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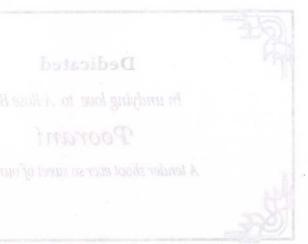
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 - (c) Pick out the sentences you like.
 - (d) Write those sentences in your copy book.
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 - (f) It will interest you.
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- A letter accepting the invitation.
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I am not a non - vegetarian.

MYSELF - (a)

This is all about me. My nam	e is Seeralan. dalignEl your of so
I am a pupil.	
I am ten years old.	
I am in Grade six. loodoa of x	
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I am not short.	
I am of medium height.	
I am three feet tall.	
I am fair in colour.	
I am not dark in colour.	
I am a Hindu.	
I am not a Christian.	Read the above composition -
But, I have many christian and	d muslim friends.
I respect all religions.	
I respect all. I love all races	or group words.
l am a vegetarian	(a) What's the name of the boy?

MORE ABOUT ME - (b)

My weight is about sixty pounds.

I was born on a Sunday in the month of June.

My lucky colour is blue.

My hobby is reading.

I like to read stories

I also read the news papers and magazines.

I watch the T.V. in the evenings.

I listen to the radio too.

SOME THING MORE ABOUT ME - (C)

I want to be a doctor or a teacher

I like to study English

My favourite subject is Science.

I go to temple once a week.

I attend a school near my home. I walk to school.

It is a small school. But, it is a very old school.

I like my school very much.

I have a few good friends.

I play with them. We play cricket.

I have a brother and two sisters.

I love them. I help them. They too love and help me.

- (i) Read the above composition A, B and C more than two or three times. Then, answer these questions in a word or group words.
 - (a) What's the name of the boy?
 - (b) What does he wish to be?
 - (c) What is his hobby?
 - (d) What is his religion?
 - (e) What is his favourite subject?
 - (f) Is he tall or short?
 - (g) Does he play tennis? o dinom and my sbrud a no mod aswil
 - (h) How does he go to school?
 - (i) With whom does he play?
 - (j) How many friends has he?
- (ii) Write a composition of about 10 to 15 sentences about yourself. You may follow the pattern in A, B or C.

MY FATHER - (a)

My father is a wonderful man.

I love him very much. He is nice to all.

He is kind to every one. He has many friends.

All like my father

My father's name is Mr. Srisoma

He is fair in colour. He is tall. He is slim

He is not fat. He is smart. He is a government servant

He is a clerk. He works at the Health Office.

SOMETHING MORE ABOUT MY FATHER - (B)

My father goes to work at 7 a.m. He returns home by 5 p.m. My father has a motor - cycle. He goes to work on his motor cycle.

My father sometimes helps me in my studies. My father is a good typist. He has a type - writer. It is an English type - writer. My father does not eat fish or meat or eggs. My father does not drink or smoke. My father is forty years old. He is quite healthy.

My father watches the T.V. and listens to the radio at night. My father goes to temple every Sunday. I too go with him. I am proud of my Dad!

edges all the work at home like sweeping, cleaning, washing

Read the above as many times as you like. Then read the statements below. Write 'T' if the statement is 'true' and 'F' if it is 'false' in the brackets against each.

(a)	Mr. Srisoma works in a Firm (21 19) 151 vM
(b)	He owns a car
(c)	He is quite handsome was many and of bry alah
(d)	All respect him
(e)	My fatt (arts no me is Mr. Shaoma my fatt) the is a vegetarian
(f)	He is a non - smoker He is tall. He is a lim equipment of the selim
(g)	He does not read much e is a government of the lead much end to be a government of the
(h)	He helps his son in his lessons entire show all hards at the
(i)	The son is proud of his father ()
(j)	'Dad' means 'Father'

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My father sometimes helps me in my studies. My father is

Every one is proud of his or her mother. - egyl s asd eH daigyt boop

My mother's name is Parvathi. To the mother's name is Parvathi.

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She is active and healthy. She is tall and lean.

She is busy round the clock. bus AT and send the remainder the send that the send that

Wy father goes to temple every Sunday velocities and a working lady.

She is a house wife.

She does all the work at home like sweeping, cleaning, washing and cooking. Sometimes she does the shopping too. She runs the

hor	me. She looks after us with love	e and care.
Му	mother praises me if I am	good. She scolds me if I do
	ything wrong.	
Му	mother wants me to be go	od, honest, polite and loyal
Wh	nenever I am free, I help my mo	ther in her work.
		s my father's ma. I am fond of
	e over sixty years old. But the	dearly. Both are old. Both an
1. 8	Say whether the following sta	tements are 'true' or 'false'
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		(tories) Both can sing well I
(b)		(arntyhem as children. Both
(c)	Mothers are fond of their child	(nd n) ther were nauglinent
(d)	Mothers make 'Sweet homes	
(e)	Parvathi is a very fine mother	(If) do anything wrong, this
(f)	She is busy the whole day.	(ey pr) ise me. My grannies ac
(g) Amother scolds a naughty child.		hild. do study well and be.
		My grannies are of great
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	honest:	
	love:	lazy:
	tall:	healthy:

MY GRANNY om seelste tedtom vM

Some of my friends have no grannies. But I am lucky. I have two grannies; not one! One is my mother's ma; the other is my father's ma. I am fond of both of them. They too love me dearly. Both are old. Both are over sixty years old. But they are in good health. They are active. They make our home bright and beautiful. Both live with us. They tell me many stories. Both can sing well. They sing very old songs. They learnt them as children. Both grannies tell me that my father and mother were naughty like me when they were little children.

If I do anything wrong, they **scold** me. If I do anything well, they **praise** me. My grannies **advise** me to grow **gracefully**. They want me to study well and become great

My grannies are of great help to me. They also help my parents. I go to temple or visit our friends with my grannies.

To me, my grannies are a great gift from God.

May they live long!

Answer the following questions in a word or in a few words.

- (1) Do you have a granny?
- (2) If you do not, when did she die?
- (3) Who died earlier your father's mother or mother's mother?
- (4) Write two words that mean the same as 'granny'
- (5) Re-arrange the words that follow to make a proverb: teach, suck, don't, your, to, eggs, grand mother.
- (6) What is the meaning of the proverb?



MY FRIEND

I have only a few friends - about three or four. One among them is my best friend. His name is Seeralan. Many like him as I do. Seeralan is my classmate. He is a poor boy but very **intelligent**. He is nice to all. He is always happy and **smiling**. He is very simple in his ways. He has no **foes**.

His father is poor. He does not earn much money.

Seeralan does well in his studies. His favourite subjects are Mathematics and Science. He is the monitor of our class. He does not go for **private tuition**. He has no money to spend on tuition. He is a **model** pupil in every way. He is a **shy** boy. He will not ask for help from anyone. But, I always try to help him. He too helps me.

On his last birthday. I **presented** him an English Dictionary and a school bag. He visits me every week-end. We get together and play or listen to the radio or watch the T.V.

Seeralan is a **real** 'Seeralan'. His name **fits** him well. He is my best friend. I am proud of him.

Answer these questions briefly:

- (1) What's the name of your best friend?
- (2) Is he rich or poor? __ee_utoig bns agam to that at liaw mo
- (3) Is he good in his studies?

- (4) What is his father?
- (5) Pick out or underline six words that describe Seeralan from among those given in the box below:

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all you	simple	sad a sel	intelligent. He is regino a
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There are many teachers. I like all of them. But Mr.Rajaguru is my best teacher. To me, he is a 'Satguru'. He is an **ideal teacher.** He is a wonderful person. He is our Maths and English teacher. He is also my class master.

He is tall, smart and handsome. He dresses well. He is always neat and clean. He is very kind and pleasing.

He is also **strict**. He knows **everything** about **everyone** of us.

He teaches well. He is ever-ready to help us. He makes his lessons lively and interesting. He tells us nice stories. Sometimes he sings very good songs.

He has many pictures and **charts**. He uses them to teach us. His classroom wall is full of maps and pictures.

Mr. Rajaguru is never late to school. He **rarely** takes leave. Sometimes, he takes classes during week-ends and holidays. We do not go for tuition in his subjects. He visits our homes. He is in **touch** with our parents.

Indeed, Mr. Rajaguru is a born teacher. He is a real Satguru. We are lucky to be his pupils.

- (1) Pick out all the words that describe Mr. Rajaguru.
- (2) What are the subjects that he teaches?
- (3) Does he go to school late?
- (4) Does he often take leave?
- (5) Why does he tell stories?



MY PET

My pet is a dog. It is a common country dog. But it is a good-looking animal. It is white in colour with brown **spots** on its body.

I call it John. It is a nice watch dog. It barks but it does not bite. It scares away all animals that come into our compound.

It is always clean. I bathe it at least twice a month in a tank near our home.

It tries to follow me wherever I go. Whenever I am at home, it stays close to me. At night it sleeps in the verandah.

I feed it well. I feed it everytime I take my meals. Like other dogs it does not like to eat all the time. It does not eat anything and

everything like other dogs. It is very **choosy.** It does not go any where outside our compound.

All visitors to our home and our **neighbours** say that it is a **gentleman - like** dog. Even an animal can be as **decent** as its master. Everything **depends** on **training** or **up - bringing**.

- John, my dog, is my pet.
- I love it and it loves me.
- Answer the following questions: (2)

Is John a greedy dog?

Does it bite people?

Is John' as hungry as a dog'?

Where does it sleep at night?

Find out the meaning of the word 'Kennel'.

Does John have a kennel?

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A DAY IN MY LIFE

My day begins as the day dawns. I get up at five and finish my morning duties. After a wash, I say my prayers and enjoy a cup of tea.

After tea, I study for sometime. Then I bathe and get ready to go to school. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. I am at school. After school, I return home. When I get back home, I have my lunch. After lunch, I rest for an hour.

