

HOLIDAYS HOMEWORK

AUTUMN BREAK (2019-20)

CLASS: IX

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I had just finished my twentieth year. In those days, starting to smoke was a 'macho' thing to do. It was like adult franchise, when one is considered old enough to vote in the country's election. It was like a rite of passage, when one moved on from being a boy to being a man, an adult. Friendship in those days insisted on being able to do similar things together. So, if one had the bad luck of being among smokers, picking up the habit was the most natural thing to do.

It was a time when tobacco companies were systematically hushing up the real details of the hazards that came with smoking. The first real indication that things were not that rosy came up when the 'star' of a cigarette advertisement, one that had a lovely slogan about smoking being a truly glamorous and manly thing to do, died of lung cancer. Pretty soon, stories of others who died of respiratory ailments after years of smoking became common news. Even non-smoking tobacco company employees developed lung cancer and other complications. It would be another fifty years before tobacco companies admitted that tobacco plants were genetically modified to create faster addiction to nicotine among new smokers.

By the time all these came into the public domain, I had been smoking for more than twenty years. The addiction was so entrenched that I never mentally accepted that I had an addiction. My best friends' wife died of lung cancer despite never having smoked a cigarette all her life. Only much later did we realise that sleeping all those years next to him was the real cause of her cancer. We had heard of secondary smoke. He smoked everywhere in the house. But worse still was that his breath was poisonous for her, even when he wasn't smoking, because he was a chain smoker.

Another friend of mine, although not a chain smoker, was a heavy smoker. Famous for his deep guttural smoker's cough, over the years he steadily lost his physical capabilities. Being close friends, he used to confide in us that his sexual ability was on the decline. He had very bad emphysema and would be gasping for breath after climbing just a single flight of stairs.

Several times, I started on nicotine replacement therapies. But it was not helpful, because in my opinion it did not address my addiction. It only replaced the source of nicotine that my body yearned for. It was only a matter of time before I started to smoke again. I now realise that I should have continued with counselling sessions after the nicotine therapy.

Another friend of mine, also a smoker, had a heart attack. Being close to me and not having a big family, I became a constant companion. I drove him to all his hospital visits over the next few months. The doctors convinced him, with detailed x-rays and other materials, that the real cause of his heart disease was the smoking habit. Having been hospitalized for more than a month after the heart attack, the confinement in hospital meant that he naturally stopped smoking. I realised that if I did not stop now, I would only be encouraging him to start smoking again.

I decided to totally removed cigarettes from life. I got rid of all the ash-trays in my house and the office. I did not throw away the cigarettes. The first one week can best be described as totally terrible. My moods fluctuated from one extreme to the other. Every time that I very badly wanted a cigarette, I would hold a cigarette in my hand and stare at it closely. I would build up the hatred that I had for it, for having taken over my life so insidiously. I would then crush it between my fingers, grind it in my palm and throw it into the rubbish bin!

One day, it struck me out of the blue. I realised that smokers love cigarettes because they feed their nicotine addiction. Nobody loves the smoke. In fact, who would want to fill their chest with suffocating smoke? We never see a smoker burn stuff just to inhale the smoke. It is the nicotine in smoke that they are really after. I discussed this with my friend who is a psychologist. He was very interested in my concept.

He said he would look into the possibility of coming with a psycho-therapy program which planted a hatred for cigarettes in the smoker's mind. But he warned me that it might not work because people might object to it as an invasion of privacy. Who knows? I hope he is not right. Anyway, I am happy. My life is now cigarette free. My house, office and clothes no longer have a burnt smell.

One big change I have found was that food tasted better. Only then did I realise that the smoke that I had inhaled all my life was at a very high temperature. It was burning my taste buds. In fact I also realised that my sense of smell was never better. Even the smell sensors in my nose were affected by the hot smoke that I was inhaling.

Believe me when I say this as a previously heavy smoker, the only good that comes out of smoking is that it makes tobacco companies richer, and you poorer both financially as well as physically.

Answer the following questions using complete sentences

1. From paragraph 1, what is adult franchise ?
2. (a) From paragraph 2, what happened to the model in the cigarette advertisement ?
(b) How do you think non-smokers in tobacco companies developed lung cancer ?
3. (a) From paragraph 3, what would have caused the friend's wife's lung cancer ?
(b) From paragraph 3, mention the **two advantages** of using mass media.
4. (a) From paragraph 5, in two sentences, explain why you think the nicotine replacement therapy failed ?
(b) How did hospitalization help the friend to stop smoking ?
5. " ... *it makes you poorer both financially as well as physically.* "
Based on this statement, how would you describe the detrimental characteristic of cigarettes ?
Characteristic:
Reason:
6. Based on the passage, write a summary of :
 - The circumstances that led to the smoking habit of the writer.
 - The different ways in which families suffer because of the smoking habit.

