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UNIT ASSIGNMENT 1

1. 1. (d) have been benefited by globalisation
   2. (b) Globalisation in India
   3. (a) the small farmers and tribals
   4. (c) has some gains than losses
   5. (a) dreadful

2. 1. (d) The extreme positive and the extreme negative are alike
   2. (b) fail to hear it
   3. (a) fail to see them
   4. (a) His nature
   5. (c) so strong that it cannot be stopped

3. 1. To teach him the basic values of a good human being.
   2. It has been earned by hard labour.
   3. Lincoln allows his son to sell his brawn and brain but does not allow him to put a price tag on his heart and soul.
   4. He expects the teacher to instil in his son certain traits of character.
   5. sublime

4. 1. He got tired of ruling his kingdom and needed peace and quiet. So, he decided to give up his throne.
   2. He wanted to hear how much his daughters loved him.
   3. Because her sisters had flattered their old father to get his stand.
   4. The king disowned Cordelia because he misunderstood her.
   5. He kept for himself only the name of king and a hundred knights to attend him.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. 1. (c) combined
   2. (a) permeable
   3. (b) open a cell’s pores with control
   4. (a) choose a particular voltage to activate particular tissues
   5. (b) to fight

2. 1. (c) Lincoln could not deliver speech because of his illness.
   2. (d) actor
   3. (c) both (a) & (b)
   4. (b) tyrant
   5. (a) questionable

3. 1. Because they have faith in the government.
   2. They expect that the government will persuade or let them directly negotiate with farmers.
   3. They want to renegotiate with the government for a better price of their land.
   4. They want their ancestral land back.
   5. adamant

4. 1. The Bengal Tiger is described as large and tawny.
   2. The Leopard has spotted hides.
   3. The Bear makes a good hug.
   4. Hyenas come with merry smiles but crocodiles make false cry.
   5. It lacks ears.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3

1. 1. (c) the fear of the God’s wrath
   2. (d) palm leaves
   3. (d) all of the above.
   4. (d) both (a) and (b).
   5. (b) stolen or looted
2. 1. (b) he could make beautiful models.  
   2. (d) the doll.  
   3. (b) sawdust  
   4. (a) engaged himself in new work  
   5. (c) he made many different forms and creatures out of clay  
3. 1. He thanked the people of America on behalf of Hindu people of all classes and sects.  
   2. The Hindu religion teaches the world tolerance.  
   3. His nation has always given shelter to the refugees.  
   4. India allowed the Israelites to take refuge with the people of India.  
   5. remnants  
4. 1. The soldier’s behaviour is aggressive. He is cursing, jealous of other’s honour and quick to fight.  
   2. Life is a play and it follows a specific script, none of which should cause anguish or sorrow.  
   3. Life is a circle that brings us back to the beginning.  
   4. The poet uses this word two times to soften the effect of the strong images he presents to us in those lines and to tie together his theme of the cycle of life.  
   5. In his last stage, man gets back his childhood once again. He loses his teeth, eyesight, taste and everything that he had owned in his prime time.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4

1. 1. (a) common interest  
   2. (c) talk about other fellow’s hobby rather than your own  
   3. (b) unpleasant topics  
   4. (c) give much importance to yourself  
   5. (d) too much.  
2. 1. (a) Hindu religion  
   2. (b) defeated the evil demons of the world.  
   3. (a) ways people relax and enjoy themselves during Dashain.  
   4. (d) think of holidays as a time to spend with their families.  
   5. (d) strange  
3. 1. On Buddha Purnima Buddhists refrain from eating meat. They only eat kheer which they share with the poor.
UNIT ASSIGNMENT 6

1. 1. (d) Spain
    2. (b) greet their victorious national team
    3. (c) the king of the country
    4. (c) National unity is very weak in Spain.
    5. (a) avoided
2. 1. (b) gastric ulcers
    2. (a) it helps to relieve stress and anxiety
    3. (a) cuts
    4. (c) fibre
    5. (b) good quality
3. 1. His student life has been highlighted.
    2. To attend an interactive session with the students there.
    3. She expressed her desire to meet him on his next trip.
    4. It is a constitutional reality.
    5. close
4. 1. If presentation is given due importance in good writing, the reader’s attention will be easily drawn to what you are writing about and why.
    2. It should collect together and present the ideas promised in the first paragraph or give good arguments to support the view put forward there.
    3. One should conclude briefly but clearly.
    4. To write interestingly one should avoid irrelevant material.
    5. contradictory

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 7

1. 1. (a) the Home of the Pure Heart
    2. (d) Shanti Nagar
    3. (b) to provide medication, bandages and food to the lepers
    4. (d) orphans and homeless youth
    5. (c) Venezuela
2. 1. (c) glass.
    2. (d) designed to be thrown.
    3. (b) the effects on fish of pollution caused by modern-day companies.
    4. (b) The significance of the arrowhead.
    5. (b) looking downwards.
3. 1. By keeping our mind stress free and tension-proof.
    2. Sleep helps the body release stress.
    3. Pranayama and meditation focus on the rhythm of breath.
    4. It strengthens our nervous system and mind.
    5. undying
4. 1. It means sad songs.
    2. The poet through this poem inspires us to act in the present.
    3. The world is compared with a broad field of battle.
    4. The battle of life can be won only by our heroic deeds.
    5. In the last four lines the poet tells us not to trust our future but to act in the living present.

SECTION B : WRITING & GRAMMAR

PART I — WRITING

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 1

1. 121, Vir Marg
   Delhi
   25 December, 20××
   My dear Shadhna
   You will be glad to know that I visited Udaipur during the winter holidays with my family members. Udaipur is really a wonderful place. Located in the state of Rajasthan it is known as the city of lakes. You can find here several palatial buildings of the Rajput era. The Lake Palace covers the entire Bland in the Pichola Lake. Udaipur is also known as the Venice of the East. Some of the famous lakes of this city are Lake Pichola, Fateh Sagar Lake, Udaipur Lake and Swarup Sagar Lake. People here are very cordial. They like spicy food. They wear colourful dresses.
   The changes of the time can also be seen in this beautiful city. Most of the palaces have been turned now into luxury hotels. It is a place worth-visiting. I’ll suggest you to see this city with your own eyes. I’m sure you’ll enjoy your visit.
   Convey my regards to your parents. Rest is fine.
   With good wishes.
   Yours affectionately
   Ranjana
2. Use the following hints to develop the answer:
   • Mother Teresa — devoted life for mankind — an
     angel of God — messenger of peace — love — left
     home to help poor.
   • Calcutta — fortunate land.
   • Established charity homes — orphanages —
     hospitals — schools — homes for poor —
     unwanted women — orphans — lepers — centres
     of missionaries of charity all over the world.
   • Blessed with a healing touch.
   • Honoured with Nobel Prize — Woman of the year
     — Rajiv Gandhi Peace Foundation Award.
   • Death — September 5 — irreparable loss to the
     world.

