



CLASS IX & X
GRAMMAR
COMPOSITIONS
LESSON 7
ESSAY

SOLUTIONS

EXERCISE

Q1. Write an essay on “My Neighbour”.

Ans:-

MY NEIGHBOUR

Introduction

Man is a social being. Nobody can live alone and produce everything for himself or herself. People have been living together over the centuries. Two persons living near each other are called neighbours. A good neighbour is a great blessing indeed. All great teachers always taught their followers to be good neighbours and to love their neighbours. Love thy neighbour as you yourself-is a popular saying.

My neighbour

Chaoba is my Neighbour. He is a nice person with taking manners. He is highly educated. He works in a bank and draws a good salary. His house is very grand and spacious. He is a busy man, yet he finds time for those who live near him. He is always cheerful and that is why he is quite healthy. I am indeed fortunate to have such a good and noble neighbour.

Chaoba’s family is a small family. He has two sons and a daughter. All the three children are well-behaved. They have made friends with my brother and sister. They often come to our house to play with us.

Whenever there is a common problem in the neighbourhood, Chaoba takes the lead. He tells everyone to help in solving the problem. Everyone co-operates with him and the problem is no more. Last year fever broke out in our village. Chaoba showed us the way and we carefully looked after cleanliness. As a result, there was not a single case of fever in our locality.

Conclusion

Thank God, we have a person like Chaoba in our neighbourhood. He is so popular in the area that everybody likes to be in his company. May God grant him a long life and grant us his valuable Company.



Q2. Write an essay on “My favourite Teacher”.

Ans:-

MY FAVORITE TEACHER

Introduction

My favourite teacher was Madam Shantibala Devi who had taught me English for 2 years. She had studied in Delhi and came back to Imphal to be an English teacher. She had sparkle eyes and blonde hair. She was just a bit taller than I was. She always smiled to us as we saw each other in the hallway at school. She seemed very strict when I met her for the first time. However, we had a lot of fun during her classes as we had been told the jokes in English. She had skills at teaching, sense of humour, friendly, patient and easy going.

My Favourite Teacher

I had had her classes when I was in grade 10. I got good marks in it since then. She gave us tons of assignments which were for improving our English. She was very patient and enthusiastic to teach us whenever we had questions in her classes. Moreover, she would stay at school after school finished for hours to solve the problems that we had in her class. She would spend her private time to teach us western penmanship which was using two pencils and tightened them together with rubber bands. Then we could draw a letter with them. It was amazing. I learnt it while I had lunch with her. She would talk about her life also during lunch and found out that we had a lot in common. She liked eating Chinese and Japanese food. She always listened to pop music and sang karaoke. She said that it would be the way to be easier to communicate with her students. She was always friendly and easy going.

Conclusion

She encouraged us to do voluntary work after school or at weekends. She was in charge and leaded a group of students to do different kinds of services. Such as cleaning houses for seniors who lived by themselves; selling stickers for charity; leading blind people to walk in the street regularly and planting bushes for the protesting environment organization. She was a very helpful person.



Q3. Write an essay on “A bus accident”

Ans:-

A BUS ACCIDENT

Introduction

Once I happened to travel by bus. It was packed to its capacity. The rush was due to a fair. The bus was delayed at the bus stand by a few minutes. The driver tried to make up for the lost time. He drove the bus at top speed. Some of the passengers did not like it. They asked him not to do but he was a reckless driver. He did not care for their advice.

A bus accident

We saw a bus coming from the opposite direction. He noticed it, but did not turn the bus to a side. When it came very near he turned the bus to a side. The speed was high. He could not control it. The bus struck against a tree and we received a severe jerk. I was sitting near the window. The window opened by itself. I fell out of the bus. After striking against the tree the bus fell into a pit and turned turtle. I was slightly hurt but escaped from serious injuries. I stood up and ran to help the wounded persons.

Conclusion

Some of the passengers were lying senseless, while others were crying with pain. A few pedestrians came to help us. We extricated the wounded passengers and rendered first aid to them. The condition of the driver was serious. The limbs of some of the passengers were mutilated. After a few minutes another bus came. It stopped. Its passengers got down. With their help the wounded passengers were laid in the bus. They were carried to the nearest hospital. The bus returned after a short time and carried its passengers.





Q4. Write an essay on “The Happiest day of my life”.

Ans:-

THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE

Introduction

Life is full of happiness and sadness, the latter being more common in life. A happy day is that day when everything seems to go well with life and loved ones, though these happy days are also different from each other due to the degree of happiness they impart.

The happiest day of my life

The happiest day of my life is the day when my elder brother graduated from the IIT, Delhi. One would wonder why and how should that event make me so very happy, that, I earmark it as the happiest day of my life. Yes, I call this day as the happiest day of my life up to now, as that day gave me a lot of happiness both physically and mentally.

My elder brother is ten years senior to me and, I was in the Seventh Standard when my brother passed out of the IIT, Delhi, completing his graduation in Engineering. His result was announced in May. It was the 17th of May I remember, as, it was also the first day of my summer vacation.

I was all set and relaxed for the long summer vacation when this happiest day came.

My brother came home at about 11 am and informed Mummy about his result. The news was hardly breathed out to Mummy that, the house forthwith reverberated with sounds and feelings of happiness.

Mummy at once gave a call to Daddy in his office giving him the news. Many people called up to congratulate. I had never seen such enthusiasm in our home, and so many good wishes and congratulations pouring in.

Conclusion

I felt that the whole house and I were at once placed on a high pedestal, and as if we were all on top of the world. It appeared to me as if the whole world or at least the entire society was in search of my brother. Within an hour or two, there was as if a stream of relatives and friends pouring in to wish us- my parents and my brother.



Q5. Write an essay on “A cold winter day”.

Ans:-

A COLD WINTER DAY

Introduction

India is a land of four seasons and each season is associated with its typical characteristics. Winter season too has its ills and joys. We are fortunate that we can experience all four seasons of India, dry and hot summer, the rainy season, the winter, spring and autumn. In many parts of India such as Chennai, Bengal and Mumbai, you can mostly experience the hot weather and the rainy season.

