

English
(302)
Assignment - I
(Lesson 1 - 9)

Max. Marks: 25

Note:

- (i) All the questions are compulsory.
 - (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 anyone of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

Oh papa, last week, my rose plant almost died. Some pests, I asked my Biology teacher what I should do to save it. And she was cross. She said ask the guy who keeps gardening things. He'll tell you. We learn about pesticides but we do not know how to use them. Oh father, it matters not to me why the apple does not fall upward, nor do I care what Archimedes did. What matters to me is that my rose plant remains healthy; when there is fuse in my house, I should know how to do something about it,...

- (i) How did the writer's rose die?
- (ii) Why could the Biology teacher not help the writer about his dying rose?
- (iii) What does the writer want education to do with a learner?
- (iv) What is the writer's own concept of role of education?
- (v) Which word used in this extract means similar to 'angry'?

OR

If my age and the sickness deprived me of the treasured memories of sight, they also reduced the things which are valued so much in the sighted world to nothing more than mere words, empty of meaning. I started living in a universe where it was not the flood of sunshine streaming through the nursery window or the colours of the rainbow, a sunset or a full moon that mattered but the feel of the sun against the skin, the slow drizzling sound of the spattering rain, the feel of the air just before the coming of the quiet night, the smell of the grass on a warm morning.

- (i) Why does the writer feel deprived of certain memories of sight?
 - (ii) What all did the writer miss in his life?
 - (iii) How did the writer know that it was raining or sun was shining bright?
 - (iv) How would the writer know that it was a warm morning?
 - (v) Which word in the passage means similar for the following: 'undisturbed silence'
- (b) Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 60-80 words:
- (i) Would you call Dr. Benson a kind and gentle doctor?

- (ii) What was the contribution of Sunil Gavaskar's family members in making his career in cricket?
- (c) Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 60-80 words.
- (i) What all attractions, though in nature's company, do people miss? (Leisure)
- (ii) What all memories related to the poet's childhood are expressed by the poet?
What does she miss now? (My Grandmother's House)
2. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on **any one** of the following topics.
- (i) Pains and pleasures of being the eldest, or youngest child in the family.
- (ii) Tasks ahead for the Indian youth.
3. Fill in the blanks in the following passage with the correct form of the words given in brackets.
- The old lady(1)..... (return) from the city market. She(2)..... (buy) a good number of eatables. She(3)..... (surprise) me because she(4) (choose) a beautiful wrist watch. I(5)..... (thank) her profusely.
4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.
- Depression arising out of the environmental factors is called reactive depression whereas depression arising out of some biochemical changes in the brain is called endogenous depression. If depression is mild or moderate and if the individual is in touch with the surroundings, it is known as neurotic depression. If the individual is severely disturbed and is not able to comprehend what is happening around him such as state is called psychotic depression.
- Old age is one of the stages of human development, where a person attains wisdom, maturity, social and economic stability with social recognition and emotional fulfilment. Generally, society shows a great respect and consideration for the aged. In ancient times, old people were considered as the guiding stars in Indian families, since they were symbols of tradition, respect, wisdom and experience. They were of great value because they could impart knowledge and skill to youngsters. The old people were considered as repository of wisdom and traditions and not perceived as problems.
- (i) Mention any two types of depression discussed in the passage.
- (ii) What are the symptoms of psychotic depression?
- (iii) What are the characteristics of an aged person? Mention any two.
- (iv) How were the old people treated in the past and specially in India?
- (v) Which words in this extract seems similar to the following:
1. Very old
 2. thought/regarded.

5. Project work:

Teen agers (boys and girls) experience certain changes in their thinking and physique. How does it affect the growing adult in terms of behaviour and thinking? What are such areas where this change is noticeable.

Interview at least 10 male and female, to arrive at this change.

Make a questionnaire to collect necessary statistics. Clearly state the parameters of your study and report in tabular form

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Assignment - II
(Lesson 10 - 17)

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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 any **one** of the following two extracts and answer the questions that follow:

Listen. The game's up as far as I'm concerned. Things went wrong with me. I said it with bullets and got away. Unfortunately they got one of my men, and found things the fool should have learnt. Tonight I'm expecting trouble. My bag's packed ready to clear off. There it is.

It's a bag all right and this is a gun all right. What's all this?

That's a disguise outfit; false moustaches and what not. How do you believe me?

(musingly) I don't know."

- (i) Who are the two persons talking to each other?
- (ii) What was packed in the bag?
- (iii) What went wrong with whom?
- (iv) What was the speaker getting ready for?
- (v) Pick out the word which means the same as 'dress'.