In the evenings, I help my mother or play with my friends. By 5 p.m. I take a wash. Then I say my prayers. After that, I have a cup of tea and do my studies up to 9 p.m. Next, I take my dinner. After dinner, I do some reading or watch the T.V. or listen to the radio. By 10 p.m. I go to bed and sleep like a top till 5 a.m.

This is how my life goes day in and day out.

Give the answer in a word or group of words:

- (1) At what time does this boy get up?
- (2) What does he do in school?
- (3) What is the meaning of these phrases:
 - (a) as the day dawns:
 - (b) to sleep like a top:
- (4) When does he watch the T.V.?
- (5) When does he go to bed?
- (6) How long does he rest after lunch?

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WHAT I LIKE TO BE IN LIFE

I like to be a good boy. I like to be a friend to all. I want to love both man and **beast** alike.

I do not like to **hurt** anyone. I like to help all. I want to do my best at all times.

I like to be as busy as a bee. TenT.emtemos to yours I setteffA

I like to be a teacher or a doctor. I want to serve all. I want to be a useful citizen.

I wish to read all the good books. I like to have a library of my own. Reading will help me to improve my **knowledge**. I like to read the life stories of great men and women.

I like music. I also like to learn painting. **Above all,** I want to make my father and mother feel proud of me.

- (1) What does this boy like to be? In yeb agog shi ym wod ar ard I
- (2) What is the meaning of the word 'beast'?
- (3) Why does he want to read books? Tows ninewans eff evid
- (4) What do you want to be?
- (5) Write the name of a great man. Vod sint seob emit tsrlw 1A
- (6) Write the name of a great lady.



THINGS I HATE

I hate everything that is bad. I hate to be idle. I hate to tell lies. I do not like to quarrel with anyone. I do not like to harm anybody. I hate people fighting, lying, killing and robbing. I hate war. I hate to talk ill of others. I hate to break any rule or law. Some people are selfish and dishonest. I hate to see such people. In short, I hate everything that good people hate.

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war		******	v.
			· But spars are rich
A Person v	vho 'ldles' is called an	'Idler'	Children also beg Beggars are healt
What do yo	u call a person who:		
loves;		talks;	
hates;		fights;	Beggars are very
breaks;		quarrels;	Beggars are skinn
robs;		lies;	U. Beggars have mai



BEGGARS

Beggars! We see a lot of them every where. We see them in towns, cities, market places and bus - stations.

Men, women and children beg. Some are very old. Some are very young. Some are very sick. Many are very lean, **skinny and bony**. Their clothes are **torn** and dirty. They are not clean. They have no one to care for them. They beg from all. They go from door to door. They go from shop to shop. They beg for food and money. I am sad to see a beggar. It is a pity to see them. We must help them. It is our duty to help them. God will bless us if we help the poor. We must make our country free of beggars.

Are these statements 'TRUE' or 'FALSE' Write 'T' or 'F' against each in the brackets.

1.	Beggars are rich	()
2.	They are everywhere	()
3.	Children also beg	A Person who 'idles' is called a
4.	Beggars are healthy	
5.	It is sad to see beggars	()
6.	Beggars live well	What do you call a or (rson v)ho:
7.	Beggars eat well	oves; ()
8.	Beggars are very strong	nates ()
9.	Beggars are skinny and bony	()
10	.Beggars have many friends	()
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Answer these questions. Say 'Yes' or 'No'

- 1. Do all children beg?
- 2. Are you happy to see a beggar?
- 3. Do all help beggars?
- 4. Are there many beggars in our country? Of Sall Loy ob Vittle
- 5. Do beggars dress well?
- 6. Do they enjoy life?
- 7. Do you beg?
- 8. Do your parents beg?
- 9. Does a beggar eat well?
- 10.Do you like to help beggars? Nov elder sto eman ent sthW



MY HOBBY

My hobby is reading. It is a very good hobby. It helps me to know many things. It **increases** my knowledge. I enjoy reading. I read story books, papers and magazines. They are my friends. I read whenever I am free. I get my books from the school library. Sometimes I borrow books from my friends. My father buys me some good books. My uncles too send me good story books.

Tales of old, Fables, True stories from History, Life stories of great people delight me. Reading makes us full, and but and long pulled

If I go on reading, I can improve my knowledge, I too can write books as I grow up. I too can become a writer. Who knows, I too can become a famous writer.

I am very happy that reading is my hobby. It gives me a lot of joy.

Answer these questions: 294 Vas another passing want

- 1. Do you read?
- 2. For how many hours do you read daily?
- 3. Do you like poems?
- 4. Why do you like poems?
- 5. What do you like more, poems or stories?
- 6. What is your hobby?
- 7. Who are the friends of this boy?
- 8. How does reading help you?
- 9. What is a fable?
- 10. Write the name of a fable you know.

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A MARKET

There are many markets in our district. Some are small; some are big. But, they are busy places. They are **crowded and noisy.**

A market in a town is big. A village market is small. There are also super-markets in big towns and cities. They are really super. People go to a market to buy or to sell or to do both. The market in our town has a number of stalls. One for vegetables; one for fruits; one for grocers and one for fish and meat. There are also stalls for selling clothes and fancy goods.

Every market has a parking lot too. Igmi has I golbsen no og I ti

All around the market are shops and eating houses. a moded neo

Amarket is full of people in the forenoon. By evening, it is dead.

Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? 1. Every town has a super market 2. Amarket is a quiet place 3. Amarket is busy in the mornings 4. A farmer goes to market to buy and to sell () 5. One can buy very good things in a market () 6. One can pick and choose in a market () Write the opposite of the following words: forenoon: quiet:



buy

full

MY BIRTHDAY - HOW I OBSERVE IT M 2000

small:

What does the boy do after bearing?

April Eighth, every year, is my birthday. It is an important day for me. I **observe** my birthday in a simple and **quiet** way. I do not make it a big show. I have it as a **low - key** event. My parents, too, like it to be simple and quiet. I get up early on my birthday. I take a bath. I do my **usual** prayers. I thank **the Lord** for giving me a sweet home, a loving father and a sweet mother. Then, I **kneel** at the feet of my parents. My parents **bless** me.

After their blessings, I put on new clothes. My new clothes are nice and pretty but not **expensive**. Next, I have my tea. Then I go to the family temple. It is near our home. My parents or one of them go with me to the temple. We go in time for the morning pooja.

After the pooja, the priest blesses me in the name of God. Then we return home.

By 12, we have our lunch. Usually, my father invites five or six poor people. We feed them. My father presents them with clothes and money. The poor visitors too bless me for our kindness.

In the afternoon, some of our friends come to wish me. We serve them with short eats and drink. So ends my birthday.

To me and my parents, my birthday means nothing special!

- 1. What phrase in the passage tells you that the boy's birthday is a simple and quiet one?
- 2. What does the boy do after bathing?
- 3. Who blesses him at home?
- 4. Who blesses him at the temple?
- 5. Who are fed at home?
- 6. Who are treated in the afternoon?
- 7. Does the boy wear rich clothes on his birthday?
- 8. Whom does the boy thank for his sweet home?



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Trees are very useful.

They give us the cool shade.

They give us the cool breeze.

They are our 'Green'

They are nature's gift to man. evianages ton fud vite iq bins soin

They give shelter to birds and animals. Son aid aligned vilings and of

They help to bring us rain and on op eW .elqmet ent of em dtiw op

Our jungles and forests are full of trees. There are also many trees in our compound. They are fruit trees like the mango, the jak, the orange, the lime, and the wood - apple. The coconut, the palmyrah and the arecanut are palms.

Trees like the tamarind, the olive, the bo, the banyan, the mahogany, the margosa and the Teak are tall trees. They have spreading branches. Birds build nests on these trees.

Trees give us fruits. They give us **fuel**. Our houses, doors, windows, cupboards, beds and **cradles** are made of wood. We get the wood from the trees. Even the **coffins** in which we lie last are made of wood.

We must be kind to the trees. We must not cut them down. We must not raise our hands against trees. It is a sin.

We must plant more and more trees. We can plant a tree on our birthdays. Our land will be a **desert** without trees.

Let us be kind to the trees.

I think I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree.

Answer the following in a word or two.

- 1. From where do we get our fruits?
- 2. From where do we get our wood?
- 3. From where do we get our fuel?
- 4. What are our furniture made of?
- 5. What gives our shade?
- 6. What cools us from the heat of the sun?
- 7. What is a coffin made of?
- 8. Where do birds build their nests?

Rearrange these lett	ers and make a word:
I/e/f/u	in our compoundThey are fail trees like the
	orange, the lime and thousand around The
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s/h/e/r/t/l/e	i mananananananananananananananananananan
a/I/m/p/s	Trees like the immunication miner in a

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MY SCHOOL

My school is in my village. (tow n) Its name is the Central High School. It is a very old school. It is a **mixed** school. My father, too, attended this school. It is as good as any school.

It has five blocks of buildings. The Office, the Library, the Laboratory, the staff-room and the Store - room are in the main block.

The biggest block in the centre has three **storeys**, There are fifteen class - rooms in it. The School Hall is on the ground floor. All the **primary** classes are in one block.

The Home Science, Art, Music and Dancing rooms and the Work - shop are in another block. There are over a thousand pupils in my school. There are about forty teachers. We have classes from Grade One to Twelve.

The motto of my school is "ACT WELL YOUR PART".

We have four houses. Each house is named after a great poet. They are; The Shakespeare House, The Homer House, The Valmiki House and the Kalidasa House.

