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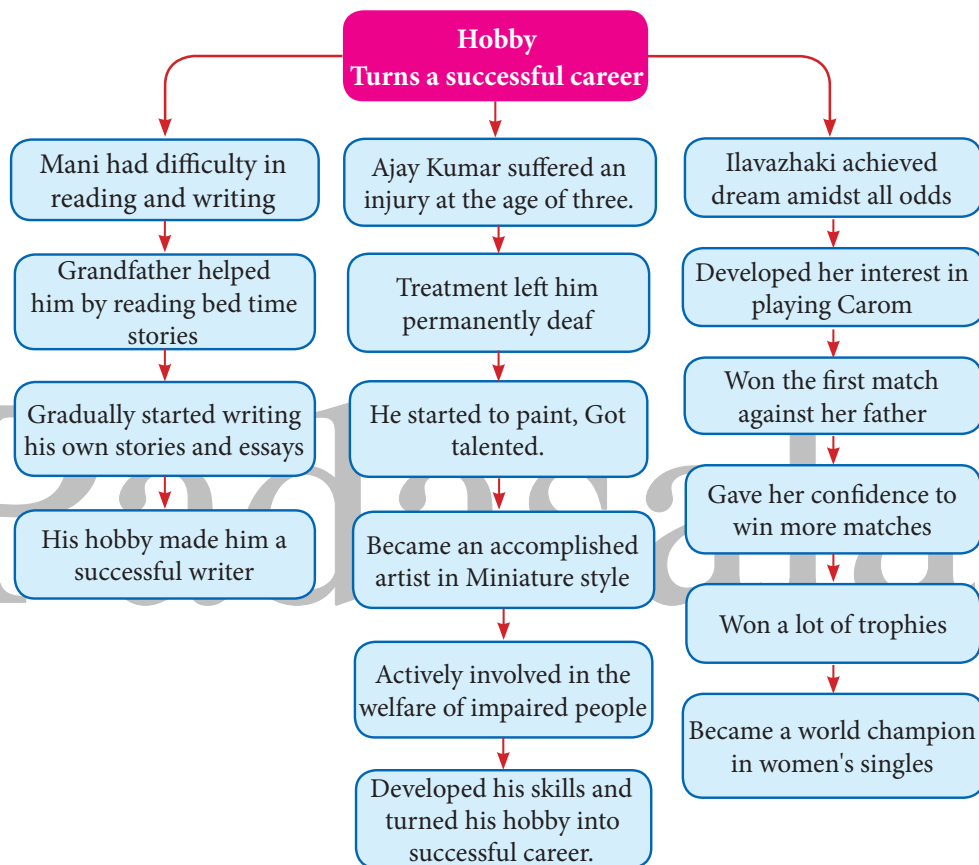
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# UNIT 1

## Prose

### Hobby – Turns A Successful Career

#### MIND MAP



#### GLOSSARY

Accommodate	- sufficient space for
Accomplished	- fulfilled
Accurately	- exactly
Energises	- give energy
Exhaust	- tire out
Exhibit	- show or reveal
Fiction	- imaginative writing
Impairment	- disability
Magnify	- enhance
Miniature	- very small of its kind
Passionate	- intense/ heartfelt
Passionate	- showing strong feelings



Revitalise	- re energise
Shattered	- break, damage or destroyed
Trophies	- a decorative cup given as a token of victory
Unique	- distinctive / uncommon

\* Words given in bold are taken from Textbook Glossary.

## Section - I

### SUMMARY

A boy named Mani had difficulty in reading and writing. His grandfather noticed this and helped him by reading bedtime stories. Gradually, Mani started reading on his own. After some days, he also started writing his own stories. In this section, he wrote an essay on hobbies.

Hobbies are the activities done during our free time. They are special to people. Some people like gardening, a few like photography and many have book reading as their hobby. Hobbies help people to learn new things, relax after a tiring day and energise our body and mind. Mani's hobby was writing. Though many people feel writing is tough, he felt 'writing' was like 'painting our voice'. When he wrote things, he imagined a world with magic and magicians. Writing opened his mind to think beyond the little things with a broader mind. It made him learn new things and enjoy every moment of his life. His hobby of writing helped him in school too. He could describe things better in his stories. He had no problem in writing English essays or stories, as it was his hobby.

Thus it is important to always learn and improve our hobbies.

### READ AND UNDERSTAND



#### A. Say true or false.

1. Mani's hobby is playing cricket. [Ans] False
2. Hobbies are unique to people. [Ans] True
3. People have hobbies only to pass time. [Ans] False

#### B. Choose the correct answer.

1. Mani imagined a world with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) music and musicians (b) building and sculptures  
 (c) magic and magicians [Ans] (c) magic and magicians
2. When Mani started writing things, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) describe them accurately (b) describe them fluently  
 (c) describe them imaginatively [Ans] (a) describe them accurately
3. Mani feels writing is like \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) painting the voice (b) engraving the voice  
 (c) designing the voice [Ans] (a) painting the voice

## Section - II

### SUMMARY

Ajay Kumar Garg, a very talented young artist lived in Jaipur, India. He suffered an injury at the age of three and became deaf. His parents tried many hospitals to cure his disability. But it was useless. Ajay used to paint on the walls and floors. Realizing his interest in painting, a court artist of Dholpur, Shri Sua Lal started educating him in painting. After completing his education, Ajay

became an apprentice of Asha Devi, who taught him the 'Miniature Painting'. Soon, Ajay became an 'accomplished artist' in the miniature style. He was gifted in the practice of creating images on a grain of rice.

Ajay exhibited his work and sold 144 out of 150 paintings displayed in the exhibition. His work became famous throughout India, the United States and the United Kingdom. In 2004, he was awarded a national award of accomplishment from the Indian President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Ajay also involved in the welfare of people with hearing disability and gave them free training. He has been the executive member of 'Deaf and Dumb' Association in Rajasthan. One of Ajay's current goals is to re-energize the dying art of traditional miniature Indian paintings. Thus, Ajay's life shows us that we can turn our hobby into a successful career, if we are ready to learn and develop our skills.

### READ AND UNDERSTAND



#### A. Say true or false.

1. Ajay Garg is an artist. [Ans] True
2. Asha Devi taught Ajay the miniature painting. [Ans] True
3. Ajay displayed 150 paintings. [Ans] True
4. Ajay was awarded by the Indian president Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. [Ans] True

#### B. Answer the following questions.

1. What was Ajay gifted with?

**Ans** Ajay was gifted with a skill of painting.

2. How was he honoured?

**Ans** He was honoured by the Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with a national award of accomplishment.

3. What did Ajay's current goal?

**Ans** Ajay current goal was to re-energize the dying art of traditional Miniature Indian paintings.

4. Is Ajay's hobby become a successful career? How?

**Ans** Yes, Ajay's hobby has become a successful career because his work became popular all throughout India, the United States and the United Kingdom. He has also become the executive member of the 'Deaf and Dumb' Association in Rajasthan.

### Section - III

### SUMMARY

Ilavazhagi achieved her dream amidst all odds. Her father, A. Irudayaraj, was a district level champion in Carom. His dream of achieving success in it, shattered, as he was not encouraged and supported by his family members. He determined to achieve his dream through his daughter. So he began coaching her and carried her to the local clubs frequently. She won the match against her father and that gave her the confidence in achieving success. Later she won the Asia Cup, SAARC cup and the world championship.

She lived with her family in a small one-room apartment in Vysarpadi, Chennai. This was not enough to accommodate her family and to preserve her trophies. She has been playing for the state for almost 14 years yet, she found it difficult to finance her trips for the matches.

Ilavazhagi is a member of the Thiruvallur District Carom Association. She also represented India at the Carom World Championships. She won the 2008 Indian National Carom Championship and became a world champion in the women's singles after beating P. Nirmala in the finals with 25-11, 25-11 victory. Thus her passion for Carom took her to the level of world champion.

