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Unit 1

Two Gentlemen of Verona

A J Cronin

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

- Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
- What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
- Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.
- Recount the untold sufferings undergone by the siblings after they were rendered homeless.

3. Answer the following in a paragraph of 100–150 words each.

- What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?
- Which character do you like the most in the story and why?

c) Give the meanings of the following phrasal verbs and frame sentences using them.

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| cut off | come upon | put out |
| draw up | pass out | take off |
| turn away | stand by | bank on |

The Castle *Edwin Muir*

4. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow in a line or two.

- Our gates were strong, our walls were thick, So smooth and high, no man could win.
 - How safe was the castle?
 - What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- A foothold there, no clever trick could take us dead or quick, only a bird could have got in.
 - What was challenging?
 - Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line?

God Sees the Truth, But Waits

Leo Tolstoy

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2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

- What impact did the book "The Lives of Saints" have on Aksionov?
- Pick out the clues that convey that Makar Semyonich recognized Aksionov.

3. Answer the following questions in a paragraph in about 150 words each.

- How did Aksionov react when his wife suspected him?
- Discuss the meaning and importance of the saying "God sees the truth but waits".

Task 1

Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliaries.

- The candidate's _____ answer five out of ten questions.
- How _____ you open my bag?
- Tajudeen _____ finish this work by Monday.
- _____ I go to school today?
- I wish you _____ tell me the truth
- Poonam _____ not catch the bus yesterday.
- People who live in glass houses _____ not throw stones.
- You _____ not go to the market as I have brought vegetables.
- _____ you have taken all this trouble?
- You _____ be joking.
- I tried to climb up the tree, but _____ not.
- Hima Das ran so fast that she win _____ the medal.
- You _____ lead a horse to water, but you _____ make it drink.
- I _____ like to have a cup of coffee.
- My grandfather _____ visit this temple when he was young.

Task 2

Complete the following sentences with modals using the clues given.

- You _____ help the needy. (moral obligation)
- If I were you, I _____ not behave like that. (conditional sentence)
- I _____ never tell a lie. (determination)
- My uncle _____ have reached by now. (possibility)
- The patient is critical. He _____ be taken to the hospital. (compulsion)
- I _____ to play hockey when I was a student. (past habit)
- You _____ not attend my class. (order)

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- h) He _____ come today. (remote possibility)
 i) You _____ follow the traffic rules. (regulation)
 j) He _____ play the match. (willingness)
 k) You _____ not waste time on it. (necessity)
 l) Had the doctor come in time, he _____ have saved the patient.(probability)

Task

- c) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.
 h) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the Pavements and occupying the parking zone.
 i) Write a letter to your relative or friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.

Reported Speech

Reported Speech is the way we represent / report the speech of other people or what we ourselves say.

Direct speech is a representation of the actual words someone said.	Indirect speech does not give the exact words uttered but focusses on the content of what someone said.
Repeating the words as exactly as spoken by the speaker.	Reporting the words spoken by the speaker.
e.g.The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow."	e.g.The teacher informed the students that he would take them to the museum the next day.

Refer Class XI for the rules governing transformation of sentences from direct to reported speech.

TENSES

You have learnt the use of Tenses in detail in class XI.



V - Verb	Tenses	V2 - Past tense form
V1 - Present tense form		V3 - Past participle form

Tense	Form	Example Sentence
Present Simple	S+V1+O+A	I play basketball every week.
Present Cont.	S+am/is/are+V+Ing+O+A	I am playing basketball now.
Present Perfect	S+have/has+V3+O	I have just played basketball
Present Perfect Cont.	S+have/has been+V+Ing+O+A	I have been playing basketball for 3 hours.
Past Simple	S+V2+O+A	I played basketball yesterday.
Past Cont.	S+was/were+V+Ing+O+A	I was playing basketball the whole evening.
Past Perfect	S+had+V3+O+A	I had played basketball before he came.
Past Perfect Cont.	S+had been+V+Ing+O+A	I had been playing basketball when he came.
Future Simple	S+will+V+O+A	I will play basketball tomorrow.
Future Cont.	S+will be+V+Ing+O+A	I will be playing basketball tomorrow by this time.

a) Read the following words taken from the story. Give two synonyms and one antonym for each of these words. Use a dictionary, if required.

Word	Synonyms	Antonym
cautious		
disapprove		
brisk		
engaging		
humble		
eager		
resistance		
persuade		
scarce		
nobility		

Form two derivatives from each of the following words by adding prefixes and suffixes.