The colours of my school are: Red, Green and Blue. 9219

We have a large playground. We play all the games. We have scouting and guiding too. Our students are trained to speak, sing, dance and act. My school is a perfect school. In all a renaiw - llow

Answer the following questions: and ni blad at nother of any

- 1. What is the motto of the school? I spate of the school? I spate of the school?
- 2. Does this school have 'A' Level classes? 'A' Level classes?' 'A' A' May 8 vo
- 3. What's the name of your school?
- 4. Is yours a Boys' school or a Girls' school?
- 5. What is one word for a school where boys and girls study? day. The principal reads the prize - d
- 6. What grade are you in?
- makes a speech. The Chief Guest of 7. How many pupils are there in your school?
- 8. Do you study Music or Art or Dancing? hogming and wab-earing
- 9. Do you have a hall in your school?
- 10. Is there a play ground in your school? To shaoogo and sinW
- 11. The word 'storey' has two plural forms. Write them.

THE PRIZE DAY IN OUR SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

The Prize Day is an **important function** in our school. We have our Prize Day every year. We have it in the month of September. The staff and the pupils work like bees for days to make it a great **success**. All parents, past - pupils, friends and **well-wishers** attend the prize Day.

The function is held in the School Hall. The school hall and the main gate - way are well - decorated. The hall is well - arranged. It is well - lit; so is the stage. The function begins at 3 p.m. It ends by 6. p.m. A very important person is invited as the Chief Guest. Pupils who do well in studies and sports are given prizes and certificates.

The school brings out its **magazine** every year on the prize - day. The principal reads the prize - day **report**. The Chief - Guest makes a speech. The Chief - Guest or his wife gives away the prizes. We have a **concert** of music, dancing and acting on the prize - day. It is an important event year after year.

- Pick out all the compound words in this composition.
- Write the opposite of: important; great; begins; well lit; after; success.
- 3. Name an important school function.
- 4. Who attend the prize day?
- 5. Who is invited as the Chief Guest?
- 6. When does the function begin?
- 7. When does it end?

OUR LAST PRIZE -DAY

We had our prize- day at the end of last term. It was held on a Friday after - noon. Our Chief - Guest was an old student of our school. He is an Accountant. He was present with his wife. She is also an Accountant. The guests arrived on time. They were received by the Principal. The Chief - Guest was garlanded by one of the prefects. The wife of the Chief - Guest was presented with a bouquet by a little girl student. The guests were given a guard - of - honour by the Scouts and Guides. The Chief - Guest and his wife were introduced to the staff by the Principal.

Then, there was a tea - party. After tea, the function began.

As the Chief - guest and his wife came on the **stage**, two parents **garlanded** them. Then the Prize - day began. The college song was sung. Next, there was the welcome song. It was sung by a group of boys and girls. I was one of them. The Principal read the Prize - day report. After that, the prizes **were given away** to the winners by the wife of the Chief - Guest. Next, the Chief - Guest **delivered** his **address**. He **praised** the school, the staff and the pupils for all the good work done.

As he finished his speech, a vote of thanks was given. Then began the school concert of dances, singing and play - acting. Everyone enjoyed the day. The function ended at 7.00 p.m.

Complete the following sentences by using the correct word or words.

	The Prize - day was on a Friday.
(b)	The Chief - Guest on time.
(c)	Hereceived by the Principal
	He was by a senior student. d bevieses
(e)	A was presented to the wife of the Chief - Guest.
(f)	A guard - of - honour by the Scouts and Guides.
(g)	The Guests to the Staff by the principal.
(h)	The college song by the pupils. ent no eme oame oant salique.
(i) 9	The guests garlanded by the
(j)	The principal the prize day
(k)	The prize - day address by the Chief - Guest.
(1)	The Chief - Guest everyone in the schoolthe good work done.
7	The function at 7 p.m. 9992 and bertain it and aA
(n)	Everyone the day. One by the bear to be a land a sufficient of the bear to be a land a sufficient of the bear to be a land of the bear to be



THE HAPPIEST DAY IN MY LIFE

I am a poor child. So is my father. He is a wage - earner. What he earns is just enough to feed me and my brothers and sisters. We have no other income. No one helps us. I studied in my village school and passed the standard five examination. I got very good marks in all the subjects. My father wished me to join a town school for my further studies. He applied to my present school. I sat the admission test and I passed it. But the school asked for a donation to take me in. My father could not pay it. So my father wanted me to continue in the village school. I did not mind it. I was happy to do so.

The previous year I sat the scholarship examination. The results came out in March. I was one of the pupils who passed it. I got 180 marks. My rank was the third highest in the district. It was my happiest day. I cried in joy. Everyone praised me. All the teachers in my school praised me. They gave me a lot of presents like books, pens, a school bag, an umbrella, new clothes for my school and home wear, boxes of biscuits and sweets. It was a good lot. I could not carry all of them home. My poor mother came to school to take them. My mother and I thanked my wonderful teachers. We went home in tears of joy.

The following week my father went to the town school. He took my scholarship results. **I was admitted** without a word. Not a cent was paid. Another happiest event!

I thank the Lord for his **mercy**. It is the **reward** for good work. It was a gift from Heaven - not from man! **A wonder of wonders!** Man **denied** it but the Gods **blessed** it.

Underline the correct statement (More than one may be correct for some)

The boy was very happy because:

- (a) He passed the standard five examination.
- (b) He passed the Admission Test to the Town School.

marks in all the subjects. My father wished me to join a town

- (c) He got a lot of presents from his teachers. On even ew
- (d) He did well in the scholarship examination.

2. The scholarship examination helps: admit you not look to

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- donation to take me in. My father could no slique his (d) then
- (c) Poor but intelligent pupils. It is sunit no of embelosw
 - Town schools. (d)

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- a poor family. (a)
- a rich family. (b)
- a very rich family. Wall vol ni beho I was daelgged ym
- a very poor family. Them beausing loods a virini energies at like books, pens, a school bag, an umbrella, new clothes for

(4) A village school: " sexod many amon bits looned

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- to school to take them. My mothers sliqued rood to take them.
 - helps rich and poor pupils. If it is a some well and poor pupils.
 - demands money from the parents.

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THE POSTMAN

vve	nave many mends.	
The	Postman is one of them.	
He	brings our mails to our door - ste	It has very fine books
He	is a welcome visitorapbelwo	
We	like to see him. olbst edi no ata	
He	wears a uniform.	
He	carries a bag.	
Itis	his mail bag.	
не	goes about on a bicycle.	
He	works from morning till evening.	
We	the postman who collects our le cannot send or receive our mai eed, a friend to all.	ls without the postman. He is,
(4)		(b) Do you study English in yo
(1)	Answer these questions in a (a) Who brings our letters?	(d) Does your father speak E
	(b) Do we like to see a postma	
	(c) Where do we drop our lette	
	(d) When does a postman beg	
	(e) How does he go about to d	
(2)	You know that A, E, I, O are following letters into words letters.	
	pstmn:	mls:

wlcm:.....

ndd:

snd:

crrs:



WHY I LIKE ENGLISH?

	e English for many reasons.	
Itis	a world language	
Itha	as very fine books.	
It he	elps me to improve my knowledge. Applialy emobilew	
Ica	n listen to English broadcasts on the radio. Illid 992 of	
I ca	n watch many English programmes on television.	
	n study in many Universities in the U.K. or the U.S.A	
Icai	n travel anywhere in the world if I know my English well.	
	glish is a window to the world.	
	a common language to all	
Eng	glish will help me to enjoy life in many ways.	
Ans	swerthese questions.	
(a)	Do you like English?	
(b)	Do you study English in your school?	
(c)	Can you speak English? sint anotherup easth rewar	
(d)	Does your father speak English? Jel 100 against onW	
(e)	Can you study in England if you do not know English?	
(f)	Is English a common language in the world today?	
(g)	Use these words to make a sentence.	
	world, English, window, is, the, a, to.	
(h)	What do the following letters mean:	
	u know that A. E. I. O and U are vowels. I. N.U	
	lowing letters into words by using a your A.R.U.	
(i)	Are these statements true or false?	
	(1) Adoctor must know English. ()	
	(2) Our teachers must know English ()	
	(3) English is useful to all. ()	
(i)	Why do you like to learn English?	

LIFE IN A VILLAGE

Life in a village is simple and slow.

It is peaceful. It is quiet. It is not noisy as in a town.

There are very few crimes in a village.

Village life is healthy. The air is pure. It has good drinking water.

There are many gardens and fields. It is full of trees. There are open lands where children can play.

Every village has its temples and churches. It has also one or more schools. The village shops are small but they sell all the things the people want.

Life in a village is cheap. The monotheod most product sold a selection of the contract of the

Most of the people in a village are farmers, **craftsmen** or workers. A village life may not be **fashionable**. It may not be **comfortable**. It may not have many **facilities**. But, it is sweet and **care** - **free**.

The answer to questions in column "A" are found in column "B" Match them by writing the number of the answer in the brackets.

Column'A'			Column 'B'
Why do people go to church or temple	()	(1) to play
Why do they go to shops?	nomin	ne)	(2) pure water
One word for carpenters,			
	()	(3) crimes
Why is an open land useful			

(6) craftsmen that describe life in a ven to help you. AYTO REMEMBER IN the missing words are
ven to help you
an ets ened l ande sono Every villagoande sono politic ett zloodos etono AYTO REMEMBER IN
rect word and write its
happy 1. sad 2. special 3. the 4. every 5. thank
Seconds of on year (B)
1. shook 2. hugged 3. kissed 4. assembly barents 5. clapped 6. called

(0)	Y	{ C }
(C)	I got my scholarship on that day. I got a hundred and sixty	1. others 2. on
	Three in my class also got good marks. But	3. names
	was the highest.	4. results
	ox, the sheep, the goat, the buffalo, the horse	6
	Our were put were put	6. praised 7. mine
	the Notice board was on	8. mine
	top. My teachers	9. marks
	My friends at me with	J. marks
	wonder.	
	crops	{D}
(D)	That evening we went to temple. My parents	1. like o
	and I our prayers to God	2. box
	for His to a poor boy	3. rupee
	me. I dropped a	4. offered
	in to the at the temple.	5. grace
	en clothes without the sheep	ave inewool
(E) -	The managed and III was a Walter triangle and a sall a	al aleabor of our
(E)	Then, we returned home. We had a nice	E}
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	andsoundly like sile of the	2. happiest
	a prince. That was	3. in and an
		4. indeed
	day	5. dinner
	e spil ym: 's spil ym useful are our dogs and cats! The dogs.	vervone kno



SOME USEFUL ANIMALS

Like men, we have animal friends too.