3. Our class decided to go to Sultanpur lake for a
   sight seeing trip. We were accompanied by our clas
   teacher. We hired a tourist bus and reached there
   at sunrise. There was a large number of tourists
   there. We enjoyed boating. We splashed water on
   one another. We also bathed in the cool water of the
   lake. We had a cultural programme in the evening.
   Several tourists joined us. We took photos of birds
   and trees. We also enjoyed leisurely walk around the
   lake. It was a nice experience. We spent quality time
   and therefore we cannot forget those moments.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. C-78, Janak Puri
   New Delhi
   10 November, 20××
   The Editor
   The Times of India
   New Delhi
   Sub: Corporal Punishment
   Sir

   Inflicting corporal punishment on the school goers is
   a crime. But some of the teachers do not understand
   this bare fact and thrash the pupils mercilessly. It
   is also a well known fact that corporal punishment
   makes the students arrogant and obstinate. Teachers
   must not mar the future of the students. Those
   who believe in the dictum that “spare the rod and
   spoil the child” have no knowledge of the human
   psychology. Children need love and affection. The
   traditional approach to education hinders creativity,
   productivity and the harmonious growth of the child.
   Hence, I request you to publish my letter in your
   esteemed newspaper so as to make the teachers
   aware of these facts. They must stop this type of
   punishment. The parents should also come ahead to
   protest against the established convictions with firm
   determination.

   Yours sincerely
   Ruchika

2. Use the following hints to develop the answer:
   • Electricity — the power without which modern
     life is impossible to exist.
   • Its power can be felt when electricity supply is
     disrupted for sometime.
   • Darkness prevails, life is paralysed.
   • It is necessary to save power resource.
   • Public transport should be used instead of private
     vehicles.
   • Non-conventional sources of power and energy
     such as the sun, wind, tidal waves etc. should
     be harnessed more and more because they are
     renewable.
   • Use of luxury items like ACs, Coolers, etc. should
     be minimised.
   • Energy saved is energy produced.

3. NEVER GIVE UP
   Once a prince was attacked and defeated. The enemy
   soldiers could not find the prince in the battlefield
   because he retreated and hid himself in a cave. He
   got disappointed and disheartened. He thought that
   there was no hope of happiness in his life. Suddenly
   he glanced at a spider. It was weaving a web over the
   opening of the cave. It was working so precisely and
   meticulously that the prince got inspired. The prince
   decided to fight a final battle against the enemy. He
   came out of the cave and started training the young.
   He trained nearly 2000 youngsters and declared
   war against the enemy. It is often said that fortune
   favours the brave. He got his empire back and lived
   happily.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3

1. Date : 15 November, 20××
   From : ritapanwar@gmail.com
   To : rajeshkochar@electdeptdel.com
   Subject : Power failure for long hours
   Sir
   It is to bring to your notice that the residents
   of Vikaspuri are suffering because of the
   power failure in the evening. The production
of the factory gets affected by the regular and continuous power cuts. The work of packing is adversely affected. We are earning our bread and butter from these small scale industries. If the electricity board continues this practice, we will have to lock the factories permanently. There is no other alternate for us. No productive work is being done in the evening. It is not only the problem of industrialists. The ordinary residents of the locality are also disturbed. The students cannot complete their homework and revise the topic taught in the class. The problem of power has become very grave. You are requested to solve the problem as soon as possible.

With regards

Rita

2. **Population is the root of all problems**

Our country is facing a great number of problems. Increase in population is one of them. Population explosion has taken a rapid stride in the country. It has complicated the problems of poverty, illness, unemployment and many others. Factors responsible for population explosion are many. Lack of education among rural people, early marriage, ignorance, superstitions are some of them. The bigger the size of the family, the lower the attention of the parents on their children. Lack of proper attention on children easily make them astray. Such children become a burden on family, society and nation in the long run. Hence, it is essential to educate them. For this, population explosion must be checked by all means. There is a need for public conscience. People should be educated to be wise enough to understand the value of a small family. Small but skilled or resourceful population would make our country strong and prosperous. Once our population is conrolled, most of the problems would be automatically resolved.

3. **20 October, 20××**

By Amrit Roy

Delhi Book Fair always fascinates me. Today I visited this book fair. As usual there was a great rush on the ticket counter. There was hustle and bustle everywhere. Suddenly I saw a few youngsters began shouting at the youngsters of an another group. Soon there occurred a clash between the two groups. The volunteers of the book fair organising committee tried their best to pacify the aggressive youngsters of both the groups. But all their efforts proved in vain. The youngsters continued fighting. Seeing the situation becoming worse I called the police. It was finally controlled after they (police) arrived. Some were taken into custody but later released after warning not to do such things again.

**UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4**

1. 13, Station Road
    Haldwani
    4 March, 20××
    The Principal
    ABC School
    Haldwani
    Sub: Regarding grant of leave
    Sir
    Most respectfully I beg to state that my brother’s marriage is going to be solemnised on 12th of March. There is no one except me to make arrangements for the wedding. My father is always busy in his official work. He has left everything on me. I, therefore, request you to please grant me leave for one week so that I may do all the necessary arrangements at proper time. My leave will start from 06-03-20×× and it will continue upto 12-03-20××. I shall be highly obliged to you for this act of kindness.
    Thanking you
    Yours faithfully
    Manjeet Singh

2. **Use the following hints to develop the answer:**

- A river — nature’s precious gift — enjoys the status of mother — provides life to human beings — animals — crops — vegetation — require good treatment in return.
- Alarming situation — rivers getting polluted — dirty — dried-up — water turning poisonous.
- **Causes:** industrial discharge — city drains — washing clothes — throwing dead bodies — ashes.
- **Consequences:** unavailability of clean drinking water — river water poisonous — unfit for irrigation and water creatures — leading to stomach disorders.
- **Suggestions:** outlet of drains — water from industries to be treated — check on waste disposal — widespread projects for cleaning rivers to be launched.
UNIT ASSIGNMENT 5

1. 67-R, Arya Nagar
   Kurukshetra
   10 October, 20××
   The Editor
   The Hindustan Times
   New Delhi
   Sub: Exploitation of children
   Sir

   I want to draw the attention of the millions of Indian through your esteemed daily towards one of the grave problems of India, i.e. child labour. Child labour is a stigma on the Indian society. Children are employed at various places such as hotels, restaurants, shops, household, etc. They can be seen in industries also doing harmful jobs. It is really pathetic. These children are deprived of education and childhood pleasures. Not only this, their unhygienic working conditions make them victims of chest ailments and lung cancer. They are paid so poorly that they fail to spend money on their treatment and ultimately they get untimely death.

   Child labour must be stopped at all cost. Every child has a right to get education. Hence, he/she should not be deprived of his/ her right.

   Suggestions: Minimum age should be fixed for child labour. There should be fixed working hours. They should be provided necessary facilities and rights. There must be adequate provisions for medical care.