### READ AND UNDERSTAND



#### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. Mani feels writing is like \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] painting the voice
2. Ajay mastered the techniques of \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] preparing colours and brushes
3. Ilavazhagi won her first match against \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] her father

#### B. Choose correct synonyms for the italic word.

1. Writing is a *unique* hobby.  
(a) common (b) beneficial (c) uncommon (d) separate [Ans] (c) uncommon
2. Ajay started to paint *happily*.  
(a) depressed (b) joyfully (c) unhappily (d) sadly [Ans] (b) joyfully
3. Miniature paintings *depict* Indian culture.  
(a) warp (b) portray (c) twist (d) falsify [Ans] (b) portray

#### C. Choose correct antonyms for the italic word.

1. Ajay *suffered* an injury.  
(a) sorrow (b) endure (c) hurt (d) mourn [Ans] (b) endure
2. Ajay *mastered* the techniques of painting.  
(a) skilled (b) proficient (c) unskilled (d) experienced [Ans] (c) unskilled
3. Ilavazhagi *won* world championship in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) win (b) succeed (c) defeat (d) well-skilled [Ans] (c) defeat

#### D. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

1. What happened to Ajay at the age of three?

[Ans] Ajay suffered an injury at the age of three. He was treated, but that treatment left him permanently deaf.

2. What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?

[Ans] Asha Devi taught Ajay the old and dying technique of 'Traditional Indian Miniature Painting'.

3. Why writing is beneficial according to Mani?

[Ans] According to Mani, writing opens his mind to think beyond the little things with a broader mind. It makes him more passionate about his life, and learn new things.

#### E. Answer the following questions in 100 words.

1. How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?

[Ans] Ajay Kumar Garg's childhood was going well, until he suffered an injury at the age of three. Ajay was treated, but that treatment left him permanently deaf. His parents tried many hospitals to cure his disability but it was useless. One day, his father bought him a paint set to play. Ajay started painting happily on the walls and floors. He looked happy, while using the paint set. Soon Ajay father realised that Ajay was talented in painting. When Ajay was five years, a court artist of Dholpur, Shri Sua Lal was impressed with Ajay's work. He took Ajay with him and started training him.



## 2. Write note on Ilavazhagi.

**Ans** Ilavazhagi was one among the many to achieve their dream amidst all odds. Her father was a district level champion in carom. He used to put her on the Carom board to listen to the sound of strikers and coins. Her father took her to the local clubs frequently. When Ilavazhagi won her first match against her father, she gained confidence. This confidence led her to win the Asia Cup, SAARC Cup and the world championship. She won a lot of trophies. She won the 2008 Indian National Carom Championship and became a world champion in the women's singles. Her passion for Carom made her succeed in life.

## VOCABULARY



## HOMOPHONE

## a. Pick out the correct homophone.

- I am not \_\_\_\_\_ to drink soda. (*aloud, allowed*) **[Ans] allowed**
- The wind \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves. (*blue, blew*) **[Ans] blew**
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ my friend. (*meat, meet*) **[Ans] meet**
- He will play the \_\_\_\_\_ in the second play. (*role, roll*) **[Ans] role**
- I have \_\_\_\_\_ movie before. (*scene, seen*) **[Ans] seen**

## b. Choose the correct homophone.

- Every morning my father likes to look at the \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass.  
(a) due (b) dew **[Ans] (b) dew**
- Chennai is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Tamilnadu.  
(a) capitol (b) capital **[Ans] (b) capital**
- Their words had a negative \_\_\_\_\_ on my self-esteem.  
(a) affect (b) effect **[Ans] (b) effect**
- I was very \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend because my friends made plans that did not include me.  
(a) bored (b) board **[Ans] (a) bored**
- The cat caught the \_\_\_\_\_ of a mouse.  
(a) scent (b) cent **[Ans] (a) scent**

## ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

## (a) &amp; (b) Expand the following:

<b>Ans</b>	1.	GST	Goods and Services Tax.
	2.	ECG	Electrocardiography
	3.	ILO	International Labour Organization
	4.	SCERT	State Council of Educational Research and Training
	5.	IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
	6.	ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation
	7.	FIR	First Information Report
	8.	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
	9.	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
	10.	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration

## LISTENING

Questions on passage. (\*Listening passage is given at the end of the third unit.)

1. What is philately?

**Ans** Stamp collecting hobby is known as philately.

2. What is numismatics?

**Ans** The hobby of collecting coins from different countries is known as numismatics.

3. Do you know where the rarest and the most beautiful shells are found?

**Ans** The rarest and the most beautiful shells are found in the Indo-Pacific, Caribbean and Mediterranean regions.

4. Painting can help unleash your creative side. How?

**Ans** Painting allows you to tap into the thoughts, desires and feelings in your head and translate them into something beautiful. It relaxes our mind and helps us to focus better.

5. What is your friend's hobby? How does it differ from yours? Discuss and write.

**Ans** My friend's hobby is web-browsing. It is different from my hobby of gardening. His hobby is an amazing hobby. We can learn about things that are thousands of kilometres away with just a few clicks. We can also share all the wonderful information with our friends.

## SPEAKING

Role-play the conversation in the class.

Continue this conversation with your friends atleast five to ten dialogues each.

**Ans** Naveen : Hi Ajay! How are you?

Ajay : I am Fine, and what about you?

Naveen : I am fine too. What are you doing in this early morning?

Ajay : I am taking care of my garden. The garden is running to weeds.

Naveen : oh! What a beautiful garden it is !

Ajay : It is beautiful as I work every day in it.

Naveen : Who helps you in your work?

Ajay : Myself have done this. It is my and who I have cultivated vegetables hobby.

Naveen : oh ! thats nice. How long have you been doing this?

Ajay : I have been doing this for three years.

Naveen : What vegetables are grown here?

Ajay : Tomatoes, Chillies, Brinjals, Lady's fingers and some greens.

Naveen : Wonderful! You have a mini vegetable market here.

Ajay : Of course, My mother uses these vegetables for cooking.

Naveen : It is a very good idea.

Ajay : Yes it is! You benefit a lot by this.

Naveen : It is good for our health because we don't use any chemicals here.

Ajay : Exactly! Gardening also develops green atmosphere and the environment.

Naveen : It's interesting. Let me also do this.

**WRITING**

Using the given letter as a model, write a complaining letter on any one of the topics given below.

- a) To the Police commissioner about the noise caused by the loudspeaker in a music shop near your school.

**Ans** Chennai,  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.

**From**

Adiya  
VIII Std 'A',  
Government Higher Secondary  
School,  
Chennai - 600 011.

**To**

The Police Commissioner,  
Perambur, Chennai - 600 011.

Sir,

**Sub :** Complaint about the noise caused by the loudspeaker regarding.

We, the students of Government Higher Secondary School, are getting distracted by the noise caused by the loud speaker in a music shop near our school. We are unable to listen to the lessons taught and concentrate on our studies. The noise from loudspeaker is unbearable.

We request you to look into the matter immediately and take necessary action to stop this problem.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Aditya

VIII Std 'A' Section.

**Address on the Cover:****To**

The Police Commissioner,  
Perambur,  
Chennai - 600 011.

- b) To the Postmaster General on non - receipt of book parcel.

**Ans** Tiruchirappalli,  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**From**

G. Alex  
School Pupil Leader,  
SSR Higher Secondary School,  
Tiruchirappalli - 620 001

**To**

The Postmaster General  
Sangiliyandapuram ,  
Tiruchirappalli - 620 001.

Sir,

**Sub :** Complaint on the non-receipt of a book parcel - reg.

I had ordered some books from a publishing company, two weeks back. When I contacted the publishing company, they told us that they had sent us the books in a registered parcel two days back. But so far, we have not received the parcel.

You are requested to enquire into the matter and do the needful.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

G. Alex.

**Address on the Cover:****To**

The Postmaster General  
Sangiliyandapuram ,  
Tiruchirappalli - 620 001.

- c) To the Transport Manager, TNSTC on non- stopping of buses near your school bus stop.

**Ans** Chennai,  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**From**

Manisha. K  
VIII Std 'B',  
Anitha Hr. Sec. School,  
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.

To

The Transport Manager,  
TNSTC, Chennai - 600 002.

Sir,

**Sub :** Non-stopping of buses  
near the school bus stop -  
reg.

This is to bring to your notice  
that TNSTC buses do not stop near  
our school bus stop. The students  
are finding it difficult to commute  
to school. They had to walk a long  
distance to come to school and then  
go home from school. It takes a lot of  
time for all of us.

We request you to kindly look  
into this matter and take necessary  
action for the benefit of our school  
students.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Manisha. K

**Address on the Cover:**

To

The Transport Manager,  
TNSTC,  
Chennai - 600 002.

## GRAMMAR



### A. NOUN

a. Pick out the words from the list and put them appropriately in the table.

