



## English writing

### Unseen passage

Read the passage carefully and answer the right alternative from the option given below:

When you watch the Republic Day parade. Do you wonder who built the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Rajpath and the India gate? They were mainly the work of Sir Edwin Lutyen's Edwin Lutyen's father, Charles Lutyen, was in British army. He was also a good painter.

Who built Rashtrapati Bhavan?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where is India Gate situated?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Who was Charles Lutyens? What did he do?

\_\_\_\_\_.

The Republic Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





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**Read the passage carefully and answer the right alternative from the option given below:**

In England Gandhi ji at first, did not give his time entirely to his studies. Instead he tried to enjoy fashionable English gentlemen in every way like so many youngmen of his age he was attracted by what was new and foreign

He wasted lot of money on buying smart English clothes. He started taking lessons in ballroom dancing, in playing the violin etc. what a change from a shy boy on the ship who would not talk to the other passengers after three months, he suddenly realized how silly it was to waste good brother's money on such things. After this he devoted all his time to serious studies. From the very childhood, when Gandhi ji found out he was doing a wrong thing he at once stopped doing it.

### Question:-

- What purpose had driven Gandhi ji to England?  
(a) Wine (b) games (c) politics (d) studies.
- Gandhi ji was a completely changed man for a period of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Two month (b) three months (c) Four months (d) five months
- Who did Gandhi ji try to copy?  
(a) Friends (b) young men (c) young women (d) parents
- In England he started many kinds of new things which one is not true?  
(a) Talking lessons in ballroom dancing  
(b) Buying smart English clothes  
(c) Playing the violin  
(d) Playing cards
- Which opposite has been wrongly matched?  
(a) Attracted\_repelled  
(b) Waste save  
(c) Shy\_extrovert  
(d) Entirely\_Completely





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**Read the passage carefully and answer the right alternative from the option given below:**

Children should be educated without pressure then should enter into adulthood free from damaging effects of tradition and fear. Free expression of thought should be given to the children. A child once asked Krishnamurthy. Is it your hobby to give lecture? Don't you get tired of talking? Why are you doing it?" Krishnamurthy replied; "I am glad you asked that question. You know if you love something, you get never tired of it. I mean love in which there is no desire of wanting something out of it. If you are talking you are getting something out of it: money, reward, Sense of your importance; then there is weariness. Then it has no meaning because it is only self-fulfillment, but if there is love in your heart, it is like a fountain, always giving fresh water."

### Question:

- Children should be educated without \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) money (b) pressure (c) fear (d) books
- If you \_\_\_\_\_ something you never get tired of it.  
(a) Love (b) hate (c) express (d) enjoy
- What type of expression should be given to children.  
(a) Complex (b) busy (c) free (d) Damaging.
- Which quality of Krishnamurthy excited the child  
(a) Enjoying (b) listening (c) talking (d) talking
- Weariness means feeling \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Anger (b) tiredness (c) joy (d) happiness





## Unseen passage

One of the trees in my compound is a Beri It is a large tree, the fruit is good, but we hardly get any to eat. Birds and squirrels finish them much before they ripen.

It is amazing to watch a squirrel come and eat a ber. It plucks a fruit, holds it in its claws and nibbles. It loses its grip and the fruit falls to the ground. The squirrel climbs down, picks it up and starts eating it again. Squirrels are very economical. They do not waste. Man should learn his economics from squirrels. Preserve and consume, rather than consume and waste. The squirrels run around playfully and jump from one branch to the other. As they move, the pretty stripes on their backs shake, weaving patterns of joy.

Stripes of squirrel attract many. I have seen people killing squirrels and stuffing the skin to decorate their drawing rooms. What a callous aesthetic sense! The desire to possess seems to have become stronger than the desire to enjoy. It is easier to possess a dead squirrel (or any animal) than a live one. And man is busy destroying living beings and adding non-living things on the planet earth in his possession spree.

A.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage. Complete the following statements.

- A. Squirrels are very agile creatures. This is evident from the following  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The economic lesson squirrels can teach man is \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The author experiences joy in watching the squirrels eat fruit and \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Complete the following list of a squirrel's characteristics.  
(a) humble (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- E. The beautiful stripes of the squirrel sometimes prove fatal for her because \_\_\_\_\_.

A.1.2. Find words from the passage, which mean the same as the following:

(i) take small bites	
(ii) concerned with beauty	
(iii) to own	
(iv) insensitive and cruel	





## Unseen passage

**Read the following passage and answer these questions.**

Clean water supplies are essential for good health and cleanliness in the home. Often the only source of drinking water is polluted. More than 70 per cent of rural households have no safe drinking water. Their supplies are often carried some distance from a river, pond or well, or a community pump or tap. Carrying water takes time and energy. For these reasons, water is often kept in the house for a long time and, of necessity, it is rationed carefully.

Several diseases are spread by polluted water, these include diarrhoea, cholera and typhoid. Families using water from uncovered ponds or wells are likely to suffer more frequently from all these infections than those whose water comes from protected sites. An adequate supply of water is also needed for personal cleanliness and general hygiene in the home. Health workers should encourage the provision of good household water supplies as much as possible.

If there is no tap, the main water container must be kept clean, covered and free from debris. Overnight storage in earthen ware vessels reduces the number of bacteria in the water. Nevertheless, it is important that any water given to infants is first boiled. After boiling it should be covered in the same container until it is cool enough to drink.