   Thanking you
   Yours faithfully

2. Discipline is essential in all walks of life. An indisciplined man creates problems not only for himself but also for the society. A teacher cannot deliver his lecture in the class if the students are indisciplined. Discipline is a virtue that enables a human being to attain his/ her cherished goals. The attainment of individual and organizational objectives solely depends on the disciplined employees. If the players of football don’t follow the rules and regulation of the game, they will not be able to play. Discipline is indispensable for achieving considerable success in the world of competition. It is discipline that accelerates the rate of progress of a nation. It must be kept in mind that discipline cannot be enforced by law. It is training of the mind. It has to come from within. The members of the society should always remember that discipline breeds love and eradicates the feelings of hatred. A disciplined person faces the music of life with astonishing ease. The term discipline must not be misinterpreted. Some semi-literate people think that discipline imposes restriction on personal freedom. It is a misapprehension and perilous to the very existence of human life. One must not forget that the soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the security of the citizens are disciplined. If they become indisciplined the nation’s security will be at stake. Discipline is of utmost importance in every field of life.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 6

1. 10, Indira Nagar
   Bhopal
   20 February, 20××
   The Sanitary Inspector
   Bhopal
   Sub: Unsatisfactory sanitary condition
Sir

This is to inform you that our town has become a hell due to lack of adequate sanitary conditions. Some green grocers throw the rubbish material on the road. As a result of this the road becomes dirty. Foul smell can be smelt even from far off areas. Whenever anyone crosses the road thousands of flies start flying. Due to dirt, mosquitoes trouble us a lot particularly at night. It becomes difficult for us to complete our homework.

I, therefore, request you to please do the needful in the interest of the public. It is feared that the city will come in the grip of some epidemics like dengue and malaria if immediate action is not taken.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Amar

2. Use the following hints to develop the answer:
   • Fast food — junk food — gaining popularity specially among youngsters — more of a status symbol — Indian food termed unfit — outdated.
   • Prepared in unhygienic conditions — contaminated water — dirty — cheap cooking medium — fine flour (maida) used to prepare it — harmful for stomach — difficult to digest — spoils skin — makes body bulky.
   • Necessary to switch over to fresh fruits — vegetables — green fibrous — juices — salads — lentils — good for health — skin — stomach — easy to digest — keep body fit.
   • Advice — keep away from tempting fast food — once in a while is OK, stick to fresh, healthy food.

3. ABC PUBLIC SCHOOL, HYDERABAD
   NOTICE
   10 October, 20××

   Inter-school Folk Song Competition

   All the students of the middle section are hereby informed that our school is going to organise an inter-school folk song competition on 10 October in its auditorium hall. The timing will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Interested students are invited to take part in this event. Three best participants will be given prizes by the Chief Guest.

   Shreya Bansal
   Organising Secretary

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 1

1. (a) (iii) that (b) (iv) amongst
   (c) (ii) on (d) (iv) includes
   (e) (i) many (f) (ii) entitled

2. (a) the (b) of
   (c) is (d) the
   (e) for (f) an
   (g) for (h) to

3. (a) India is a country with many ethnic groups.
   (b) There are many languages, religions, sects and beliefs here.
   (c) Inspite of great variations, a common stream runs through the diversities.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. (a) (ii) has created (b) (iv) significant
   (c) (iii) produced (d) (iv) used
   (e) (ii) consumed (f) (iii) from

2. (a) that (b) of
   (c) can (d) who
   (e) that (f) with
   (g) breathes (h) by

3. (a) is selected (b) taken
   (c) is given

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3

1. (a) (i) of (b) (iv) from
   (c) (iv) to (d) (i) of
   (e) (ii) for (f) (iii) in

2. (a) to ... of (b) the ... an
   (c) among ... between (d) has ... have
   (e) A ... The (f) comes ... coming
   (g) meant ... meaning (h) for ... from

3. (a) He lived with his family on an income of twelve hundred a year.
   (b) But he was very well satisfied with his lot.
   (c) He sat down on the sofa after supper and began reading the newspaper.
UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4

1. (a) (iii) me  (b) (i) that  
   (c) (ii) them  (d) (iv) their  
   (e) (i) my  (f) (iii) my  
2. (a) to  (b) lies  
   (c) which  (d) are  
   (e) lower  (f) for  
   (g) the  (h) of  
3. (a) Dreams are neither real nor reliable.  
   (b) He, who is guided by dreams, is misguided.  
   (c) He loses both his present and his future.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 5

1. (a) (i) became  
   (b) (iv) had appealed  
   (c) (iii) responded to the  
   (d) (ii) was posted to  
   (e) (iv) used to be frustrated  
   (f) (i) yearned to look out  
2. (a) who ... which  
   (b) contain ... contains  
   (c) by ... from  
   (d) use ... used  
   (e) to ... of  
   (f) have has  
   (g) by ... from  
   (h) affecting ... affected  
3. (a) He belonged to a poor family of Carsica island in France.  
   (b) Because of his war-like nature, he joined the army.  
   (c) He proved his military ability by suppressing a revolt in Toulon.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 6

1. (a) (iii) who was tending  
   (b) (ii) the track had broken  
   (c) (i) took off his  
   (d) (i) rushing towards the  
   (e) (ii) braked and stopped the  
   (f) (iii) saved  
2. (a) is ... has been  
   (b) for ... with  
   (c) circulated ... circulate (d) a ... the  
   (e) was ... is  
   (f) found ... find  
   (g) with ... to  
   (h) solve ... solved  
3. (a) (ii) where he was going?  
   (b) (iv) he was going to see a patient in a hospital.  
   (c) (iii) how much time he would take.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 7

1. (a) (iii) Can  
   (b) (iii) will  
   (c) (iii) must  
   (d) (ii) ought to  
   (e) (i) Would  
   (f) (ii) may  
2. (a) grows ... grow  
   (b) a ... the  
   (c) within ... into  
   (d) his ... its  
   (e) but ... and  
   (f) needed ... needs  
   (g) is ... are  
   (h) means ... meant  
3. (a) has been forecast  
   (b) were warned  
   (c) were submerged  
   (d) were closed  
   (e) were suggested  
   (f) were returned

SECTION A

1. 1. Anna Hazare worked about the very existence of human life.  
   2. At one particular moment he thought to suicide in extreme frustration.  
   3. He overcame his mental anxiety the moment he got a book of Swami Vivekananda. He was inspired by Vivekananda’s photograph on the cover.  
   5. After reading the book, Anna Hazare realised that striving for the betterment of common people is equivalent to offering a prayer to the God.  
6. In the year 1965, he was posted at the Khamkaran border.  
7. On Nov 12, 1965, Pakistan launched air attacks on Indian base and all of Hazare’s comrades were killed.  
8. Anna Hazare had a close shave which gave him on inspiration to live for the service of mankind.

2. I. 1. Because the game of football was not there.  
   2. She made a lot of friends in the new school but Karan didn’t.
3. She suggested that moping wouldn't do any good. It was better to make the best of the things he had.
4. Because he was a short-tempered man. His company closed down.