Or

'India today presents a very mixed picture of hope and anguish of remarkable advances and at the same time of inertia; of new spirit and also the dead hand of the past and privileges; of an overall and growing unity and many disruptive tendencies. Withal there is a great vitality and ferment in people's mind and activities.

It is remarkable thing that a country and a people rooted in this remote past, who have shown so much resistance to change in the past, should now be marching forward rapidly and with resolute steps.

- (i) What is specific about the picture of India according to the speaker?
- (ii) What is most remarkable about people's mind at present?
- (iii) Write two example of trends Mr. Nehru finds positive about people of India.
- (iv) What does Nehru feel about the spirit of unity among the people of India.
- (v) Pick out the word from the passage which means the same as 'disappointment'.

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

Baldeo has a great sense of responsibility. Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer.

Or

Why was Aradhana shocked and shattered? What truth she wanted to know?

- (c) Why did the poet choose the road which was untrodden.

Or

What is the poet's idea about 'freedom' that he wants his countrymen to achieve?

2. Write a letter to the Officer (Academics) of NIOS enquiring about the various courses offered as you want to enrol yourself as student for class XII. You are Mamta/Manish, resident of 29, Janakpuri, Delhi.

OR

Write a letter to the Officer, Customer Services, BSES complaining about the electricity bills which are in excess for the last one year. You have already complained twice but no action has been taken.

3. Complete the following sentences with suitable words to make adjective clause.
- (i) Please return my book _____ you borrowed from me.
 - (ii) I like to make friends _____ are honest in their behaviour.
 - (iii) The house _____ I purchased last year has proved lucky for me.
 - (iv) The incident _____ changed his life didn't seem to be so important at that time.
 - (v) Vanita's remark _____ she made for Karuna reflects her mean mentality.
4. Read the passage given below and make notes on the passage using recognisable abbreviations. Also give a suitable 'heading' to the passage.

The communities of ants are sometimes very large, numbering even up to 500 individuals: and it is a lesson to us that no one has ever yet seen a quarrel between any two ants belonging to the same community. On the other hand it must be admitted that they are in hostility not only with most other insects including ants of different species, but even with those of the same species if belonging to different communities. I have over and over again introduced ants from the nest to another of the same species; and they were invariably attacked, seized by a leg or an antenna, and dragged out.

It is evident therefore, that all the ants of each community recognised one another and were perfectly friendly, while they at once attacked ants from a different nest, although of the same species.

It has been suggested that the ants of each nest have some sign or password by which they recognise one another.

5. **Project**

Make a project on "**The use of internet and the habit of reading**".

Objective: To analyse the impact of using internet on the users habit of reading.

Step I : Interview atleast ten families where children of age group of 15 to 19 yrs use internet.

Tool: questionnaire. Prepare a questionnaire to derive relevant information such as - time devoted, type of information searched, reading habit of the users before they started using internet, how their habit was effected after

their habit was effected after their exposure to internet, opinion of the users on using it. Do they ever regret its use?

Step II: Draw a suitable table to reflect the information gathered.

Step III: Write a report based on your information from the interviews and your own views on the issue.

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Assignment - III
(Lesson 18- 25)

Max. Marks: 25

Note:

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

- (A) Animals have keener instinct than man. If a man goes to them with murder in his heart, they are afraid of him and run away. But if he has any love for animals, they realize that he is a friend and do not mind him. If you are full of fear yourself, then the animal is afraid too, and might attack you in self-defence. The fearless person is seldom, if ever, attacked.

Perhaps that lesson might be applied to human beings also. If we meet other people in a friendly way, they also become friendly. But if we are afraid of them or if we show our dislike of them, then they behave in the same manner.

- (i) Cite the arguments that support the speaker's statement: 'Animals have keener instincts than man'.
- (ii) In the passage, there is a parallel drawn in the behaviour of animals and human beings regarding their tendency to attack. What are the points of similarity?
- (iii) Pick out the word from the passage which mean the same as:
'natural inborn tendency to behave in a certain way'

Or

To see that pressure or tension does not build up and haunt a person, one should programme one's work. One should take up a task which is within one's capacity and find out an easy way to accomplish one's goal. This can be achieved if one has a calm and balanced mind and lots of patience. One must, first complete the task which one finds comparatively easier to do. This will promote self-confidence. Development of self-confidence leads to an improved perspective. This enables one to deal with more difficult problems and solve them. One will then find that there is no problem without a solution. With this realization, stress will automatically vanish.

- (i) Why is it important to programme one's work? How should one do it?
- (ii) What is the importance of self confidence in one's life?
- (iii) Pick out the word from the passage which means the same as:
'complete successfully'.

(B) Answer any **one** of the following questions in 60-80 words.