Word	Prefix	Suffix
patient	<i>impatient</i>	<i>patiently</i>
honour		
respect		
manage		
fertile		
different		
friend		
obey		

Task 2

Read the following dialogue and complete the report in the space provided.

a)

Priya : Where are you going?

Vijay : I am going to the railway station.

Priya : Why are you going there?

Vijay : I want to receive my uncle who is coming from Bangalore.

Priya asked Vijay (a) _____

Vijay replied (b) _____

Priya further inquired (c) _____

Vijay stated that (d) _____

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Unit 2 - A Nice Cup of Tea

George Orwell

1. Based on your understanding of the text, answer each of the following questions in one or two sentences.

- Why does the author say that it is important to include a tea recipe in cookery books?
- According to the author, what does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?
- What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
- Why does the author refer to himself as being in 'a minority'?
- Whom does the author call 'misguided people'? What is his advice to them?

2. Based on your understanding of the text, answer each of the following questions in four or five sentences.

- What are the author's views on China tea?
 - How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?
- 3. Answer each of the following questions in a paragraph of 100–150 words.**
- Discuss how the essay reveals the factual points and the author's personal opinions on the preparation of tea.

a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

1. But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.

- a) agreements b) applauses c) conflicts d) discussions

2....tea is one of the mainstays of civilization in the country.

- a society in an advanced state of social development
- a society that has slow progress
- a society that has no progress
- a society in an average state of social development

3. ...that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.

- a) motivated b) discouraged c) passive d) admired

4. ...under the spout to catch the stray leaves.

- a) fresh b) loose c) gathered d) harmful

5. One is liable to put in too much milk.

- a) likely b) certain c) eager d) unlikely

b) Find out the antonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

1. ...which are not to be despised.

- a) hated b) liked c) respected d) defeated

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- One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.
a) opportunistic b) cheerful c) realistic d) pessimistic
- Not the flat, shallow type...
a) narrow b) wide c) deep d) direct
- Predicting the arrival of visitors...
a) journey b) departure c) migration d) perusal
- ...but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) suffocative c) inadequate d) submissive

Recall your learning of basic prepositions and complete the sentences using the prepositions given in brackets.

over under on between among
into with since in front
of near/beside

- The boy jumped _____ a narrow stream.
- Afsar will meet me _____ Friday morning.
- The temple is _____ the bank.
- My friend will meet me _____ his brother tomorrow.
- There is usually a garden _____ a bungalow.
- Yuvan has been studying well _____ childhood.
- A trekker climbed _____ a mountain meticulously.
- There was a skirmish _____ my brother and sister.
- The laudable thoughts were apparent _____ many scholars in a conference.
- It is easy to work _____ the aegis of visionary leader.

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositional phrase given in brackets.

(in favour of, in case of, according to, on, the, whole, on account of, on behalf of, in spite of, instead of)

- Kiran, Rajesh may attend a programme.
- Many tourists visited Ooty ----- heavy rains.
- Expressing gratitude ----- others is common in a vote of thanks.
- , I had a happy childhood.
- Our teacher always acts ----- her students.
- his laziness, the boy remained passive for a long time.
- -Gandhiji, ahimsa means infinite love.
- rain, take an umbrella.

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OUR CASUARINA TREE

Toru Dutt

2. Based on your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

- Name the bird that sings in the poet's garden.
- Why is the casuarina tree dear to poet's heart?
- To whom does Toru Dutt want to consecrate the tree's memory?
- The casuarina tree will be remembered for ever. Why?

3. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.

*a) A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.*

- Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 - How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
 - Why does Toru Dutt use the expression 'a creeper climbs'?
- b) The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!

- Who is the giant here?
- Why is the scarf colourful?

First read the questions given below, then listen to the poem, read aloud by the teacher or played on an audio player. Then answer the questions based on your listening of the poem.

- The poet was tossing in the bed awake because ____
 - he was worried
 - he was struggling to sleep
 - it was day time
 - he was tired
- The _____ were 'sparkling as pearls'.
 - moon
 - sun
 - stars
 - meteoroids
- The _____ gave the poet a motherly smile.
 - sun
 - stars
 - moon
 - sky
- _____ made the poet's eyelids droop.
 - nature
 - rosy lips
 - songs
 - tiredness
- _____ is the title of the poem.
 - Wonders
 - Midnight Wonders
 - Nature
 - Midnight

Life of Pi

Yann Martel

Answer in a paragraph.

