



Q1(A) A1)

- (1) Questioning: Question, quest, tension, guests
- (2) Interrogative sentence.
- (3) She doesn't cook very often, does she?
- (4) Send Monseieur de Poulengy to me, will you?
- (5) Although he jumped aside, yet the stone hit him.

A2)

- (1) heard (verb) : to receive sounds with your ears
Have you heard the news?
herd (noun) : a large number of animals that live and feed together
His dairy herd produces good milk.
 - (2) An old women was helping the wounded soldier.
 - (3) Noun: He earned good name. Verb: I name this cat.
- (B))**
- (1) Though the soldier was wounded, but he went to the battle field again.
 - (2) Very few cities in the world are as populated as Delhi.

Q2(A))

- (1) (1) (1) True
(2) True
(3) False
(4) False
- (2) (1) Odysseus planned to build a huge wooden horse so that the best fighters can hide inside it while the rest of the army will pretend to have sailed back only to return back to the shore at night to kill the Trojans when they would be asleep.
(2) The reason for Troy to rejoice and celebrate was that the war was over and the long siege had ended.
- (3) (1) (i) Pretending (ii) Astonisher
(2) (i) make somebody believe you / convince.
(ii) The surrounding of a place by and armed force in order to defeat those defending it / Blockade.
- (4) (1) They cried that it was peace at last.
(2) expecting – Verbal Present Participle.
- (5) According to me Odysseys was not only wise but also cunning, a great architect, a skilful engineer and a planner and advisor.

(B))

- (1) (1) (4), (1) , (2), (3)
- (2) (1) Over ten years the young boys grew as young men and their parents were very proud. They called the island New Switzerland.
(2) Rather than building a house on stilts, which the elephants could destroy, they used four strong trees growing in a square near one another as foundation.
- (3) (1) (i) uncultivated (ii) offence

(2) (i) **design:** It was an excellent design for living.

(ii) **cultivated:** Wheat was first cultivated solely in the coastal countries. Or (ii) **cultivated:** Initially wheat was cultivated solely in the coastal countries.

(4) (1) They have a new winter home, haven't they?

(2) Where do Jack climbed?

(5) Yes, they do, Man first stayed in the open in make-shift tents and then on trees, to protect himself from wild animals. He shifted to caves to create a safe place from the elements and to have a storage spot for himself and his belongings. He later shifted to places that would protect not only him but also his belongings and his cultivated lands. This was exactly what the Robinson family did.

Q3(A)

(1) (1) Rice stems

(2) Graceful maiden

(3) Slender

(4) Glad cooing of birds

(2) The seasons of Autumn arrives with all its grace like a beautiful, slender maiden, with lilies and rice-stems adorning her hair. Autumn brings the flowering grass and flowers which adorn her body and birds cooing with mirth that sounds like the maiden's bracelet tinkling in her wrist.

(3) Abab, cdcd

(B)

(1) The poem 'Have you ever seen' written by an anonymous poet, is an interesting and amusing poem. The poet has made use of plenty of puns, just for fun and enjoyment. The reader is expected to enjoy the play on words and appreciate how the same words can have different meanings.

The Rhyme Scheme of the poem is aabb, ccdd, eeff. My favourite lines are : 'Are the teeth of a rake ever going to bite? Does the needle ever wink its eye?' There are several figures of speech, in addition to the puns. One of them is Interrogation : 'Can the garden plot be deep and dark?' Here, the question is asked not to get an answer but to make one think.

The special feature of the poem is that it is full of puns, and makes the imagination run wild. The reader imagines all types of things, like a bedsheet on a river or a needle winking its eyes. The special feature of this poem is that it makes you realize the beauty of the puns used and you enjoy this play on words. I like the poem because it makes me laugh.

Q4(A)

(1) (1) Lived an extravagant life.

(2) had parties

(3) made kites of currency notes

(4) skimmed pieces of gold in river.

(2) (1) The merchant could save a lot as he was very careful with his money.