A cold winter day

In Delhi, winter season lasts from November to February. It can be as cold as two degrees during the winter season. I love this season because I can enjoy walking outdoors by keeping myself well covered. It is fun to sit around a fire and have a hot cup of tea with bread and boiled eggs.

At home it is a pleasure to snuggle into my bed, with a hot water bottle and a room heater warming my room. Snuggling in my bed, with the servant offering me hot chocolate or tea, I shiver but it is fun.

I love to have Indian sweets with milk, during the winter season and other delicacies which my mother makes, especially on the New Year's eve.

It is a kind of adventure for me to venture out on a foggy day. The fog, which envelops the city, makes it real fun to travel. The visibility at times is less than four feet and my father dreads driving a car in such weather conditions but I enjoy this drive.

School also becomes exciting on a foggy day when there is a lot of mist and fog. Usually buses reach school late, the teachers are also late, giving us a little more time than unusual, to enjoy ourselves.

Early morning, playing in the school ground, especially in the foggy condition, is an experience of a life time.

Conclusion

Somehow, I do not feel the cold, I enjoy it. The canteen serves hot buns and we wait for break time to enjoy the same. It gets dark early, making Delhi a mystery and adds to the suspense and adventure of the winter season. Some say it can be gloomy and dull but for me it is fun and excitement.



Q6. Write an essay on “A day of heavy rain”.

Ans:-

A DAY OF HEAVY RAIN

Introduction

A large part of India’s population depends on Agriculture. Around 70% of India’s population is living in villages, depending on Agriculture. Our harvest depends on rains. The summer season in India is very hot. People wait for the rains eagerly.

A day of heavy rain

When the clouds hover in the country’s sky, they present a very attractive sight. Usually rains start from Mid-June or early July in Delhi and continue till mid- September.

It was the middle of July. Suddenly dark clouds gathered in the east. A cool breeze began to blow. There was thunder and lightning. Soon heavy rain started. Since it was the first heavy rain of the season, I felt very happy. I put my bag aside and sat down in the covered balcony to enjoy the rain.

The rain continued for one hour. It was the first shower of the season. After a heavy rainfall, the low-lying areas and streets turned into streams. There was water everywhere. This heavy downpour had disturbed the traffic on the roads. Children were very happy. They got a golden chance to play in the rainy water. They splashed it at each other and floated their paper boats in the streams.

The trees and plants began to shine after a bath in the rain. Birds, beasts and all other living beings were happy. In the park, I saw a peacock dancing with his beautiful coloured feathers spread like a fan. I felt very proud of our national bird.

Conclusion

That day I did not go to the market and stayed home enjoying the heavy showers. I requested my mother to fry some bread. I felt as refreshed and delighted as never to forget that rainy day.



Q7. Write an essay on “A sleepless summer night”.

Ans:

A SLEEPLESS SUMMER NIGHT

Introduction

Summer is the most terrible season of the year. The sun shines brightly in the sky. Its scorching heat is unbearable. Everyone perspires from head to foot. Hot winds blow during the whole day. Day and night are equally hot. The heat makes life extremely hard. Birds and animals thirst for water. They look for cool and shady corners for rest and relief. Everybody looks tired, dull and lazy under the influence of heat.

A sleepless summer night

A summer night is very horrible. It is difficult to have an undisturbed sleep. When there is a cut in the electricity supply, life becomes hell. The condition goes from bad to worse. I have also faced a numberless sleepless nights. But there is one particular night which I can't forget in my whole life. It was the month of June. One evening it was almost close. There was no whiff of air. To add to our woes, suddenly the electricity went out. The fans stopped. It became difficult to lie in bed.

I kept tossing in the bed. The mosquitoes began to bite. In the scorching heat, it was difficult to cover the body with a sheet. Sleep was out of question. I had neither mosquito net nor mosquito repellent. I had to use hand fan but there was no relief. The throat was getting dry every now and then. I drank litres of water. Little children in the neighbourhood were crying because of intense heat. Their jarring cries made me uneasy.

Conclusion

Everybody was feeling like a fish out of water. There was no sign of electric current. The people were constantly phoning the electricity complaint centre. A major fault in the electricity supply was reported. The heat was tortuous. I went to the bath room and took bath twice. I came out and began strolling in the lawn. Time was passing very slowly. Thus I had to spend a sleepless night.



Q8. Write an essay on “My ambition in life”.

Ans:-

MY AMBITION IN LIFE

Introduction

Ambition is a great incentive to work. A life without ambition is like an arrow without a target. Seneca rightly said, "If one does not know which part one is sailing, no wind is favourable." An ambition is a dream with a deadline.

My ambition in life

All successful people have an ambition. No one can get anywhere unless he knows where he wants to go and what he wants to be or do. My ambition in life is to become a teacher. It is the best way to alter to the needs of coming generations. I know, the task of an excellent teacher is to stimulate apparently ordinary. I shall strive my best to guide my students not only to acquire knowledge but also prepare for the life in future. Every child is like a flower. I would mould my students to become both intelligent and knowledgeable. In short, all my students would grow up into ideal citizens and great human beings who have love for all living beings.

Conclusion

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops” said Henry Adams. The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. So, I would become a great teacher. And I would work hard to accomplish my ambition.



Q9. Write an essay on “A day without electricity”.

Ans:-

A DAY WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

Introduction

Today as we live in a world of technology, one of the most basic necessities of life is electricity. Today we cannot imagine living without it. What if there was no electricity for an entire day! How would it feel? Life seems to have come to a standstill without electricity.

A day without electricity

My first custom of the day after waking up is to head towards the bathroom to brush my teeth, and have a shower. I experienced a chill when cold water hit me; I realized there is only cold water available. The geyser was not working as there was no electricity. Feeling refreshed and revitalized after a cold shower, I headed towards the frost-free refrigerator for a snack, only to discover that the food in the refrigerator was warm and had been turned into something new. Refrigerators play an important role in food preservation, but without electricity they are useless. Surely a nice, hot cup of coffee would help me forget the ordeal that I was going through till now. So I ran to the coffee vending machine to have a cup of hot coffee, but realized that without electricity the coffee machine was no more useful. My hopes of having coffee seemed more like a dream. Reading the Sunday newspapers I realized that there would be no electricity supply for the entire day.

