAR - 20) (MDL-23)
c) What is respected? (MAR-20)(MDL-23)
d) Mention the figure of speech. (4 $4^{\text {th }}$ line)
(MAY - 22)
6. The ones that are true and stand on their own Are really the ladder for the rise of Man. Honour is a property, common to all: In dignity and pride no one need to be poor. We are proud and feel so tall.
a) Is the tone of the line positive on negative?
b) Who are the ladders?
c) What is their asset?
(SEP - 20)
(MDL-23)
d) Which are our strength?
(MAR - 19)
e) Who are considered rich?

## POEM - 6 <br> THE HOLLOW CROWN

1. Let's talk of graves, of worms, and epitaphs, Make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes Write sorrow on the bosom of the earth. Let's choose executors and talk of wills.
a) Mention the figure of speech.
(JUNE - 19)
b) Who is the narrator here?
c) What is compared to paper?
d) What is epitaph?
(JUNE-19)
e) Where should we write the sorrow?
2. And yet not so-for what can we bequeath Save our deposed bodies to the ground? Our lands, our lives, and all, are Balingbroke's, And nothing can we call our own but death; And that small model of the barren earth
a) Who is Balingbroke?
(MAR-23)
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
(MDL-23)
c) Pick out the rhyming words.
(MDL-23)
d) What's the small model of the barren earth?
e) Mention the figure of speech in the first 2 lines
(MAR-20)
f) Pick out the words in alliteration.land-lives, cancall
(MAR-23)
g) What is the only thing we bequeath to our decendants?
(MDL-23)
3. Which serves as paste and cover to our bones. For God's sake let us sit upon the ground And tell sad stories of the death of kings:
a) Who is the speaker?
(MAR-22)
b) Mention the figure of speech ( $1^{\text {st }}$ line)
c) What does the speaker suggest?
(SEP-20) (MDL-23)
d) Mention the alliterated words.
(SEP-20, MAY-22) (MDL-23)
4. How some have been depos'd, some slain in war, Some haunted by the ghosts they have deposed, Some poisoned by their wives, some sleeping kill'd, All murdered - for within the hollow crown
a) Mention the figure of speech $-2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }}$ lines.
b) Why are the kings killed?
c) Pick out the words in alliteration?
d) How are the kings killed?
5. That rounds the mortal temples of a king

Keeps Death his court, and there the antic sits, Scoffing his state and grinning at his pomp, Allowing him a breath, a little scene,
a) Mention the figure of speech (2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ line).
(May-22)
b) What does 'antic' mean?
c) What does death do?
d) What rounds the temples of a king?
6. To monarchize, be fear'd, and kill with looks; Infusing him with self and vain conceit, As if this flesh which walls about our life Were brass impregnable; and, humour'd thus,
a) Pick out the alliterated words.
b) Which walls about our life?
7. Comes at the last, and with a little pin Bores through his castle wall, and farewell king! Cover your heads, and mock not flesh and blood With solemn reverence; throw away respect,
a) Pick out the alliterated words.
b) What comes at last?
c) What does it do?
8. Tradition, form, and ceremonious duty; For you have but mistook me all this while. I live with bread like you, feel want, Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus, How can you say to me, I am a king?
a) Mention the figure of speech. ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ line)
b) How is the speaker mistaken by the people?
(MAR-19)
c) What does the king follow?
d) Write the alliterated words.
(MAR-19)
e) What was the King Richard's last wish?

## SECTION II

## REPORT THE DIALOGUE

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## Govt Exam Questions

Change into reported speech.

1. The old woman said to the boy, "Please help me."
(MAY -22)
2. She said, "I decided to rent the shop because it is on the main road".
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
3. Anu requested her brother to drop her at the airport that night.*
(MAR - 20)(MDL-23)
4. The libraraian said to the students, "Speak softly"
(MAR-23)

## Report the following dialogue.

5. Leena : "Mom, I burnt my finger".
(JUN - 19)
Mother : " I have warned you not to play with the fire".
6. Conductor : Where do you want to go?
(MAR - 19)
Passenger : I'm going to Coimbatore. Give me a ticket, please.
7. Taj : Where are you going now?
(MDL)

Harisha : I am going to the library. Are you coming with me?

