

# English

(202)

## Assignment - I

(Lesson 1 - 11)

Max. Marks: 25

**Note:**

- (i) All questions are compulsory. Each question carries equal marks.
- (ii) Write your name, enrolment number, AI name and subject etc. on the top of the first page of the answer sheet.

1. (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

The following shots showed the sweet - seller walking through a bamboo grove. Apu was right behind him, and then Durga, and behind Durga was the dog. All were walking in single file. Nobody, who saw the film guessed that the dog was behaving like an experienced actor only because Durga had clasped her hands behind her back, and in those clasped hands was a large sweet to tempt him along:

- (i) How many people were there in the scene?
- (ii) Who was in the front?
- (iii) What did Durga do to make the dog follow her?
- (iv) Which phrase in the passage means similar to '*one behind the other*'?

**OR**

Once upon a time there lived a king in central India. He was handsome but very vain. He looked at himself constantly in mirrors, in pools of water, even in other people's eyes when they spoke to him. "I am the most handsome king an Earth." He said to his courtiers. He spent more time having his hair combed in different styles and his body oiled than in ruling his kingdom. As a result, his people grew poorer and sadder.

- (i) Why did the 'king look into the pools of water'?
  - (ii) What did the king say to the courtiers?
  - (iii) Why did the people become poor and sad?
  - (iv) Which word in the passage means similar to '*good looking*'?
- (b) Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 60-80 words.
- (i) How did Tenali Ram prove that a mother's job is more difficult than ruling a kingdom?
  - (ii) What impression did the tiger get about human beings after he entered the market? What had he thought about them before that?
- (c) Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 60-80 words:
- (i) What are the Tall Trees compared to? Mention the details of the comparison.
  - (ii) What help do birds get from trees? If there were no trees what problem would the birds have.

2. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on any one of the topics.

(i) The value of Trees for human beings

(ii) Your next door neighbour.

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets.

Yesterday I ..... (go) to Noida by bus. On the way I ..... (visit) the Akshardham Temple. I ..... (take) off my shoes at the entrance and ..... (leave) them there itself. When I ..... (come) back the shoes were not there!

4. Read the news item given below and answer the questions that follow:

Rajasthan Royals, who lifted the trophy at the inaugural IPL, has come out with two new looks for their player jerseys. For the first time in the history of IPL, a team will have two jerseys, one for home matches (blue with golden sleeves) and another for those played away from home (golden with blue sleeves). The Kolkata Knight Riders, who in the earlier two editions turned out in black and gold jerseys, will now be seen in purple and gold. Team co-owner Shah Rukh Khan said he was hoping the purple jerseys would attract more women fans to his team. "I'm told girls like the colour." he said.

(i) Name the team which won the inaugural IPL match.

(ii) Describe the two kinds of jerseys that Rajasthan Royals are going to wear in the IPL matches this time.

(iii) What change has been made in the jerseys of the Kolkata Knight Riders?

(iv) What position does Shah Rukh Khan hold in the Kolkata KR's team?

(v) Why has Shah Rukh Khan's team decided to have purple jerseys?

5. You are organising an awareness campaign to protect the environment. Write five effective slogans that you would use on the placards.

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**Assignment - II**  
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**Note:**

- (i) All questions are compulsory. Each question carries equal marks.
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1. (a) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

The youngman threw the hammer and the chiesel to the ground and cried. I'm leaving you, father. I'm leaving you and your work. Look what it has brought us." He spread out his arms, looked out the small, congested dark-room, the slabs of stone and marble stacked up in one corner, the cot covered with heaps of used clothes. The paint of white - washed wall has come off." Look what it has brought us - nothing, nonthing', the youngman repeated in anger, this kind of work just doesn't pay.:

- (i) Why is the youngman angry?
- (ii) How does he show his anger?
- (iii) What words show that the youngman belonged to a family of masons?
- (iv) Which word in the passage means similar to '*cremped / stuffed with artricles*', in this context.