They are very useful us.

They help us in many ways.

The cow, the ox, the sheep, the goat, the buffalo, the horse, the camel, the elephant, the dog and the cat are some of them.

The cow is a **gentle** animal. It gives us milk. Cow's milk is a rich food. The little ones and the old enjoy it. We get **curd**, **butter** - **milk**, **cheese** and **ghee** from cow's milk, The **cow** - **dung** is a rich **manure** to our crops.

The ox is a **patient** animal. It draws our carts. It helps the farmers to plough their fields and gardens.

The sheep and the goats are useful too like the cow, or the ox. The Australian sheep called 'the merino' gives us **wool**. We cannot have the woollen clothes without the sheep.

The buffalo is like the ox in every way. The horse is a **noble** animal. We can ride on them. They help to draw carriages. They also help to plough the fields.

The camel is called 'the ship of the desert'. It is a beast of burden.

Everyone knows how useful are our dogs and cats! The dog is man's best friend.

The elephant is a huge animal. It is king of the Sri Lankan jungle.

An elephant can be caught and trained to do a lot of work for man. It is a grand sight to see elephants taking part in the Kandyan Perahera.

All the above animals are useful, **faithful** and **friendly** to man. We must be kind to them.
We must love them.

Answer the following questions:

- (1) Do you have a cow at home?
 What does it give you?
- (2) Write the word that tells you what a cow is like.
- (3) From what do we get ghee?
- (4) Which is more useful to a farmer, an ox or a camel?
- (5) What is the name of the sheep from which we get wool?
- (6) Is it possible to tame an elephant?
- (7) What animal can be used in place of an ox?
- (8) What are the young ones of these animals called? The box below has the word.

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Agoat	ad. All the wards are full of sick people - your
Asheep	
Ahorse	
An elephant	e and griff of the griff of the control of the griff of t
Adog	inamunani akaombaadai amukakakk
Acat	Fid-aled too bluce o'M wife a sew it you of a spe

kid, foal, kitten, calf, pup, lamb

(9) Complete these similes: You may find the word in the box below.

 As
 as a dog.

 As
 as a kitten.

 As
 as a horse

 As
 as a cow

 As
 as an ox.

 As
 as an elephant

 As
 as a lamb.

huge, playful, gentle, patient, faithful, noble, useful



WHAT I SAW IN A HOSPITAL

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One day, last month, I went to the City Hospital. An uncle of mine was in the hospital. My mother and I went to see him. I had never before gone to a hospital. So I liked to visit it.

A hospital is a **miserable** place. It is a **House of Misery**. I shall never again go to a hospital. What I saw there made me very, very sad. All the wards are full of sick people - young, old, men and women.

Some were **groaning**; some crying; but all were suffering in pain. My uncle himself was groaning in pain. He had a big **ulcer** in one of his legs. It was in **bandage**. As he saw me and my mother, he began to cry. It was a pity. We could not help him. We stood near his bed. My head was **reeling!** The doctors and the nurses were busy. They were doing their best. Their work was a difficult one.

They are indeed the best servants of humanity.
Within half - an - hour, I came away praying for my uncle's speedy recovery. I shall never again visit a hospital. It is a real house of misery.

Answer these questions.

- (1) Had he been to a hospital before?
- (2) Why did he go?
- (3) What was his uncle suffering from?
- (4) With whom did he go?
- (5) How did he feel when he was in the hospital?
- (6) Whom does he call the best servants of society?
- (7) Did he enjoy his visit to the hospital?
- (8) How does he describe a hospital?
- (9) Complete the blanks with a suitable word. The word you need is given in the box to the right.

A hospital is full of	number
work in hospitals.	assist
A hospital has a of wards. Patients or	doctors
in	groan
Ahospital is a house of	misery
Adoctor is a of	humanity
Nurses doctors.	cry
	servant
	patients
	pain

OUR CITY

Mangalapura is our city. It is a very old city. It is not a **planned** city. It is not as big as Colombo.

It is not that clean. It is very **crowded**. The roads are **narrow**. The **traffic** is heavy. There is always a **traffic jam**.

There are rows and rows of shops on both sides of the road. Some are big. some are small. We can buy everything in our city shops. The Central Bus Station, the Main Post Office, the General Hospital, a Public Market, the Courts, the main Police Station and many big schools are in the city.

There are a few hotels, a few cinema halls, cafes and eating houses in the city.

There is also an old clock tower. The clock is in disrepair. The city is under the Mangalapura Municipal Council.

We must plan our city.
We must make it modern.
We must make it beautiful
"All Roads lead to Rome"
So also all our roads lead to the city.

Are these statements True of False? Write 'T' if it is true and 'F' if it is false within brackets.

(a)	Mangalapura is a planned city.	()
(b)	It is an unplanned city.	()

107	The roads are wide.		/
(d)	All the big schools are in the city.	e held	ample, ar
(e)	We can buy all we need in the city shops.	(_{sb}	ne filet
	The clock in the tower is in working order		
(g)	We can move fast when there is a traffic jam	(sb	dyset er
(h)	Roads lead us nowhere	() svitas

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A PLACE OF WORSHIP

Wherever people live, there is a place of worship. A place of worship is 'A House of Prayer'

Temples, churches and mosques are places of worship.

I live is a village. There are many temples in our village. Some are big. Some are small.

One temple is a big one. All the people go to this temple. There are five **services** daily in this temple.

The first service is at 6 a.m. The second is at 9 a.m. The third is at 12 noon. The fourth is at 4 p.m. The last is at 7 p.m. The fourth is at 4 p.m. The last is at 7 p.m.

Friday services are special. Many Hindus go to temple on Fridays.

Christians go to church on Sundays.

Every temple has its **Annual Festivals**. The annual festivals in my temple are held in the month of August. We have it for ten days.

The first day festival begins with **flag-hoisting**. The most important festival is the car festival. It is held on the ninth day. On the tenth day, we have 'the Theertham' or 'the water - cutting' festival.

Besides the annual festivals, we have also a number of other festivals. The New year day, the Pongol day, the Sivarathiri day, the Navarathiri day and the Thiruvemba are some of them.

In short, every day is a holy day. So some people go to temple or church daily. A place of worship is an important place.

Fill in the blanks with the correct word. The words you need are in the composition above.

(a)	Hindus to temple Fridays.
(b)	Sunday is to the Christians. Undo asigmet
(c)	a
(d)	W. I
(e)	Temples and churches areplaces. one end
(f)	In many Hindu temples, the High are held for ten days.
(g)	Many village temples are
(h)	The Nallur Kanthaswami temple is a one. It is a famous place ofin the North.
(i)	There are big churches in our town.
(j)	Christmas is a



THE BOOKS I READ

My hobby is reading. I read daily. I like to read stories. I like stories of all lands. I am fond of Old Greek, Roman, English and Indian tales.

I am fond of Shakespeare stories too. I also like stories from the Ramayana and the Mahabharatha. These stories give me a lot of joy and delight.

I also like to read the life stories of great persons like Lincoln, Gandhi, Swami Vivekananda and many others.

My father and my uncle always present me with good books on my birthdays. I value books more than anything else.

Books teach me the good life and good values in life. They enrich me in many ways. Good books are my friends.

An	swer these questions	ALLEY A.			
1.	What is the hobby of this student?	903			
2.	Is a tale a true story?	each			
3.	Who was Shakespeare?				
4.	What do books teach us?				
5.	Who are the friends of this boy?				
6.	Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?				
	(a) Reading is a waste of time.	(9)-)		
	(b) Reading makes us full.)		
	(c) Children are fond of tales.	(B))		
	(d) Tales and fables teach us good lessons in life	(11))		
	(e) There are also bad books.	(i))		
	(f) Good books teach us 'good values'.	(II))		

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THE POST OFFICE

A Post Office is a useful place. It is as useful as a school, library or dispensary. It is a busy place. It is open daily. It does not work on Sundays and Public holidays.

Every village has a sub post office. Towns and cities have big post-offices. The Postmaster is an important citizen. He helps all who go to the post-office. All **respect** a Postmaster. A Postmaster has one or more **assistants** to help him. The post-men also help him.

We go to a post - office to buy stamps, postal and money orders or to post our mails. We send and receive our letters, telegrams and parcels **through** a post - office. A post - office is also a Savings Bank. We can put our savings in a post - office. A post - office is **indeed** a very useful place.