## OTHIER EXERCISE

Rewrite the following in Indirect Speech

1. Karthik said," My brother went with me to the show yesterday".
2. Ravi asked, "Where I had gone the previous weekend?"
3. The doctor said, "I'll send you the results as soon as they active".
4. "Don't you know that Ravi has been robbed?" asked Inspector Ram.
5. Mr. Raghu asked, "Will all of you take part in the cleanliness campaign?"
6. He said, "I will go to London tomorrow".
7. The teacher said to the boys, "Don't talk in the class".
8. Please give me something to eat. I am hungry". The old man said to them.
9. He said, "Alas! I have broken my brother's Watch".
10. Shyam said to Jeeva, "How often do you go to the theatre?"
11. The teacher has said to the pupils, "Sea water is different from the river water".
12. Martha said, "If I tidied my room, my dad would be happy".
13. He said, " I can lend you my car".
14. She asked, "Do you want to come with me?"
15. Rani said, "I was attacked by a agency of Hooligans while walking back home,"
16. Raghavan asked, "Is Stephen still playing sneecker with you all?"
17. The guard said to the boy, "Don't throw rubbish here!"
18. She said, "Oh! It's a snake. Don't go near it, children".
19. Have you ever sealed the haft in your district?" asked Dhanush.
20. Radha asked Banu, "why do you make so much noise?"
21. Ravi said to Raghu, "I have finished my work already".
22. She said to him, " I will give your book now".
23. The mother said to the child, "Don't touch the bouncing candle".
24. My father said to me, "Did anyone come to see me yesterday?"
25. What a terrible accident!" the old man said.
26. He said, "Let us wait for some time".
27. My mother said to me, "Have you read the letter?"
28. Lalli said to her friend, "Thank you so much. I shall never forget your help".
29. The teacher said to her students, "We are going on an excussion to Ooty next week".
30. The doctor said to patient, "How do you feel now?"

## Rewrite the following sentences in Direct Speech

1. Rani told me this week they had painted the hall last weekend.
2. He told me he would go on holiday tomorrow.
3. Ravi said he had been working on that project.
4. Pavithra asked Deepika why she had made so much noise.
5. Shop Assistant asked if I was looking for something Special.
6. Karthick said he would lend me his grammar book if I thought it would help.
7. Mohan asked stephen why he had not attended the meeting the day before.
8. I asked my friend if he would not help me to carry that box.
9. She exclaimed joyfully that she had escaped by God's grace.
10. He asked me what I wanted then.
11. Ravi told us that he had been waiting for us there for more than an hour.
12. I earnestly requested them to be quit
13. Sam asked Ram how he had got the job.
14. Mother warned the children not to go near the fire.
15. Prem asked Shyam if he could give him some money.
16. Raghav asked his mother for a cup of coffee.
17. They exclaimed that the Taj is a very wonderful building,
18. He proposed that they should do their duty.
19. Vijay asked Mahesh when they could meet them again.
20. He requested his friend to help him.

| VOICE <br> ணெய்வ்ணை வாக்க์யயய் \& செயи்பாட்ட வாக்கீயய் | 2 MARKS |
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## Govt Exam Questions

1. I saw him opening the box. (change the voice)
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
2. The farmers usually harvest the mango fruits only in the month of May. (Change the voice)
(MAR - 20)(MDL-23)
3. Change the voice of the following sentence.
(JUN - 19)
My friend was arrested by the police on a charge of theft. He was released soon for lack of evidence.
4. Rewrite the following sentence in its passive form.
(MDL-23)
Kaleel wrote a letter to the editor.
5. Rewrite the sentence using passive voice

No one has opened that house for several years.