1. Why are villagers lacking in good health and cleanliness generally?
2. Why is water kept for a long time in rural household?
3. What is polluted water? What are its effects?
4. What type of water should be given to infants? Why?
5. Give the synonym of the word 'adequate'.
6. Give the antonym of the word 'frequently'.





## Unseen passage

Read the passage carefully and answer the right alternative from the option given below:

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements by choosing the correct option from those given below –

The oldest stone buildings in the world are the pyramids of Egypt. They have stood nearly for 5000 years, and it seems likely that they will continue to stand for thousands of years yet. They are over eighty of them scattered along the bank of the Nile, some of which are different in shape from true pyramids. The most of these are the 'Step' pyramid and the 'Bent' pyramid. Most of the damage suffered by the pyramids has been at the hands of men who were looking for treasure, or more often, for stone to use in the modern buildings. The dry climate of Egypt has helped to preserve the pyramids and their very shape has made them less likely to fall into ruins.

One thing is certain: there must have been months of planning before they could begin to build. Certain rules had to be followed and certain problems overcome. The pyramid has to build on the west side of the Nile ; the side on which the sun sets. This was for religious reasons. The pyramid also had to stand well above the level of the river to protect it against the regular floods. The pyramid could not be too far from the Nile, however, as the stones to build it needed to be carried in boats down the nearest point. The builders also had to find to find rock, which was not likely to crack under the great weight of the Pyramid. Finally, the pyramid to be near the capital, or better still, near the king's palace so that he could visit it easily and personally check the progress being made on the final resting place of his body.

1. In the lines, ' They have stood for 5000 years, and it seems likely that they will continue for more years yet', the tone of the writer is.....
  - a. Shocked
  - b. Fascinated
  - c. awe-struck
  - d. disbelieving
2. The maximum damage caused to the pyramids was due to
  - (a) men looking for treasure
  - (b) the dry climate
  - (c) their shape and structure
  - (d) their being thousands years old
3. The pyramid had to be on the west side of the Nile,...
  - a. the Egyptians worshipped the setting sun





- b. the eastern bank was regularly flooded.
  - c. stones needed to build pyramid were on the western bank
  - d. water transportation was much easier on the western bank
4. While building, choosing a site for the pyramids, the not so important was.....
- a. flooding of the Nile
  - b. closeness to the palace
  - c. proximity to the Nile
  - d. distance from the desert.
5. The phrase 'fall into ruin' means.....
- a. fall down
  - b. collapse
  - c. decay
  - d. breakdown

Infinity Classes





## LETTERS

1. You hate cruelty to animals and you are hurt to see the ill treatment given to the animals. Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper on the need for a better treatment of animals and calling for a total ban on their use in hazardous work and sports.
2. Imagine yourself as Rusty. You had remembered the pledge and went to meet your friends after 10 years at the same pool which you had discovered but no one remembered and came to meet. Write a letter to Somi complaining and recalling the days of promises.
3. Write a letter to your younger brother, who has got admission in a hostel emphasizing the importance of a good breakfast. (120 -150 words)

### HINTS :

- energy in the morning to perform .
- Important meal
- nutrition and healthy .
- Never skip
- Will lead to fatigue

4. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for the present he sent on your birthday.
5. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting for concession in fee





## GRAMMER

**Put these sentences into indirect speech:**

1. She says, "I like going to the sea side."
2. One of the sailors said to Columbus, "When shall we reach our destination?"
3. I said to her, "Has anybody been unkind to you?"
4. My mother said to me, "Leave me alone for a while for I am too tired to help you do your work."
5. She said, "Alas! I am the only cause of your sorrows."

**Change the following sentences in to passive voice.**

1. She made a beautiful doll.
2. Mother was washing clothes.
3. I know him.

**Do as directed:**

- I \_\_\_\_\_ for Jaipur tonight. (present continuous. of „leave“)
- The patient \_\_\_\_\_ before the doctor arrived (past perfect of „die“)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ two oranges already. (present perfect of „have“)
- Why \_\_\_\_\_ the people \_\_\_\_\_ at me? (past continuous of „look“)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ the poem. (present perfect continuous of „learn“)

**Change these sentences from Active to Passive voice.**

- Your conduct puzzles me.
- A timely warning prevented the accident.
- The teachers were discussing the examination results.
- Somebody has stolen all the real roses.

**Change the voice from passive to active.**

- Sweets are liked by children.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Our notebooks were corrected by the teacher.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I have been invited by her.  
\_\_\_\_\_





IV. The road will be repaired by the laboures.

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V. A kite is being flown by the boy.

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VI. Books were distributed by the boys.

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VII. The winning team was congratulated by everyone.

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VIII. A large portrait of the leader was made by the painter.

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IX. The magic show was watched by the people.

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X. Let this story be read.

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**Change the voice from active to passive.**

I. Someone has spoiled the papers.

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II. No one has answered your questions.

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III. Did you grow these flowers in your garden?

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IV. Who wrote King Lear?

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V. Send him away.

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VI. They ought to obey rules.

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VII. Has the Minister signed the papers?

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VIII. The servants are cleaning the floor.

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IX. Shakespeare wrote Hamlet.

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X. He had to correct the mistakes.

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