(I) Pick out the opposites of these words from the box on the right and write its number in the brackets against

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(b)	useful	(chus? (3. receive
(c)	busy	(of this of	4. unimportant
(d)	public	o (LUA	atement (T	A rather tallouring at
(e)	important	(Amit to ata	5. useless
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	him	(d of tales(7. disrespect
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(i)	send	(ad books	9. her 919dT (9)
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(11)	Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?					
	(a)	A post-office is useful.				
	(b)	We cash our mony - orders and postal orders				
		in a post - office.				
	(c)	A Post-master is a useful servant				
	(d)	A post-office in a town is a sub post-office ()				
	(e)	A post office works on Sundays.				
(III)	Ans	swerthese questions:				
	(a)	Why do people go to a post - office?				
	(b)	Can you open a savings account in a post - office?				
	(c)	Can you cash a cheque in a post - office?				
	(d)	Can you cash a money order in any post - office you like?				
	(e)	Do you like to be a post - master?				
		are old and rickety				
3		ls cheap				
		TRAVEL BY BUS				
		and private mini-buses and buses				
(1)	the colu	s composition on the above topic has 15 sentences. All sentences are cut into two. The parts are mixed up in mn II. Pick out the correct part and write its number in the exets in column I. The first one is done for you.				
		COLUMN I				
(1)	Wel	nave state buses (10)				
(2)	Trav	rel by bus ()				
(3)	But it is not					
(4)	Whe	en a bus is full, we private the prime of (tryb) (III)				
(5)	lfab	ous is crowded or over - loaded. ()				
(6)		old, the sick and the little ones				
(7)	Buses do not always bertau bertau (vie)					

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(15)	If not,	()	
	COLUMN II		
	people go to a post-office?	(Why do j	
	are cancelled	Uog SO (
	cannot travel in comfort by bus	Log you	
	improve our transport services	0	
	long hours for a bus	5	
	too many passengers and too few buses	_	
	always comfortable	7	
	are old and rickety	8	
	is cheap	9	
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	one has to travel standing	11 2	
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ni q	almost all will suffer run to time	12	
	all passengers will suffer	13	
	are pushed and crushed	14	
	are pushed and crushed	17	
(11)	Rewrite this composition in your exercise	e book. The	n read
	over.		
(111)	Study the meaning of the following words you:	erearing Harr	
	problem; break - down; cancelled; comfo	rtable;	
	EVENIE		
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A DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS.

Here's a dialogue between two friends. But a word is missing in what each says. The missing word is given within the words in bracket. Underline it and read the dialogue.

Luxman: Good Morning, Keerthi.

Very (new, nice, good) to see you. How are you?

Keerthi: Good morning, Luxman. I am fine. It is my (joy, glad,

happy) as well to see you. You look the same (old, small, tall) chap. (How, When, Why) is time treating

you?

Luxman: Oh, quite (easy, well, foot) Thank you. When did you

(come, comes, came) to Jaffna

Keerthi: (On, In, By) Sunday to see my grand parents. You

see I haven't seen (they, them, theirs) for two (year,

years, ears).

Luxman: Surely they must have been (please, pleases,

pleased) to see you.

Keerthi: Oh, very much! Both of them hugged and kissed (I,

my, me) many times. They are over - joyed **

Luxman: No wonder! Meeting their pet (after, before, when,)

two years. When are you getting back?

Keerthi: I shall be here for (sometime, any time, many time) till

the end of next month. We have our vacation now.

Luxman: What's your dad (do, does, doing) Your mother?

Keerthi: Both are doing well. Father is busy (with, on, at) his

shop. He has good business and nothing to complain

of.

Luxman: How is (you, your, yours) school? Is it as good as (us,

our, ours) here?

Keerthi: It is very (much, more, many) the same, nothing to

complain of

Luxman: How about a cup of tea (for, to, with) you?

Keerthi: Not now. Shall come on Sunday. I must be off now to

see an uncle of mine in hospital.

Luxman: So I won't hold you long. Thanks for calling. (Do,

Does, Did) come on Sunday. I shall be waiting (for,

in, with) you.

Keerthi: I shall take leave of you now. Bye!

Luxman: Remember, Sunday.

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The following are some of the New Year resolutions of Sunilkumar. Read through them and answer the questions below it.

- I shall always act as my parents wish. I shall never disobey them.
- 2. I shall not fight or quarrel with any one, anymore.
- Hereafter I shall not touch fish or meat or eggs.
- 4. Every Friday I shall go to the temple near my home and pray.
- 5. I shall respect all; help all and hurt none.
- 6. I shall not lie and keep away from liars.
- 7. I shall do my studies daily after sunset till ten.
 - 8. No more private tuition. I shall be satisfied with my class-
 - 9. I shall read at least one good book every month.
- 10. Home gardening will be my hobby and I shall spend my free time in my garden.

Are	the following	true or	false	according	to	Sunilkumar's
reso	lutions.					

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	a. If necessary, I shall tell a lie.	(T/F)
	b. Bird - watching will be my hobby.	(T/F)
	c. To me, my parents and elders are worthy of respect.	(T/F)
	d. He believes in God and prays for His Grace	30
	e. He will be a vegetarian hereafter.	(T/F) 8
	Vill Court barrior before a contest in the second state of the sec	(T/F)
	g. Sunilkumar does not like to quarrel with others	(T/F)
	h. He is fond of reading books	/T/ - \



LIFE OF A GREAT MAN

To me among all great man, Mahatma Gandhi was the greatest, He was a man of peace and prayer. He was a **Godman**, simple, humble and noble. He was born on October 2, 1869. He worked for years to win India's Freedom. He worked in a peaceful way. He had no army. He **shed** no blood, His weapon was ahimsa

India owes much to him. He was called 'the Father of the Nation'. The world called him 'the Light of Asia.' History has not known before a man as Gandhi. Hence he is called a Mahatma.

His end came in a **shocking** way. He was shot dead in January, 1948 by a Hindu **fanatic**. His death shocked the world. Just as Christ, the king, was **crucified**, Gandhi, a servant of **humanity** fell a victim to an **assassin's bullet**. Millions **mourn** his end.

Answer the following questions in a word or phrase:

- 1. When was Gandhi born? The was good and as yelled sH.b.
- 2. When did he die?
- 3. How did he die?
- 4. Did he have an army or weapons in his fight for India's freedom?
- 5. What was his weapon?
- 6. How did the world call him? Up of sail for asob semusilinu2.p
- 7. Why is October 2nd important in Indian History?
- 8. How did Christ, the king, die?



THE MOBILE PHONE

The mobile phone is an important invention. It helps us to keep in touch with all. It is quite useful. Even children use it.

We can store all details in a mobile phone.

Right from our houses. We can send and receive all news.

Many use it as a tool for pleasure. When so used, a lot of money is spent unnecessarily.

The mobile is also used for many evil purposes to plan robberies and other crimes. The use of the mobile for long hours is a threat to our health. Doctors say that it can damage

- the ear and the brain and could cause cancer. In the brain and could cause cancer.
- Government has **banned** the use of the mobile by students in schools.
- As in the case of everything else, the mobile is both a blessing and a bane, Therefore, people need care in its use.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. How does the mobile phone help us? Isgipalia sative benzinua
- 2. Are children allowed to use it?
- 3. Is the mobile used in crimes? up and award aman amil'
- 4. Do some persons use it to threaten others?
- 5. Can you store details in a mobile is loorload is every eW. Judeler

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A LETTER TO A FRIEND DESCRIBING YOUR NEW SCHOOL

Soon after school we have all kinds of sports. I like to

Mangalapuram.

Discos si ve Citizen's College, al Mangalapuram.

My dear Ramaraj,

I am very glad to hear from you. As for me, I am keeping fine. I really miss you and my other friends. I think of you all.

I am really lucky that I got a place in this school. In every way, it is an **ideal** school; it is not like the so - called schools in our area there. If I give you the real picture of my school, you will feel very

sorry that you have to be in a funny school. My present school is not in a crowded area like your town school. The building is airy and comfortable. Every class has only twenty pupils. My class is one less twenty. We have comfortable seats and desks. Every class has a big cupboard and a class library full of books.

Our teachers come in time. They teach so well that everything is clear. There is no need for tuition. Boys who are naughty are punished by the principal or dismissed.

Time means time. We are punctual. When the school is in session, everything is quiet. Our teachers are strict but kind and helpful. We have all school activities. Next week I am put for a speech at the literary forum.

Soon after school we have all kinds of sports. I like to join the tennis club.

Discipline is perfect; every thing is so orderly. I don't know why all schools can't be like mine. Friend, you are missing much, This is a model school run by a Board.

Next month we have Our School Day. I shall send you an invitation. Every pupil can invite two. You will be one. I shall write more in my next letter.

Shall close now. Reply me early. Write to me all news. Love.

I am really lucky that I got a place in this school, bneith a reve as it an ideal school, it is not like the so - called schools in our area there. If I give you the real picture of my school, you will nadomit?

- 1. Who is writing this letter?
- 2. To whom is he writing?
- 3. Do you like this School?
- 4. Who is running this school?
- 5. Is the class in this school crowded?
- 6. Do children in this school rush to tuition centres after school.



A WISH I HAVE NEVER FULFILLED.

It is a thanksqiving day to the Gods and the

I have not one but many wishes that I have not fulfilled.

The main reason is, my parents are poor. As a student I read books on travel, I read a few years ago a travel magazine with many articles and pictures. They are all about schools, universities, places of worship and the people. It is about India, our neighbouring country. The stories of Indian cities, the railways, the rivers, and the life of the people are so interesting that I like to see it all. I have a camera and I can take a number of photos but what I need is money and someone to accompany me. My father knows no English and hasn't enough money. My friend Rohan, son of an engineer, had been to India and his travel experiences are wonderful.

But how can a poor boy like me do so? So my dream remains unfulfilled, I remain hopeful that one day I can satisfy my wish!

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What is the wish of this boy?
- 2. Why is he unable to fulfil it?
- 3. Does this boy's father know English?
- 4. Name a few Indian cities.

THAI PONGAL

Thai Pongal comes on the first Tamil month of Thai which is on the Fourteeth January, each year, It is a religious, social and **cultural** festival. It is observed as a holy day by all the Hindus.

It is a **thanksgiving** day to the Gods and the Sun-God. Days before the Pongal Day all houses are repaired, cleaned and washed. On the Pongal Day all get up early. They bathe. Some wear new clothes. They go to temple to pray. When they come back, they **decorate** the front compound with a 'kolam' and do the Pongal. They offer the Pongal to the Sun-God as a token of thanks - giving.

They enjoy the Pongal with friends and relatives. Children make themselves merry by lighting crackers. It is a special day for them. Even the farm animals are bathed and fed well. Pongal day signifies peace, plenty and prosperity to all.