**Or**

If we are to be India's soldiers, we have to respect India's honour, and that honour is a sacred trust..... It is no easy matter to decide what is right and what's not. One little test I shall ask you to apply whenever you are in doubt..... Never do anything in secret or anything that you would wish to hide. For the desire to hide anything means you are afraid, and fear is a bad thing and unworthy of you. Be brave, and all the rest follows...

- (i) What two pieces of advice does the writer offer to the reader?
- (ii) Why does the speaker / writer advise that one should not hide anything that he/she desires to do?
- (iii) Which word in the passage means similar to '*whatever is left*'.

- (b) Answer any one of the following questions in about 60-80 words.

- (i) How does the author of '*Noise : How it affects our lives*' show difference between 'noise' and 'sound'? How can one escape from the bad effects of noise?
- (ii) How did Gandhiji get rid of his act of stealing? What was his father's reaction to what Gandhiji did?
- (c) The poet of '*The Wonderful World*' calls the world 'great, wide, beautiful and wonderful', why does he say so?

**Or**

The poet of 'Shining things' finds various living and non-living things bright and shining. What are all those things?

2. Here are a few autobiographical facts about the famous shahnai player Bismillah Khan. Write a portrait of the Shahnai maestro based on the given facts.

Name	Bissmillah Khan
Birth place	Varanasi
First experiences	as the age of 9 years before the ruler of Varanasi
Other experiences	Played Shahanai from the ramparts of the Red Fort in 1947 on India's first Independence Day
Honour conferred	Bharat Ratna Award: India's highest honour Several cash awards
Last wish	Music should be made compulsory in schools Donated a huge sum for establishing an academy

**Or**

Once you could not qualify for a competitive exam. Write a page of your personal diary to record how you felt at that point of time.

3. Make notes on the passage given below. Give a suitable title to the passage.

It is known that a cold is caused by one of a number of viral infections that affect the lining of the nose and other passages leading to the lungs but the confusing variety of viruses makes study and remedy very different. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or the other of a family of viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there still remain many colds for which no virus has as yet been isolated.

Many other infections, viruses can not be seen with ordinary microscopes because they are smaller than any other bacteria. Nor can they be cultivated easily in the bacteriologists laboratory, since they only grow within the living cells of animals or plants. A recent technique, in which bits of animal tissues are enabled to go on living and to multiplying dependently of the body has greatly aided virus research and has led to the discovery of a large number of viruses.

4. Rewrite the following sentences using the passive forms of the verbs, given in bracket, in each case.

It (a)..... (know) to everyone that the exams (b) ..... (postpone) as the Maths paper (c) ..... (leak) right from the press. The person responsible for storing in question papers in safe custody. (d)..... (arrest) by the police on the charge of negligence. He (e) ..... (question) by the SHO of the nearest police station.

## 5. Project work

India is a country of contradictions. Most people are illiterate and fall below the poverty line. Similarly, most of them have been affected because of their superstitious beliefs and also because they don't allow new ideas prevail over rest of them.

Take a project on '*India, a country of dissimilarities*'.

Follow the following suggested steps to draw conclusion as to why that dissimilarity. Suggest ways and means to bridge the gulf.

**Step-I.** Conduct a survey of people in rural as well as urban areas. (at least 10 such people)

Prepare a questionnaire to record.

- (a) Financial status - rich, poor, middle class
- (b) Social status - caste and creed
- (c) Educational background
- (d) Language proficiency,
- (e) Working / Non-working / Salaried / free trading
- (f) Married / un married
- (g) Having children or issue less.
- (h) Having experience of visiting metros and other countries.
- (i) Exposure through newspapers, magazines, movies and T.V. Serials.

**Step-II** Collecting and classifying information. (Encoding and decoding the information)

**Step-III** Drawing conclusion so as to show the difference.

**Step IV** Suggesting ways and means to bridge the gulf. Through interaction with people understudy providing reference material - showing video clippings, providing reading material.

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**Assignment - III**  
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1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(a) With his group of helpers, Dunant helped to save many lives. Water and medicine were brought. Mattresses of straw were smoothed so that the wounded could lie in comfort those who despaired were given hope. Prayers were said for the dying. The "Gentleman in White" (as Duinant was called because he wore a white suit) was thought of by hundreds of wounded man as an angel.