I could not watch my favourite TV programmes the entire day. The lift in my apartment was not working so I had to trudge up and down nearly becoming breathless. The exercise was helpful no doubt for my fitness! Just when I needed to send some urgent e-mails on my laptop, it shut down and I could not recharge the same. Co-incidentally, the gas also finished and neither did the induction cooker nor the microwave would work on account of power supply failure, and so I had to be satisfied with cold lunch.

Conclusion

Well! Thank the weather, it was not so hot that day, or else I would have got roasted in the heat. Eventually, power supply was restored in the evening and the only thing that I could say was - what a relief! The incident also helped me appreciate the value of electricity as an essential resource.



Q10. Write an essay on “Elections”.

Ans:-

ELECTIONS

Introduction

Public elections are the first sign of democracy and necessary attribute of the freedom of choice and thought given to the population. Elections as a decision-making process have their roots in ancient Greece and Rome and used to serve as the main mechanism for choice of Emperors and other important figures in the history. Modern election systems in different countries vary in minor aspects, but in the majority of cases they provide a choice or even make it a requirement for each adult citizen of the country to vote for one or another candidate.

Election

There are several types of elections in terms of who is being chosen. It can be presidential, parliamentary election on high governmental level or private and local election for authorities and other leadership positions. Education systems also apply election decision-making to provide students with equal opportunities to express their opinions. While some elections make decision based on the majority, the others require agreement from all the participants. The last is most common in cases where a number of voters do not exceed ten people.

One of the major conflicts that can arise around election process is suffrage. It is almost impossible to arrange election without limits and criteria, as it will significantly undermine the reliability of the election process. Taking this into consideration, election committees are generally very careful in their rule setting process. The major concern is as to how to meet the requirements of both democratic principles and reliability and feasibility of election process. Apart from this, modern elections start to become more similar to advertisement campaigns, providing the candidates with a chance to present themselves on the judgment of the electorate in all the fields - academic, political or scientific.

Conclusion

Modern elections, therefore, have greatly contributed to the development of new demographic and social sub-subject that is aimed at learning and analysis of the logic of various social communities in their decision-making process and preferences creation.



Q11. Write an essay on “Inflation”.

Ans:-

INFLATION

Introduction

The rise and fall of prices is natural but if the rise of prices is not in proportion to the rise of income, it is called inflation. This is bad for the country.

Inflation

The rise in prices started after the Second World War but it was not so high as to affect the economy of the country.

But during the recent years there has been abnormal rise in prices and it has affected the stability of the nation's economy. A nation caught up in the inflationary whirlpool finds it very difficult to come out of it. The prices of all commodities rise and it is a chronic disease afflicting a nation. When there is deficit budgeting a country has to resort to printing more currency notes for even higher tax rates and foreign aid do not compensate the deficit. Hence there is larger circulation of paper Currency in the country. This increases the purchasing power of the people leading to further rise in prices.

Though the Government enhances taxes, this is a greater tendency among the people to evade the taxes. As a result, black money has accumulated and it plays an invisible role in increasing the prices of commodities. Further, black money is used for indulging in speculation which also contributes to the inflationary rise in prices. Inflation has created a class of people who are becoming richer and another class of people who are becoming poorer.

The rise of the prices of petrol has also affected prices for we have to import a huge amount of oil every year. This increases freight charges resulting in the increase of prices of commodities. Failure of crops in the sixties has caused scarcity of essential commodities, resulting in overhaul rise of prices. Indo-Pak war was also another cause for the rise in prices.

Indian Government is making a great effort for checking this inflation. Banks have been nationalized so that they cannot advance loans to speculators and monopolists. The rates of interests were increased in order to encourage saving and withdraw currency from circulation. Compulsory Deposit-Schemes have been introduced. To neutralize the inflationary tendencies efforts have been taken to increase the industrial output.

All the efforts of the Government are not very successful for the rise of prices in India can also be attributed to the unethical attitude of the traders. Their only motive is to get as much profit as possible and they try to fleece the customers as much as possible. Stern measures are to be taken against such profiteers and black marketers.

Conclusion

The rise in prices has not been effectively controlled. Demonetization of the currency is suggested as an effective remedy by some economists. But it is an extremely unorthodox method. This may create doubts in the minds of people about the stability of the currency.

One of the effective methods is to take prompt and drastic action against the traders who are mainly responsible for the ever increasing prices.



Q12. Write an essay on “Students and politics”.

Ans:-

STUDENTS AND POLITICS

Introduction

Politics is a science which deals with the promotion of the general welfare of the state and its people. Like any other science it has its rules and laws which when put to work produce specific effects. Many debate about the participation of students in politics but the truth is, there is nothing wrong in students understanding the laws that govern the prosperity of their country. However one must realize that to run one must first learn to walk.

Students and Politics

The word politics has acquired a reputation for being associated with all things negative. It does not help to see our members of parliament hurling abuses at one another on prime television. Where is the dignity? Where is the respect for the constitution? Politics is generally equated with agitation-constitutional or unconstitutional.

This takes on bigger proportions when all kinds of media are used to propagate it. The escalating drama then rears its ugly head in the form of Bandhs, stone throwing, and unrestricted violence. The result is almost always loss of life and loss of property. Now this is the kind of politics that students should have no part of.

Conclusion

Constitutional agitation requires knowledge, acquaintance with the forms of government in the country and an understanding of the socio-economic dynamics of the country. It calls for educating the masses to understand their needs. It calls for pressing on those in power, the need to reform in an educated and nonviolent way.



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Q13. Write an essay on “Building castles in the air”.

Ans:-

BUILDING CASTLES IN THE AIR

Introduction

Building castles in the air means entertaining daydreams that will never come to pass. Building castles in the air usually involves plans that are nearly impossible for the dreamer to achieve. Such plans are considered flights of fancy, charming and idealized versions of an imaginary life that the dreamer lives.