(2) The merchant's son was left with only a pair of slippers, an old dressing gown and four coins.

(3) (1) (i) extra vagant (ii) fortune

(2) (i) slip (ii) dress

(4) (1) He was deserted by all his friends.

(2) The son was insensible

(B)

Q5)

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23rd June, 2023

To,
The Editor
Mirror News
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Subject: Regarding the need to combat the increasing stress faced by students

Respected Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice that students are facing a lot of stress nowadays. Just a look at the huge size of their school bags gives us the idea of the burden that they carry. At their age, learning should be joy instead of burden. Their inquisitive minds should be enriched with education through creative experiments.

The curriculum is such that bookish knowledge is given more importance. Students are burdened with long homework and even their summer holidays are not spared with long lists of holiday homework. The huge syllabus to be learnt for the exams is indeed a nightmare for students. And exams are given too much importance that our children are stressed. The education system needs to be reformed and examination should not be the only criterion to assess a student. Practical work and other activities should be given due importance. There should be a continuous comprehensive evaluation of their performance.

I will be very grateful, if you could promote awareness about these problems to work for suitable measures to relieve our children of this burden.

Yours Sincerely,
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Dear Shyam,

I hope you are all fine at home with God's grace. I am doing well here. It has been long since I received your last letter. So, I thought I will write this letter.

I am so excited to tell you about the recent tour to Delhi as part of an educational excursion last week. As you know, Delhi has a rich historical background. It was named as Indraprastha by the Pandavas and remained the Capital City of Indian kingdoms since thousands of years. But, later it was invaded and captured by Muslim kings, before the arrival of Mughals. Then, came the British. So, many historical monuments of different ages lie in Delhi, be it of the Mughal period, or even before that. From Qutub Minar to Red Fort to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, all were artistically designed. Not only that, it has the offices of various embassies, high commission, trading firms and many other organisations. Surely, Delhi is a treasure chest of India with a mix of the old and the new. The educational tour of Delhi was thus, a great experience indeed and we came to know of so many things.

Please convey my regards to Papa, Mama. You too take care, Bhaiya. Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Lovingly,
Ram

Q6 (A))

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B1)

(1) Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries of the world. It plays a vital role in the economic development of a country. India is one of the popular tourist destinations in Asia. Bounded by the Himalayan ranges in the north and surrounded, on three sides by water, India offers a wide array of places to see and things to do. The enchanting backwaters, hill stations and landscapes make India a beautiful country. They attract tourists from all over the world.

Tourism is the second largest foreign exchange earner in India. The tourism industry employs a large number of people both skilled and unskilled. Tourism is the largest service industry in India with a contribution of 6.23 percent of the national GDP and 8.78 percent of the total employment in India. Hotels, travel agencies, transport including airlines benefit a lot from this industry. Tourism promotes national integration and international understanding. It generates foreign exchange. It promotes cultural activities.

India has a composite culture. There is a harmonious blend of art, religion and philosophy. Though India has been subjected to a series of invasions, she has retained her originality even after absorbing the best of the external influences. Religious like Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism, etc. have co-existed in India. India has fascinated people from all over the world with her secularism and her culture. The diverse geographical locales of India delight the tourists. The monuments, museums, forts, sanctuaries, places of religious interest, palaces, etc. offer a treat to the eyes.

Every region is identified with its handicrafts, fairs, folk dances, music and its people. Some of the places that attract a huge number of tourists are Agra, Jaipur, Jhansi, Hyderabad, Nalanda, Mysore, Delhi, Mahabaleshwar, Aurangabad, etc. Haridwar, Ujjain, Shirdi, Varanasi, Allahabad, Puri, Jammu, Badrinath etc. are famous hill resorts.

B2)

(1) Measure of success is mainly wealth- There is no other yardstick to measure one's success – Without wealth, success is shallow and not respected by society,

Earning money and success are two different things. While earning money can be a part of being successful, but it cannot be called success. There are many affluent people, but they cannot be called successful as there are many successful men and women but they were not so affluent. Money can buy you anything, but it will not give you happiness. You can buy a clock but you cannot buy time. Money will buy you a bed but not sleep. Money cannot buy you knowledge, position, health or even respect.