## Govt Exam Questions

1. Rita was late to school. She was punished. (Rewrite using "If" clause)
(MAY-22)
2. If Reema had informed me earlier, I would have returned home. (Begin the sentence with 'Had')
(JUN-19)
3. Tom didn't know Spanish. He didn't get the job. (Combine using 'If')
(MAR-19)
4. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.
(MAR-19)
5. Ragavi did not come yesterday, she was ill. (Combine the sentence using 'If')

## OTHIER EXERCISE

1. I won a lottery. I would help people
2. I am not a doctor. I can't serve the poor.
3. They did not ask him. He did not help them
4. He is late. He will be punished
5. Ramya doesn't have a car. She can't help me.
6. You must eat well. You will be strong.
7. Knock the door. They let you in.
8. The child cries. The mother feeds it
9. I don't have books. I can't give you.
10. Go to bed early. You will get up early.
11. You are tired. You take rest for sometime.
12. Bring the hall ticket. You are allowed into the examination hall.
13. Sugar is scattered. Ants are attracted.
14. Naveen works hard. He will become wealthy.
15. We didn't approach him early. We couldn't meet him.
16. Read audibly. You will be listened.
17. You study well. You will pass the examination..
18. You must think well. You will act better.
19. She asked my help. I should do that.
20. I dropped this glass. It would break.
21. Trust me. Treat me with friendliness.
22. Work quickly. You will go to bed early
23. You must be careful. You will be alright.
24. The boys play well. They will win the prize.
25. Think well. You will act well.
26. The wind blows. The temperature comes down.
27. Start now. You can catch the train.
28. Raghu won the competition .He performed well.
29. She got the ticket. She is going to Delhi
30. Ravi worked hard. He would prosper..
31. I don't have a pen. I can't give him.
32. You wasted water. You would suffer.
33. He has no money. He can't give us.
34. The army fought well. It won the battle

## SIMPLE, COMPOUND AND COMPLEX

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## MARKS

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Raghu tried his best, but he did not succeed. (Change into a complex sentence) (MAY-22)
2. Though the battle has been won, the war isn't over yet. (Change into Compound) (MAY-22)
3. Planting of trees along the road sides made the surroundings look greener. (Change into compound
(SEP - 20)(MDL-23)
4. The children built a sandcastle at the beach. It was beautiful. (Combine using a relative pronoun)
(SEP-20) (MDL-23)
5. The old lady sat in a corner and started praying to God. (Change into a simple sentence)
(MAR-20)(MDL-23)
6. Sneha has a box full of toys. She wants to donate them to an orphanage.
(MDL-23)
7. Oh hearing their teacher's footstep, the boys ran away. (Change into a compound sentence)
(JUN-19)
8. The food was cheap. It was very tasty. (Form a simple sentence using "Inspite of") (MAR-19)
9. Balaji was too tired to work.
(MDL)
10. Ajay and Dinesh were too young to work in the industry. (Change into a compound sentence)
(MAR-23)

## OTHER EXERCISE

Combine each into a single sentence;

1. Nithya is stupid. She is arrogant
2. He is poor. He could not study medicine
3. I was crossing the road. I met with an accident.
4. The bell rang. The students ran away.
5. The thief heard the sound. He ran away quickly
6. I met my friend. His name is Santhosh
7. She was sincere. She was not recognized.
8. The coffee is very hot. I cannot drink it
9. You must work hard. Then only you will succeed.
10. He was tired. He attend the function.
11. I pray to God. I go to bed.
12. Complete the proverbs choosing the suitable words given in brackets.
(JUN-19)
a) An idle $\qquad$ is a devil's workshop. (soul, body, mind)
b) $\qquad$ is in the eye of the beholder. (Magic, Beauty, Problem)
c) Don't judge a $\qquad$ by its cover. (book, pillow, letter)
13. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.
(MAR-19)
a) Waste not, $\qquad$ (fight, want, earn)
b) $\qquad$ waters run deep. (Still, flowing, Stagnant)
c) One $\qquad$ doesn't make a garland. (pearl, bead, flower)
14. Complete the proverbs with the suitable words given
(MAR-23)
a) A penny saved is a penny $\qquad$ (borrowed, earned, invested)
b) Even the $\qquad$ have ears. (floors, walls, windows)
c) Every cloud has a silver $\qquad$ (lining, finish, border)