- (i) How could Dunant help to save many lives?
- (ii) Which word in the extract means '*ingured*'?
- (iii) For what were the mattresses smoothed?
- (iv) What did the wounded consider Dunant to be?

**Or**

India must stand up to the world because I believe that unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand-in-hand. My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds, Dr Vikram Sarabhai, Professor Satish Dhawan and Dr. Braham Prakash. I was lucky to have worked with all three of them closely and consider this the great opportunity of my life.

- (i) Who is 'I' in the extract?
  - (ii) Why does the spaker believe that India must stand up to the world?
  - (iii) Which two powers should go hand in hand?
  - (iv) Which phrase in the extract means 'go together'?
- (b) Answer, briefly, only one of the following questions in about 60 to 80 words.
- (i) How did Mothre Teresa help the dying people?
  - (ii) What are the advantages of recycling?
- (c) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
- (i) We join with the earth and with each other  
To recreate the human community  
To promote justice and peace

To remember our children  
We join with the earth and with each other

- (i) Mention the two things the poet emphasizes to create the human community.
- (ii) What message does the poet give in the above lines?

**or**

(ii) Pain from words has left its scar  
On mind and heart that's tender  
Cuts and bruises now have healed  
It's words that I remember.

- (i) What has caused pain to the heart and mind of the poet?
- (ii) Write the message the poet wants to convey in the above lines.

2. (a) Complete the following with the noun form of the adjectives given in brackets.
- (i) Morning walk gives us ..... (strong) to work for the whole day.
  - (ii) He left his studies due to untimely .....(dead) of his father.
- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets:
- (i) I always ..... (feel) happy at the thought of holidays.
  - (ii) In Simla it was for the first time I ..... (see) snow fall.
  - (iii) Packets of sweets .....(distribute) to the children on Children's Day.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Cancer today continues to reach epidemic proportions, and the fight against it is gaining national importance. Yet we are woefully ignorant and blase about it. In this scenario the Indian Cancer Society (ICS) comes as a beacon of hope for cancer patients and their families. It is the brain child of well meaning individuals who went beyond the confines of their world to give something back to society by helping the under privileged.

- (i) Why is cancer gaining national importance?
- (ii) What has been referred to as 'beacon of hope'?
- (iii) What is ICS doing for cancer patients?
- (iv) Pick out the expression which means the same as - *less fortunate*.
- (v) Pick out the expression from the passage which describes the wide spread of cancer.

4. You recently visited the zoo in Delhi. Write a letter to your friend who is living at 13/22, Sector 14, Chandigarh describing your experience during your visit to the zoo. You are Manish from 17/10, Saraswati Kunj, New Delhi.

**Or**

You have purchased a mobile phone for the first time. Give a description of your mobile phone in about 100 words and your feeling of excitement.

## 5. **Project work**

India is making progress in every respect including women's education. But in the weaker and the unprivileged section of our society even today the girl-child education is neglected. It has harmful effects on the girl's own life and also on the family she has to take responsibility in future.

Take a project on the situation of the girl-child education in the slum area of your neighbourhood.

Follow the steps given below and draw the conclusions as to why the girl child education is neglected and suggest ways to facilitate education to the girl child of the weaker and unprivileged sections of the society.

### **Step-I:**

Select 10 families for survey. Prepare a questionnaire to collect information based on the following points.

- (a) size of the family – (how many girls and boys)
- (b) financial status of the family.
- (c) role of the girl-child and male child in day to day life of the family.
- (d) opinion of the head of the family regarding girl-child education.
- (e) awareness towards the importance of girl-child education e.g. how an educated girl can make the quality of life better
- (f) reasons of not going to school.

### **Step-II**

Analyse the data collected and classify it to draw the conclusion.

### **Step III**

On the basis of your findings suggest the measures to improve the status of girl-child education and to change the outlook of the family.

### **Step IV**

Write a report based on your observations and suggestions.