David, Madurai, parrot, happiness, book, thought, green, tiger, Trichy, computer,  
Narayanan, fan, sister, Kalam, woman, pencil, Bharthi, problem, brother, Mumbai,  
swan, elephant, Vijay, solution, success, school, convent.

Ans

Person	Place	Animals	Things	Ideas/feelings
David	Madurai	parrot	book	happiness
Narayanan	Trichy	tiger	computer	thought
sister	Mumbai	swan	fan	green
Kalam	school	elephant	pencil	problem
woman	convent			solution
Bharthi				success
brother				
Vijay				

b. Write the common noun for the following proper nouns.

Ans

No.	Proper Noun	Common Noun
1.	Priya	girl
2.	Saran	boy
3.	Tiger	animal
4.	India	country
5.	Peacock	bird

No.	Proper Noun	Common Noun
6.	Coimbatore	place
7.	Lion	animal
8.	Dove	bird
9.	Kabilan	boy
10.	Saleema	girl

- c. Read the following paragraph and pick out the different types of nouns and put them in the table.

Hobby is an activity we enjoy doing in our free time. It keeps us busy in our leisure time. People choose their hobby on the basis of their interests and personality. Do you know what Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's hobby was?

Ans	Proper Noun	Common Noun	Collective Noun	Abstract Noun
	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Hobby	activity	personality
		people	leisure	interests
				time
				busy

- d. Fill in the blanks.

flock, swarm, bunch, herd

- a \_\_\_\_\_ of cows. [Ans] herd
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of birds. [Ans] flock
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of ants. [Ans] swarm
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes. [Ans] bunch

## B. PRONOUN

- a. Complete with the subject personal pronoun.

- My name is Preethi. (Preethi) \_\_\_\_\_ am a student and this is my family. [Ans] I
- My mom's name is Princy. (Princy) \_\_\_\_\_ is a house wife. [Ans] She
- Albert is my dad. (My dad) \_\_\_\_\_ is a business man. [Ans] He
- Benjamin is my brother. (Benjamin) \_\_\_\_\_ is my dancer. [Ans] He
- (Preethi and Benjamin) \_\_\_\_\_ are twins. [Ans] They

- b. Change the underlined words with correct pronoun.

they, he, him, it, she

- I saw Mr. Balu this morning and gave Mr. Balu my homework.  
[Ans] I saw Mr. Balu this morning and gave him my homework.
- Muthu likes computer games but he doesn't play computer games very often.  
[Ans] Muthu likes computer games but he doesn't play it very often.
- My aunt lives in Trichy but, my aunt often comes to visit my family.  
[Ans] My aunt lives in Trichy but, she often comes to visit my family.
- Neil Armstrong was born in 1930. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969.  
[Ans] Neil Armstrong was born in 1930. He landed on the moon in 1969.

- c. Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronoun.

- This is my pen. \_\_\_\_\_ [Ans] This pen is mine.]
- She missed her purse. \_\_\_\_\_ [Ans] The missed purse is hers.]
- Her speech is nice. \_\_\_\_\_ [Ans] The nice speech is hers.]
- My book is new. \_\_\_\_\_ [Ans] The new book is mine.]
- My bike is costly. \_\_\_\_\_ [Ans] The costly bike is mine.]



C. VERB

List out the transitive and intransitive verbs in following words.

come, buy, teach, learn, arrive, sing, run, draw, jump, write

Ans

Transitive	Intransitive
buy	come
teach	arrive
learn	run
sing	jump
draw	
write	

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS****I. Choose the correct Synonyms for the italic word.**

- We do it in our *spare time*.  
(a) busy time (b) down time (c) free time (d) work time [Ans] (c) free time
- Writing is just a hobby for me, yet it is very *beneficial*.  
(a) useful (b) harmful (c) wonderful (d) frightful [Ans] (a) useful
- He was very *impressed* with Ajay's work.  
(a) disappointed (b) bored (c) lazy (d) amazed [Ans] (d) amazed
- I was unable to describe them *accurately*.  
(a) exactly (b) definitely (c) commonly (d) suddenly [Ans] (a) exactly
- Soon he became an *accomplished* artist.  
(a) finished (b) unskilled (c) fulfilled (d) worked [Ans] (c) fulfilled
- Ajay *exhibited* his work and sold 144 paintings.  
(a) closed (b) showed (c) hid (d) conceded [Ans] (b) showed
- Her *passion* for carom took her to the level of world champion.  
(a) desire (b) dread (c) enmity (d) honour [Ans] (a) desire
- Her father's dream *shattered*.  
(a) combined (b) built (c) destroyed (d) fulfilled [Ans] (c) destroyed
- The *confidence* led her to win the Asia Cup.  
(a) peace (b) love (c) hatred (d) hope [Ans] (d) hope
- His parents tried several hospitals to cure his *impairment*.  
(a) ability (b) disability (c) failure (d) destruction [Ans] (b) disability

**II. Choose the correct Antonyms for the italic word.**

- Mani found it *difficult* to read and write.  
(a) hard (b) easy (c) sharp (d) bad [Ans] (b) easy
- Same* is the case with me.  
(a) fair (b) identical (c) different (d) ordinary [Ans] (c) different
- I sit with small children and *entertain* them.  
(a) amuse (b) cheer (c) fascinate (d) annoy [Ans] (d) annoy

4. It opens my mind to think with a *broader* mind.  
(a) narrower (b) outer (c) wider (d) smother [Ans: (a) narrower]
5. But that treatment left Ajay *permanently* deaf.  
(a) temporarily (b) abruptly (c) suddenly (d) accurately [Ans: (a) temporarily]
6. Asha Devi taught Ajay the old and dying technique of 'Traditional Indian Miniature Painting'.  
(a) conventional (b) modern (c) standard (d) normal [Ans: (b) modern]
7. His family did not *encourage* and support him.  
(a) support (b) motivate (c) entertain (d) discourage [Ans: (d) discourage]
8. The hard working people always *chase* their dream.  
(a) follow (b) run (c) walk (d) retreat [Ans: (d) retreat]
9. Her victories *included* the Asia Cup and SAARC Cup.  
(a) added (b) excluded (c) existed (d) outcast [Ans: (b) excluded]
10. She won the Championship beating a *former* world champion Rashmi kumari in the final.  
(a) previous (b) first (c) future (d) beginner [Ans: (c) future]

### III. Choose the Correct Answer (MCQ)

1. Mani found it difficult to read and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) learn (b) write (c) speak (d) talk [Ans: (b) write]
2. Hobbies are the \_\_\_\_\_ that we do in our spare time.  
(a) projects (b) tasks (c) activities (d) assignments [Ans: (c) activities]
3. When I write things, my \_\_\_\_\_ is at its best.  
(a) handwriting (b) creations (c) work (d) imagination [Ans: (d) imagination]
4. It makes me more \_\_\_\_\_ about my life.  
(a) passionate (b) pleasant (c) inquisitive (d) accurate [Ans: (a) passionate]
5. Ajay started to paint \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) sorrowful (b) vaguely (c) happily (d) regretful [Ans: (c) happily]
6. Ajay turned his hobby into a \_\_\_\_\_ career.  
(a) medical (b) successful (c) vocational (d) good [Ans: (b) successful]
7. Irudayaraj was determined to achieve his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) preference (b) request (c) dream (d) fancy [Ans: (c) dream]
8. The confidence led Ilavazhaki to win her \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) victories (b) demands (c) claims (d) conditions [Ans: (a) victories]
9. Ilavazhaki's father was a \_\_\_\_\_ level champion in Carom.  
(a) world (b) state (c) international (d) district [Ans: (d) district]
10. Her passion for \_\_\_\_\_ took her to the level of world champion.  
(a) carom (b) cricket (c) hockey (d) kabaddi [Ans: (a) carom]

**IV. Very Short Questions with Answers.**

1. What is a hobby?

**Ans** Hobby is an activity we enjoy doing in our free time.

2. What is your hobby?

**Ans** My hobbies are Reading and Singing.

3. What does the term 'pastime' mean?

**Ans** The term 'pastime' means, an activity regularly done for enjoying rather than work. To pass the leisure time relaxingly.