## OTHER EXERCISE

1. Complete the proverbs using the words given below :
a) All that glitters is not $\qquad$ .
b) Make $\qquad$ while the sun shines.
c) Barking $\qquad$ seldom bites.
(hay, dog, gold)
2. Complete the proverbs using the words given below :
a) $\qquad$ are deceptive.
b) A $\qquad$ stone gathers no moss.
c) $\qquad$ not want not .
(rolling, waste, appearances)
3. Complete the proverbs using the words given below :
a) All the world's a $\qquad$ .
b) Bare $\qquad$ buy no barley.
c) Familiarity breeds $\qquad$ -.
(contempt, words, stage)
4. Complete the proverbs using the words given below :
a) Better late than $\qquad$ .
b) A friend in $\qquad$ is a friend indeed.
c) Health is $\qquad$ .
(wealth, never, need)
5. Complete the proverbs using the words given below :
a) Barking dogs $\qquad$ bite.
b) An $\qquad$ a day keeps the doctor away
c) No $\qquad$ no gain
(pain, seldom, apple)

## PART IV



## PROSE - 1 THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY

a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also.
(MAR-23)
b) As young Khushwant Singh, write a letter to your parents describing your daily routine expressing your thoughts and feelings about staying in the village.
c) Animals are capable of empathy. Substantiate this statement with examples from the story as well as your own experiences.

## PROSE - 2

THE QUEEN OF BOXING
a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also.
(MAR-23)
b) As young Khushwant Singh, write a letter to your parents describing your daily routine expressing
your thoughts and feelings about staying in the village.
c) Animals are capable of empathy. Substantiate this statement with examples from the story as well as your own experiences.

> PROSE - 3
> FORGETTING
a) You have borrowed a branded cricket bat from your reluctant friend for an outstation match. After returning home, you realize that you have absent mindedly left it in the hotel room. Write a letter of apology and regret to your friend.
b) Kalill Gibran states 'Forgetfulness is a form of freedom'. Write an article for your school magazine, linking your ideas logically and giving appropriate examples.
c) Will you sympathise or ridicule someone who is intensely forgetful? Write an essay justifying your point of view.

## PROSE - 4 <br> TIGHT CORNERS

a) Narrate the circumstances that led to the narrator getting into a tight corner by his own folly.
b) Trace the thought that went on in the mind of the narrator when picture after picture was put up and sold at the auction.
c) Explain how the narrator got out of the tight corner that he was in.
d) As the narrator, make a diary entry about the tight corner you faced at Christie's and how you were saved from the dire situation

## PROSE - 5 CONVACATION ADDRESS

1) How do Universities mould students apart from imparting academic education in them? (MAR-19)
2) The common man contributes to the maintenance of institutions of higher education. Explain this statement.
3) How does the speaker highlight the importance of giving back to the society? (MAR-22)(MAR-23)
4) You are one of the fresh graduates at the convocation function of the university. You had the rare privilege of the university. You had the rare privilege of
listening to the enlightening speech of Dr.Arignar Anna Write a letter to your friend describing the core ideas of his speech and the impact of the speech on you.

## PROSE - 6 <br> THE ACCIDENTIAL TOURIST

1) .... But when its my own-well, I think hysteries are fully justified' - How?
2) Bring out the pun in the title "The Accidental Tourist" (one who happens to travel by accident or one who meets with accidents often on his or her trips)
3) Can a clumsy person train himself/ herself to overcome short comings? How could this be done?
4) As a fellow passenger of Bill Bryson on the flight, make a diary entry
5) Give an account of Bill Bryson's awkward behaviour during his trip to England. (MDL-23)


## POEM - 1 <br> ONCE UPON A TIME

i) Explain the things the poet has learnt when he grew into an adult.
(JUNE-19, MAY-22)
ii) The poem is nothing but a criticism of modern life. Justify this statement.
(MAR-19)
iii) Face is the index of the mind. Does this adage concur with the views of the poet?