Building castles in the air

Many practical people believe that building castles in the air is a waste of time, though not everyone feels that way. If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them. However, if an idea that one has conceived is brought to fruition, it is no longer a case of building castles in the air. Henry David Thoreau was an essayist and poet, a literary philosopher who famously retreated to life in the woods in order to find inspiration in the natural world. Thoreau built a cabin on Walden Pond and concentrated on his dreams and writings. He was a believer that God is present in nature and in humanity. Today, one may still visit Walden Woods and the area where Thoreau lived and wrote. The idea of building castles in the air may go back as far as St. Augustine, who lived 354-430. He created the *metaphor subtractor fundamento in aere aedificare*, which translates as to build on air with no foundation. The idiom building castles in the air first appeared in the 1500s, as a translation from the French. However, the original, literal translation of the French idiom was building castles in Spain. The first translation of

the phrase into English came from a work of French poetry known as Roman de la Rose, translated in the mid-1300s: “*Thou shalt make castles than in Spaine, And dreame of joy, all but in vaine.*”

Conclusion

This poem is a treatise on desire, romantic ideas and romantic love. The idiom building castles in Spain was well known at this time to mean something that is impossible to accomplish. Spain, held by the Moors, was an impenetrable force to the French, and not a place one could conquer and build a castle in. By the 1500s the reference to building castles in Spain was no longer understood, and fresh translations of the Roman de la Rose used the idiom building castles in the air, instead. Related phrases are build castles in the air, builds castles in the air, built castles in the air.



Q14. Write an essay on “How to spend the summer holidays”.

Ans:-

HOW TO SPEND THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Introduction

Every year before the final exams get over, I like to plan for the things I would be doing during the summer vacation. Gone summer vacations, I made a couple of commitments to myself and I am more than happy that I stuck to them.

Spending the summer holidays

Apart from playing guitar I also prepared for the coming academic session. I had already purchased the books in advance and studied for a couple of hours every day. Though there was no compulsion on when to study, I preferred anytime during the noon as it was mostly quiet. I planned it in such a way that I get some time to play after the music class.

Conclusion

Summer vacations are a part of the school schedule. Vacations will come every year, what's important is how you spend them. The more usefully you spend your vacations, the more happy and content you would be.





Q15. Write an essay on “Strike”.

Ans:-

STRIKE

Introduction

Strike refers to an act of abstinence from work for some time in order to protest against some injustice or exploitation. It is a joint activity of a group of persons having a common goal to achieve. Originally, it was a major instrument in the hands of the labour union for establishing their demands to the proprietor of the concern.

Strike

The labourers used to interrupt the work indefinitely until their demands were paid heed to. The causes of this strike were generally demand for a hike in the wage rate, demand for congenial working condition, demand for compensation at times of accident and many more. But with the passage of time strike has gained a broader dimension.

Nowadays strikes are no longer a workers' prerogative. Strikes have become a universal mode of unified protest against any act at one's prejudice. We are now familiar with a variety of strikes, namely, students' strike, teachers' strike, lawyers' strike, medical practitioners' strike, and a lot more.

Students call for strikes against unfair education policy by not attending schools and colleges. Teachers may-as a demand for raising their dearness allowances-call for strike by not taking classes. Lawyers and doctors also call for strike against various decisions and policies of the government affecting them. By staying away from work the unions try to put pressure on the authority and expect the authority to give into their demands. Many a times strikes really bring success.

Even though protesting against any unfair act is a fundamental right of a person, it must be noted that disrupting work is not a justified way of protest. It is because stoppage of work causes a real harm to the nation. The work culture of the country is tainted. Calling of strikes even to settle trivial matter is not desired at all.

Conclusion

The common man is the worst sufferer in such classes in the industrial sector, the labour union often calls for strikes and lock-outs. The industry faces a setback in production. But worse than that, the labourers do not get their wages during the days of strikes. They along with their families are often shattered financially as well as emotionally. So, it can be said that strikes do disrupt the social life.



Q16. Write an essay on “Drug Addiction”.

Ans:-

DRUG ADDICTION

Introduction

Drug addiction refers to taking substances that are harmful to our bodies. They cause changes to a person’s behaviour as well. Many people take these drugs to feel happier and better about themselves. These dangerous substances make the brain produce a chemical that makes us happy, called dopamine. Producing large amounts of these causes the person to take the drug consistently.

Drug Addiction

Some of the drugs include alcohol, nicotine, and other unhealthy substances. Taking these substances can lead to many symptoms. These include unable to think correctly, cannot remember things, and unable to speak clearly. They steal and keep secrets from their close ones. Those addicted cannot sleep; they become happy and sad quickly. They stop doing the activities that they liked doing. They are not aware of their surroundings. Taking these dangerous substances can cause many health problems such as vomiting, unable to breathe, brain, and lungs damage. It also affects their family, friends, and work.

Conclusion

Drug addiction is life-threatening. However, people with this addiction can be treated and helped with therapy, counselling, and taking medicines along with rehab centers. They do follow-ups to ensure that they never retake these drugs. They must have their family and friends to support them as they recover.





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Q17. Write an essay on “Man and Trees”.

Ans:-

MAN AND TREES

Introduction

It is correctly said that “when you plant a tree, you plant a life”. Trees are one of the greatest blessings for humans from mother earth.

Man and tree

The most important thing one must remember is that trees do not need us, rather we need them. Apart from the countless benefits they have, trees are certainly our best friends. They are the friends who always give us everything without expecting a single thing in return. Trees have inherited this earth longer than humans; however, humans tend to forget this fact. They fail to recognize their significance and continue to exploit them endlessly for short-term benefits. Trees are our best friend and also come in our use in various ways. We usually share everything with our friends, similarly, trees do the same. They give us their fruits, seeds, flowers, herbs and more. It is impossible for human life to function without trees as they belong to the category of principal sources of oxygen on earth.

They are responsible for protecting us under their shade. Further, they even help in preventing natural calamities like droughts and floods. In addition to being useful for humans, trees are also a home for several birds and animals.

Conclusion

They provide shelter to them which ultimately benefits humans as well. In other words, trees fulfil the role of a best friend in every human being's life irrespective of anything. Despite holding such a great significance in our lives, humans have been overexploiting trees for the longest time. This constant practice can prove to be extremely devastating for the earth and human life, both. For instance, the industrial sector is cutting down trees rapidly for attaining raw materials in bulk. Subsequently, even governments are contributing to deforestation by clear-cutting in order to build huge buildings.