4. Who is the best friend for a reader while travelling in a train?

**Ans** Books are the best friends for a reader while travelling alone in a train.

5. Name any two socially useful hobbies.

**Ans** Cooking and Painting.**V. Short Questions with Answers.**

1. What was Mani's problem?

**Ans** Mani had difficulty in reading and writing.

2. What did his Grandfather do?

**Ans** His grandfather helped him by reading bedtime stories.

3. Why does Mani say that writing is a unique hobby?

**Ans** Mani says that writing is unique because most people don't want to exhaust themselves in their spare time.

4. What did Ajay's father buy him?

**Ans** Ajay's father bought him a paint set to play.

5. What was Ajay gifted with?

**Ans** Ajay was gifted with the practice of creating images on a grain of rice.

6. What was Irudayaraj?

**Ans** Irudayaraj was a fish-cart driver, who used to transport materials like pipes to make a living.

7. Who did Ilavazhagi beat in the women's singles?

**Ans** Ilavazhagi beat P. Nirmala in the finals of Carom World Championship with 25-11, 25-11 victory.**VI. Paragraph Question with Answer.**

1. How beneficial was the hobby of writing to Mani?

**Ans** Mani felt the hobby of writing very beneficial to him. He felt writing is like 'painting his voice'. When he got free time, he picked a pen and a notebook. He started writing stories, poems and sometimes about his feelings. His mind used to relax, when he poured his thoughts as words. His imagination is at its best, when he writes things. Writing opened his mind to think beyond the little things with a broader mind. It made him more passionate about his life and learn new things. It also helped him in school too and made him a good writer.

## GRAMMAR ADDITIONAL

**I. Guide proper names for the common nouns :**

Eg: Butter - Amul

1. Pencil - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ball Pen - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hospital - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Soft Drink - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Car - \_\_\_\_\_

[Ans] Apsara

[Ans] Reynolds

[Ans] Apollo

[Ans] Pepsi

[Ans] Toyota

**II. Collective nouns :**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of bees.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of keys.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of cards.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of players.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of books.

[Ans] Swarm

[Ans] Bunch

[Ans] Pack

[Ans] Team

[Ans] Library

**III. Form abstract nouns from these adjectives :**

Eg: Soft - Softness

1. Cruel - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Polite - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Honest - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Beautiful - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lazy - \_\_\_\_\_

[Ans] Cruelty

[Ans] Politeness

[Ans] Honesty

[Ans] Beauty

[Ans] Laziness

**IV. Use singular pronouns and fill in the blanks :**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ gave \_\_\_\_\_ a gift.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ went out when \_\_\_\_\_ rained.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ do not want \_\_\_\_\_ to steal things.
4. When he met \_\_\_\_\_ I gave \_\_\_\_\_ an advice.

[Ans] He, her

[Ans] She, it

[Ans] I, you

[Ans] me, him

**V. Use Plural pronouns and fill in the blanks:**

1. Raj and Rahul are brothers and \_\_\_\_\_ live in the same house. [Ans] they
2. They are my friends, I meet \_\_\_\_\_ in the park. [Ans] them
3. My father and I went to the mall, but it was closed. \_\_\_\_ could not buy anything. [Ans] We
4. We won the match. Everybody congratulated \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] us

**VI. Fill in the blanks with possessive pronouns:**

1. The travellers brought a lot of goods. The goods were \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] theirs
2. A man was riding a motor bike. The bike was \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] his

3. She stitched the torn dresses from her cupboard. The dresses were \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] hers
4. The certificates belong to me. They are \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] mine
5. This classroom belongs to us. It is certainly \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] ours
6. The photos look so good. They are \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] yours
7. The dog has a puppy. It is \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] its

### VII. Use simple present tense of verb in the bracket and fill the blanks:

1. Look! He (fly) \_\_\_\_\_ the kite high. [Ans] flies
2. Yesterday he went by car, but today he (go) \_\_\_\_\_ on a cycle. [Ans] goes
3. If he (pass) \_\_\_\_\_ the exam, he will get a good job. [Ans] passes
4. Mohan will jump in joy if he (see) \_\_\_\_\_ you coming. [Ans] sees
5. If Vijay (run) \_\_\_\_\_ fast, he will be able to catch the train. [Ans] runs

### VIII. Use simple past tense of verb in the bracket and fill the blanks:

1. I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ this coat from the boutique. [Ans] bought
2. Dad (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ for office an hour ago. [Ans] left
3. My sister (write) \_\_\_\_\_ an essay that was published in the magazine. [Ans] wrote
4. We (come) \_\_\_\_\_ home, (take) \_\_\_\_\_ some rest and (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ time playing cards. [Ans] came / took / spent

### IX. Use simple future tense of verb in the bracket and fill the blanks:

1. I (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ for Paris next week. [Ans] will leave
2. We (party) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Taj on my birthday. [Ans] will party
3. You (move) \_\_\_\_\_ to Delhi next month on promotion. [Ans] will move
4. Ten students failed in the exam. They (write) \_\_\_\_\_ their exams again from Monday. [Ans] will write
5. The sun rise was at 6 a.m. It (set) \_\_\_\_\_ at 5.45 p.m this evening. [Ans] will set

### X. Insert the correct form of infinitive using the given verbs in the brackets:

1. It would be nice to \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Dr. Abdul Kalam again. [Ans] meet
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) this recipe, you will need 500 grams of minced meat. [Ans] cook
3. Ravi wants to \_\_\_\_\_ (take) Raji to the amusement park. [Ans] take
4. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) my hands before I have my food. [Ans] wash
5. We discussed whether to \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) Rajiv or not. [Ans] invite

### XI. Fill in the blanks with suitable Gerund (verb+ing):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) is a periodic event. [Ans] Meeting
2. She loves \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) ice creams. [Ans] eating
3. I like \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) festivals. [Ans] celebrating



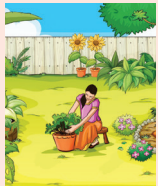



4. \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) is torturing. [Ans] Waiting
5. He was awarded for \_\_\_\_\_ (run) fast. [Ans] running
6. I achieve by \_\_\_\_\_ (work). [Ans] working
7. I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cards. [Ans] playing
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) is my hobby. [Ans] Cooking
9. Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) [Ans] swimming
10. He loves \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) songs. [Ans] singing

### Warm Up

Look at the pictures. Discuss in pairs and share your answers with your friends.

Ans

	What is the girl doing?	Painting
	What is the man doing? Will you like doing it? why?	Cooking Yes. I like cooking.
	Do you like gardening? Why?	Yes. It is a good hobby done during our spare time.
	What are the benefits of taking up cycling as a hobby?	Cycling is mainly an aerobic activity. Our heart, blood vessels and lungs all get a workout. Regular cycling increases the strength of our muscles and bones. It keeps you fit always.



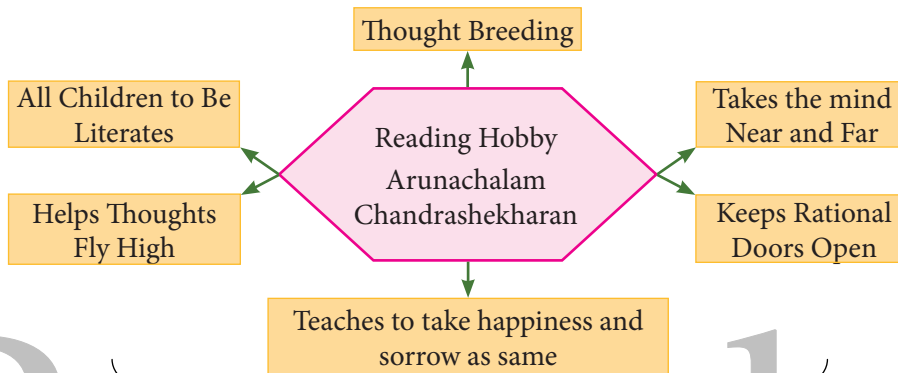
# UNIT 1

## Poem

### My Hobby : Reading

- Arunachalam Chandrashekharan.

#### MIND MAP



*Constructing a Dynamic Victorious Society!*

#### Summary

The poem is written in 2010 by Arunachalam Chandrashekharan, a professional in library and information sciences. His long term deep association with the books in his library has made him to script this poem on reading as a great hobby.

The poet declares in the first line itself that reading is his hobby. He says his reading hobby helps him to grow and cultivate many good thoughts. Those thoughts take the poet not only to the nearby places but also to the remote and far areas.

The poet compares his mind to a room and expresses that reading habit enables him to keep the doors of his mind unlocked and half open to permit intelligent and logical reasoning. At the same time, it prevents the unwanted entry of bad and wrong things. Reading practises the poet to take in both happiness and sorrow in the same spirit. It teaches him to laugh loudly during happy times and to cry and let out sorrow during painful times.