## POEM - 2

## CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR

1) How does the poet establish the victory of common sense over ego?
(MAR-23)
2) The poet does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. How does he justify his view?
3) According to the poet what contributes most to the injuries sustained by the athletes?
4) How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator?
(MDL-23)

## POEM - 3 <br> LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

a) Do you think the poet wants to say that man is unhappy because he has lost his link with nature and forgotten how to enjoy nature or because man is cruel to other men?
(MDL)

POEM - 4
MACAVITY - THE MYSTERY CAT
a) What are the mysterious ways in which Macavity acts?
b) Give an account of Macavity's destructive mischief.
c) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.
(MAR-23)

## POEM - 5 <br> EVEREST IS NOT THE ONLY PEAK

1) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?
2) The poem does not focus on the destination, but the journey towards it. Discuss.(MDL-23)(JUNE - 19,

SEP-20)

## POEM - 6 THE HOLLOW CROWN

1) What are the causes for king Richard's grief?
2) How are eternal truths and wisdom brought out to the reader here?
3) Death has been cited in many ways in this monologue. Identify the poetic devices used in those references. (OR) How does King Richard explain the power of death to his followers through this monologue?
(MAR - 20)
4) Why does the future generation remember easily the victor or vanquished? Give reasons. Also, cite relevant references from King Richard's speech.
5) How does King Richard explain the power of Death to his followers through his monologue?
(MDL-23)

1. Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to policeman on beat -tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob realised not his friend - policeman in plainclothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - policeman on beat - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note. (MDL-2023)(MAR-19, 20)
2. Jimmy Wells and Bob - friends - lived in New York - parted ways - fixed meetig - after 20 years - Bob changed - a criminal -wells - policeman - Bob arrived - appointed time - could not recognize Wells identified - sent another policeman respecting friendship - arrested Bob.
(SEP-20, MAR-19) (MDL-2023)

## Text Book Questions:

a) Compare and contrast the characters of Jimmy Wells and Bob with suitable references from the story to support your view.
b) 'Means should justify the end.' Explain this adage with reference to O. Henry's story.
c) 'Tell me who your friends are and I shall tell you who you are'. How will you explain this statement in the light of Jimmy's and Bob's friendship?
d) To your shock, you find out that your close friend is indulging in some wrong activity. Will you avoid him/her or try to correct him/her? Give reasons for your answer.
e) What would you do in this situation, if you were Jimmy Wells? Substantiate your reason.

## SUPPLEMENTARY - 2 A SHOT IN THE DARK

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Philip Sletherby - Politician - Brill Manor - meet Mrs.Saltpen Jago - London - Re-election young man - Bertie - Needed three pounds -

Mistaken - fraud - Jago Crest - demilion- "Seeing is believing"
(MAR-23)
2. Philip - travels - train - Brill Manor - Meets Bertie - Second son - left purse - four quids - needs money - requests Philip to lend him - two pounds - did not help - true son- mistake for a fraud. (JUN-19)

## Text Book Questions:

a) Describe the youth's strange behaviour when he was in the train.
b) One has to be cautious and not be carried away by stories. How did Sletherby exhibit caution?
c) How did Sletherby's judgement of Bertie turn out to be a wrong one?
d) As Sletherby, would you apologise to Bertie for your rude behaviour? Give reasons.
e) 'Seeing is believing'. How is this humorously disproved in this story? Bring out the irony in the situation.

## SUPPLEMENTARY - 3 <br> THE FIRST PATIENT

## Govt Exam Questions

1. The dentist's clinic - many patients wait - tensed tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist Joe, the first patient- called in - the nurse goes - with hammer- reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching- other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open tool box.
(May-22)

## Text Book Questions:

a) How has the author used this unexpected combination of events in the situation to create humour?
b) Have you ever found yourself in such a situation? Discuss in groups and act out in such a situation.

## SUPPLEMENTARY-4 WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Leacock - waits - studio - read magazines - long wait - many adjustments - got angry - took
photograph - Saturday -final proof - retouched - no resemblance- frustrated - worthless bauble.
(MDL-2023)
2. Narrate the experiences of Leacock with the photographer.
(MDL-19, SEP-20)
3. Stephen Leacock - visits a photo studio - for photograph - the photographer - unpleasant comments- takes a long time - Leacock gets angryThe photographer - rude - comments of Leacock's features - ill- treats Leacock - takes photo in animation - asks to come on Saturday - Leacock goes - disappointed - does not resemble him accuses and leaves in tears.
(May-22)
4. Leacock - waits - studio - read magazines - long wait - many adjustments - got angry - took photograph - Saturday - final proof - retouched no resemblance - frustrated - worthless bauble
(Sep-20, Mar-19)

## Text Book Questions:

a) Stephen Leacock's visit to the photo studio turns out to be an annoying experience for him. Discuss citing relevant instances from the story.
b) "To me it is but a worthless bauble". Why did the photographer's touch of technical expertise appear a worthless bauble to Leacock?