Q18. Write an essay on “Environmental Pollution”.

Ans:-

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Introduction

The environment forms a very important aspect of human life because that is where we find the essentials of life e.g., air, water and food. Due to global industrialization and modernization, there has been environmental pollution. The environmental pollution has greatly affected the quality of life for animals, plants and humans. Hazardous effects including diseases have emerged as a result of environmental pollution. Environmental pollution is basically the contamination of environment's nature in both physical and biological systems which affect the normal functioning of the environment.

Environmental Pollution

The types of environmental pollution are specific to causes and components of the environment. Environmental pollution is classified into groups depending on the natural components as follows; air pollution, noise pollution, soil pollution and water pollution. The contaminants of the environment are called pollutants. The main pollutants are industries because industries emit harmful gases in the atmosphere, which cause air pollution, industrial effluents are also discharged into water bodies causing water pollution. Other pollutants include smoke from combustion, greenhouse gasses emission e.g., carbon dioxide which is high in India.

Environmental pollution has been a challenge in India. The adverse effects are specific to the type of pollution although some may cut across. Air pollution has resulted in harm to human health and destruction of the ozone layers in the atmosphere. Water pollution has caused death of aquatic life and acidification. Soil pollution has resulted in unhealthy soil i.e., unbalanced soil pH which does not favour plant growth. India has struggled with challenges of environmental pollution.

Conclusion

Environmental pollution has become a great concern to save our planet. We need to adapt various measures to reduce environment pollution. Some of them include planting trees, reducing the use of non-renewable resources, proper disposal of wastes, etc. It is the responsibility of every individual to save our environment from getting polluted.



Q19. Write an essay on “Corruption in national life”.

Ans:-

CORRUPTION IN NATIONAL LIFE

Introduction

Corruption means perversion of morality, integrity, character of duty out of mercenary motives (e.g. bribery) without regard to honour, right or justice. In public life, a corrupt person is one who bestows undue favour on someone with whom; he has monetary or other interests (e.g. nepotism). Simultaneously, those who genuinely deserve those things as their right remain deprived.

Corruption in National Life

Corruption in National life is not a modern phenomenon. It was prevalent in the political and civic life of even Maura period as has been discussed by Chanakya in the *Arthashastra*. (Give other examples). But it is only recently that Corruption has become remnant in our National life. People no longer protest against corrupt practices, fight injustice or express any shock when big scandals are exposed.

Corruption is not uniquely Indian phenomenon; it is witnessed all over the world (USA, Japan, Italy, etc.) Forms of corruption in India include bribery, nepotism, theft and wastage of National property, dereliction of duty etc. Extent of corruption start with a hospital where a child is born and move further on to education – system, career opportunities, political system, judiciary, law and order, other day – to – day activities till post – modern report and crematorium.

Results of corruption are individual sufferings, people lose faith in the existing system, prevalence of chaos and anarchy, society disintegrates, country becomes weak, foreign invasion may occur.

It is a vicious circle. Start with those politicians, who run the state, come down to higher officials, then to the lowest rank of bureaucratic hierarchy. Lastly, come to the general people who elect the corrupt people as their representatives’ and expect special favours from them.

Conclusion

In order to eradicate corruption, a comprehensive code for ministers, members of legislature and political parties, – and such code should be strictly enforced; judiciary should be given more independence and initiative; law and order machinery should be allowed to work without political interference; a voluntary organization at national level should be established to break the vicious circle. Our entire system is bound to collapse if we do not rise the occasion and face the glaring truth with courage, foresight and patience.



Q20. Write an essay on “The Autobiography of cow”.

Ans:-

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF COW

Introduction

I am a stray cow moving aimlessly on the roads, being eschewed by one and all, being beaten by some and being held in low esteem by one and all. I was not always like this, for, till some time back I had a nice comfortable house and was pampered by my master, and lived in the company of my friends. However, a few months back, I was literally thrown out of my house, the reason being that now I do not give the desired milk to my master for his business. Due to my inability of giving milk any more, my master has left me to feed for myself, on the roads of the town. In this way, I have joined the huge number of such unlucky cattle all left to stray about on the roads, and feed for them.

The autobiography of Cow

Now only I have come to know that, men who keep and maintain cows and even buffaloes for milk, throw them out when they stop providing them with milk. This is exactly what has happened to me, and now I am left by my master on the roads to look after myself.

I often wonder what will happen to me when I fall ill or get old – the very thought unnerves me, and I feel so very depressed that I even wish to commit suicide. However, God has not given me and my tribe the capacity to commit ourselves to death.

Now that I am wandering on the roads for most of the time, I can be a danger to men moving about on the roads, and harm them with my horns, that are pointed enough to wound or even kill man. At times when men hit me with stones or sticks I do show them my horns but, I have not yet harmed anyone. My life consists now only in looking for food to satisfy my hunger. I wander from road to road and house to house, so much so that I even dip into the dustbins to look for some eatables. Even after all the efforts, I rarely succeed in getting a fill to my satisfaction. However, this is my daily routine as, after all I have to live as long God ordains.



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My sadness knows no bounds when I see my friends, cattle of may be better breeds, being lovingly looked after taken for morning and evening grazing to large fields where, besides getting full and sumptuous meals they can even breathe clean and fresh air of open space. I then feel that there is no love for me and that, I am destined to be hated and scorned and all that, just because I have in the natural way, stopped serving the selfish being that is – MAN.

Many a time I see several of my clan being moved in huge trucks and, when I come to learn that they are all being taken to be slaughtered for man's food, I understand how selfish this being man is. With this feeling I even stop looking for food.

Thinking of all this that we cows are destined to face, I sometimes feel like cursing myself and my breed – Oh! God what did I do to earn this fate at the feet of man?

With pangs of depressions I, at times even get involved in fights with my own clan and get badly hurt. However, this injury means nothing to poor creatures like me. Life goes on, without treatment, without rest and without care. With all this, the daily routine of hunting for food has to continue as, who will give me any food if I do not get it for myself.

At times I wonder to myself if there could be any other living being who leads a life as miserable as mine – a stray cow. All the time I pray to God that HE help me out of this

life, and give me death so that can be born in a better life of a better species. A stray cow is one living being who is not cared for, not loved, and not wanted.