II. 1. silence 2. tantrum 3. quickly 4. rejected

SECTION B

3. BAN CRACKERS
Many malpractices have been associated with some of our religious festivals and social events. Bursting crackers on Diwali, wedding parties etc. is the pinnacle of absurdity. It is not only the wastage of money but also harmful for the people and environment. Perhaps the desire to display wealth and a misguided notion of fun urges people to enjoy the sight of their hard earned money going up in smoke. The smoke emitted by the firework releases harmful and poisonous gases. People suffer from asthma and other respiratory disorders have to bear additional suffering. The indulgence in this malpractice encourages the social evil of child labour. Most of the factories producing firecrackers employ children as labourers. These unfortunate children are deprived of education and childhood days. They also contact diseases by handling poisonous chemicals. These crackers are perilous for the school-going children who use them on various occasions. There are numerous examples of accidents that took place because of using the crackers. Hence, it is the need of the hour to ban crackers.

4. Once a fox invited a stork to dinner. Being a cunning animal the fox thought of a mischief. He prepared soup and served it in a large flat dish. The stork could not sip even a drop of the soup with his long beak. On the other hand, the fox lapped it up easily. The stork was not foolish. He understood that the fox had played a trick on him. So he thought to teach him (fox) a lesson. A few days later, the stork invited the fox to dinner. He prepared rice and served it in a jug with a narrow mouth. The fox could not eat anything while the stork enjoyed the meal to his heart's content. The fox now realised his mistake. He promised not to play tricks in future.

Moral: Tit for Tat

5. (a) (iii) Located (b) (i) known (c) (i) of (d) (iii) which (e) (ii) like (f) (i) through

6. (a) their (b) of (c) them (d) are (e) or (f) some (g) whose (h) and

7. (a) is rinsed (b) is then put into (c) should be allowed to stand

ASSIGNMENT 2

SECTION A

1. 1. It is known for awesome mountains.
2. It is as big as a groundhog with a coat like a squirrel’s.
3. They live under the rocks and eat berries and small vegetation.
4. At the height of 17,000 feet, plants almost disappear. This makes impossible for any mammalian life to survive.
5. They (mar mots) can’t waddle away fast enough into their burrows once the leopard spots them.
6. They kill marmots for their flesh and fur.
7. Pom-poms are large round bunches of strips of plastic, tied to a handle, used by cheerleader.
8. They do so to attract the attention of marmots to make them their easy prey.

2. I. 1. The letter is most likely addressed to a local storeowner.
   • The tone of the author can be best described as frustrated.
   2. The author’s main purpose in writing this letter is to obtain a full refund for the money.
   3. After tasting the muffins the author discovered that they were not perfect. They were absolutely terrible. Even his dog was not interested in eating them.
   4. The author enclosed with the letter the following things:
      • the receipt
      • the empty box
      • one of the un-perfect muffins
II. 1. promise 2. addition 3. condemn 4. assisted

SECTION B

3. 12th May, 20××

I got up at about 8 AM, after hearing the chirping of birds. Bright sunshine filled my cabin in the houseboat. Our houseboat was moving through tranquil waters. On the deck our host was preparing breakfast from freshly caught fish. I tried my hands at fishing, by using a handheld net. It was a sight to behold when I caught a live fish in my net. After taking breakfast; I lazily enjoyed the sunshine. There was dense groove of coconut trees on both sides of the waterways. Beams of sunlight were peeping through them. It was really looking like ‘God’s Own Country’. Around noon I took a shower. The lunch was ready. It contained traditional Malayali fare, with coconut thrown in as ingredient in almost all dishes. Sunset was beautiful because of reflections in water. As the boat was moving, the sun seemed to be racing with us. After having dinner at about 10 PM, I am in my bed to have a sound sleep.

4. It was the month of December. It was biting cold. It is but natural that people sleep inside the room. At about 2:00 a.m. when people are in deep slumber, I woke for toilet. All of sudden I heard some sound in neighbourhood. I saw through the ventilator, a man was breaking the door. I didn’t stop even for a minute. I went outside the room and informed the chowkidar. He was doing his job properly. He took heed of mine and immediately called his other colleagues too. I along with chowkidar went into the house of the neighbour where thieves were busy in committing theft. They were collecting money and jewellery from almirah and someone was busy in collecting other valuable materials too. We caught them red-handed. They just tried to escape but of no use. We immediately informed the police. The police came and took them away into the custody. Hearing the hue and cry all members of the neighbour also came.

5. (a) (iv) knew (b) (ii) had died  
   (c) (iv) has been raining (d) (i) were  
   (e) (ii) was winding (f) (iii) wanted  

6. (a) was ... is (b) reversed ... reverse  
   (c) doing ... done (d) to ... for  
   (e) which ... who (f) for ... to  
   (g) an ... the (h) got ... get  

7. (a) It is one of the advanced ropeways of India.  
   (b) It is controlled by electronically and mechanically both.  
   (c) It is used to carry 12 persons in a single time.

ASSIGNMENT 3

SECTION A

1. 1. Cheraw is a form of dance, popular in Mizoram.  
   2. The dancer cannot dance without bamboos. He taps the bamboos open and close in rhythmic beats.  
   3. When the bamboos are clapped, a sharp sound is produced. This sound forms the rhythm of the dance.  
   4. The patterns and stepping of Cheraw have many variations. Sometimes the stepping are made in invitation of the movements of birds, sometimes the swaying of trees and so on.  
   5. They speculate that their forefathers brought cheraw with them when they left home in far East Asia.  
   6. Cheraw is performed for sanctification and redemption.  

7. While performing Cheraw, the dancers need great care, precision and elegance.  

8. A suitable title for the above passage may be — Cheraw: A Dance of Mizos.

2. 1. The Himalayan valley acts like the guard of the Indian territory against foreign invasions. It keeps the enemy at a distance from the western to the eastern subcontinent of the Asian sphere.  
   2. Pindari glacier is a range of four glaciers, namely Sunderdunga, Namik, Pindari and Kafui. Its length is 54 Km and it takes about four days to cross the total length.  
   3. A trip to Pindari glacier is very useful. It enhances our knowledge and helps in understanding the natural geography. While passing through the Himalayas, we have to face bad weather and difficult tricks. This gives us adventurous experience.
4. Pindari glacier is surrounded on all sides by snow-covered peaks like Nanda Devi, Nanda Kot, etc. This glacier is a frozen river of ice and settled in such a way that it looks like a huge staircase.

II. 1. (b) the quality of not being the same.
    2. (a) characteristics
    3. (a) steep
    4. (c) tiny

SECTION B

3. To
   The Editor
   Dainik Jagran
   Date: 10 August, 20××
   Sub: Damaged bund on Kosi river.

   Dear Sir
   This is with reference to the havoc created by massive flood in our area. The bund which was authorities. The rainy season is near but no sense of urgency can be seen at the site. All villagers are in fear of witnessing another massive flood. Many delegations went from our village and from surrounding villages to the concerned minister, but it was of no avail.

   On behalf of my fellow villagers I would request you to give this issue as much coverage as possible. This would surely wake the concerned authorities from their deep slumber.