- Water is the elixir of life. Substantiate the statement with reference to the story of 'Life Of Pi'.

Unit 3 In Celebration of Being Alive

Dr. Christiaan Barnard

1. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences based on your understanding of the lesson.

- What were Dr. Barnard's feelings when he was hospitalized after an accident?
- How was Dr. Barnard's attitude to suffering different from that of his father's?
- What does Dr. Barnard compare this entertainment to?
- What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences.

- Detail the statistics Dr. Barnard has provided in his speech.
- Why does Dr. Barnard find suffering of children heartbreaking?
- Why does Dr. Barnard describe the blind boy as a 'walking horror'?

3. Answer the following in a paragraph of 100 – 150 words each.

- Life is unjust and cruel to certain people. Do they all resign themselves to their fate? Can you think of some who have fought their disabilities heroically and remained a stellar example for others? (for e.g. the astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, a paraplegic). Give an account of one such person and his/her struggle to live a fruitful life.

d) Fill in the blanks with the words given in brackets.

[profound, amusement, confidence, agony, solace, intrepid, disfigured, perforated]

- Theatrical plays were a main source of _____ before the advent of television.
- The _____ warriors of the Spartan Army marched into battle against a powerful enemy.
- The _____ of parents finally came to an end when their lost child was found with the help of police.
- Social media has brought about a _____ impact on the lives of millennials.
- The tyres of the car got _____ when the vehicle rolled over the rusted nails scattered on the road.
- Thomas Alva Edison did not lose his _____, even after facing a series of experimental failures in his quest to discover tungsten.

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7. Many victims of the pipeline explosion in an oil refinery were left permanently _____
8. The old lady found _____ in the company of the children in the neighbourhood.

g) Spot the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

1. My grandfather is well-known in the village for his nobel deeds.
2. I had my evening meals in a restaurant near my office.
3. The Boss had full confidence on his Manager for successful completion of the project.
4. After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
5. The new health care scheme announced by the Government will bring relief to the children suffering with acute tuberculosis.
6. In spite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.

c) Extend the conversation with two more relevant exchanges.

1. Receptionist: Good evening, sir.
Welcome to Chennai.
Traveller : I would like to book a deluxe room in your hotel for 3 days.
Receptionist : -----
Traveller : -----
Receptionist: -----
Traveller : -----
2. Student : Good morning, sir. May I come in?
Teacher : Good morning, why are you late today?
Student : -----
Teacher : -----
Student : -----
Teacher : -----

Task 1

Change the following sentences into Passive Voice.

- a. The Governor inaugurated the exhibition at ten o' clock.
- b. The crowd expected their leader to arrive early in the morning.
- c. Who taught her Computer Science?
- d. They unanimously named Ravi the captain of team.
- e. The President gave the commander an award.
- f. Do not tell a lie.

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- g. Please open the door.
- h. It is time to stop the work.
- i. They say he is a spy.
- j. One should keep one's promise.
- k. People burn a great deal of wood in winter.
- l. Where had you kept the book?
- m. When did you feel the tremors?
- n. How did you do the experiment?
- o. Whose car did someone park in front of your gate?

Task 2

Change the following sentences into Active Voice.

- a) The smuggler has been nabbed by the police.
- b) By whom were you interviewed?
- c) Why were you scolded by your parents?
- d) Not a word was spoken by the convict in self-defence.
- e) Good news is expected shortly.
- f) The mail has just been received.
- g) Sundari has been taken to hospital by her husband.
- h) Our television is being repaired now.
- i) Sweets have not been distributed to children by the organisers.
- j) Prizes were being given by the chief guest.
- k) Nobody has been seen in the library this week.
- l) Nobody would have known the truth if you had not disclosed it.
- m) You are advised to help the poor and needy.
- n) You are requested to make a cup of tea for the guest.

**All the World's a Stage
(from As You Like It)**

William Shakespeare

2. From your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions briefly in sentence or two.

- d) Describe the second stage of life as depicted by Shakespeare.
- h) Which stage of man's life is associated with the 'shrunk shank'?
- i) Why is the last stage called second childhood?

3. Explain the following lines briefly with reference to the context.

- b) "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, Seeking the bubble reputation".
- c) "Is second childishness and mere oblivion; Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

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6. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow

b) Then a soldier,

Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.