Given below is a beginning of a story. Use this beginning and develop the story in any way you like. Just make sure that the story has a middle and an end. Do add dialogues to make the story interesting.

' A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two men, Jason and Jared could swim to a small, desert like island.

Read the following dialogues and report in indirect speech :

Inspector : Were you sleeping when the robbers entered the bank?

Guard : No, Sir. The bank had closed and I had just gone to relieve myself.

Inspector : What did you see when you came back?

Guard : The iron grill lock was broken and the bank looked ransacked but the robbers could not take away anything as I had returned quickly.

Inspector : Yes, I can see that not much damage has been done but you have to be more careful in future.

Inspector asked the guard (a) _____ entered the bank. Guard replied in the negative and said (b) _____ and (c) _____. Inspector further enquired him (d) _____. The guard replied that (e) _____ and the bank had looked ransacked, but the robbers (f) _____ as he (g) _____. Inspector said (h) _____ but also warned him (i) _____.

Q 2. Read the instructions carefully and complete the following paragraph that describes in passive voice how the soap was made.

1. Take 20 ml castor oil in a beaker.
2. Prepare sodium hydroxide solution by dissolving half a teaspoon of caustic soda in 20 ml water.
3. Mix oil and sodium hydroxide solution.
4. Boil the mixture for 8-10 minutes and stir continuously.
5. Add a teaspoonful of salt to the beaker to separate soap from mixture.
6. On cooling, solid separates out as a crust on the top of the solution.

First of all, 20 ml castor oil (a) _____. Then, a solution of sodium hydroxide (b) _____ in 20 ml water. Next, oil and solution of (c) _____ and the mixture (d) _____ continuously. After that, (e) _____ from mixture. Finally, on cooling, (f) _____ out as a crust on the top of the solution.

Q3. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction.

Last Monday I received the telegram	(a)---
from my brother which lives in Delhi.	(b) ---
He wants me to come home immediately.	(c)-----
I at once packed mine luggage and left	(d) -----
to the railway station in a rickshaw.	(e) -----
Suddenly there was a louder bang. One	(f)-----
of the tyres of the rickshaw has burst.	(g) -----
I rushed to the station in foot. No	(h) -----
sooner does I reach the platform than	(i)-----
The train started moving.	

Q4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the modals.

He is supposed to deliver a lecture today. He (a) _____ be in the auditorium by now. Today, he (b) _____ get up early to prepare the lecture. It was very well delivered. He said that we (c) _____ all think carefully before our actions and (d) _____ not miss opportunities in life.

Q5. Read the stanza and answer the questions that follow.

Remember, we who take arms against each other

It is the human earth that we defile.

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence

Of air that is everywhere our own,

Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

- (a) What does the poet want us to remember?
- (b) What is outraging the earth according to the poet?
- (c) Why does the poet compare wars to hell?
- (d) What poetic devices are being used in the above stanza?

SUBJECT: HINDI

1. खुशबु रचते हैं हाथ का भावार्थ अपने शब्दों में कापी में लिखिए ।
2. निम्न अनुच्छेद अपने शब्दों में लिखिए ।
 1. दूरदर्शन के लाभ और हानियाँ ।
 2. मधुर वचन है औषधि, कटुक वचन हैं तीर ।
3. (क) जीवन में हर कदम पर आत्मविश्वास की महत्ता बताते हुए छोटे भाई को पत्र लिखिए।

(ख) पिताजी को पत्र लिखिए जिसमें छात्रावास के अनुभवों का वर्णन हो।

SUBJECT: MATHS

- (i) REVISION OF CHAPTERS 7, 8 AND 11

SUBJECT: SCIENCE

Phy NCERT back exercise q /ans of motion and gravity

Chem---- Write first twenty elements with their symbols, valencies, and write 20 compounds and their formula.

Bio----- Revision of why do we fall ill? Complete the notebook .

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

History:Revise: Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Eco.:To attempt the intext questions of chapter 3

Geo:Learn Chapter: Climate

SUBJECT: PUNJABI

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