   Thanking you
   Yours sincerely
   Gaurav
   Class VIII

4. One day two goats happened to step on the bridge from opposite directions. The bridge was so narrow that only one goat could cross it at a time. The goats were sensible and peace-loving. They resolved the problem in no time by mutual understanding. One of them sat down and allowed the other to step over his body and go ahead. Then he stood up and went on his own way. In this way, they crossed the bridge safely.

   Moral: Cooperation leads to peace.

5. (a) was (b) over (c) of (d) knew (e) A (f) is

6. (a) but ... and (b) than ... to (c) being ... be (d) moulds ... mould

7. (a) He was a very simple and innocent fellow. (b) His old donkey had become a problem for him. (c) Being fed up with the donkey, the potter sold it.

ASSIGNMENT 4

SECTION A

1. 1. Pyramids are old structures in which the dead bodies of the ancient Egyptian kings were kept. The Great Pyramid of Giza has been attributed to king Cheops of the fourth dynasty.

   2. The ancient Egyptian kings built pyramids to preserve their bodies perfectly.

   3. Food and other necessities were put in the tombs for the kings to eat in the future lives.

   4. It took twenty years to build the Great Pyramid at Giza.

   5. This Great Pyramid is built of blocks of limestone and granite.

   6. The building material could be brought by boat from quarries across the Nile only during the spring season which lasted for three months. Therefore, it took so much time to build this Great Pyramid.

   7. The weight of each block of limestone was about 2 tonnes. The blocks were pulled up the road on sledges by gangs of men.

   8. It has been estimated that about 2,300,000 blocks of limestone were used in building the Great Pyramid.

2. 1. People pray to get comfort and encouragement in their hour of need. This shows that they have deep faith in God.

   2. Mahatma Gandhi gave importance to collective prayer because it gave them a sense of purpose and also a sense of solidarity as people sharing one destiny.

   3. People generally organise collective prayer in the aftermath of national tragedies. Some of the occasions when people of all faiths had organised prayers in their places of worship are — the Gujarat earthquake, the Orissa cyclone.
4. According to Mahatma Gandhi, our atmosphere is full of strife and quarrels because we lack the spirit of true prayer. The very act of praying teaches us to empathise with those who suffer. It broadens our vision and outlook. It empowers us with a sense of duty.

II. 1. (b) remembered
    2. (a) irreligious
    3. (b) a killer of an important person
    4. (c) impress

SECTION B

3. Hints:
   • Police brutality still in vogue in India.
   • Instead of doing work, they try to crush the people.
   • Sometimes gentlemen also becomes the victim of this practice.
   • Stern action is must against the criminals.
   • But gentlemen should not be harassed.

4. A dog was crossing a bridge holding a bit of flesh in his mouth. In the river water, he saw his own reflection and thought that there was another dog with the bit of flesh in the river. He was a greedy dog. He wished to have that bone too. So, he started barking. As a result, his own bit of flesh fell into the river.

   Moral: Greed leads to grief.

5. (a) came
    (b) was robbed
    (c) was sitting

6. (a) was ... is 
    (b) wear ... worn
    (c) but ... and
    (d) by ... with
    (e) A ... The
    (f) with ... from
    (g) drive ... drives
    (h) them ... it

7. (a) Deer are vegetarians who feed on moss, bark or waterplants.
    (b) They are usually very timid animals.
    (c) They depend on their speed for safety.
UNIT ASSIGNMENT 1

1. (d) all of the above.
2. (b) unpredictable
3. (b) high humidity
4. (c) September
5. (a) drains get blocked with rubbish

2. (d) all of the above.
2. (a) old people
3. (b) bed, bhojan and bhajan
4. (a) in old-age homes
5. (c) causing worry and fear

3. She didn’t care for comforts and luxuries of homely life and dedicated herself to the service of mankind.

2. As a nurse, her chief concern was to give maximum comfort to the sick and the wounded. She never cared for her own comforts. She spent her own money on the improvement in the condition of that hospital.

3. She used to hold a lamp in her hand while visiting patients at night. So, she is better known as ‘The Lady with the Lamp’.

4. Her parents wanted her to lead a happy, comfortable domestic life. But she wanted to serve mankind without caring for her own comforts.

5. compassion

4. The poem is a sort of riddle.
2. It may be a snake.
3. These lines indicate fright.
4. Natures people are animals.
5. The speaker is most likely an adult man.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. (a) Rajendra Prasad
2. (d) 41 people
3. (c) politicians
4. (c) 2008
5. (a) priority

2. (c) 33
2. (d) India.
3. (a) he was murdered
4. (c) Egypt
5. (a) very great

3. It was glided with thin leaves of fine gold.
2. The feet of the Happy Prince is compared to a golden bedroom.
3. He found a large drop of water fell on his body.
4. He was worried to see the misery of his city.
5. alighted

4. One should be honest and true.
2. A true man is not affected by false compliments.
3. One should be self-confident and should not believe in false praises.
4. A true man does not believe in stately miles but in welfare at large.
5. One who is free and not a slave.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3

1. (d) all of the above
2. (a) deforestation
3. (b) reduce global warming
4. (c) burning garbage
5. (b) rob
2. 1. (b) we are careless about our diet
2. (a) they lack colour
3. (c) fight diseases
4. (b) burn calories
5. (d) colours

3. 1. It is a virtue that makes one a true human being.
2. intention and action.
3. “We cannot do great thing on this earth, we can only do small things with great tone.
4. Compassion develops our sense of gratitude by taking our attention off all the daily trifles.
5. One who feels pain in other’s pain.

4. 1. Fearless men can make a nation great.
2. True men are those who never pause, never fear defeat and never get discouraged by dangers.
3. The poet compares true men with real treasure.
4. True men never think of their own gain.
5. One should not be selfish.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4

1. 1. (c) mouth remains open
2. (d) all of the above.
3. (b) clean our nose and mouth before sleeping
4. (a) through nose
5. (c) move

2. 1. (c) Tea invites several ailments.
2. (a) cholesterol
3. (a) green tea
4. (b) cavities
5. (c) green and black tea are equally protective

3. 1. By making such foods costly.
2. By regulating our habits of eating, sleeping, recreation and work.
3. By keeping ourselves happy all the time.
4. Herbal teas or simple tea liquor without sugar and milk.
5. If we want to burn extra calories, vigorous sweeping, mopping or vacumming are essential.

