

ASSIGNMENT

CLASS X

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Writing Skills

Q.1. You are Aradhana / Arun. The residents of your locality have formed a small group to further the cause of education. You proposed to start an informal school for street children and children living in the slums. Write a letter to the editor of the local daily, describing the mission and appealing to the people of your city to come forward and help you in this project.

Q.2. Your younger sister, who is away at a boarding school has very poor dietary habits. Write a letter advising her to take care of her health, maintain a proper diet and avoid fast food, which she is very fond of.

Q.3. You are appalled by the rising instances of road rage in the National Capital New Delhi. Write an article on the issue for the newspaper.

Q.4. You are Yuvika / Yuvi. You stayed with a family in UK under the student exchange programme. Write an email to Mr. Stephen, the host.

Q.5. Prepare a speech expressing your views over ‘Science and Modern Culture’.

Grammar

Q.1 Complete the following passages as given below choosing the correct option:

A. According to the (A)_____ (late, latest, later, last) research, we say much (B)_____ (more, most, a lot, many) through our body language than we (C)_____ (does, can, did, do) through our words. A small movement (D)_____ (by, of with, from) the hand (E)_____ (and, but, either, or) a twitch of the lip (F)_____ (will, may can, shall) show that we are lying. (G) _____ (However, even, whether, some) actors cannot suppress all the tell tale signs when they (H)_____ (are lying, have lied, had lied, lied).

B. The Delhi Police (A)_____ (has, have, had, have had) devised a novel way (B)_____ (to, for, of, by) catching thieves (C)_____ (and, or, both, but) criminals. They have initiated a scheme to (D)_____ (reforming, reform, reformed, has reformed) criminals. The aim is to use (E)_____ (this, that their, the) knowledge of (F)_____ (popularity, populist, pop, popular) crime haunts and dens to nab other offenders. They (G)_____ (do, alongwith, also, in this way) hope to gain an insight (H)_____ (of, into, to, with) the modus operandi of crime gangs operating in the city.

C. Rearrange the following groups of words to form meaningful sentences.

1. punctuality / a necessary / habit / is / all civilized societies / in
2. as a serious hobby / has / collecting / many advantages
3. are / computers / capable of / in all branches / doing / extremely complicated work / learning / of
4. are / private detectives / helping the police / by / society / catching culprits / and
5. more than half / acid rain / continues to damage / of Europe's prime / nature conservation areas
6. television / on the / have / advertisements / a great / effect on / children
7. nests of Drongos / there are / near the nest / also three / of the flycatcher
8. score / go for the / they all / have a chance to / golden boot / if / they can

Literature

Prose

- Q.1.1 How does the chapter 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' bring out the significance of 'Dignity of Labour'?
- Q.1.2 What were the hopes and aspirations of the two boys?
- Q.1.3 What was the impact of war on the boys' family?
- Q.1.4 Why does the writer call the two boys as 'gentlemen'?
- Q.1.5 Discuss the suitability of the title.
- Q.2.1 What qualities of character are depicted of Mrs Packletide in the story 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger'?
- Q.2.2 "I suppose we are in some danger." said Ms Mebbin. What was the danger?
- Q.2.3 Was hunting the tiger a real adventure? Why / Why not?
- Q.2.4 Why did Mrs Packletide feel light hearted in front of the camera despite not involved in tiger killing?
- Q.2.5 At the end, Mrs Packletide realizes her mistake and writes a diary expressing her anger and disappointed at being exploited by Ms. Mebbin. Make a diary entry as Mrs Packletide.
- Q.3.1 How was Ali treated by the postmaster and postman?
- Q.3.2 Why has the post office been described as a place of pilgrimage?
- Q.3.3 Briefly describe the daily routine at the post office in the story 'The Letter'.

Q.3.4 Do you think the title of the story is significant? Give a reasoned answer.

Q.3.5 Is Ali's misery a result of his past deeds or just an unfortunate coincidence? Discuss.

Poetry

Q.1.1 Describe how the woman feels as she views herself in the mirror again and again?

Q.1.2 How does the poem 'Mirror' bring out the theme of the pain, suffering and isolation?

Q.1.3 Why does the mirror call the candles and moon 'liars'? Do you agree?

Q.1.4 How is the mirror 'a lake'? What effect does it have on the woman?

Q.2.1 What was the frog's comment on the song of the nightingale? What was its impact on the Nightingale?

Q.2.2 The poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' is a satire set in a forest. Comment.

Q.3.1 How does the poet compare the 'gilded monuments' with 'powerful rhyme'?

Q.3.2 How is the time described by the poet in the poem 'Not Marble nor Gilded Monuments'?

Q.3.3 The poem is replete with the imagery of death and destruction as well as immortality. Discuss.

Drama

Q.1 Mrs Slater and Mrs Elizabeth are governed by greed and deceit. Provide your views on the same giving suitable examples.

Q.2 What is irony? Write a note on the element of irony in the play?