## SUPPLEMENTARY - 5 THE SINGING LESSON

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Miss Meadows - music teacher - received letter fiance - upset with message - affected her mood reflected in class - called by Headmistress- gave a telegram - sender Basil - request to forget message in letter - indicated reunion - Meadows turned happy - selected cheerful song - teach children.
(MAR-19,20) (MDL-2023)

## Text Book Questions:

1) Describe Miss Meadows' mood before and after receiving the telegram. How did it affect her class? (MDL)
2) 'The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude.' Relate this to a real life
experience you have had. Share your thoughts in class.
3) You are busy getting ready for school. You receive a Whats App message from your best friend, saying that he/she is very upset over the fighty you had yesterday and does not want to talk to you anymore. This distresses you as she sounds very firm. However, today is a big day at school with two tests lined up. What will be your state of mind? How will you handle this situation?

## SUPPLEMENTARY-6 <br> THE NEVER-NEVER NEST (PLAY)

## Govt Exam Questions

1. Jack and Jill - happy married couple - Villa New Hampsted - Anut Jane visits - much surprised furniture - Lovely house - instalment basis -Anut Jane cannot believe - Jack explains borrow Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation - Aunt Jane Leaves house - on foot - gives cheque - they try to own baby.
(MAR-23)
2. Jack and Jill - things on instalments - house on instalment - Aunt Jane visited - preached - ease and comfort of buying - first baby on instalment.
(JUN-19)

## Text Book Questions:

1. Why is there a double negative in the title "The Never- Never Nest? Elucidate with reason from the play.
2. Bring out the humorous elements in the play.
3. How does the play "The Never _ Never Nest" expose the harsh reality of modern living?
4. Jill said that they owned the steering wheel of a car, one of the tyres, one of the cylinders and leg of the sofa. What does this convey?
Q.NO SUMMARY (OR) NOTE MAKING
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## OTHER EXERCISE