Reading does not restrict or control the thoughts of the poet. Without wings it allows his thoughts to soar high and fly.

The poet aspires that all the children should go to school and study, there should be no illiterates. He believes that if all the children are well educated, then they can build a dynamic, strong and powerful society. If such a society is created, we shall succeed and reach the pinnacle in our lives.

## EXPLANATION OF POETIC LINES



Line Nos.	Poem Lines	Explanation
1	<i>My hobby is reading</i>	The poet declares in the first line itself that reading is his hobby.
2 - 3	<i>It helps me In thought breeding.</i>	He says his reading hobby helps him to grow and cultivate many good thoughts
4 - 5	<i>It takes me to places Near and far,</i>	Those thoughts take the poet not only to the nearby places but also to the remote and far areas.
6 - 7	<i>It keeps my rational Doors ajar.</i>	The poet compares his mind to a room and expresses that reading habit enables him to keep the doors of his mind unlocked and half open to permit intelligent and logical reasoning. At the same time, it prevents the unwanted entry of bad and wrong things.
8 - 9	<i>It teaches me To cackle and cry</i>	Reading practises the poet to take in both happiness and sorrow in the same spirit. It teaches him to laugh loudly during happy times and to cry and let out sorrow during painful times.
10 - 11	<i>Without wings It lets me fly.</i>	Reading does not restrict or control the thoughts of the poet. Without wings it allows his thoughts to soar high and fly.
12 - 13	<i>I wish If all the children could read,</i>	The poet aspires that all the children should go to school and study, there should be no illiterates.
14	<i>In constructing a vigorous society,</i>	He believes that if all the children are well educated, then they can build a dynamic, strong and powerful society.
15	<i>Then we shall succeed.</i>	If such a society is created, we shall succeed and reach the pinnacle in our lives.

## GLOSSARY



ajar	-	slightly open
breeding	-	procreation
cackle	-	informal laugh
constructing	-	establish / create
hobby	-	leisure time activity
rational	-	intelligence
read	-	educated
vigorous	-	powerful
without wings	-	without limits

## 1. Comprehension Questions.

1. What is the hobby of the poet?

**Ans** Reading is the hobby of the poet.

2. What does 'ajar' mean ?

**Ans** 'Ajar' means slightly open door.

3. Can the poet fly without wings ?

**Ans** No, the poet cannot fly without wings, but his thoughts and imaginations can fly everywhere without wings.

4. What can children do to society if they read ?

**Ans** If all the children could read, they could construct a dynamic society.

5. What is theme of the poem?

**Ans** The theme of the poem is, 'Reading hobby'.

2. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, tick the most suitable option to complete the statements.

**Ans**

Reading	(a) wastes my time.	
	(b) helps me think deeply about every thing.	
	(c) keeps me busy.	
	(d) helps me in thought breeding.	✓
My hobby	(a) arguing in the court.	
	(b) working in hospitals.	
	(c) taking me far and near.	✓
	(d) selling goods in a wholesale market.	
Reading	(a) helps me to weep and cry.	
	(b) lets me fly without wings.	✓
	(c) works in fields to produce food.	
	(d) helps me asleep quickly.	
Reading	(a) blesses the children who read.	
	(b) helps the children to construct society.	✓
	(c) blesses the teachers who teach.	
	(d) blesses the Farmers who produce food.	

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3. Complete the table given below in order to understand the poem better.

**Ans**

The poet mentions uses of reading	The lines in the poem describe the uses	The rhymes used in the lines	Meaning of the line
Thought breeding	Reading cultivates good thoughts in us.	Reading / breeding	Yes reading cultivates good thoughts in us and removes bad ones.
Opens rations doors	Our mind is made to think intelligently with logical reasoning.	Far / ajar	Reading helps us to discern good and bad.
Fly without wings	Reading makes our mind to think boundlessly	Cry / fly	Restrictions make us narrow minded, so mind must think freely.
Constructing society	If all the children are literates, they can build a dynamic society.	Read / succeed	Yes our children must be well educated.

FIGURE OF SPEECH**a. Rhyming words :**A Tiny Little Plant

Deep in the heart of a little seed,  
 Lay buried so, so deep,  
 A tiny little plant fast asleep.  
 Out came the bright Sunshine,  
 Down crept its light,  
 Into the seed, too bright.  
 A little plant woke up to see,  
 How bright the world might be.

**Answer the following :**

1. List the rhyming words in the first three lines.

**Ans** The rhyming words - deep - asleep.

2. Which line in the poem rhymes with 'Down crept its light'?

**Ans** Into the seed, too bright.

**b. Rhyme Scheme :****Answer the following :**

- a. Identify the rhyme scheme of the given short poem.

My dog likes bones,  
 He eats them up,  
 He's very sweet,  
 He's just a pup.

**Ans** a b c b.

- b. Complete this rhyme on your own with a abab rhyme scheme.

Peas porridge hot,  
 Peas porridge cold,

**Ans** Peas porridge in the pot  
 Nine days old.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS****I. Poem Comprehension - Additional**

1. *My hobby is reading  
 It helps me  
 In thought breeding.  
 It takes me to places  
 Near and far,  
 It keeps my rational  
 Doors ajar.*

- (a) What does the word 'rational' mean?

**Ans** 'Rational' means intelligence.



(b) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

**Ans** The rhyming words : Reading - breeding; far - ajar.

(c) How does reading help the poet?

**Ans** Reading helps the poet to grow and cultivate good thoughts.

(d) Whose hobby was reading in the poem 'My Hobby'?

**Ans** Reading was the hobby of the poet Arunachalam Chandrashekar.

(e) What does the term 'thought breeding' mean?

**Ans** The term 'thought breeding' means cultivating many good thoughts in a person whose hobby is reading.

(f) How does reading take the poet near and far?

**Ans** When the poet reads about a content related to something near him and when he reads a content of something far, it takes him near and far.

(g) What are 'rational doors'?

**Ans** The poet compares his mind to a room and reading habit are the doors of his mind.

2. *It teaches me  
To cackle and cry  
Without wings  
It lets me fly.*

(a) Why should reading teach us both to laugh and cry?

**Ans** Life is made of both joy and sorrow. Reading helps us to take both equally.

(b) How does the poet fly?

**Ans** The poet does not fly physically in the air. His thoughts expand and fly in all directions.

3. *I wish  
If all the children could read,  
In constructing a vigorous society,  
Then we shall succeed.*

(a) Who can build a vigorous society?

**Ans** The children can build a vigorous society.

(b) How can we succeed?

**Ans** We can succeed, if we can build a dynamic, strong and powerful society.

(c) Pick out the alliterated words.

**Ans** 'shall - succeed' are the alliterated words.

## II. Short Questions and Answers.

1. How does his hobby help him ?

**Ans** His hobby helps him to cultivate many good thoughts.

2. Where does the reading take him ?

**Ans** Reading takes him to the nearby as well as to the far and remote places.

3. What does reading teach him ?

**Ans** Reading teaches him to laugh loudly and at the same time even to cry.

## III. Paragraph Questions with Answers.

## 1. What are the five ways in which reading helps us?

**Ans** Reading hobby helps us to grow and cultivate many good thoughts. The content we read not only takes to nearby places but also to the remote and far areas according to what we read.

Reading habit enables to keep the doors of our mind unlocked and half open to permit intelligent and logical reasoning at the same time to prevent unwanted entry of bad and wrong things. Reading practices us to take in both happiness and sorrow in the same spirit. It teaches us to laugh loudly during happy times and to cry and let out sorrow during painful times.

Reading does not restrict or control our thoughts. Without wings it allows our thoughts to soar high and fly.

## 2. How can we form a 'vigorous society' according to the poet Arunachalam?

**Ans** According to the poet Arunachalam we can form a vigorous – active, strong, healthy and a dynamic society if all the children cultivate a reading habit, go to school, study and are educated. In such a society the people will be successful, prosper and flourish.

## Poetic Devices in this poem.

The poet uses the following poetic devices in his poem, 'My Hobby : Reading'.

1. **Imagery** : The poet weaves the advantages of reading hobby in his imagination.

- The poet does not physically travel 'near and far', only his thoughts travel.
- There is no literal door, the poet imagines his mind's entrance as 'door'.
- The poet does not fly in the air. His thoughts, imaginations and ideas only made to 'fly' by his reading hobby.

