

## LEXICAL SKILL

## COMPREHENSION PASSAGE [UNSEEN]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

During the fifties and sixties many people felt that the ultimate decision in any disagreement or conflict could only come through war or weapons that were believed to deter war. Today more and more people are resolving differences through dialogue, compromise, negotiations, through human understanding and humility. It is a very great sign. The events and developments of our century have encouraged the human being to become wiser, more mature. Because the capacity for human destruction is so immense, because the threat to the environment is so great, people are developing a greater understanding of the meaning of non-violence and of compassion.

Questions:

1. What did the people believe in fifties and sixties?
2. How has people's thinking undergone a change in modern times?
3. How did the events and developments encourage the human being?
4. What are the factors that have encouraged this change?
5. What is the result of this change of attitude?

Answers:

1. In fifties and sixties people believed that international conflicts could be decided through weapons and wars.
2. Today people believe that dispute ought to be settled only through dialogue and discussion.

3. The events and developments encouraged the human being to become wiser and more mature.
4. The factors that have affected this change of attitude are:
  - a) Capacity for human destruction has vastly increased.
  - b) The threat to environment has become very serious.
5. People have a greater understanding of the meaning of non-violence and compassion.

## COMPREHENSION PASSAGE (SEEN)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Soapy realized that he had to prepare himself for the winter. He did not have place to stay, the only home was a seat in a park. So he decided to spend his winter in the prison on Blackwell's Island where he could get food everyday, a bed every night. He would be safe from the cold north wind and cops. So he decided to execute the plans in order to get arrested.

Questions:

1. What did soapy realize?
2. Where did he decide to spend his winter?
3. What was his only home?
4. What could he get on the island?
5. What did he decide in order to get arrested?

Answers:

1. Soapy realized that he had to prepare himself for the winter.
2. He decided to spend his winter in the prison on Blackwell's Island.
3. His only home was a seat in a park.
4. He could get food everyday, a bed every night.
5. He decided to execute the plans in order to get arrested.

## LETTER WRITING [FORMAL]

Write a letter to the Manager of a factory asking permission to visit the factory.

Date

Place

From,

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To

The Manager,  
Government Glass Factory,  
Industrial Estate,  
Guindy,  
Chennai - 32.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Seeking permission to visit the factory.

The pupils of our class want to visit and see your factory. We are eagerly waiting for your permission. We have a lesson in science about glass making. We want to visit your factory at 10 a.m on \_\_\_\_\_. Kindly let us know whether the date will be suitable to you. We also request you to send one guide to take us round and explain to us about the functioning of the various departments.

yours faithfully,

X X X

Address on the envelope

To

The Manager,  
Government Glass Factory,

Industrial Estate,

Guindy,

Chennai - 32.

## INFORMAL LETTER

1. Recently your exams were conducted. Write a letter to your father telling him how you have performed in your examination.

Date

Place

Dear father,

Hope you are well. In my previous letter I wrote to you about my preparation for the exams. I am pleased to inform you that my exams got over today. The question papers were a bit difficult. However, I have crosschecked my answers with my teachers. They say that I have done all the papers quite well. So, I hope to secure good marks.

Hope to see you soon.

yours affectionately,

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Address on the envelope,

To

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## ESSAY WRITING

### THE PONGAL FESTIVAL

The Pongal festival is an important festival for the Tamilians. It is a festival of harvest. It falls most probably either on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of January every year. As per Tamil calendar the festival is celebrated on first 'Thai' month every

year. The Tamilians hope to have a better life after the advent of 'Thai' month.

They celebrate it for three days. The first day is known as 'Perum Pongal', The second day is known as 'Mattu Pongal' and the third day is a 'Kanum Pongal' Day. The first day celebration is the beginning of cooking the rice just harvested and offering it to the sun God. They put on new clothes. On the second day they offer worship to the cows. They concentrate on the well being of the cows, which are the wealth of villagers.

The third day is the festival of rejoice. The day is spent in visiting our kith and kin. The members of the family go for outing.

#### NOTICE WRITING

You are the school pupil leader of your school. Write a notice for the Annual day celebration to be held in your school. Give details of the date, venue, time and programmes to be held.

Everwin Vidhyashram

Kolathur

Notice

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Annual Day Celebration 2020

This is to inform all students that Annual Day 2020 will be celebrated on February 13 from 6p.m. to 9 p.m at the school play ground with various cultural programmes. Students who would like to participate in various programmes should contact their respective class teachers before January 30.

School Pupil Leader

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