1. Vitamins are classified by their biological and chemical activity, not their structure. Thus, each "vitamin" refers to a number of vitaminer compounds that all show the biological activity
associated with a particular vitamin. Such a set of chemicals is grouped under an alphabetized vitamin" generic descriptor" title, such as " vitamin A", which includes the compounds retinal, retinol, and four known carotenoids. Vitaminers by definition are convertible to the active form of the vitamin in the body, and are sometimes inter - convertible to one another, as well. Vitamins have diverse biochemical functions. some, such as Vitamin D, have harmonelike functions as regulators of mineral metabolism, or regulators of cell and tissue growth and differentiation ( such as some forms of Vitamin A) Others function as antioxidants.
2. In 1983, the Taj Mahal became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. While the whitdomed marble mausoleum is the most familiar component of the TajMahal, it is actually an integrated complex of structures. The construction began around 1632 and was completed around 1653, employing thousands of artisans and craftsmen. The construction of the Taj Mahal was entrusted to a board of architects under imperial supervision, including Abdul -Karim Ma' mur Khan, Makramat khan, and Ustad Ahmad Lahauri. Lahauri is generally considered to be the principal designer. The Taj Mahal is widely recognized as "The Jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage."
3. A mobile phone (also known as cellular phone cell phone and a hand phone) is a device that can make and receive telephone calls over a radio link while moving around a wide geographic area. It does so by connecting to a cellular network provided by a mobile phone operator, allowing access to the public telephone network. By contrast, a cordless telephone is used only within the short range of a single, private base station. In addition to telephony, modern mobile phones also support a wide variety of other services such as text messaging , MMS, email, Internet access, short-range wireless communications (infrared, Bluetooth) business
application, gaming and photography. Mobile phones that offer these and more general computing capabilities are referred to as smart phones.
4. Newton built the first practical reflecting telescope and developed a theory of color based on the observation that a prism decomposes white light into the many colors of the visible spectrum. He also formulated an empirical law of cooling and studied the speed of sound. In addition to his work on the calculus, as a mathematician Newton contributed to
the study of power series generalized the binomial theorem to non- integer exponents, and developed Newton's method for approximating the roots of a function. Newton wrote:" I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."
5. Electronic mail, most commonly referred to as email or e-mail since 1993, is method of exchanging digital messages from an author to one or more recipients. Modern email operates across the Internet or other computer networks. Some early email systems required that the author and the recipient both be online at the same time, in common with instant messaging. Today's email systems are based on a store-and-forward models. Email servers accept, forward, deliver, and store messages. Neither the users nor their computers are required to be online simultaneously; they need connect only briefly, typically to a mail server, for as long as it takes to send or receive messages. Historically, the term electronic mail was used generically for any electronic document transmission.
6. Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into the natural environment that cause adverse change. Pollution can take the form of chemical substances or energy, such as noise, heat or light. Pollutants, the components of pollution, can be either foreign substances/energies or naturally occurring contaminants. Pollution is often classified as point source or nonpoint source pollution. Air pollution has always accompanied civilizations. Pollution started from prehistoric times when man created the first fire. Pollution became a popular issue after World War II, due to radioactive fall out from atomic warfare and testing. Pollution began to draw major public attention in the United States between the mid - 1950s and early 1970s, when Congress passed the Noise Control Act, the Clean Air Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.
7. 10 th planet Jiu-Jitsu is a non-traditional system of Brazilian Jiu- Jitsu developed by Eddie Bravo. Victory Belt publishing released three manuals covering techniques of the $10^{\text {th }}$ Planet system: Mastering the Rubber Guard, [1] mastering the Twister, and Advanced Rubber Guard. The first and third books cover the system's signature rubber guard, while the second tackles the twister, another integral position in the system. The books were
written by Eddie Bravo, Glen Cordoza, and Erich Krauss. Planet X is the Giversion of $10^{\text {th }}$ Planet JiuJitsu. In addition to the original $10^{\text {th }}$ Planet Headquarters in Los Angels there are over 30 locations throughout North America. Some are established BJJ Training Facilities that have adopted the system as an expansion of the art. In addition to these, the style had spread overseas to the UK, South Africa, and Sweden and even as far as Melbourne, Australia and Seoul, Korea.
8. A glacier is a persistent body of dense ice that is constantly moving under its own gravity; it forms where the accumulation of snow exceeds its ablation (melting and sublimation) over many years, often centuries. Glaciers slowly deform and flow due to stresses induced by their weight, creating crevasses, seracs, and other distinguishing features. They also abrade rock and debris from their substrate to create landforms such as cirgues and moraines Glaciers form only on land and are distinct from the much thinner sea ice and lake ice that form on the surface of bodies of water. On Earth, $99 \%$ of glacial ice is contained within vast ice sheets in the Polar regions. But glaciers may be found in mountain ranges on every continent except Australia, and on a few highlatitude oceanic islands.
9. Transport or transportation is the movement of people, animal and goods from one location to another. Modes of transport include air, rail, road, water, cable, pipelie and space.The field can be divided into infrastructure, vehicles and operations.Transport is important because it enables trade between people, which is essential for the development of civilizations. Transport plays an important part in economic growth and globalization, but most types cause air pollution and use large amounts of land. While it is heavily subsidized by governments, good planning of transport is essential to make traffic flow and restrain urban sprawl.
10. Music and dance are perhaps as old as human kind. In the classical music they make use of many musical instruments. The Brass instruments are mental instruments. They are sounded by blowing through mouthpiece and altering tension of lips.E.g :Trumpet musical instruments played by striking are called Percussion instruments e.g.: drums, Xylophone etc. The instruments that are played with a bow, or plucked are called Stringed instruments. E.g.: Violin. Woodwind instruments are blown. traditionally, but not always they are made of wood. e.g.: flute.

