



इंग्रजी - लेख १५

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UNIT SIX

विद्यार्थी मित्रांनो,

आतापर्यंत आपण Unit 1 to 5 पर्यंत प्रत्येक पाठातील/ कवितेतील एक Passage सरावासाठी तसेच काही Passage ची उतरे दिलेली आहेत.

आजच्या लेखमध्ये Unit Six मधील पाठांवर Passages पाहू या.

1) Read the following passage and find the answers of the questions in it.

- a i) Why did the writer's friend think that he was crazy?
ii) What do the people do, who leave India, miss?
- b. Why do some of the writer's friends come back to India? What do they do again?
There are many among us who, given the opportunity to leave India, are only too happy to go. But whenever I have had the chance to go away, I have held back. Or something has held me back.
What is it that has such a hold on me, but leaves others free to go where they will, sometimes never to come back?
A few years ago I was offered a well-paid job on a magazine in Hong Kong. I thought about it for weeks, worried myself to distraction, and finally, with a great sigh of relief, turned it down.
My friends thought I was crazy. They still do. Most of them would have jumped at a comparable offer, even if it had meant spending the rest of their lives far from the palm-fringed coasts or pine-clad mountains of this land. Many friends have indeed gone away, never to return, except perhaps to get married, very quickly, before they are off again! Don't they feel homesick, I wonder.

- c. 1) Something has held me back (Change the voice).
2) My friends thought I was crazy (Rewrite using 'that').
- d. State the meaning of the underlined words or phrases in the following sentences.
1) Something has held me back.
2) Don't they feel homesick, I wonder.

2) Read the following passage and find the answers of the questions in it.

- a i) What has moulded our society?
ii) How do we learn and gather strength?
- b. What does India consist of?

Dear Children,

India is not just the land, mountains and rivers, India is you and me, all the millions of young and old who are her citizens. The thoughts and actions of the people who have inhabited India for thousands of years have moulded our society. Out of the past grows the present, and what we do today will shape our future.

When we build a road or plant a tree or inculcate good habits, it is not for ourselves alone but also for those who will be born in the years to come. The work of building is not easy. We must give it all we have and strain every nerve and muscle. It is only by trying that we learn and by doing that we gather strength. All the world over, progress has been possible because of the hard work and sacrifice of pioneers.

- c 1) The work of building is not easy.
2) All the world over progress has been possible because of the hard work and sacrifice of pioneers.

d. Find opposites of the following in the passage:

- 1) Impossible 2) Difficult 3) Old 4) Bad

e. Why according to you does Indira Gandhi address the letter to children?

Expected Answers:

- a i) The thoughts and actions of the people who have inhabited India for thousands of years.
ii) By trying hard.
- b. India consists of land, mountains, rivers and millions of young and old who are her citizens.
- c 1) The work of building is very difficult.
2) All the world over progress has been possible not only because of the hard work but also because of their sacrifice.
- d 1) Impossible x Possible
2) Difficult x Easy
3) Old x Young
4) Bad x Good

e Indira Gandhi addresses this letter to children because she knows that the children are the future of the country. If they are motivated they can do right things in their life. (Any correct answer will be accepted).

3) Read the following stanzas and answer the questions.

BLESSED am I that I am born to this land and that I had the luck to love her.

What care I if queenly treasure is not in her store but precious enough is for me the living wealth of her love.
The best gift of fragrance to my heart is from her own flowers and I know not where else shines the moon that can flood my being with such loveliness.
The first light revealed to my eyes was from her own sky and let the same light kiss them before they are closed for ever.

- a 1) What is the poet talking about?
2) Who is the blessed one?
3) Whom does the poet address as 'her' in the poem?
4) Why does the poet feel himself lucky to love his motherland?
- b 1) What does poet wish at the end of the poem?
2) Does the poet care for the queenly treasure? Why?
- c 1) What does the poet mean by the word 'light'?
2) What is queenly treasure?

वरील सर्व Passages चा सराव केल्यानंतर या Unit मधील पुढे दिलेल्या पृष्ठांवरील exercises पाहू-

- 1) A letter to motherland... (page 151)
2) Punctuations ... (page 156, 157)
3) Speech - India - unity in Diversity... (page 159)
4) A letter to penpal... (page 165)

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