Narrate the course of events that led to Bholi's decision of refusing to marry Bishamber Nath. Was it right on her part to do so? Why? Why not?

(Bholi)

OR

What kind of a childhood did Bholi have? Would she have a better childhood if her parent's attitude was positive?

(Bholi)

(C) What did the peasants do to ease out the pain and suffering of the poet's mother when she was stung by a scorpion? Did it help her?

(Night of the Scorpion)

OR

The poet says that his father who was a rationalist 'tried out everything'. What were the things that he did?

(Night of the Scorpion)

2. The following passage has six errors. The errors are of grammar, spellings and punctuation. Spot the errors and provide the corrections. One has been done for you.

Energy is the basic need to national economical. Electricity energy is primarily derive from coal water and oil in india. None of these energy sources are free from causing some impact on envernement. sustainable development aims at taking steps to safeguard the envernement.

ERROR	CORRECTED FORM
Economical	economics
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3. Narrate in about 75-80 words your experience of having helped a friend/a relative/ a total stranger, come out of a difficult situation.

OR

Write an imaginary description of your dream house—a house which you dream to buy for yourself.

OR

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

I know a couple who once lived in a tiny rented room. They did no even have coats to wear in winter, nor any other clothes than those on their backs. Their meals consisted of little more than miso soup and a bowl of rice. The wife's cheeks were sunken in. They had a new born baby and diapers hung all over the closet-like flat. The wife worked, leaving the baby at a cheap day nursery, and the husband studied at the University of

Fukuoka, attending classes in working clothes. He devoted much-needed time for sleep to his work as a part-time night guard.

The husband walked, or sometimes ran, from their room to the day nursery and from there to school, altogether eight kilometers every day. The money he saved on bus fare was spent on the baby's milk. He was already thirty-three. Sometimes he spent whole nights working so that there might be milk to soothe the cries of the hungry baby. Both he and his wife suffered from malnutrition and since they pawned his only suit every time they needed money, he scarcely ever wore it.

When I look within the hearts of these two people, I feel as though I were in a field of blossoming flowers of spring and brilliant sunshine. He and his wife could never have gone through such hard times so admirably without hope in the future, steadfast love, and deep understanding and faith in each other. These are the most precious treasures a person can possess. I believe that the many days they spent with only such treasures as these to call their own, must have been truly fulfilling and happy in their own way.

- (i) Quote details from the passage that are suggestive of the couple's poor living conditions and denial of adequate food and clothing.
- (ii) What did the husband do to buy milk for the baby?
- (iii) What does the writer feel about this couple?
- (iv) What helped the young couple to go through such hard times?
- (v) If you were to describe this couple, what adjectives would you use?

ESP RECEPTIONIST

Answer the following in not more than 15-20 words each.

- (i) What is a receptionist's office called? What makes it the focal point of an organization?
- (ii) What are the basic duties of a receptionist? Mention any six.
- (iii) What strategies does a receptionist often use to keep control of the conversation when she faces the problem of disturbing sounds and multiple enquiries?
- (iv) What is the purpose of:
 - (a) Register of caller
 - (b) Early Morning Call Sheet?
- (v) Frame requests for the following replies:
 - (a) You could try 'Brilliant Stones'. They sell genuine stuff.
 - (b) You should go to the Immigration office right away.
 - (c) You should see a Dentist immediately. There is a 'Dental care centre' close by.

OR

ESP II (For Office Use)

1. Write an e-mail message to M/s Krishna Wears, Gandhi Nagar to expedite the supply of 200 children's wears for sales as per the specifications submitted along with the

quotation. You are Manager (sales) Guddu Ke Kapre, Ahmedabad.

2. What do the following signals mean, said by the speaker
 - (a) We won't finish by one if we aren't brisk.
 - (b) Now to business.
3. You had received an order for the supply of 100 cotton shirts and trousers from M/s Dress Well Clothings, Gwalior. But the supply has not been made though time limit has expired.

Write a letter reminding them to expedite. You may like to refer to your terms of supply. You are Manager (Sales) Fancy Kapadia, Ahmedabad.

4. A theft was committed in your Company's stores last week. You have been made convenor of the enquiring committee set by the MD of your company (Lohia Electronics, Naya Bazar, Indore). You had two more outsiders as the members of your company.

Prepare a report of enquiry conducted by you, in the appropriate format, giving necessary details, procedure followed and giving suggestions to be followed in future to avoid such an incident. You are Manager (Security), M/s Lohia Electronics, Naya Bazar, Indore.

5. How will you prepare for an interview. What information should you have to impress the interview committee? Mention **two** things that you need to be careful about your interview.