



इंग्रजी - लेख १७

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Rapid Reading

विद्यार्थी मित्रांनो, नवीन अभ्यासक्रमांतर्गत आपल्या इंग्रजीच्या पाठ्यपुस्तकांमध्ये Rapid Reading चा समावेश केलेला आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये वाचनाची आवड निर्माण व्हावी या दृष्टीने विविध प्रकारच्या पाठ्यांशाचा समावेश **Rapid Reading** मध्ये केलेला आहे. आपल्या एकूण **80 गुणांच्या** प्रश्नपत्रिकेमध्ये **Rapid Reading** वर **SECTION : C** मध्ये (Q.V.) पुढीलप्रमाणे प्रश्न विचारले जातील.

- i & ii Simple Factual Questions 2 Marks
- One Global Understanding Questions 1 Mark
- One Question of Personal Response 2 Marks

अशा प्रकारे हे **5 गुण** आपणास मिळालेच पाहिजेत. यासाठी **Rapid Reading** मधील सर्व पाठांचे वाचन सखोल वाचन आणि आकलन होणे आवश्यक आहे. सरावासाठी काही **Passages** अभ्यासू या-

1) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it.

One night God appeared in my dream and asked me to have dinner with Him the following night. The venue was the restaurant not far from my home and the time was 8.00 p.m. I was confused. Should I go ahead and keep my dinner appointment with God or dismiss the invitation as a crazy dream?

I was haunted by the dream the whole day. The dream was vivid and I knew I would regret it all my life if I did not go. I did not tell anyone about it for fear of ridicule. I would be the laughing stock of the family. This will have to remain a secret. By 8.00 p.m. I was already seated at a corner table in the restaurant where God had said he would meet me for dinner. All my five senses were on high alert - I didn't want to miss even the slightest clue of God's presence. My ears were eager to hear the sound of a slight movement of a chair, my eyes wanted to see the chair moving back a little and again taking position with no one appearing to move it.

After all, God is invisible! But He would definitely give me some indication of His presence. May be He'd whisper into my ear! Finally the chair moved, but to my disappointment it was my uncle - who I hadn't met in a long time - who planked himself on my chair.

- i) What did God ask the narrator? (1)
- ii) Why was the narrator disappointed? (1)
- How did the narrator wait for God's arrival? (1)
- Do you find the dream of the narrator ridiculous? (2)

2) Read the following passage and write answers of the questions given below it -

Soon everyone was seated. The old lady, with tears in her eyes, was thanking Dhriti's parents for putting her in the hands of a good doctor. He had put her foot in plaster before he left town. His assistant had removed the plaster two weeks later. Now she was fine, she said, "I want to give something special to Dhriti. What do you want, my dear?" she asked her, tenderly. "Oh! Nothing... nothing... except... I... I want a grandmother. Will you be mine?" Dhriti cried out, impulsively. She knelt

down beside the old lady, looking up at her smiling face expectantly.

Everyone looked at the old lady. Her jaw fell in surprise. Her eyes were gleaming with gladness. She said after a while, "Why not? Why not, my dear? I have got no one... no one at all in this world and I live all alone".

"Not any more", said Dhriti's mother. "Now you have all of us, and you don't have to live alone". She took the old lady's hands in hers affectionately, while Dhriti's father stood by, smiling happily.

- i) What did Dhriti want the old lady to do for her?
- ii) What were reactions of Dhriti's father in the end?
- Why did the old lady thank Dhriti's parents?
- Do you like the end of this story? Why?

Q.3 Read the following passage and write the answers of the questions given below it -

There was a young boy named Bakri who lived in a lonely village far in the mountains. It was a lonely village, yes, but also very quiet and peaceful. A swift-flowing stream tumbled down from the mountains and ran through the village. The villagers could hear the rush of its crystal clear waters as they lay in their beds at night. And then at dawn every morning they could hear another sound that also formed part of their way of life. This was the beating of a big drum in the mosque that stood across the river, and then the echoing voice from the mosque tower summoning them to morning prayers.

It was Bakri's grandfather who sang out this call to the village every morning. He had a strong, powerful voice that seemed to fill the heavens, and he was very diligent about his duties, never missing a single morning. But on this particular morning there was no sound of his voice calling from the mosque.

- i) Where did Bakri live?
- ii) What kind of a voice did Bakri's grandfather have?
- Why had the sound at dawn formed part of the villagers' way of life?
- What difference do you notice in the way of the villagers and people living in cities?

विद्यार्थी मित्रांनो, लोकसत्ता यशस्वी भवच्या माध्यमातून आपणापर्यंत आम्ही संपूर्ण पाठ्यपुस्तक पोहोचवण्याचा एक प्रयत्न केलेला आहे. आजही अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मनात शंका आहे की मार्च 2008 मध्ये होणाऱ्या शालांत परीक्षेचा पेपर कसा असेल? प्रश्नांचे स्वरूप कसे असेल? जुलै 2007 पासूनचे इंग्रजीचे सर्व लेख पुन्हा पाहा. परीक्षेचा सराव कसा करायचा याचे उत्तर तुम्हाला आपोआप मिळेल. तसेच यापुढील लेख हे फक्त नमुना प्रश्नपत्रिका तसेच उत्तर पत्रिका असणाऱ्या आहेत म्हणजे प्रश्नपत्रिकेचा नमुना, गुणदान पद्धती, अपेक्षित आहे. याबाबत तुम्हाला सविस्तर माहिती मिळणार आहे. वरील सर्व Passages भरपूर सराव करा. यश तुमचेच आहे.

उद्याचा विषय : मराठी (पूर्व परीक्षा सराव प्रश्न पत्रीका)