Answer the following questions: need ban needlene na to noz

- 1. Who celebrates the Pongal day?
- 2. What is done to the houses before the Pongal day?
- 3. How do children enjoy the day?
- 4. What does a Pongal day signify?

ROAD ACCIDENTS



Accidents, are very common. Not a day is accident free. Accidents kill many. Many lose their hands and legs. It is terrible! painful! unbearable.!

Road users must be over-careful to avoid accidents. Road users should follow the rules when they use the road. They should always use the right side of the road when walking. They must use the pedestrian crossings or pavements or foot- paths or side walks and walk single file. Our roads are narrow with pot- holes. More and more cars, buses, lorries, three - wheelers use our roads. Motor cyclists and push cyclists must be careful. They should not over-speed. Drunken - drivers and bad weather too cause accidents.

Many people walk in groups unmindful of pedestrian crossings. Some students who ride bicycles and motor cyclists ride at top-speed. All such persons meet with accidents.

If all are careful, many accidents or deaths can be avoided or averted

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Will there be accidents if road users are careful?
- 2. Are our roads wide? vods ent ni abrow bnuogmoo eentri
- 3. Is there a day without accidents?



WATER



Water is a great gift of God to all living beings. It is our life blood. We must not waste water. Water has many uses. It quenches our thirst. Without it all the man - made drinks cannot be made. If rain fails, there will be no water. Our wells, tanks and rivers all go dry. There cannot be agriculture; no industries and no electricity. In many lands today, in Asia and in Africa, there is severe drought and so there is no water. Millions face death.

It is not wealth or power that is life. It is water! water! water! One can be very rich and very powerful but without water all must suffer and die.

Let us, therefore, pray for rain all the year round, everywhere

Re arrange the letters to make a sensible word.
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thaed:
Answer the following question
Pick out three compound words in the above passage.
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A FAMOUS KING OF SRI LANKA



We have had many kings in Lanka but the most famous was Parakramabahu, the Great. He had his capital at Polannaruwa. His reign was the golden period in the history of Sri Lanka.

He ruled the entire country. He loved all his subjects. He ruled all alike. He helped all religions. He did his best to develop the country. He **encouraged** the study of medicine and all cultures.

The Sea of Parakramabahu was his handiwork. He did not want even a drop of water to go into the sea. He wished that every inch of land must be useful to man.

He maintained law and order so well. There was no crime during his reign.

It is said that during his reign a young beautiful lady bedecked with costly jewels could travel alone from North to South without any fear. That was a great tribute to a great king. We must honour his name.

Are the following statements tree or false?

1.	We can be proud of King Parakramabahu ()	
2.	He divided the country ()	
3.	The people did not like him ()	
4.	There was law and order and no crime	
	during his time ()	
5.	He fought the Tamils and helped the Sinhalese ()	

I have a home garden. All admire it. It is full of flower plants. It has all the fruit trees, There is also a vegetable plot. All kinds of birds come into my garden. They enjoy some of the fruits.

I weed, manure and water my garden. Whenever I am free, I work in my garden. Work in my garden gives me a lot of joy.

My parents also help me. I am proud of my garden. and all your open and a second of my garden.

When I grow up, I want to be a model farmer and grow a lot of cash and food crops.

Rewrite the above paragraph using 'He' in place of 'I' and making the necessary changes.



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Almost every home has a T.V. now. It may be black and white or coloured. Ours is a colour T.V.

Some call a T.V. 'a magic box'; Some others call it 'an idiot -box'. To me, it is a wonderful invention. My father, a teacher, advises me on how to use a T.V. He helps me to select the best programmes. I enjoy items like "the Discovery Channel", the news and good tele - dramas. Like many I am not glued to a T.V. all the time. My parents help me to pick and choose the best programmes.

I always watch the T.V. before going to bed after my studies. or whenever I am free. A T.V. is very useful. It depends on how we use it.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Do you watch or listen to a T.V.?
- 2. What is the Discovery Channel?
- 3. What kind of invention is the T.V.?



the Daily News, The Times, 3890 And, and the Sunday Papers

By reading newspapers we can improve earline and earli

With her snow-white uniform and a cap to match, she is a pleasant sight. She is as pretty as a picture.

She is always punctual to work. She is hard-working; not lazy. Her patients love her. She is also kind to them. Doctors cannot work without a nurse's help.

Patients will suffer if nurses are not dutiful. Nurses work in shift day and night. A nurse is an important servant of the community. We must honour and respect her. An ideal nurse lives in the heart of her patients like Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Why do you like a nurse?
- 2. Can a nurse do the work of a doctor?
- 3. What is meant by working in shift?

THE NEWSPAPERS

Every language has its newspaper. Some are **regional**; some **national** and some others **international**. An English language paper is popular. It brings us news, views, feature articles, sports news, a women's page, a page for juniors and a lot of **advertisements**. **Advertisements bring a lot of money to a news paper**.

Some of the popular English News papers in our country is the Daily News, The Times, The Island, and the Sunday Papers. By reading newspapers we can improve our general knowledge as well as our language **skill**. Anyone can afford to buy a Newspaper. It is very cheap. To many, a day is not complete without reading the day's paper.

Answer the following questions:

- Do you like to read newspapers? Why?

 Give three reasons.

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- 2. Who reads the junior page? In a monor from eW addinummod
- 3. Is a news paper expensive?
- 4. In what way a news paper earns a lot of money?

THE ELEPHANT

The elephant is the king of the Sri Lankan jungle. It is a huge animal. It is very strong. It is grey in colour. It has a trunk. It is its hand. It is its nose as well. Its eyes are very small but sharp. It can even pick up even a needle on the ground. An elephant **trumpets**. It has thick round legs but its tail is short. Its ears are fan like. It lives on green leaves and fruits. It does not eat meat.

It lives in herds. An elephant can become mad. A mad elephant is called a **rogue**. A **rogue** elephant is dangerous. A rogue leaves the herd and goes about causing a lot of damages. A rogue elephant is shot.

A grown - up elephant has two **tusks**. We get **ivory** from the tusks. They are very expensive. A tusker is killed for its tusks. It is against the law to kill a tusker.

An elephant can be caught, tamed and trained to do heavy work like a **bull - dozer**. Elephants are used in processions and in temple festivals. It is a great sight. Their appearance is **majestic**.

Elephants have a good memory. Tourists coming to our country like to see our elephants and enjoy an elephant ride. Elephants are fond of bathing in our rivers. The keeper of an elephant is called the **mahout**. Long ago, our kings had an army of elephants to fight in battles.

An elephant is also called a **pachyderm**A white - elephant is a phrase which means 'expensive to own'.

 I. a. Learn the spelling and meaning of the words in bold types.

even pick up even a needle on the ground. An elephant trumpets.

- b. Write ten sentences that describe an elephant.
- c. Why do people kill an elephant?
- d. Do we have an army of elephants today?
- e. Who is a mahout?
- f. Write a paragraph on 'A Horse'

11.	Use the missing	letters and com	plete these words
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MY VISIT TO A TEA ESTATE MODELLA PROPERTY

There was a time when our country was called "LIPTONS TEA GARDEN. Our country then and now is famous for its tea.

There are vast acres of tea in our hilly districts where the climate is ideal for tea. During my last school holidays, I had been to a tea estate in Nuwara Eliya where my uncle is working as a superintendent. I stayed with him for a week and saw everything there from the tea bushes, the tea-pluckers at work, the buildings, well-laid out roads, water - spouts where all bathe, the tea factory and the office in the estate.

A tea estate in a hive of activity. I saw how the plucked leaves are withered, dried and rolled into tea. I saw boxes of tea nicely packed and sent out to Colombo for sale. Everything is done in a planned way. Quality tea earns us all the foreign exchange.

My stay with my uncle for a week and what I saw there makes me love the life and work on an estate. It keeps one fit and active, It makes one a good citizen working for the progress of ones country. I, therefore, want to become a planter like my uncle and work among **the health-giving hills** of my land far away from the din and noise of urban life.

I can prepare myself for the life of a planter by doing a degree in Agriculture which will qualify me to become a planter. It is good if all our students visit a tea estate. Tea **brings our national wealth**. It is the result of the labour of the tea pluckers who **in sun and shower** toil to enrich our country.

Answer the following questions.



- 1. What was once our country called?
- 2. Why was our country called 'the Lipton's tea garden?
- 3. When did this boy visit Nuwara Eliya?
- 4. What is a water spout?
- 5. What does this boy like to be?
- 6. Use all the words and phrases in bold in sentences of your own.

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ADAM'S PEAK Associated with the peak ADAM'S PEAK Associated with the peak ADAM'S PEAK ASSOCIATION AND ADAM ASSOCIA

Sri Lanka is famous for some of its holy places. They are holy to the followers of all religions. That is indeed a wonder of wonders. One such place is called "Adam's Peak", holy to the Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and to the followers of Islam. Buddhists call it "Sri Pada"; Hindus call it "Shiva Pada" while Christians and Muslims worship it as "Adam's Pada." All alike revere and venerate the peak.

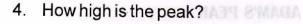
The foot print is enclosed in a small building where the pilgrims worship and make their offerings. Pilgrims go during the months of April and May. It is very difficult to go up and down the peak which is over 1300 feet high. Pilgrims and others say that it is a feast to the eye to view the scene of the rising sun from the summit of the peak.

The peak is in the central southern region and pilgrims go through Hatton - Maskeliya or via Ratnapura. 20 Vision 100 Maskeliya or via Ratnapura.

When I grow up, I like to go on a pilgrimage to this holy peak that unites all.

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Who worship the foot print?
- 2. When is the pilgrim season?
- 3. What is the scene that fascinates the eye?