4. 1. These are trees of God. They are found in mountains.
2. Because they do not get enough grass.
3. We find small stone houses beside the tall mountains.
4. ‘Pale’. They are ploughing.
5. They have gone to the plains.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 5

1. 1. (b) selling kites
2. (c) not many people bought kites these days
3. (a) there were no open spaces left in the city
4. (d) its string is cut.
5. (b) attendants travelling with a person of high rank

2. 1. (b) generous gifts of nature
2. (d) take rest
3. (a) traditional rice boats
4. (b) all the facilities of a modern hotel
5. (a) a soothing song

3. 1. They give students an opportunity to learn various activities like painting, music, etc.
2. Their hobbies and talents are developed to a great extent.
3. It enables young children to expand their imagination.
4. They get opportunity to channelise their energies in positive direction.
5. aggressive

4. 1. • He was an ideal guide for the students.
   • He made his students feel comfortable in the class with his warm and open-minded attitude.
2. He used to say that a good student could learn more from a bad teacher than a poor student from a skilled teacher.
3. Desire, belief and expectation.
4. He was greatly interested in the mysteries of the sky and the flight of birds.
5. He used to watch cranes and seagulls soar into flight. It shows that he longed to fly.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 6

1. 1. (a) village people
2. (d) all of the above.
3. (b) teachers
4. (c) one’s originality
5. (b) pastime/relaxation

2. 1. (b) Spain
2. (a) India
3. (d) matador
4. (c) red
5. (b) bold
1. He had to offer a seat in the bus to a White.
2. She was a great singer. One day she met with an accident.
3. He vowed to liberate the American Blacks from racial discrimination.
4. He followed the path of non-violence.
5. They played a major role in building of America.

4. 1. One who does not see the person but only his disability.
    2. One fails to hear someone’s cry for justice.
    3. One develops wrong attitude towards others.
    4. One doesn’t stand up for the rights of others.
    5. One should know the true meaning of disability.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. F-Block
   Buddha Colony
   Preet Vihar
   Delhi
   8 August, 20xx
The Station House Officer (SHO)
Buddha Colony
Preet Vihar
Delhi
Sub: Regarding theft
Sir
I beg to report a case of theft in our locality. It was Tuesday and we had gone out station to enjoy the birthday party of my cousin. When we returned in the evening we found that the burglars had broken the window to enter in the house. We unlocked the front door and found that all the cupboards had been broken and the things in the room lay scattered. It seemed that the burglars had enough time to search the house. They stole all the valuables and the cash available in the house.

We have made an inventory of our loss which comes to about ₹ 60,000. You are requested to lodge an FIR and enquire the matter to bring the guilty people to book.

Yours sincerely
Ashok
2. **Use the following hints to develop the answer:**
   - Hard work — key to success.
   - Favours all those who believe in it and are determined to achieve their goal in spite of all hurdles.
   - Brings magical effects.
   - Makes people confident and happy.
   - Brings peace and prosperity in life.
   - Ensures luck and showers success.
   - Makes one’s life worthy of living.

3. **... it open. I** entered my drawing-room and shocked to see a scene of confusion over my writing desk. Now it was clear that burglars had forced an entry in my absence. I hurriedly went to fetch the porter from the basement, who telephoned to the police. Then with the porter’s assistance I began to search for intruders who might be still lurking in my flat. We went through the rooms, being careful to touch nothing as we did not want to hinder the police in their searching for fingerprints. Then a police inspector arrived with a constable. I told them of my discovery of the ransacked flat. The inspector began to look for fingerprints, while the constable checked how the burglars entered the flat. Soon the inspector got the trace of fingerprints.

**UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3**

1. 101, Bank Enclave
   Gaziabad, U.P.
   4 March, 20××
   Respected grandpa

   I celebrated my birthday last Sunday and missed you a lot. It was the first time that you were not on my birthday. But your valuable gift was certainly with me. I so eagerly wanted to have the series of J.K Rowling’s Harry Potter. It is really amazing that you understood my wishes and sent this valuable series on this special day. You know, I am so fond of reading novels. I’ll start reading the first part of this novel right from tomorrow. It is a lovely gift for me.

   Yours affectionately
   Naman

2. **Use the following hints to develop the answer:**
   - Ignorance — a curse to mankind.
   - An ignorant man is never happy even though he has opulent wealth.
   - Remains cut off from the mainstream.
   - Does not get respect in society.
   - Can be made fool easily.

   - Can be exploited in various ways.
   - Advice — One should value education and get it in all circumstances. Education alone can empower one.

3. 7 September, 20××
   By Amrit Roy

   Terror returned to Delhi on Wednesday i.e. 7 September, 20××. At 10:15 a.m. on this ill-fated day, as Delhi High Court’s reception counter near Gate No.5 milled with people, terrorists detonated a sophisticated improvised explosive device (IED) placed in a briefcase, leaving 11 dead and 91 injured. It was the first major terrorist attack in the capital in almost three years. Most of the casualties were among litigants, some as distinguished as Captain Ronald Nagar, who was once Rajiv Gandhi’s co-pilot in Indian Airlines, and some as nondescript as a band of hawkers who had come to the court in appeal for a license to sell their wares. The injured were immediately rushed to different hospitals — 57 to Ram Manohar Lohia hospital. There were some injured in AIIMS, Moolchand hospital, Apollo, Safdarjang, Ganga Ram and R & R Army hospital. These types of attacks leave people helpless. They miserably fail to do anything.

**UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4**

1. Date : 2 March, 20××
   From : neeraj@gmail.com
   To : generalmanager@mtnl.nic.in
   Subject : Unsatisfactory service of telephone.

   Sir

   I want to draw your attention to unsatisfactory working of our telephone. It is 33447790. It has not been working properly since the last ten days. At first, the incoming calls could be heard but we could not send outgoing calls. Sometimes there is a bell ringing but on lifting the receiver we find it dead. Now it is lying totally dead.

   I complained about it a number of times but no one took notice. Therefore, I request you to please instruct your staff do the necessary service. I hope this time my request will not be ignored.

   Thanking you
   Yours faithfully
   Neeraj
2. Undoubtedly, smoking is harmful to health. But it is also the harsh reality of life that youngsters smoke tobacco and they consider it their social status. The irony of the situation is this that they are well aware of the fact that smoking deteriorates the quality of their living but they strictly adhere to this addiction. They justify their act by one or the other illogical logic. Smoking hampers the functioning of lungs as the smoke which smokers inhale contains carbon-dioxide. Human lungs need oxygen to purify blood. Lungs get severely affected by the poisonous smoke. Moreover, tobacco smoke comprises nicotine which makes the smokers addicted. Nicotine does not kill humans but the moment it dissolves in the blood, the body demands it time and again. Smoking causes lack of appetite, narrowness of arteries, T B, asthma and lung cancer. It is a killer which must not be allowed to kill the human body. One should never smoke. It is also to be noted that the smokers become the cause of others' irritation. They smoke at public places and victimise the fellow beings. This is the pinnacle of absurdity. The habit which is neither beneficial to the doer nor to mankind must be avoided.

3. VIVEKANANDA HIGH SCHOOL, DELHI

NOTICE

6 August, 20xx

Science Exhibition

I am extremely delighted to inform you that the Science exhibition is to be held on 15 August, 20xx. All the students are requested to participate in it wholeheartedly and make it a success. For details, please contact the undersigned.