- What is the soldier ready to do?
- Explain 'bubble reputation'.
- What are the distinguishing features of this stage?

The Hour of Truth (Play)

Percival Wilde

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words each.

e) Who do you think exhibits true friendship—Baldwin or Gresham? Justify your answer.

Unit 4 The Summit

Edmund Hillary

1. Based on your reading of the text, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

- Name an equipment and a tool carried by the climbers during their expedition.
- Why did Hillary become clumsy fingered and slow-moving?
- What did Hillary mean by saying "We had had enough to do the job, but by no means too much"?

2. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.

- What did Edmund Hillary do to escapen the large overhanging ice cornices?
- What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the Gods of lofty Summit? How did they do it?
- How did the firm snow at the higher regions fill them with hope?

3. Based on the text, answer the following questions in a paragraph in about 100–150 words each.

f) 'There is no height, no depth that the spirit of man, guided by higher Spirit cannot attain'. Discuss the above statement in the context of the achievement of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing.

b) Phrasal Verbs

i) Given below are the phrasal verbs with their meanings. Use the given phrasal verbs in sentences of your own.

turn on	-	to open
took over	-	take lead
set off	-	start a journey
put off	-	postpone

check in	-	pay the bill when leaving a hotel
check out	-	arrive and register at airport or hotel

Task 1

Look at the following complex sentences. Circle the Main clauses and underline the Subordinate clauses.

- Nobody knows when the power supply will resume.
- Please tell me what the time is.
- The man who directed the film was my schoolmate.
- I believe that all men are basically good.
- No one knows when he will return.

Ulysses

Alfred Tennyson

2. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

- What has Ulysses gained from his travel experiences?
- Pick out the lines which convey that his quest for travel is unending.
 - How would Telemachus transform the subjects?
 - 'He works his work, I mine' – How is the work distinguished?

4. Read the sets of lines from the poem and answer the questions that follow.

a) ... I mete and dole

Unequal laws unto a savage race,
That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and
know not me.

- What does Ulysses do?
 - Did he enjoy what he was doing? Give reasons.
- d) This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well-loved of me,
i. Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
ii. Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
- e) That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed
i. What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
ii. What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?

5. Explain with reference to the context the following lines.

b) I am become a name;

For always roaming with a hungry heart

g) The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs: the deep

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Moans round with many voices.

h) It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.

i) We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven;

6. Answer the following questions in a paragraph in about 100 words each.

b) List the roles and responsibilities Ulysses assigns to his son Telemachus, while he is away.

Choose the best option and complete the sentences.

- _____ works like madness in the poet.
a) Wander – Thirst b) Bidding Farewell
c) Eastern Sunrise d) Western Seas
- A man could choose _____ as his guide.
a) the sun b) the hills c) a star d) a bird
- There is no end of _____ once the voice is heard.
a) walking b) roaming c) talking d) voyaging
- The old ships return, while the young ships _____.
a) drift b) move c) sail d) wander
- The blame is on the sun, stars, the road and the _____.
a) hills b) trees c) seas d) sky

The Midnight Visitor

Robert Arthur

2. Answer the following questions in about three to four sentences each.

- c. Fowler was thrilled when he entered Ausable's room. Why?
- d. How, according to Ausable, had Max entered the room?
- f. Was Ausable really waiting for the police? Give reasons.

3. Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words the following questions.

e. Do you think physical appearance matters most for a secret agent? Answer giving reasons in the context of the story 'The Midnight Visitor.'

Name of the Agency	Country	Headquarters
RAW – Research & Analysis Wing	India	New Delhi
CIA – Central Intelligence Agency	the USA	Fairfax, Virginia
MI6 – Military Intelligence Section 6	the UK	London
Mossad (The Institute for Intelligence and Special operation)	Israel	Tel Aviv
ASIS – Australian Secret Intelligence Service	Australia	Canberra
MSS – Ministry of State Security	China	Beijing
FSB – Federal Security Bureau of Russian Federation	Russia	Moscow

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Unit 5

The Chair

Ki. Rajanarayanan

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

- b) Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair?
c) What was grandmother's suggestion of wood? Why?
e) When did the children get over the fear of sitting on the chair?
f) Why did Maamanaar hand over the chair to the villagers to retain it?