- 5. Can you go up the peak in a motor vehicle?
- 6. Can you name two other places in Sri Lanka that are holy to all Sri Lankans?
- 7. Write a letter to a pen pal about Adam's Peak.
- 8. This is a game in word-building.
 - a. How many words can you make out of the letters in the word:

ponde of PILGRIMAGE? right salam bas director aminolic

- b. Use a letter only once in a word. 1008 have at doll was an
- If you can make 60 words or more, your 1 score is EXCELLENT.
- d. You many use a dictionary to choose the words.

WESAK

Wesak is a national festival. It is celebrated in a great way. It is associated with three great wents in the life of Lord Buddah. It was in the month of May on a full moon day Lord Buddah was born. It was on a full moon day he became enlightened. Finally he attained nirvana on a full moon day. It has a triple significance.

It is observed in a great way all over the country by all the people. Even Non - Buddhists take part in the celebrations of this great event. Wesak is a national holiday not only in Sri Lanka but in all lands as well.

Wesak is a festival of lights. Beautiful pandals are erected everywhere. Multi - coloured flags, lanterns and attractive decorations are seen in front of houses, shops and public buildings. All the temples, vihrares and dagobas hold prayer meetings. Thousands of white - clad devotees bearing baskets of flowers go to worship. On this day and for days following it, all the poor are fed. The beat of tom - toms and cries of "Sadhu, Sadhu" rend the air. everywhere.

Wesak is indeed a great festival. It is a touching sight that melts the heart of all.

Perfect the following sentence with a word form the above composition.

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A COUNTRY I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT

Many would like to visit a country in the west. But my choice would be for a country in the east like China or Japan or India. Even among these, I would love to visit India for many reasons. It is our immediate neighbour. It is our mother country. Our origins are from India. Our **forebears** came from that country. Socially and culturally, we have many things in common. Lord Buddah was born in India and Buddhism came to us from India. So are Hinduism and Islam. We have a common heritage. Our life and habits and even our thinking are common to those in India.

There are many places to see like the birth places of great leaders and thinkers like the Mahatma, saints and savants like Swami Ramakrishna and Vivekanda and poets and writers like Tagore and Bharathi and many more. Even today thousands go on pilgrimage to all parts of India. Sri Sathia Sai Baba and his abode at Puttaparthi draws thousands of devotees from all parts of the world, even from the west!

Some of the Indian temples as the one at Thirupathi attracts many. Indian centres of learning and some of the big cities like Delhi, Bombay and Madras and the Universities and centres of research are interesting places to be visited. Indian rivers, hills, mines, mountains and factories are other places to be seen.

Above all, a tour of India is cheaper than a tour of other countries. We need not spend much money; travel within the country would be cheap; So are the food and lodging facilities.

Even the climate will be agreeable to us. The above are some of the many reasons why I prefer India.

Give your answers to the following:

- 1. Give three reasons why I prefer to travel to India.
- Give one reason why I do not wish to go to the U.K. or the U.S.A.
- Rearrange the spelling of these words in jumbled order and make them sensible icecho:

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 aginoris
- 4. Know the new names of Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta.
- 5. Who is called 'GURU DEV' in India?

 By whom was he so honoured?
- 6. Who praised Gandhi 'A Mahatma'?

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A FATHER'S LETTER TO HIS SON'S TEACHER

The father was Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest presidents of the U.S.A. It was a beautiful letter. It tells us what a father expects from a teacher and what should be taught or how a child should be trained.

Here's a brief form of his letter. Please read through it many times. Get the help of your teacher, if necessary. Learn the meaning of all words and phrases in bold types. You will enjoy it.

Here is the letter:

He will have to learn that all men are not just. He should be unselfish and **dedicated**. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend, Teach his to earn every dollar in the right way. Teach him to lose and enjoy winning. Train him to be away from **envy** and **the secret of quiet laughter**. Let him not mind the bullies. Teach him if you can the wonder of books. Give him time to ponder **the eternal mystery** of birds, bees, the sun and flowers on the green hillside.

Make him honourable and not to be a **cheat** and to have faith in his own ideas even if others say they are wrong. Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough.

Teach my son not to follow the crowd. Teach him to listen to all men but to act. according to the truth. Teach him to laugh when he is sad and that there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at

cynics. Let him be brave and courageous and have faith in him. It is the test of fire that makes fine steel. This is a big order; see what you can do; My son ___ He's a fine little fellow.

- Read the letter many times.
- 2. Read all the key words in bold print.
- 3. Study their meaning.
- 4. Memorise this letter it you can
- Complete these words taken from the above letter:

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FIFTEEN SIMPLE LETTERS

A LETTER TO YOUR DAD ABOUT YOU AND YOUR NEW SCHOOL

"Rose cot" Shantigama. 5th March, 20xx.

My dear father,

I am fine. How are you?

My new school is quite good. My teachers are fine. They teach very well.

I want a good English **Dictionary**. Children's Longman's Dictionary is the best. Please send me one early.

My regards to you.

I have nothing much to write now.

My prayers for your health and happiness.

Your loving son,

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A LETTER TO YOUR FATHER IN COLOMBO. TELL HIM THAT GRANNY IS ILL AND ASK HIM TO COME HOME EARLY.

"Inbha Girl" Arasan Road, Mavadi. 02.12.20XX

My dear father,

I am sorry to tell you that Granny is very ill. She is very weak. She does not eat well.

We are doing our best. Dr.Bhavan comes to see her daily. Granny likes to see you. She may feel fine if she sees you. So, please come home on a week's leave. Do come early. Thank you.

My regards to you.

Your dutiful son,

A LETTER INVITING A FRIEND TO ONE'S BIRTHDAY

"Brindaban" 20, New Road, Prettygama. 05.09.20XX

Dear Ramesh,

You will be delighted to receive this letter.

My birthday is on Sunday. I am not observing it in a big way. It will be very simple and quiet.

Twill be very simple and quiet.

I am inviting a few only. You are one. I like to see you by 4 p.m.

No presents please. I want only your presence.

My Pa and Ma will very much like to see you. So do come. Thank you.

on the day of your birthday. A cousin of mine is getting married on

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A LETTER ACCEPTING THE INVITATION

"Mallikai" Mullaiyoor. 07.09.20XX

My dear Saravanan, a smoothall says, I shall come as noos

Very many thanks for your letter. I got it just now.

How can I miss your birthday! I shall certainly come.

My Best Wishes.

As always a friend,

LETTER EXPRESSING INABILITY TO BE PRESENT AT THE PARTY

20, New Road Prettygama 05.09.20XX

"Mallikai", Mullaiyoor.

07.09.20xx

My dear Saravanan,

I thank you very much for your letter inviting me to be present on your birthday.

It is very fine you are observing it quietly. But, I know it will still be very grand. be a see of sall down you liw all be sequented as a sequented by the seq

What a pity! I shall not be able to come. I have to be in Kayts on the day of your birthday. A cousin of mine is getting married on that day. I cannot miss it.

I am really very sorry to miss you also. But my thoughts will be with you on that day. I wish you "Many Happy Returns". Please tell your parents why I shall not be present. I am sure all of you will excuse me.

As soon as I return from Kayts, I shall come and see you by Friday.

May God bless you!

As ever a friend,

Ranjith

A LETTER TO A FRIEND WHO IS IN BED EXPRESSING YOUR FEELINGS AND WISHING HER QUICK RECOVERY.

Tank Road, Navagama. 8th June,20XX

My dear Meena,

I am very sorry to hear from Luxmi that you are in bed. What a pity!

I don't know how you broke your leg. Luxmi was in a hurry. So she could not give me any details.

Perhaps you met with an accident. You are a careless rider. Do you remember my telling you that you are always in a hurry and do not keep to your side on the **highway**.

Anyway, you are a nice girl. I am very sorry for you. I shall see you on Sunday afternoon. When I come, I shall bring you some books for you to read.

And also your favourite slabs of chocolate?

I pray for your speedy recovery.

All else in person.

Your dear friend,

Paravathi .

REPLY YOUR FATHER WHO WRITES TO YOU AS FOLLOWS:

"Well, Ammah writes to me that you are playful; you don't study at home; you spend more time with the T.V. than with your books. Is this all true? Be a good boy; listen to your mother. Study well. Make me and Ammah happy. I must feel proud of you."

Temple view Nallur 8th June, 20XX

My dear father,

I thank you for your letter. I am sorry, Dad, Ammah's letter makes you sad. Believe me, dear Dad, what Ammah wrote is not all true.

I do play in the evenings with my friends. But, I am not playful. I am very keen in my studies. Please see my school report I sent you. I did well in all my subjects. I got 79 marks in Maths. It is the highest in my class. For English, I got 75; Science 85 - the second highest and in Tamil 89.

Ammah wants me to get over 90 in all the subjects! I can only do my best.

Ammah does not like me to go out and play with my friends. She doesn't like me to watch the T.V. She thinks it will upset my studies.

I play only in the evenings for an hour. I watch the T.V. after 9 p.m. or good programmes like 'The Discovery Channel. 'I never miss the news.

I am with my books daily from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. During week - ends, I study in the mornings as well.

Ammah wants me to be with my books all the time. That is a pity! Dad, Ammah does not know that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Write to Ammah not to press me.

I am showing this letter to Ammah too before I post it.

With my love to you, and land. Out to you, with my love to you, and land an

My dear Dad, Ever your son, Sivaguru

A LETTER TO A PEN-FRIEND IN U.K. TELLING HOW YOU GOT HIS OR HER ADDRESS. TELL HIM OR HER ABOUT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND COUNTRY.

125, Sea street, Navapura, Sri Lanka. 15th June, 20XX

This is my first letter. So, let it be short. I

Master Peter Johnson, Grammar School, Surrey, England.

Dear Johnson,

Greetings to you!
This letter comes to you from Sri Lanka.
I saw your name and address in a newspaper of our country.

I find you have the same interests as mine. My age is also the same as yours. I am a student in Grade Eight. I want to be an Engineer.

Both my parents are teachers. I have a brother and two sisters.