2. **Rhyme** : This short poem has rhyming ending at every alternate line.

Reading and breeding; far and ajar; cry and fly; read and succeed.

3. **Couplet** : It is a fifteen-line poem. Each couplet after the first line presents a different thought concept.

Example: Line 2, 3 tells about thought breeding, line 4,5 speaks of 'rational door'.

Line 6, 7 about joy and sorrow, lines 8,9 flying without wings.

## Pick out the rhyming words from the poem and write them in the table.

Lines 1-4	Lines 5-8	Lines 9-12	Lines 13-15
reading, breeding	far, ajar	cry, fly	read, succeed

## Warm Up

## What are your leisure time activities? Why do you do them?

**Ans** My leisure activities are watching television and singing. I do them because they relax my soul and body.

## Do you read books? What types of books do you read?

**Ans** Yes, I read books. I read books of Enid Blyton, Ruskin Bond and Comic books.

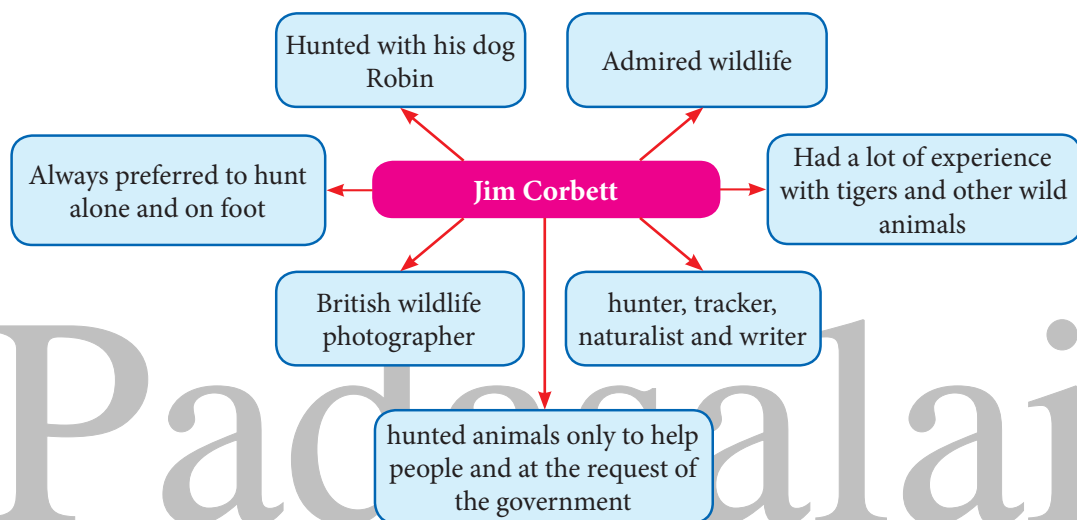


# UNIT 1

## Supplementary

### Jim Corbett, A Hunter Turned Naturalist

#### MIND MAP



#### GLOSSARY

abandon	- leave
advocated	- recommended
attempts	- efforts
bait	- trap
capture	- catch
conserve	- protect
encroachment	- taking control of someone else's rights
<b>Fatalities</b>	- <b>an occurrence of death by accident</b>
heritage	- birth right
<b>Hesitate</b>	- <b>pause before saying or doing something</b>
initially	- in the beginning
postmortem	- an examination of a dead body
<b>Preservation</b>	- <b>protection and maintenance</b>
pursuit	- chase
<b>Restricted</b>	- <b>limited extend</b>
terrified	- frightened
Tracker	- A person who has been trained to find other people or animals
trail	- mark

## Summary

Jim Corbett was a British wildlife photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist and writer. His birth name was Edward James Corbett. He had hunted a lot of man-eating tigers and leopards in India. He used to shoot the tigers and the wild animals with his cine film camera. His dog, Robin accompanied him for the hunt. Jim Corbett hunted these animals only to help the people and at the request of the government.

His first man-eating tiger hunt was 'The Champawat Tiger'. It was a Bengal tigress which was responsible for nearly 436 deaths in Nepal and the Kumaon area of India. Her attacks have been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the highest number of deaths from a tiger. The tigress began her attacks in a Rupal village in Western Nepal, Himalayas. She continued her killings even in the Kumaon District. Hunters were sent to kill the tigress, but she managed to escape. People were frightened to go to the forest to collect firewood, fruits, roots and other things. Then the British government requested Jim Corbett to help the villagers.

He camped in the Kumaon District and started tracking the tigress. After several unsuccessful attempts, Corbett managed to kill the tigress. When it left a trail of blood, after killing a 16 year old girl, Corbett followed it. He organised a bait with about 300 villagers. The next day, he shot the tigress dead near the Chataar Bridge in Champawat in the year 1907.

Jim Corbett was always against game hunting. He promoted 'The Association for the Preservation of Game' and the 'All India conference for the Preservation of Wildlife'. He played a key role in establishing India's first national park - 'the Hailey National Park'. After Jim Corbett's death on 19th April 1955, the park was renamed in 1957 as 'The Jim Corbett National Park'.

**A. Fill in the blanks.**

1. Jim Corbett was born on \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] 25<sup>th</sup> July 1875
2. Corbett shot wild animals in his \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] cine film camera
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first man-eater shot by Corbett. [Ans] The Champawat Tiger
4. Corbett shot the tigress dead, near the \_\_\_\_\_. [Ans] Chataar Bridge

**B. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.**

Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarakhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The park was renamed in 1957 as, The Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

**1. Who played a key role in establishing the national park?**

[Ans] Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing the India's first National Park in the Kumaon Hills.

**2. Why was the park named Hailey National Park?**

[Ans] The park was named 'Hailey National Park' to honour the Governor of United Provinces 'Lord Malcolm Hailey'.

**3. When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?**

[Ans] The park was renamed in 1957 as the Jim Corbett National Park to honour his role in establishing the protected area in 1930s.

**C. Answer the following in one or two words.**

1. What was the birth name of Jim Corbett?

**Ans** The birth name of Jim Corbett was Edward James Corbett.

2. What was the name of Corbett's dog?

**Ans** The name of Jim Corbett's dog was Robin.

3. How many kills did the Champawat Tiger recorded?

**Ans** The Champawat Tiger recorded 436 deaths in Nepal and the Kumaon area of India. Her attacks have been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the highest number of death from a tiger.

4. Who was the last kill of the Champawat Tiger?

**Ans** The last person to be killed by the Champawat Tiger was a 16 year old girl in a village near Champawat.

5. When did Jim Corbett died?

**Ans** Jim Corbett died on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1955.**D. Answer the following in 100 words.**

1. According to Corbett, why a tiger turns into a man eater?

**Ans** According to Corbett's theory, a tiger starts eating humans, when they grow old or got hurt. As they cannot run fast, they start killing humans. People cannot run as fast as animals. So they become easy prey. After eating human flesh once, a tiger will not eat any other flesh. These tigers are called man-eaters. Jim Corbett's first man eating tiger hunt was the Champawat Tiger. It was a Bengal tigress. It was responsible for nearly 436 deaths in Nepal and the Kumaon area of India.

2. How was the Champawat Tiger killed?

**Ans** Jim Corbett camped in the Kumaon District and started tracking the tigress. He moved around the villages and limited the activities of the man-eater. After several unsuccessful attempts, Corbett managed to kill the tiger. When a 16 year old girl was killed by the tigress, it left a trail of blood, which was followed by Jim. After a whole day of search, Jim, decided to organise a bait, the next day. With the help of the Thasildar of Champawat, the bait was organised with about 300 villagers. The next day, Corbett shot the tigress dead, near the Chataar Bridge in Champawat.

3. What were the findings of the postmortem ?

**Ans** A postmortem was done on the Bengal Tigress. It showed that the upper and lower canine teeth on the right side of her mouth were broken. The upper one was broken in half and the lower one broke right down to the bone. This injury was a result of an old gunshot from the game hunter who failed to track and kill it. According to Jim Corbett this injury prevented her from hunting her natural prey and so she started to hunt humans.



## STEP TO SUCCESS



### Analogy - verbal reasoning questions.

There is certain relation between two given words, find the relation to find the missing word.