The worst experience of this life is when we cows are abandoned by our masters for no fault of ours, i.e. when we stop giving milk. I get such a feeling of nausea when I think of the selfishness of man and see how he treats other living beings.

Conclusion

For, a long time I served my master, and in my hay days I bore six calves and gave him hundreds of kilograms of milk and as soon as I stopped that, he threw me out. This is the tragedy of my life and the life of all my clan. I was also once well looked after and now my end will be on the road, I do not know when but I do hope soon.



Q21. Write an essay on “If I were a dictator”.

Ans:-

IF I WERE A DICTATOR

Introduction

Let me state, at the outset that I firmly believe in democracy. I believe in the rights of the individual and freedom of opinion, which are the essence of democracy. It is true that democracy as a form of government is not free from defects. Yet, it is preferable to other forms of government which suppress individual freedom. I detest dictators and dictatorship.

If I were a Dictator

If, however, dictatorship were thrust upon me, I would use the opportunity to propagate the ideals of democracy and educate the people for democracy not only as a form of government but as a way of life. I am aware that the people of my country are not yet fit for democracy. The majority of them are illiterate and do not exercise their franchise in a responsible and independent manner. As a dictator, I would have vast powers and full control over the educational institutions and media of mass communication like the radio, television, internet and the press. I would have no hesitation in using all these powers to further the cause of the system of government dear to my heart. Aware that the success of democracy depends on education, I would launch a gigantic programme for educating the young as well as adults. Numerous schools and colleges, suitably equipped and staffed would spring up all over the country. They would not only impart knowledge to the young but instill into their minds the ideals of democracy and train them in democratic processes and methods. I would give the highest priority to education which today happens to be the Cinderella of many governments in under – developed countries.

Conclusion

The Radio, Television, the Press and the Cinema exercise an incalculable influence in moulding public opinion. I would use these media of public entertainment and education in order to establish democratic attitudes and traditions. It goes without saying that I would discourage and, if necessary, suppress all fascist and anti – democratic tendencies in the country.

When at last the people are ready for democracy, I would relinquish my high office and merge into the common people. That day would be the happiest day of my life. I have no doubt that I would go down in history as a dictator with a difference, a democratic dictator, paradoxical as the phrase may sound.



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Q22. Write an essay on “Self-help”.

Ans:-

SELF HELP

Introduction

There is a saying “God help those who help themselves”. The saying is indeed true. People with the quality of self-help or self, reliance never fail. Such men succeed in life. They do not wait for others to bring success to them. They try every means at their disposal to bring success. Self-reliance is a virtue that is rarely found in individuals today.

What is Self-Help?

Self-help means doing our work by ourselves. It is basically relying on ourselves wherever possible and avoiding all sorts of unnecessary dependence. No doubt, it is not possible for any man to do all his work by himself. So, everyone has to depend to some extent on others. Still, the most successful man is one who depends least on others. There are hundreds of things in our life, which can be easily done by us. This is known as self-reliance or self-help. There is no greater joy than the joy of living by our own sweat. They say that the ‘bread earned is far sweeter than the bread gifted’. To live on someone’s charity and kindness all the time is throttling and strangling our own god-given abilities. All of us have been born with great potential. They have to be utilised and put into use. Self-reliance is just that. It is basically utilising our own potential in the best possible way. Therefore, self-help offers us the possibilities of becoming what we truly are. Self-help, thus, develops our inborn faculties of mind and body. It is the key to success.

When we do things by ourselves they tend to be good and perfect since they have been done willingly and done on our own. Tasks completed by ourselves not only give us great satisfaction and a sense of achievement, but also teaches us the value of tolerance. We come to understand that every work and task has their own lacunas and difficulties and therefore criticism of others and their work is considerably reduced. Another quality of self-help is that it makes the person self-confident and self-reliant. It makes individuals strong in mind and character. It instils the power of self- decision and personal choice. We become self-guiding and self-directing personalities. This habit of self-help like all other habits should be acquired early in life. Children, when they are very young, should be taught to manage their own things such as, clothes, books, personal items, school work, etc. Providing too much of support and being always at their back, will spoil them. Therefore, the habit of self-reliance should begin early.

Conclusion

The habit of self-help is still in our minds, the power of independent thinking, quick decision and makes us responsible citizens. That is why, Swami Vivekananda once said “Give me ten men who believe in themselves and I shall revolutionise the entire world”. Self-reliant men are the need of the hour. Such men create history and lead a nation forward. They are the true pillars of a nation.



Q23. Write an essay on “Time and tide waits for no one”.

Ans:-

TIME AND TIDE WAITS FOR NO ONE

Introduction

Time values differently to the persons in different fields. It is very powerful and always wins. No one can defeat the time because it runs continuously without staying even for a single minute. No one can order it, store it or stop it. If we see back in the history, we see many great personalities who had followed the mantra of ‘time and tide wait for no one’ and achieved their goals in life.

Time and Tide waits for No one

People who want to do something big in their life know well the value of time and do their tasks in timely manner at the right time. Time is a precious gift from God given to us to achieve something good in life. If we achieve something good with time in the life, we are appreciated and remembered by the people for a long time and sometimes for ages.

According to the Hindu theory of creation, it is called as the manifestation of God and named as ‘*kalachakra*’ means the cycle of time. We cannot see the time visibly however can feel the ever running of time through the occurrence of day and night, seasonal changes in the year, etc. New buds bloom to be flowers and they die one day, and this process goes forever named as life cycle. Every living being has its own life cycle which runs through time.

Conclusion

It is very true that time is invisible; however, it is also true that time is most powerful. Time is a big ruler which rules each and every thing in this world. Tide occurs in the sea which means the rising and falling of the sea. It is the process which occurs on its own in the sea. It cannot be started or stopped by any means. Both, time and tide are examples that do not have consideration for anything. ‘Time and tide waits for no one’ is a proverb which explains its meaning itself and true for all spheres of life.



Q24. Write an essay on “Unity in diversity”.