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## Govt Exam Questions

1. Write an article on "Road Safety" in about 150 words.
(MAY-22)
2. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic 'the role of school in a student's life' (SEP-20
(MDL-2023)
3. Write a paragraph on your favourite pastime activity in about 150 words
(MAR-20) (MDL-2023)
4. Write a paragraph on the various reasons for road accidents in Indian citites.
(JUN-19)
5. Write a paragraph of 150 words on the advantages and disadvantages of 'online shopping'
(MAR-19)
6. Write a paragraph 200 words on the following : My ambition in life.
(MDL) (MAR-23)
7. Write a paragraph on 'The impact of Computers in the modern world'
(MDL)

## OTHER EXERCISE

1. my hobby
2. my ambition in life
3. environmental pollution 4. computers
4. the person i like most 6 . science a blessing or curse
5. students and politics
6. terrorism
7. punctuality 10. the best teacher of our school


## Govt Exam Questions

1. Respond to the given advertisement with BioData. (Write XXX for they spend their life after retirement from job (Minimum of five exchanges)
(MAR-23)

## Wanted

## Salesman

The applicant should be a graduate with minimum three years experience in Textiles.

## Apply with Bio - Data to:

Royal Pvt. Ltd., 55, Royal Street, Chennai.

## OTHER EXERCISE

## Respond to the following advertisements.

1. Applications are invited for the post of General Manager - sales from candidates with MBA by a reputed firm in Tirunelveli. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, Maritime Garments, 27 - VBK Market, Madurai - 6 within 10 days with detailed resume.
2. Applications are invited for the post of Administrator from candidates with MBA by a reputed Computer firm in Karur. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, Global Computers, 18 - KBT Street, Karur - 2 within 10 days with detailed resume.
3. Applications are invited for the post of Agricultural Officer from candidates with B.Sc / M.Sc Agriculture by a reputed Agriculture firm in Namakkal. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, Amman Gardens, 34, Salem Main Road, Namakkal - 2 within 10 days with detailed resume.
4. Applications are invited for the post of Head Nurse from candidates with B.Sc / M.Sc Nursing by a reputed Hospital in Chennai. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same
field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, Hindustan Hospital, 107 4th Cross Street, Anna Nagar, Chennai 10 within 10 days with detailed resume.
5. Applications are invited for the post of System Admin from candidates with BE computer Science / B.Tech. IT / B.Sc Computer Science / BCA / MCA by a reputed Publishing House in Salem. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, Hymn Publishers, 27 - Bretts Road, Salem - 639001 within 10 days with detailed resume.
6. Applicatiosn are invited for the post of General Manager - Administration from candidates with MBA by a reputed Exporters. The candidate must have at least three years of experience in the same field. The candidate must have fluency in English and Tamil. Attracted salary may be expected. The interested candidates may apply to Proprietor, PKM Exporters, 27 - VBK Market, Madurai - 6 within 10 days with detailed resume.
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## Govt Exam Questions

1. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions or the street in your locality
(MAY-22)
2. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her that you would visit her the following week and celebrate your birthday there
(MAY-22)
3. Write a letter to your cousin describing you school field trip
(SEP-20) (MDL-2023)
4. You are Nirav/ Neena Write a letter of complaint to the inspector of your locality about the theft of your new mobile phone from your street.
(SEP-20) (MDL-23)
Hints : - mobile got robbed, ‘Samsung ultra' model dark street, no street lights.

- Police patrolling required.

5. Write a letter to your cousin describing a music concert you had attended recently.
(MAR-20) (MDL-2023)
6. Write a letter to an eminent writer him to be a Chief Guest for the inauguration of your school Literary Association (MAR-20)(MDL-2023)
7. Write letter to the Inspector of Police reporting a theft in your house.
(JUN-19)
8. Write a letter to the Chief Reservation Supervisor of Railways requesting him to grant concession for you educational tour.
(MAR-23)

## OTHER EXERCISE

1. Write a letter to your friend inviting her for the birthday celebration.
2. Write a letter to your friend congratulating her on her success in the examination.
3. Write a letter to your friend requesting her to lend her camera to you.
4. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for a birthday gift of Titan watch.
5. Write a letter to your father requesting him to permit you to join an excursion party.
6. Write a letter to your brother who is admitted in a hospital.
7. Letter to your headmaster requesting leave for three days.
8. To the police commissioner complaining about the loud speaker nuisance in your area.
9. Letter to your Headmaster requesting him to issue you a Testimonial.
10. Letter to the Manager of a factory asking permission to visit the factory.
11. A letter to the Book seller ordering some books.
12. A letter to the sports company ordering sports goods.
13. A letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your town complaining about the bad condition of your street.

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