My favourite subject is Mathematics. Like you, I also enjoy reading novels and collecting stamps. I can send you some very good stamps of Sri Lanka.

My country, like England, is an Island. Our tea and gems are the best in the world.

Do you drink tea? It must be from our country.

Our climate is not too hot and not too cold. Many tourists come here. They like our country very much.

Our jungles are full of animals and birds. The elephant is the king of our jungle.

Our roads and railways are very fine. One can travel anywhere by bus, car or train. We have excellent hotels.

This is my first letter. So, let it be short. I am enclosing a snap of mine and a few stamps.

Please write and tell me all about you. I shall close now. I hope to hear from you early.

Best Wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Ranjan

A LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL OF YOUR SCHOOL GIVING REASONS FOR KEEPING AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND ASKING FOR LEAVE.

5, Narrow Lane, Old Town.

March 5th, 20XX

The Principal, National School, New Town,

Dear Sir,

I am a pupil in Grande Six 'B'. I am not keeping good health. I have Malaria. I feel very weak and tired.

I am under treatment.

My family doctor advises me bed rest.

I may not be able to attend school for two weeks.

Please excuse my absence and grant me leave.

Thank you.

Your Obedient Pupil, P.P. Mahinda

A LETTER TO A BOOK - SHOP ORDERING FOR A BOOK

5, Narrow Lane Old Town Sri Krishna Maha Vidyalaya, Dwarakapura. January 10, 20XX

March 5th, 20XX

Student's Book Land, 10, Main Street, Rajapura.

Sirs,

I shall be glad if you will send me a copy of "New Way Grammar and Exercises", Book Two, by V.P.P.

If you are unable to send the book by V.P.P. please let me know the cost of the book and postal charges. As soon as I hear from you, I shall send you a money - order.

I need the book urgently, please.

Thank you.

Yours truly, K. Sri Dishnu Please excuse my absence and grant me leave

Thank you.

Your Obedient Pupil
P.P. Mahibda

A LETTER TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL POINTING OUT THE DANGER OF STRAY DOGS

Palamoor Vidyalaya, Puthu Road, Suriyapuri. 12th April, 20XX

The Chairman, Local Council, Suriyapuri.

very glad to read in the papers that you got the first poriS

Stray dogs

I make this appeal on behalf of the little ones in my village.

Our lanes, our roads and public piaces like the markets and temples are full of dogs. These poor animals are very old; very sickly; some very dangerous; and some may be mad.

Three children and an old lady have been bitten by them during the week. Our lives are in danger.

It is the duty of the council to do away with these animals.

Please take action at once and save us from these animals.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully, J.J. Dharmapiriya

A LETTER CONGRATULATING A FRIEND WHO GOT THE FIRST PRIZE IN A STORY - WRITING COMPETITION.

Hill Road, Upland. August 2nd 20XX

My dear Hari,

Just a few lines,

I am very, very glad to read in the papers that you got the first prize in the story **competition**.

My Heartiest Congratulations!

I know, you are a very clever student. You always write well. You have a beautiful way of writing.

I am sure, you will become a great writer like your father. You are in the city - very far away. I cannot come and see you for many months. So this letter. Warm wishes! May God bless you! Please write and tell me all about you. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Peter.

WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR FRIEND ASKING HIM TO RETURN THE BOOK HE BORROWED FROM YOU.

"Happy Home" Alagapura 15.10.20XX

My dear Gunam,

Excuse me for this short note.

You took from me a novel by Narayan. It is not my book. I borrowed it from my school library. I must return it by Wednesday. You promised to bring it back within a week. It is now over two weeks. No more delay, please. I cannot keep the book for more than a month. Please send me the book as soon as this letter, reaches you.

Shankar, I know you are a very intelligent boy. I am sure, you will hank you

Your friend, Gopal.

WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR COUSIN WHO HAS PASSED THE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.

Palam Road, Puthu Nagar. 15.10.20XX

My dear Shankar,

I am very happy to know that you have passed the scholarship examination. My Heartiest Congratulations!

I hear from Uncle Rajan that you got 165 marks; Very grand! You have done very well!

Uncle tells me that your score is the highest!

Shankar, I know you are a very intelligent boy. I am sure, you will do very well in life. You must show your colours in everything you do. May God bless you!

I have a small present for you. I will not tell you now what it is. I shall bring it when I come to see you next Sunday. More when we meet. Best Wishes.

Your loving cousin, Sri Murugan

TO ONE'S FATHER ASKING FOR MONEY

Home 15.12.20XX

My dear Dad,

Pray you are well and happy.

So are we all here.

Dad, when you were here last month you gave me more than five hundred rupees as my pocket money. I am so sorry that I have spent it all. I am sure this will make you angry. Mother is already scolding me for wasting my money. I am sorry, I cannot help it. Two of my friends had their birthdays and so like others I too had to give them presents. To both I gave books, each costing over a hundred rupees. Dad, excuse me if I have wasted your cash; forgive me. I don't know when you will be home again. Please send me or write to mother to give me rupees two or three hundred. I want to buy a cap, a pair of socks and some other things.

I hope to hear from you. Thank you, Dad,

May God bless you!

Your loving Son,

Mokan

A LETTER TO YOUR TEACHER PRAISING HIM FOR A SPEECH HE RECENTLY MADE ON THE T.V. ALSO ASK HIM FOR A COPY OF THE SPEECH FOR YOUR FILE.

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Happy Gama,

2. 11. 20XX

Gopi Krishna, Esq.,

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scolding me for wasting my money. I am sony, I cannot hel ris red

This is to say that I watched the speech you made through the T.V. It is a very nice speech. It should tell the T.V. people how the T.V. programmes should be to help all students. Right now, most of them are not lively as they are on the Indian or B.B.C. T.V.

Sir, if possible I would like to have a copy of your speech for my file.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Raguram.

four loving Son,

A LETTER TO A FRIEND ASKING FOR ADVICE ON YOUR PLAN TO START A HOME GARDEN

High level Road, Navagama November 10th, 20XX

Dear Rengan,

This letter might surprise you!

I have decided to start a garden this summer like yours, not a big one but quite useful with flowers and vegetable plants. I have ordered for some good seeds form Kandy where my uncle is.

Your garden looks lovely. You really have good soil. Mine is not that good. I am going to see how mine would be. Please give me some good advice or hints. Do write to me soon. Thank you. Best wishes,

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We pray for her Eternal Bliss!

Your friend, Kannan.

TO YOUR UNCLE IN U.K. EXPRESSING YOUR SHOCK AND SORROW AT THE SUDDEN NEWS OF YOUR GRANNY'S DEMISE

High level Road, Navagama November 10". 2

Temple Road, Palamoor, 25 November, 20XX

My dearest uncle,

Your phone message conveying granny's demise is shocking to all. I was counting the days for Christmas for granny to rejoin us. She said that she would be with us by Christmas! Fate had been very cruel.

We have lost a loveable lady and my mother her lovely mother. What a pity that we have missed her for ever - an Angel!

To all of us, she was a tower of strength. We feel that we have lost a good part of our life!
What has happened to her?
When can we see her again, our priceless gem!

We pray for her Eternal Bliss! We all mourn her loss. Our sympathies.

Your ever sorrowing nephew,

Sundaram

UNCLE'S REPLY TO YOUR LETTER ABOVE.

Essex, U.K.

Solono nelli 29 November, 20XX

My dear Nephew,

I thank you for your very touching letter, I know granny loved you all. She loved you more than she did others. Your are indeed an apple of her eye, She wanted to spend her last days with you but, it was not to be!

her stay with us. But suddenly she had a massive heart attack and before we could rush her to hospital, she passed away. A good soul! We have still not got over the shock. We can only pray for her bliss at the foot of the Lord.

I cannot write much, Be happy that she did not suffer much. That's a great relief, Shall write again.

Your loving uncle.

Writing Post Cards

- In writing a post card, GREETINGS (OPENING) and SUBSCRIPTION (CLOSE) are omitted.
- 2. The address is written on side I

Write a postcard on the following:

- a. To the members telling them that your youth club's foot-ball match has been postponed. State the reasons.
- b. To your cousin asking him to see you during the week-end.
 Say why you want to see him.
- c. To the City Book Store, Main Street, Colombo 05 to find out if they have a book of short stories of Sri Lanka published by the Kandy Book Club.
- d. To the Regal Cycle Stores, Prince Street, Colombo 03 to find out if they have Raleigh Bicycles for sale. Ask for details of the cycle.

12 June, 20XX

Our club's foot - ball match fixed for the 25th of this month has been postponed. The Captain of our team and two of our players are ill. The next date will be informed soon.

J. Raman. (Secretary)

July 12

Please see me by Saturday or Sunday. We must make our plans early for our travel to Colombo. Please do not fail. Do come.

Here's the good news that your favourite nephear

V.P. Lingam

On all at home, please

September 6th

I shall thank you to let me know early if you have 'A Book of Sri Lankan short stories published by the Kandy Book Club. Also let me know the price of a copy.

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Brysph and loorloan up 10 th October, 20XX

I am interested in buying an English Raleigh bicycle. If it is available, please send me details of its price. I would like the cycle fitted with a light and a carrier. Thank you for an early reply. Inform your uncle that your brother is arriving on Monday, the 10 th from U.K. Tell him that all at home will be glad to see him.

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28.08.20XX

Here's the good news that your favourite nephew Arjun is arriving in Colombo from U.K. on Monday the 15th. He will be home by Friday. He will love to see you. You too will love to see him after five long years. So, do come. Inform all at home, please.

Thank you.

Nephew Nimal

Invite a friend to a school function. State the name of the function, date and time.

05. 06. 20XX

I shall be glad to see you in school on Friday 18, at 3 p.m. We have our school English Day. I too am taking part. Please do come if you are free. I'm sure, you'll enjoy the day.

Thank you.

J. Sri Ram

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