3. Answer the following in a paragraph of 100–150 words each.

a) Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before and after the arrival of the chair.

a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

- Just as we thought our chuckles had **subsided**.
a) diminished b) increased c) completed d) submerged.
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**.
a) weak b) strong c) tall d) cgood
- Anna would say with an **impudent** smile.
a) innocent b) fake c) disrespectful d) decent
- A silver tumbler of buttermilk **seasoned** with asafetida.
a) mixed b) garnished c) filled d) loosened
- A few people from the house of **bereavement** stood outside.
a) rejoice b) celebration c) grief d) war

b. Find out the antonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

- The **anticipation** of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.
a) expectancy b) contemplation c) outlook d) ignorance
- Fortuitously**, a guest visited our house.
a) luckily b) peacefully c) unfortunately d) happily
- There he was sitting in **splendour** on his chair.
a) magnificence b) pomp c) effulgence d) simplicity
- Maamanaar was **unmatched**.
a) inferior b) incomparable c) excellent d) supreme
- He greeted me with his usual smile and **banter**.
a) flattery b) small talk c) chitchat d) repartee.

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Some compound words from the story have been listed below.

Compound elements	Words
Noun+Noun	Storeroom, buttermilk
Noun + Adjective	Diamond-hard
Adjective+ Noun	Grandmother, milchcow
Adverb+verb	overstep

Identify the correct combination of the following compound words.

Haircut, headmaster, waterfall, swimming pool, drawback, public speaking, output, software, show cause, world famous.

common portmanteaus in English.

alphanumeric = alphabetic + numeric

brunch = breakfast + lunch

camcorder = camera + recorder

mechatronics = mechanics + electronics

newscast = news + broadcast

smog = smoke + fog.

Now, Blend the following words.

1. binary + digit
2. electronic + mail
3. foreign + exchange
4. motor + pedal
5. parachute + troop

a) The medical graduates take oath to dedicate their to the service of humanity.

i) money ii) talent iii) life iv) nation

b) Theof the patient should be the doctor's greatest concern.

i) dignity ii) gratitude iii) health iv) honour

c) The would-be graduates promise to practise their profession withand dignity.

i) conscience ii) knowledge iii) understanding iv) respect

d) They should respect theof the patients.

i) age ii) wealth iii) background iv) secrets

e) The pledge is also to treat the patients without any.....

i) fee ii) discrimination iii) interest iv) hatred

Use the gerundial form of the verb in the brackets and fill in the blanks.

1. _____ (exercise) is good for health.

2. _____ (fly) a kite is fun.

3. _____ (shop) is my favourite hobby.

4. My friend waited for the _____ (meet).

5. Huckleberry Finn was responsible for _____ (signal).

A Father to his Son

Carl August Sandburg

4. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.

b) "Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy."

And this too might serve him.

i) Why does the poet suggest to take life easy?

ii) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

c) Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong and the final decisions are made in silent rooms.

i) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How?

ii) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

5. Explain the following lines with reference to the context.

b) Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.

c) Yet learning something out of every folly hoping to repeat none of the cheap follies

6. Answer the following questions in about 100-150 words each.

a) Explain how the poet guides his son who is at the threshold of manhood, to face the challenges of life.

All Summer in a Day

Ray Bradbury

3. Answer the following questions in a paragraph in about 100-150 words each.

d) Did the children regret having locked Margot in a closet? Answer citing relevantly from the story.

Unit 6 On the Rule of the Road

A.G. Gardiner

2. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

c. Why is there a danger of the world getting 'liberty drunk'?

d. 'Curtailed of private liberty is done to establish social order' – Do you agree?

3. Answer each of the following in a paragraph of 100-150 words.

c. "My right to swing my fist ends, where your nose begins." Elucidate with reference to, 'On the Rule of the Road'.

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c. Some British English words are given in column 'A'. Write their corresponding American English word in Column 'B.'

British	American
pavement	side walk
pull over	
waistcoat	
chips	
flat	
ground floor	
underground	
queue	
wind screen	
indicator	
timetable	
post	
holiday	
autumn	
lift	
nappy	
full stop	

Listen carefully to the story being read out and answer the questions.

- According to the father what kept the kite up?
 - the kite itself
 - air
 - the string
 - father's skills
- The string helped the kite to
 - withstand the pressure
 - break free
 - crash
 - soar high
- To realize our full potential, we should
 - obey our elders
 - follow a set of rules
 - work hard
 - plan well
- A train should go on the _____ to reach its destination.
 - track
 - line
 - road
 - path
- To realize our full potential, we should
 - obey our elders
 - follow a set of rules
 - work hard
 - plan well
- Taking freedom in our own hands will lead to
 - self-discipline
 - chaos
 - a code of conduct
 - freedom
- The main idea of the passage is
 - the art of flying kites
 - father's advice to his son
 - the importance of discipline
 - the right to freedom

I Choose the correct option and complete the sentences.