- Reading : Knowledge, Work : ?  
(a) Experience (b) Engagement (c) Experiment (d) Employment  
[Ans] (a) Experience
- Cricket : Bat, Hokey : ?  
(a) Field (b) Stick (c) Player (d) Ball  
[Ans] (b) Stick
- Dog : Rabies, Mosquito : ?  
(a) Plague (b) Death (c) Malaria (d) Sting  
[Ans] (c) Malaria
- Man : Biography, Nation : ?  
(a) Leader (b) People (c) Geography (d) History  
[Ans] (d) History
- Bread : Bakery, Brick : ?  
(a) Mint (b) Kiln (c) Furnace (d) Mine  
[Ans] (b) Kiln
- Doctor : Diagnosis, Judge : ?  
(a) Court (b) Punishment (c) Lawyer (d) Judgement  
[Ans] (d) Judgement

## CONNECTING TO SELF



Try to know whether your hobby makes things easy.

[Ans]

Hobby (Thing that you want to make it easy like reading, writing, playing, singing, dancing etc.)	Days	Time that you spend in a day (Like 1 hour, 2 hour)	Your feeling (Like happy, interesting, boring)	Status (Easy / Diffi cult)
Reading	Day 1	One hour	Interesting	Easy
Writing	Day 2	Two hours	Boring	Difficult
Singing	Day 3	One hour	Happy	Easy
Playing	Day 4	Two hours	Happy	Easy
Dancing	Day 5	One hour	Happy	Easy
Gardening	Day 6	Half-an hour	Interesting	Easy
Watching TV	Day 7	One-hour	Happy	Easy

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

### I. Choose the Correct Answers (MCQ).

- Jim Corbett was a \_\_\_\_\_ wildlife photographer.  
(a) American (b) British (c) German (d) French  
[Ans] (b) British
- Though he was an expert hunter, he admired \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) game hunt (b) birds (c) wildlife (d) travel  
[Ans] (c) wildlife

3. He took no joy from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) kill (b) chase (c) deaths (d) survival [Ans] (d) kill
4. There she continued her killings in the \_\_\_\_\_ district.  
(a) Kumaon (b) Wayanad (c) Vadodara (d) Kolar [Ans] (a) Kumaon
5. The British government \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Corbett to help the villagers.  
(a) advised (b) ordered (c) commanded (d) requested [Ans] (d) requested

## II. Identify the Character / Speaker.

1. "He had a lot of experience with tigers and other wild animals." [Ans] Jim Corbett
2. "She was shot in 1907 by Jim Corbett." [Ans] Bengal tigress
3. "He camped in the Kumaon district." [Ans] Jim Corbett
4. "He took no joy from the kill." [Ans] Jim Corbett
5. "All her kills happened during the daylight." [Ans] Bengal tigress

## III. Write True or False against each statement.

1. Jim often hunted with his horse Robin. [Ans] False
2. The Bengal tigress was responsible for nearly 336 deaths in Nepal and Kumaon area. [Ans] False
3. The British government requested Jim Corbett to help the villagers. [Ans] True
4. Jim Corbett was always against game hunting. [Ans] True
5. People were not terrified to go out into the forest. [Ans] False

## IV. Very Short Questions with Answers.

1. What did Jim Corbett hunt?  
[Ans] Jim Corbett hunted a number of man-eating tigers and leopards in India.
2. What did Jim admire?  
[Ans] Jim Corbett admired wildlife.
3. Did he kill wildlife for pleasure or sport?  
[Ans] No, he did not kill wildlife for pleasure or sport.
4. When was the tiger shot?  
[Ans] The tiger was shot in 1907 by Jim Corbett.
5. How old was the girl killed by the tiger?  
[Ans] She was 16 years old.

## V. Short Questions with Answers.

1. Where did the tiger begin her attacks?  
[Ans] The tiger began her attacks in a Rupal village in western Nepal, Himalayas.
2. What did the Nepalese army do?  
[Ans] The Nepalese army, after failing to kill the tiger, drove her across the border into India.
3. How were the people to go out and refused to leave?  
[Ans] The people were terrified to go out and refused to leave their hunts for work after hearing the tigress' roar from the forest.

## 4. According to Jim, what were the main cause of the mischief of wild animals?

**Ans** Deforestation and human encroachment were the main cause of the mischief of wild animals.

## 5. What did Jim educate the people?

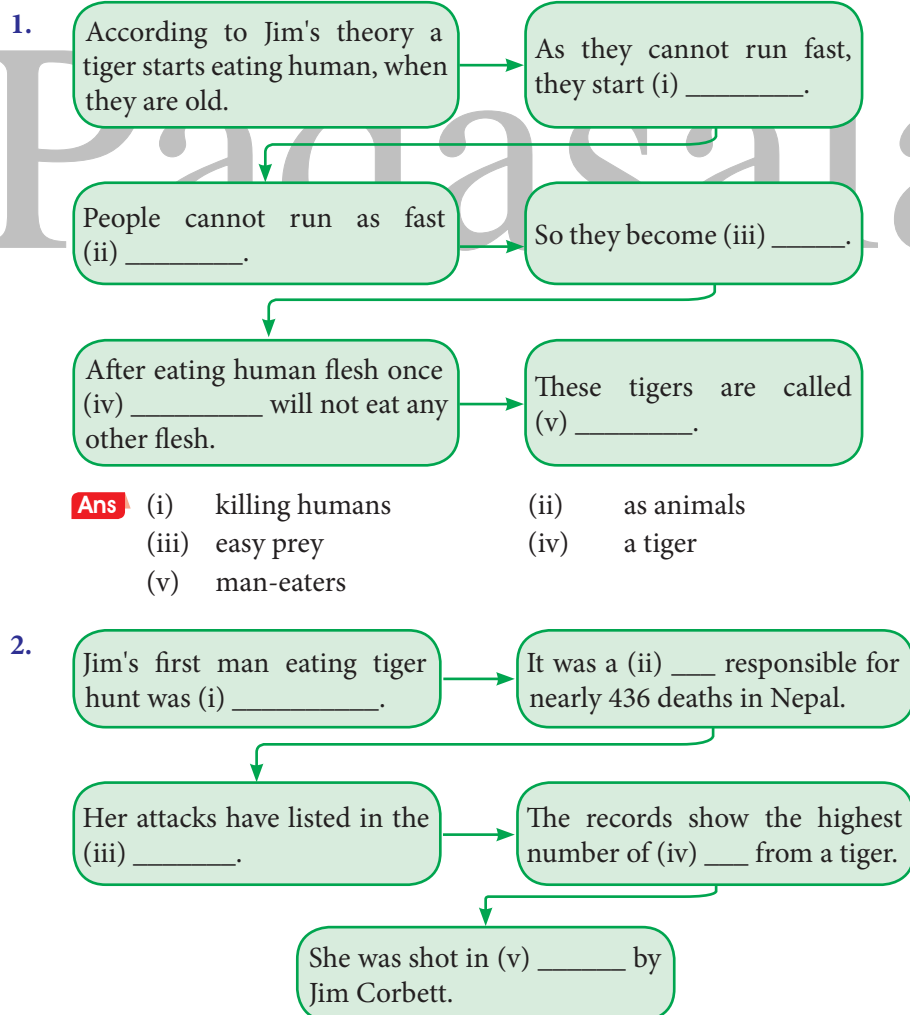
**Ans** Jim went on lecturing tours to educate the people about their natural heritage and the need to conserve forests and their wildlife.

## VI. Paragraph Questions with Answers.

## 1. Describe the attacks of the Bengal tigress?

**Ans** The tigress began her attacks in a Rupal village in Western Nepal, Himalayas. Hunters were sent to kill the tiger, but she managed to escape from them. The Nepalese army failed to capture or kill the tigress. It drove the tigress across the border into India. There the tigress continued her killings in the Kumaon District. She killed the people mostly during the day time. After several incidents, people stopped going into the forest to collect firewood, fruits, roots and other things. They were terrified to go out, after hearing her roar from the forest.

## VII. Mind Map.



- Ans** (i) The Champawat Tiger (ii) Bengal Tigress  
 (iii) Guinness Book of World Records (iv) fatalities  
 (v) 1907

### VIII. Rearrange the Jumbled Sentences.

- A. 1. Jim Corbett died on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1955.  
 2. Jim played a key role in establishing India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills.  
 3. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.  
 4. It was initially named after Lord Malcolm Hailey.  
 5. The park was renamed in 1957 as 'The Jim Corbett National Park'.

**Ans** 2, 4, 1, 5, 3

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### IX. Read the passage and answer the questions.

- A. Edward James Corbett, popularly known as Jim Corbett was a British wildlife photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist, and writer. He has hunted a number of man-eating tigers and leopards in India. He had a lot of experience with tigers and other wild animals to shoot with his cine film camera.