Ans:-

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Introduction

Inequality is the integrity of "unity in diversity". India is a country that proves the concept of "unity in diversity" in a good way. India is a more populous country and is famous all over the world because the character of "unity in diversity" is seen here. "Unity in diversity" is the strength of India

Unity in Diversity

“Unity in diversity” has been encouraged for the great national integration characteristic of the country, which, in spite of many corruption, extremism and terrorism, will also be the basis of India's strength and prosperity. Generally people living in different States have different language, culture, tradition, apparel, festivals, forms etc. (Bengali, Maharashtrian, Punjabi, Tamilian, etc.); yet they call themselves Indians who exhibit "unity in diversity".

Conclusion

Here humanity and probability help people to maintain "unity in diversity". In India, people give great importance to spirituality, work and rituals instead of their property, which brings them closer. There are religious tolerance among the people here as their unique qualities, which does not allow them to feel difficulty in the presence of different religions. Most people in India belong to Hindu religion which has the ability to adopt and welcome all other good cultures on their land. This kind of characteristics of the Indian people here reveals the "unity in diversity".





Q25. Write an essay on “We live in deeds, not in years”.

Ans:-

WE LIVE IN DEEDS, NOT IN YEARS

Introduction

We live in deeds, not in years means that longevity of one's life is not measured in the number of years one lives, rather it is measured by the good deeds done by one throughout his life. Human life is a gift of God and comes with an expiry date. Death is the ultimate eternal truth. The only difference is that some men live a long life and some die young. A short life can be made glorious by virtuous deeds. It is much better than a long life which is of no use to others. A noble life backed by the virtues makes an individual immortal.

We live in deeds, not in years

Life is not about mere existence in this world. Age should not be the criterion of life. Instead one should leave a mark on other's lives with his good deeds. Bhagat Singh was hanged to death at a young age. However, even today he is remembered as a true patriot who sacrificed his life for the nation. Swami Vivekananda and Shakaracharya are some other famous people who have lived a short but worthy life. All these great men are remembered for their noble deeds and great achievements in their respective fields. Their lives have been an inspiration to many.

All the living beings on this earth are the creations of God. The purpose of our life should be to do good to others and help them. If throughout our life we are unable to do any good to others, then that life is worthless. A selfish person may live a long life but after his death, nobody remembers him. If at all someone remembers him, it is for his selfish attitude and vices. Good deeds, moral values, and virtues should be the cornerstone of our lives.

A long life is a blessing from God. In order to make the best use of this blessing, we need to spend the life productively by helping others. In this way, even after one's death, one becomes immortal. It is true that life and death are not in one's own hands and are guided by the will of Almighty. But making our life valuable and worth remembering is definitely in



one's hands. One must set short and long term noble goals and work in order to achieve them. Noble deeds are not about giving a lot of money in charity. One should always remember that good deeds only live after us. Everyone should try to do something useful for the society so that we may be remembered even after we have left this world for ever.

Conclusion

It has much more dimensions to it. Small deeds such as being kind and polite to others, helping the needy, and teaching the poor children etc are some of the noble deeds that one can do daily. The human life is about selfless actions, gestures and deeds. We all need to strive in order to make the best use of the precious gift of life.

EXTRA ESSAYS

MASS MEDIA AND LIFE AFTER COVID – 19

Introduction

The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic spread rapidly across nations and country after country responded with lockdowns, making about 1.5 billion students globally remain at home.

Life after Covid-19

The pandemic is affecting different people in different ways. Some people have lost their jobs, others experienced loneliness and loss, yet, others discovered new things about themselves or learned new hobbies. The stress of facing the pandemic as an international student is compounded by being far away from one's home country and family. The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has created a global health crisis that has had a deep impact on the way we perceive our world and our everyday lives. Not only the rate of



contagion and patterns of transmission threatens our sense of agency, but the safety measures put in place to contain the spread of the virus also require social distancing by refraining from doing what is inherently human, which is to find solace in the company of others. Within this context of physical threat, social and physical distancing, as well as public alarm, what has been (and can be) the role of the different mass media channels in our lives on individual, levels?

Mass media have long been recognized as powerful forces shaping how we experience the world and ourselves. This recognition is accompanied by a growing volume of research, that closely follows the footsteps of technological transformations (e.g. radio, movies, television, the internet, mobiles) and the zeitgeist (e.g. cold war, 9/11, climate change) in an attempt to map mass media major impacts on how we perceive ourselves, both as individuals and citizens. Are media (broadcast and digital) still able to convey a sense of unity reaching large audiences, or are messages lost in the noisy crowd of mass self-communication? Do social media provide solace or grounds for misinformation, (de)humanization, and discrimination? Can we harness the flexibility and ubiquity of media technologies to increase the public's adherence to the safety measures suggested by global health organizations to combat the spread of COVID-19? How can different media industries and channels for mass communication promote adaptive responses to foster positive health attitudes and adherence to preventive measures? How media impact the dynamics in the private domain (e.g. strengthen family bonds versus domestic conflict and violence)?

Conclusion

The world is grappling with an invisible, deadly enemy, trying to understand how to live with the threat posed by a virus. For some writers, the only way forward is to put pen to paper, trying to conceptualize and document what it feels like to continue living as countries are under lockdown and regular life seems to have ground to a halt.

So as the coronavirus pandemic has stretched around the world, it's sparked a crop of diary entries and essays that describe how life has changed. Novelists, critics, artists, and journalists have put words to the feelings many are experiencing. The result is a first draft of how we'll someday remember this time, filled with uncertainty and pain and fear as well as small moments of hope and humanity. Covid-19 is just another life-threatening hazard in a city that stumbles from one crisis to another.”



STUDENT LIFE UNDER CORONA LOCKDOWN

Introduction

A **lockdown** is a requirement for people to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks to themselves or to others if they can move freely. The term "stay-at-home" or "shelter-in-place" is often used for **lockdowns** that affect an area, rather than specific locations.

The 'Lockdown' is a legal and constitutional term but not often used.