- Manoj _____ (was, were) present along with his parents.
- Each of these boys _____ (has, have) passed.
- Neither Lekha nor Leela _____ (has, have) been selected.

- Every man, woman and child _____ (was, were) happy.
- One of the machines _____ (is, are) defective.
- A number of books _____ (is, are) missing.
- Seker or his brothers _____ (has, have) done it.
- To make a promise and then not to keep it _____ (is, are) dishonesty.
- One or the other of those men _____ (has, have) lodged a complaint.
- Each leaf and each flower _____ (was, were) stripped off the tree.

II. Identify the errors in each of the following sentences and rewrite them Correctly.

- Either Shyam or Ram have to pay the fine.
- Abdul as well as Karim deserve praise.
- Ten thousand rupees a month are an insufficient income.
- Many a student were awarded at the function.
- Neither Veena nor her sisters has been informed of the accident.
- Mithra as well as her daughters enjoy singing.
- You, who is my friend, should help me.
- My scissors is missing.
- A variety of pleasing objects charm the eye.
- Sixty miles are a long distance.

Incident of the French Camp

Robert Browning

4. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow.

- a) Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind.
- Whose action is described here?
 - What is meant by prone brow?
 - What is his state of mind?

5) Explain the following lines with reference to the context.

- 'I'm killed, Sire!' And, his Chief beside,
Smiling, the boy fell dead.

6. Answer the following questions in about 100 – 150 words each.

- Napoleon was a great source of inspiration to his army. Justify

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Remember Caesar (Play)

Gordon Daviot

4. Answer the following questions in a paragraph in about 150 words each.

b) Compare the character traits of Lord Weston and his wife.

Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

a) The pilot said to the passengers, "The plane will land in Delhi at 9 p.m."

b) The Principal said, "Young students must think about the ways to control the use of plastic bags in the school campus."

c) Gowtham said to me, "I was very ill last week, but I am better now."

d) Priya said, "I want to give my sister a present."

e) Madhu said to me, "I am so happy you have completed your project."

f) The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday."

g) Mani said to his coach, "I shall improve, if you guide me."

h) My mother said to me, "You can go swimming tomorrow."

i) Sandeep said to John, "Would you like to watch a movie with me?"

j) Geetha asked Angel, "Will you help me to pack my bag?"

k) The librarian said to the students, "You are not allowed to scribble anything on the library books."

l) The motorist said to me, "Can you direct me to the post office?"

m) Umar said to his mother, "Could you make me a cup of coffee?"

n) The little boy said to me, "Alas! My dog is dead."

o) Grandmother said to her grandson, "May God bless you."

Spot the errors in the following sentences.

Correct and rewrite them.

a) Neither Ramya is a singer nor a dancer.

b) Scarcely had the workers stepped out, than the building collapsed.

c) No sooner did the power resume, when the children screamed in joy.

d) My friend can type so fast as I.

e) Sitha had no other assignment, but that of collecting the data.

f) Rekha cooks like her mother does.

g) Professor Usha is not only a writer but an orator.

h) Your neighbours are not so wicked like you think.

i) The girl both won an award and a scholarship.

j) Three years have passed when my cousin resigned his job.

Change the voice of the following sentences.

1. Gayathri gave a set of pens to Mani.

2. By whom will the new stadium be built?

3. Where will the holidays be spent by your family?

4. They offered the job to Sundari.

5. Could some money be lent to me by your father?

6. Let the door not be opened.

7. Sophia sold her old car to Selvi.

8. Don't touch the electric wire with bare hands.

9. I cannot agree to your proposal.

10. Kindly complete the assignment in time.

11. Raman is known to me since childhood.

12. Don't insult the poor and weak.

13. Who has broken the chair?

14. His shoulder was hurt in an accident.

15. It is time for the bell to be rung.

16. We wish you forget this episode.

17. They would not have done this shameful act.

18. How do you know my uncle?

19. It is believed that he is an honest man.

20. My request was acceded to by the authorities.

Do as directed

a) Besides being a singer, she is also a dancer.

(Rewrite as a compound sentence)

b) Praveen ran into the field so that he might congratulate the winners.