Praveen Raina
Secretary
Science Club

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 5

1. 935, Nehru Nagar
   Ujjain

31 March, 20xx

My dear Arjun

I am glad to know the results of your final examination. You have done very well. Seeing all the grades in A or A+ is really amazing. In the First Terminal you had performed so badly. Father had become so upset. But this time he is extremely happy. He always says “It is never too late”. Therefore, I had written to you earlier to work hard. You listened to me and studied well. As a result you got excellent grades in all the subjects. Now you are in class VIII. The course is a little harder than before. Hence, keep on studying sincerely. Mother feels proud of you. And I too. I congratulate you on your wonderful achievement. Rest is fine. Take care of your health.

With best wishes

Yours loving

Balbir

2. The new generation appears to be dishonest, violent and indisciplined. They lack tolerance. They lose temper anywhere, anytime — be it, the school ground, class-room, school bus or neighbourhood. It is a matter of grave concern for the society. They argue that they do so for the lack of care and concern of the parents. Most of the parents are working. They don’t have time to spare for their children. Hence, children have to manage by themselves. In fact, this is one of the major reasons. We need to discipline the generation in order to save the future. For this we need to spare quality time for our children. Moral education can also improve the situation. Teachers should tackle their students wisely.

3. The US first President George Washington was a very kind man. He could not see anyone in distress. Once he was going somewhere in his car. Suddenly his eyes fell on a small dog who was caught in mud. The poor animal was trying its best but could not manage to come out. George Washington’s soft heart moved greatly to see the animal’s helplessness. He got down from his car, jumped into the mud without thinking even for a while and pulled the poor creature out on the dry land. His friends who were with him praised him a lot for bringing relief to the animal. But the great President said to them, “Seeing the dog in misery, my heart pained. By helping it I relieved myself of my pain”.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 6

1. Date : 1 February, 20xx
   From : neera@gmail.com
   To : 121@airtel.in
   Subject : Billing error
Sir
The Customer Care
Aitel

This is to bring to your notice that I have received the bill for my postpaid connection which is not proper. As per my plan I have to pay ₹ 299 monthly rent. But I have got the bill indicating ₹ 599 rental. Other than this I have not subscribed to any other pack but in my bill there is the amount charge for joke pack. Please verify my billing plan and rectify the error.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully
Neeraj

2. Use the following hints to develop the answer:
   • Knowledge — an empowering force.
   • Makes people aware of their duties and rights.
   • Brings confidence and excellence.
   • Keeps us away from evils.
   • Enables us not to be exploited by anyone.
   • Enables us to raise voice against injustice.
   • It is rightly said – “Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heavier.”

3. 15 September, 20××
   By Surabhi

   Yesterday I along with my parents and a few friends visited a nearby temple on the very first day of Ganesh Chaturthi to worship the God and witness the decoration. The temple was decorated wonderfully. The idol of lord Ganesha was marvellous. I got excited to see the big crowd that gathered in the temple premises. A huge pandal was erected outside the temple. The devotees were singing religious songs. Some artists and performers were called from Banaras. They were performing their arts. The whole arena was lost in deep religious sentiment. There was strict security arrangement. Everyone had to pass through a metal detector while going inside the pandal and temple. The show will continue for seven days. It was a nice experience to visit the site.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 1

1. (a) (ii) predicted (b) (ii) But
   (c) (ii) several (d) (i) come
   (e) (iv) and (f) (iii) shattered

2. (a) the (b) is
   (c) famous (d) with
   (e) and (f) is
   (g) for (h) the

3. (a) Activities that we engage in our free time are hobbies.
(b) Hobbies refresh our minds after a hard day’s work.
(c) They relieve us from the monotony of daily life.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 2

1. (a) (iii) found (b) (iv) deserted
   (c) (iii) where (d) (i) believing
   (e) (i) And (f) (ii) curious

2. (a) celebrate ... celebrated
   (b) to ... for
   (c) was ... is
   (d) commemoration ... commemorate
   (e) using ... use
   (f) a ... the
   (g) conserving ... conserve
   (h) to ... of

3. (a) Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion.
(b) Everything would be in a slate of chairs.
(c) People who are not punctual can never be appreciated.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 3

1. (a) (iii) could (b) (ii) spending
   (c) (i) found (d) (iv) with
   (e) (iv) of (f) (iii) generate

2. (a) with ... to
   (b) arranging ... arrange
   (c) what ... which
   (d) has ... had
   (e) Swami ... Swami’s
   (f) a ... the
   (g) these ... this
   (h) pay ... paid
UNIT ASSIGNMENT 4

1. (a) (ii) appears (b) (iv) with
   (c) (i) of (d) (iii) all
   (e) (i) also (f) (ii) produced
2. (a) to (b) in
   (c) when (d) has
   (e) that (f) of
   (g) does (h) any
3. (a) Salty and sweet tastes are felt by the tip of our tongue.
   (b) Sour taste is detected by the buds on the sides of the tongue.
   (c) Bitter taste is felt by the back portion of the tongue.

UNIT ASSIGNMENT 5

1. (a) (i) fascinating (b) (iii) capturing
   (c) (ii) add (d) (iii) always
2. (a) on ...) in (b) saying ...) said
   (c) to ...) of (d) a ...) the
   (e) into ...) in (f) sitting ...) seated
   (g) but ...) and (h) has ...) is
3. (a) Survival of the fittest is the law of nature.
   (b) Be strong or others shall make you slave.
   (c) A weak person has no say anywhere.

ASSIGNMENT 1

SECTION A

1. 1. The voice of small people is not heard by big/ powerful people.
   2. He had been beaten by the landlord.
   3. He belonged to a poor family.
   4. These sentences reveal Gafur’s helplessness.
      Being a poor boy, he had to bear insults.
   5. ‘a rope or chain’
2. 1. Because it is no more a profitable occupation now.
   2. It is known for four to six inch broad reddish maroon borders with traditional designs.
   3. Because they want a more profitable business.
   4. This stone is available there in abundance.
   5. ‘ventures’

SECTION B

3. April, 20××
   10:00 p.m.
   It was just my first day in the new school at Lucknow. It is here that my father has been transferred recently and therefore I was to join this new school. I usually take time in being used to the new environment. So, I was not at all enthusiastic but very sad. How can I forget my friends and teachers of the previous school. I had spent seven long years with them. Some of the students and teachers there were very special for me. I adore them and remember them on all occasions. It will take time to adjust without them. But I will try my best to concentrate on my studies and achieve a good position in the new school. I should not cry over things which I don’t have but embrace the new people and the new environment.

   Or

Use the following hints to develop your answer:

Contents
- TV – the largest used house-hold device.
- Provides entertainment.
- Turning hazardous to our life.
- Children tempted to cartoons, horrors, ads, stunts, etc.
- Children mature before their age.
- Not healthy for their future nor for society.
- No control of any authority on the programmes to be telecast.
1. • Yoga gives people feelings of ease and tranquility.
   • It is non competitive in nature.
2. Yoga strengthens the muscles and the spine. It creates flexibility and ease of motion.
3. Yoga reduces our stress. It balances the body-mind-spirit connection, giving us a feeling of ease and peace.
4. These stretches focus on very specific, usually tight and narrow places like the neck, back, hips, legs and spine.
5. ‘narrow’

SECTION B

3. 12 January, 20××
   10:00 p.m.
   • The World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan – a memorable occasion for Delhites.
   • A lot of publishers from all over India and abroad participated in it.
   • Rare books of different varieties at discount price.
   • A large gathering.
   • Many cultural programmes held.
   • Different competitions also held.