Lockdown

- 1) Lockdown is a state in which people of a specific region are forced to stay in their house or a limited place.
- 2) Lockdown is done for some specific purpose.
- 3) It is implemented by someone who is in power and holds responsibility.
- 4) It is applied to save people from some hazardous situations like any natural disaster or an epidemic.
- 5) Emergency lockdown and preventive lockdown are two types of lockdown.
- 6) It may be applied in a small community, a whole city or the complete nation.
- 7) In common sense, a lockdown is a complete restriction of human contact with the outer world.
- 8) In the situation of 'Full Lockdown', people remain safe and under a roof wherever they are.
- 9) It is a well-planned step by the government for the people.
- 10) Lockdown can't be effective if it is not implemented well.
- 11) The word 'Lockdown' is a political term used for some social cause.
- 12) Under lockdown, the government orders people to stay inside a closed door or any safe area.
- 13) There have been many lockdowns in the history of the world.
- 14) Sometimes lockdown are applied in an emergency situation understanding its urgency.
- 15) There is also a provision of applying lockdown much before the hazardous situation.
- 16) Emergency lockdown is to decrease the effect of the problem that has reached us.
- 17) Preventive lockdown is to prevent the situation of hazard.
- 18) Whether it is preventive or emergency, lockdowns are for the people of that region.
- 19) A complete lockdown can't be successful without the cooperation of the people.
- 20) Lockdown is a legal step, and its violator can be charged or imprisoned.



Lockdown: Positive impact of being at home

Sometimes life isn't about all rainbows and sunshine. Today the whole world is facing a lot due to spread of corona virus. We all are following lockdown and are working from home. We can't go out, we can't meet our friends and relatives, we can't travel, we can't go and watch a movie in hall, we can't have dinners outside and there is a never ending list of things which we can't do. But has anyone of us thought that this difficult time can actually be used in growing and shaping ourselves to a better and strong person everyday?

We can't go out, but we aren't alone as well. This is the time which we all can use to spend it with our family. Earlier, we wished for holidays so that we can spend quality time with our family members. Now, we have got this chance. So, stay at home and just spend it with your family. You can play games, watch movies, cook together and what not. Video call to your near and dear ones who are far away. Talk to them, share things. Recall all your old memories. Trust me, nostalgia gives an another feeling of happiness.

This time can also be used in learning new skills. if you ever thought of trying out a new dish then this is the right time. Refer to online videos if you aren't sure of the recipe. We can use this time in practicing your hobbies also. Just get up and record your dance or singing videos. Choreograph some new dances and write some new lyrics. For geeks, this is the right time to explore the world of knowledge and enhance their skills. Coders, just get up and take part in online hackathons. Other enthusiasts, just get up and enhance your thinking and analyzing skills.

Students make a **good use of online classes** and don't procrastinate and can submit the assignments in time.

We people have a habit to tend towards the negative side of the problem, what we forget is that we can also tend to positive infinity options.

So, **don't lose hope**. We all are fighting together in this crisis and we will co-operate. Just **follow lockdown and social distancing. Stay safe and healthy and stay inside of your homes.**

Lockdown lessons: When humans went into a lockdown, the earth quietly went about reclaiming itself on the 50th anniversary of the World Earth Day on April 22 this year, 2020.

Life under lockdown - practical tips from the UN

The United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC) promotes global awareness and understanding of the work of the United Nations.

With many people being asked to **socially distance** themselves from others, while other cities have placed their residents under mandatory lockdown to prevent the further spread of the



coronavirus, the United Nations has tips for those seeking to strike the balance between vigilance and the need to maintain some normalcy in their lives.

With school closures, parenting has become increasingly challenging. The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has issued **six parenting tips** for parenting during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

School shutdown is also a chance to make better relationships with our children and teenagers. One-on-One time makes children feel loved and secure, and shows them that they are important.

UNICEF recommends parents and their children to create a flexible but consistent daily routine. “COVID-19 has taken away our daily work, home and school routines. This is hard for children, teenagers and for you. Making new routines can help.”.

UNICEF says “children have a right to truthful information about what’s going on in the world, but adults also have a responsibility to keep them safe from distress”, recommending that adults use age-appropriate language, watch children’s reactions, and be sensitive to their level of anxiety. UNICEF also offers some advice for employers on how they can support working parents during the coronavirus outbreak.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is rallying international organizations, civil society and private sector partners in a **broad coalition** to ensure that **learning never stops**. The agency has also release a document listing **distance learning solutions** and recommendations.

The closure of gyms, sport facilities and stadiums, public pools, dance studios, and playgrounds means that many are not able to actively participate in individual or group sporting or physical activities.

The World Health Organization **recommends** 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week, or a combination of both. WHO also have some tips on how to achieve this with no equipment and with limited space. There is an abundance of free and accessible online and digital tools targeted at encouraging people of all ages and abilities to stay active and mobile while remaining indoors.



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Changes to lifestyle during this difficult period can adversely affect people's wellbeing. It is always important to protect mental health specifically targets the general population; healthcare workers; health facility managers; childcare providers; older adults, care providers and people with underlying health conditions; and those who are living in isolation to try and contain the spread of the pandemic. UNICEF has some tips on **mental health for teenagers**. One recommendation is to find new ways to connect with friends via social media.

Lockdown in Manipur

The cases of COVID-19 without travel history are on the rise.

Locality based retail shops dealing with essential commodities like groceries, vegetables, fruits, milk booths, poultry meat and fish will open in all districts from 8am to 2pm on all days except Sundays. The wholesale shops in Thangal bazaar and Dharamshala shall remain open from 10am to 3pm on all days except Sunday to cater to requirements of retailers in the districts. Apart from roster opening of shops from 8am to 4pm in Thangal and Paona Bazar, all standalone shops like those selling construction material, hardware, electrical items, cement etc located outside Paona bazaar, Thangal Bazar and Nagamapal area are also allowed to open from 8am to 2pm, except those in bylanes between buildings, The state has been witnessing a 'complete lockdown' following reports of Covid-19 infections amongst a few people who have no history of travel outside the state.

Conclusion

Lockdown has brought some **positive impact in our society and in our families**. As most of the people now stay at home, people now have the chance to spend time with their families. Children whose both mom and dad used to work in offices would have to stay alone. But now those children have got the chance to enjoy with their mom and dad. Also, members of the family have now got the opportunity to express their feelings.

Another positive impact is in **our environment**. As in this lockdown, vehicles and industries do not run, our environment has become cleaner and free from pollution. We can see water bodies that were polluted before are now clean. We can also see animals living peacefully in the forests.