(Rewrite as a simple sentence)

c) The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it.

(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

d) Smita carried out the survey and presented her report.

(Rewrite as a simple sentence)

e) Unless you have a valid passport you cannot leave the country.

(Rewrite as a compound sentence)

f) This is not the way to answer.

(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

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Rewrite changing the gerund in each of the following sentences to infinitives without changing the meaning.

1. Teach me swimming.
2. Giving is better than receiving.
3. Seeing is believing.
4. I like reading.
5. He managed reaching there in time.
6. Walking in the sun is harmful to the eyes.
7. Stealing is a crime.
8. What I hate most is running across traffic.
9. Sitting here is wasting time.
10. Exercising is good for health.

Spot the errors, if any.

1. She wants to continuing her studies abroad.
2. It was a shame breaking up.
3. It will be a waste throwing the food away.
4. She made me to cry.
5. My company has delayed to give pay rise due to economic problems.
6. There's someone to talk on the phone, but they cannot hear me.
7. My friends and I were sitting in a cafe and to talk.
8. To carry a heavy pile of books, she tripped and fell.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or determiners.

1. We met _____ Americans at the restaurant.
2. Monisha has _____ films in her hands.
3. I am _____ eldest in my family.
4. There are only _____ chocolates left for you.
5. Can you get me _____ butter?
6. They haven't got _____ roses in their garden.
7. Samuel hasn't got _____ homework today, so he is playing cricket.
8. Please give me _____ hammer and _____ nail.
9. My mother is _____ honest woman.
10. She bought _____ useful gadget.
11. Please give me _____ ice cube.
12. We need _____ light in the room.
13. Why are you reading _____ book?
14. My boss wanted _____ draft of the report in a day.
15. _____ handout is available online.

General Full Forms

TRP – Television Rating Point

ERP – Enterprise Resource Planning

FYI – For Your Information

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MLA – Member Of Legislative Assembly

IPL – Indian Premier League

• NCR: National Capital Region

• PCS: Provincial Civil Service

• TDS: Tax Deducted At Source

• CID: Crime Investigation Department

• TRP: Television Rating Point

• AM: Anti Meridiem

PM: Post Meridiem

• DP: Display Picture

GK: General Knowledge

• GMT: Greenwich Mean Time GPF: General Post Office

• GAGAN: GPS-aided Geo-augmented Navigation

• ATM: Automated Teller Machine

• NEFT: National Electronic Funds Transfer

• RTGS: Real Time Gross Settlement

• SWIFT: Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial

Telecommunication

• KYC: Know Your Customer

• IPL: Indian Premier League

• IRDA: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

• FAX: Facsimile

• TCP/IP: Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol

• VLSI: Very Large Scale Integration

• CVV: Card Verification Value

• RFID: Radio Frequency Identification

• EDP: Electronic Data Processing

OTP-One time password.

PIN - Personal Identification Number.

QR code - Quick Response Code.

SMS - Short Message Service.

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MMS-Multimedia Messaging Service.

WiFi - Wireless Fidelity.

GIF - Graphics Interchange Format.

GPS - Global Positioning System.

KYC - Know Your Customer.

PDF - Portable Document Format.

PNG - Portable Network Graphics.

JPEG - Joint Photographics Experts Group.

URL- Uniform Resource Locator.

WWW-World Wide Web.

PAN - Permanent Account Number.

USB - Universal Service Bus

GPS - Global Positioning System

URL - Uniform Resource Locator

SIM - Subscriber Identity Module

SMS - Short Message Service

HTTP - Hyper Text Transfer protocol

JPG - Joint Photographic Experts Group

WWW - World Wide Web

NEWS: North East South West

DATE: Day and Time Evolution

SMILE: Sweet Memories In Lips Expression

CHESS: Chariot, Horse, Elephant, Soldiers

JAKE: Joy of Kids Entertainment

AIM: Ambition In Mind

EAT: Energy and Taste

TEA: Tast and Energy Admitted

PEN: Power Enriched In Nib

BYE: Be With You Every time

INDIA - Independent Nation Declared In August.

Fill in the blanks using suitable gerunds.

1. My friend is good at _____ the saxophone.
2. They don't like _____ on Saturdays.
3. They started late, so they were afraid of _____ the train.
4. She enjoys _____ horror movies.
5. _____ on the wall can prove dangerous.
6. _____ a two wheeler without a helmet may prove fatal.
7. _____ uniform to school is compulsory.

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