Or

It is true that the use of computer and internet has completely occupied the life of the young generation. Children use it for all sorts of work right from finding the meaning of a simple word to making very complex project assigned to them in schools during their studies. They get new ideas from instinct and collect information about the happenings in the world every moment. They become aware of the fast changing way of life, and changing face of education. Does it not lessen the burden of the parents who strive to keep their children up-to-date? Is it a matter of anxiety for them? No, not at all. Instead it gives vast opportunity to their children. Hence, the habit of using computer and internet should be promoted.

4. A lion was lying near his den basking in the sun. A mouse also lived there in a hole. One day he came out to play and jumped upon the body of the lion. The lion woke up. He got furious and caught the mouse in his strong paw. He was about to crush the mouse when the latter (mouse) cried for mercy. “Please forgive me. I may help you in time of need”, said the mouse. The lion was still furious however, he let the mouse go safely.

A few days later, a hunter came to that forest and laid his net to trap animals. By chance the same lion was caught in it. He tried his best to free himself but in vain. He began to roar loudly which the mouse heard. He saw the lion’s plight and decided to help him. It chewed the ropes with his sharp teeth. The lion became free and thanked the mouse.

Moral: Do good, find good.

5. (a) (i) would (b) (ii) see
   (c) (i) where (d) (ii) getting
   (e) (iii) looked (f) (iv) see

6. (a) in (b) have
   (c) and (d) will
   (e) of (f) the
   (g) which (h) of

7. (a) Stonefish is the most venomous fish in the world.
(b) They are found in the coastal regions of Indo-Pacific oceans.
(c) They have dorsal spines which carry venomous glands anywhere from 12 to 14.
SECTION A

1. Nearly three hundred million people in the world speak English as a native language.
2. The countries that use English as a native language are the United States, Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Caribbean and South Africa.
3. Second language refers to a language which is necessary for certain official, social, commercial or educational activities within one’s own country.
4. The people living in the Quebec province of Canada speak French.
5. India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Kenya.
6. In countries like the Philippines, Ethiopia, Burma, Thailand etc. English is used as a second language.
7. English language is more often used in the general working of the United Nations.
8. ‘Importance of English Language’.

SECTION B

3. Use the proper format of a formal letter
The following hints may help you:

Contents:
- Garbage throwing on road makes the road dirty.
- Creates problems for the commuters.
- Pollutes surroundings.
- Invites mosquito-breeding followed by critical diseases and epidemics.
- Affects our health badly.
- Completely uncivil.
- Be sensible, promote hygiene, and contribute positively to the environment.

Hints:
- A lot of books in the curriculum.
- Despite Government’s policy schools prescribe many extra books.
- Too much home work.
- Tiresome and monotonous schedule.
- No extracurricular activities.
- Teacher-oriented classes.

4. There was a crow who lived on a tree peacefully. A few days later a snake came there and began living in a hole at the foot of the tree. The snake was very cunning. It used to treat the young ones of the crow. The crow was fed up with the snake’s behavior. One day he thought out a plan to teach the snake a lesson. He stole the necklace of the princess and dropped it into the snake’s hole. The snake was completely unaware of the necklace. In the meantime, the king’s men set out to search the necklace. They came to the snake’s hole and decided to dig it. “The princess’s necklace may be in this hole,” they said. Hence, they dug the hole and found the necklace. But the digging took the life of the snake.

ASSIGNMENT 3
ASSIGNMENTS IN ENGLISH PLUS VIII

SECTION A

1. 1. A body of two years has 20 teeth in all. These teeth are called milk teeth.
2. These teeth are replaced by about the age of twelve. An adult has a full set of 32 permanent teeth.
3. It is important to keep our teeth healthy because we have only a single replacement of our teeth. We get no other chance at new teeth.
4. Tooth decay usually begins in the enamel. In the beginning the opening is almost invisible but the bacteria enter through it and settle under the enamel.
5. The bacteria feed on the juicy dentine and the lymph which is in the dentine canals. Soon, they erode the walls of the canals and a cavity is created beneath the enamel.
6. When a tooth feels sensitive to heat or cold, it indicates that decay is taking place.
7. When the bacteria penetrate through the dentine canals into the pulp cavity, they find there a feeding and breeding ground. As a result, toothache starts.
8. We should take proper care of our teeth to avoid tooth ailments.

2. I. 1. All of us possess three qualities namely Tamas, Rajas and Sattva. Tamas represents resistance to transformation, Rajas represents aggressiveness and relentlessness and Sattva represents purity inside us.
2. Tamas results in total confusion, problems and worries. Rajas results in lack of peace or a disturbed mind. Sattva results in peace, happiness and contentment.
3. A Sattvic life empowers us to cope with problems in a very systematic way without affecting our mental peace or destroying our human qualities. It turns us to divinity and activates our soul. We feel zealous and inspired.
4. The author further highlights the advantages of a Sattvic life. He says that if we have a grain of Sattva in us, we will be able to remain calm in all circumstances.

II. 1. (b) change 2. (d) dissatisfaction 3. (c) to manage 4. (a) calm

SECTION B

3. To
The Editor
The Hindustan Times

Date: 2 November 20××
Sub: A busy expressway having no foot overbridge.
Sir
I would like to draw the attention of the Surface Transport Minister through your esteemed journal towards the problems that emerged after the expressway was finally built. When the expressway was being constructed through our village, we all were very happy to think that the village would be connected with many different places. At that time some senior villagers requested the Minister to also build foot overbridge for the safety of the people. But he didn’t pay attention. Today due to absence of this bridge, people are facing the problem of crossing the road. Sometimes fatal accidents also take place. It is really a grave problem. Therefore I would request to the Minister to take immediate action.

Thanking you
Yours Sincerely
Jagat Sharma

4. „Help! Help!” We got panicked. We looked around but till that time the voice had faded down. We tried to be normal but the cry for help kept haunting in our mind. „Help! Help!” We again heard the cry. This time we rushed towards the direction from which the voice was coming. We understood that someone is drowning. A few of us were good swimmers. They plunged into the canal to save the boy who was fighting with its swift currents. At one time it seemed that the hair of the drowning boy would come in the grip of one of the swimmers but the swift currents pushed them in another direction. But they didn’t lose hope. They tried again and again and finally got success. They caught the boy tightly and brought him to the shore. He was unconscious. It took at least one hour to regain consciousness. We were happy that the boy was saved.

5. (a) has (b) of (c) is
6. (a) way to explain (b) in the world (c) was done by (d) nature was controlled
7. (a) if he had a leather belt (b) if that one suit him (c) he wanted a brown one.