**1. Who was Jim Corbett?**

**Ans** Jim Corbett was a wildlife photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist and writer.

**2. How did he shoot tigers and other wild animals?**

**Ans** He shot the tigers and other wild animals with his cine film camera.

**3. What was the name given to Jim by his parents?**

**Ans** Jim was given the name 'Edward James Corbett' by his parents.

- B. Jim Corbett was always against game hunting. He strongly advocated that deforestation and human encroachment were the main cause of the mischief of wild animals. He went on lecturing tours to educate the people about their natural heritage and the need to conserve forests and their wildlife.

**1. Who was against game hunting?**

**Ans** Jim Corbett was against game hunting.

**2. According to Jim, what were the main cause of the mischief of wild animals?**

**Ans** Deforestation and human encroachment were the main causes of mischief of wild animals.

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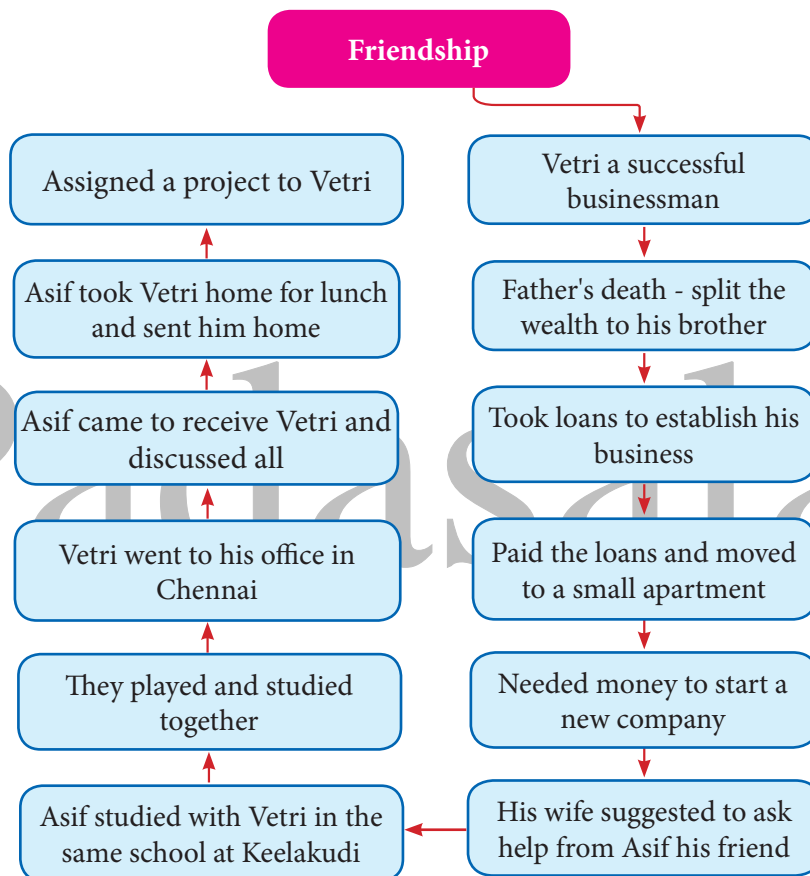


# UNIT 2

## Prose

### Friendship

#### MIND MAP



#### GLOSSARY

Astounded	-	shocked or greatly surprised
Boarded	-	get on or into a vehicle
Competition	-	an event or contest
Complexes	-	consisting of many different and connected parts
Consoled	-	comfort someone at the time of grief
Decided	-	having clear opinion
Demanded	-	ask authoritatively
Dropped	-	the act of a person or thing that drops
Dumbfounded	-	speechless with amazement



## SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

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## ENGLISH

### Section - A (Vocabulary)

#### I. Choose the correct synonyms to the words given below. (3 × 1 = 3)

- The neem tree was a big *antique* in his garden.  
(a) modern (b) ancient  
(c) updated (d) out dated
- The brothers started a business, *separately*.  
(a) apart (b) alone  
(c) united (d) combined
- Ajay started to paint *happily*.  
(a) depressed (b) joyfully  
(c) unhappily (d) sadly

#### II. Choose the correct antonyms to the words given below. (3 × 1 = 3)

- The neem tree provided *shelter* to many birds.  
(a) residence (b) un protection  
(c) home (d) security
- The vegetables look *fresh*.  
(a) rotten (b) dull  
(c) new (d) humble
- Illavalaghi *won* world championship in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) win (b) succeed  
(c) defeat (d) well-skilled

#### III. Match the compound words. (3 × 1 = 3)

- pass – (a) set
- sun – (b) stick
- walking – (c) port

#### IV. Write the plural forms for the following words. (2 × 1 = 2)

- crisis -----
- Sheep -----

#### V. Write the expansion for the following abbreviations. (2 × 1 = 2)

NCC, ISRO

#### VI. Syllabify the following words. (2 × 1 = 2)

Education                      Personality

### Section - B (Grammar)

#### VII. List out the nouns under each type. (2 × 1 = 2)

Police, Guru, happiness, gold, girl, army, Kavya, boy

Proper noun                      Common noun

Collective noun                      Abstract noun

#### VIII. Change the underlined nouns into pronouns. (2 × 1 = 2)

- Amutha is a student. Amutha is fond of reading.
- Dev is a cricketer. Dev scores many centuries.

#### IX. Choose the correct modal auxiliary verb and fill up the blanks. (2 × 1 = 2)

- You \_\_\_\_\_ be appreciated for this. (will, shall, can)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ like to visit the Moon. (dare, shall, would)

### Section - C (Prose)

#### X. Answer any three of the following questions in about one or two sentences. (3 × 3 = 9)

- What did Asha Devi teach Ajay?
- What are the benefits of having productive hobbies?
- Write note on Illavalaghi.
- Which should be used with adults supervision?

**XI. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words. (1 × 5 = 5)**

1. Do you think Illavalaghi is an inspirational personality? why?
2. What happened when Vetri met Asif?
3. What are the safety measures to be followed for sunstroke?

**Section - D (Poetry)**

**XII. Quote from memory from the poem "Lessons in Life". (5 × 1 = 5)**

(From: Having a friend ... To: ... always so simple.)

**XIII. Appreciation Questions. (3 × 1 = 3)**

- A.**
1. *It keeps my rational Doors ajar.*  
What does 'ajar' mean?
  2. *Having a friend is like planting a flower  
Show love and kindness it one day will bloom*  
What is planting a flower is compared to?
  3. *Mistress, Master, hear me yelp,  
I'm out-of-doors, I want your help.*  
Whom did the dog ask for help?

**B. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words. (1 × 3 = 3)**

1. Why do you share your secrets to your best friend?
2. "Lessons in life aren't always so simple" - Explain

**Section - E (Supplementary)**

**XIV. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words. (1 × 5 = 5)**

1. According to Corbett, why a tiger turns into a man eater?
2. What did John think about human's attitude on animals?
3. What did Cesar do when he was offered food by the nurses?

**XV. Complete the letter written by John to the Police Commissioner about thenoise caused by the loudspeaker in a musical shop near his house. (1 × 5 = 5)**

**XVI. Picture Comprehension. (1 × 5 = 5)**



**Questions :**

1. What do you see in this picture?
2. How many persons are there in this picture?
3. What is there on the table.
4. Give a suitable title to this picture.

**Answers**

**Section - A**

- I.** 1. (b) ancient 2. (a) apart  
3. (b) joyfully
- II.** 1. (a) un protection 2. (a) rotten  
3. (b) defeat
- III.** 1-(c); 2-(a); 3-(b)
- IV.** 1. crises 2. sheep
- V.** 1. NCC - National Cadet Corps.  
2. ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation.
- VI.** 1. Ed-u-ca-tion 2. Per-son-al-i-ty

**Section - B**

- VII.** 1. Proper Noun - Guri, Kavya  
Common Noun - Police, Girl, Boy  
Collective Noun - Happiness  
Material Noun - Gold
- VIII.** 1. Amutha is a student she is fond of reading.  
2. Dev is a cricketer he scores many centuries.
- IX.** 1. will 2. would

**Section - C**

- X.** 1. Asha Devi taught Ajay the old and dying technique of 'Traditional Indian Miniature Painting'.  
2. Reading, Writing, Cooking, Painting, Gardening, Knitting, Swimming,