Money can be earned by hook or crook but success comes only with hard work, perseverance and dedication. Money might bring you temporary happiness but success will bring satisfaction of the mind. Success means able to achieve what you want to achieve. If you have a dream, but fail to convert that dream into a reality, then you won't know what true success is. Success is using power to the positive side to convert a dream into reality. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure and persistence.

Any form of success originates in the mind first and is visible in the form of an idea or vision. Turning it into tangible reality requires a lot of effort and perseverance. During the entire process of success there are bound to be obstacles and failure. The person who is discouraged with failures can never taste success. Failures will be our stepping stones to success.

Everyone wants to earn money; but only the courageous and dedicated people are successful in the end. So whenever you are faced with a dilemma of making a choice between success and earning money, we should always choose success as money will follow success automatically.

Q7 (A))**A1)**

(1) Anyone, who attempts a task of any magnitude, may be beset by two temptations, namely, impatience and discouragement. He starts with hope and enthusiasm; but finding that the task he has set himself will take much longer than he thought, becomes impatient and scamps the work to get it finished. Or, when he realises the difficulties to be overcome, he becomes discouraged, 'relaxes his efforts, or abandons the work as hopeless. As a check to impatience, and a word of cheer to discouragement, comes this old proverb—"Rome was not built in a day." To build a great city like Rome, many days, many years and even centuries, were necessary. And no task that is really worth doing can be done either quickly or easily. Slow

progress must not make us impatient, and difficulties must not discourage us.

A youth has an ambition to become a fine athlete. He thinks a little practice will soon make him a first class bat or centre-forward. But when he finds it will take many months of practice and hard-training, he becomes impatient and discouraged. To him the proverb says, " Be patient: for Rome was not built in a day." Another youth makes up his mind to become a scholar, and devotes himself in real earnest to his studies. But the more he learns, the more he realises there is to be learnt. The subject enlarges as he progresses, the difficulties become more formidable, and at last he realises that it will take him years of hard mental toil before he can reach his goal. And he becomes disheartened. To him comes this word of cheer : " Be not discouraged ; for Rome was not built in a day."

But this proverb, meant to encourage, must not be used, as it sometimes is, as an excuse for laziness and procrastination. The idler when remonstrated with on his lack of progress, may gaily reply, " Ah well! What Can you expect ? Rome was not built in a day."

A2)

(1) Cricket Match

Saraswati Vidyalaya, Delhi

December 4th, 2023

A cricket match was organised yesterday in our school ground. The match was played between the team of Modern Senior Secondary School as well as the team of the host school. Both the teams played exceedingly well and no one was being able to make out till the end that who would win definitely.

The host team won the toss and decided to bat first. The opening batsmen played so nicely the other team was unable to command them. They scored 50 runs in 5 overs. When they lost first wicket, they received a terrific set back. The team kept on playing well and failed to surrender to the conditions. They establish a target of 197 runs in 20 overs. Then, it was the turn of the team of Modern School. They showcased their strength of bat after showing their bowling abilities in the last innings and also played extremely well.

They kept their wickets intact and pursued the score really well and were able to complete the set objective in 19.4 overs only. As they received the victor's trophy, the team rejoiced.

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B1)

(1) There was blood everywhere.....eight children and a teacher were killed when two masked men with pistols and other ammunition, who were believed to be former pupils had stormed a school.

The horrific attack was reportedly carried out by the teenage pair who were "big fans" of the Columbine school massacre in the US. One of the teacher was left in a "grave condition" after confronting attackers so her students could escape. And children as young as 10 year old were injured in the attack trying to protect another educator at the school. The teacher and three pupils have all had emergency surgery and are fighting for their lives, authorities have confirmed.

Horrifying images from the scene showed blood on the floor, after terrified children fled to a nearby shopping centre to escape their attackers.

B2)

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All the Best