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Std.: K.G. to 12 Com. Eng. & Guj. Medium

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**9.** Wanda was teased everyday by her classmates after school hours. They used to make fun of her dress and her name. One day tired of all the teasing and taunting, she claimed of having a hundred dresses and sixty pairs of shoes, but nobody believed her.

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**10.** Mandela felt privileged to be the host to the nations of the world because not too long ago, the South Africans were considered outlaws. He thus thanked all the international leaders for having come to witness his investiture as President since this event could be considered as a common victory for justice, peace and human dignity.

**11.** The British airline to London would not fly animals. So, Maxwell booked a flight to Paris on another airline and from there to London. The airline insisted that Mij should be packed into a box not more than eighteen inches square. Thus, Mij was transported to England in that box, which was kept on the floor at the writer's feet.

**12.** Valli saw a young cow, tail high in the air running very fast right in the middle of the road in front of the bus. The driver sounded his horn again and again so that the cow moves away. But the more he honked, the more frightened the animal became and faster it galloped. This all seemed very funny to Valli and she laughed and laughed till there were tears in her eyes.

**OR**

**12.** Different kinds of breads are important during the different occasions. Bolinhas had to be prepared during Christmas and other festivals. The mothers used to prepare sandwiches on the occasion of their daughter's engagement. So, the baker's furnace was essential in a traditional Goan village.



**13.** As described in the last two stanzas, the tiger is locked in a concrete cell in a zoo. His abounding strength is also imprisoned and however strong he is, he finds himself helpless here.



**14.** The last two lines of the poem suggest the helplessness of the tiger. He has brilliant bright eyes to look even in the dark, but here they are of no use. He keeps staring at the brilliant stars with his brilliant eyes. Perhaps he is asking heaven why he has been imprisoned there.

**17.** The poet was feeling depressed and hopeless. So he was not in a good mood. He was standing under a hemlock tree. Suddenly a crow shook dust of snow on him. The small and simple incident changed his mood. He realized the fact that he was spoiling his time and decided to enjoy the remaining part of the day.

**18.** A chameleon is a garden lizard and is an expert at camouflage. It changes its colour as per its surroundings. This ability of camouflage helps it in saving itself from the poachers. A chameleon does not have ears or wings.

**19.** Amanda yearns for some freedom so that she could enjoy her growing years. Amanda is like most of the teenagers who want to have their own private spaces. It is true that some social conditioning and tutoring is necessary to develop people as better persons, but it is equally true that everyone should get some time to enjoy the bliss of freedom.

**OR**

**19.** The animals are placid, self-sufficient, complacent and simple. Unlike humans, they do not worry about their condition and sins, nor do they make others sick discussing their duty to God. They are not demented with the mania of owning things. So they are superior to human beings.

**20.** Noodle avoids offending Think-Tank while correcting his mistakes by presenting his own thoughts, but referring to them as being of no particular importance. Whenever he had to say something contrary to what Think-Tank said, he would do this. In this way he would correct Think-Tank's errors without making Think-Tank feel that he was being corrected.

**21.** The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in itself a strange occurrence. Mrs Hall the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly with the stranger but Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her that his reason for coming to Iping was a desire for solitude. He did not wish to be disturbed in his work. Besides, an accident had affected his face. His desire for solitude, his uncommon appearance, strange habits and irritable temper all made Mrs Hall find the scientist eccentric.



**22.** Mme Loisel is young, pretty, ordinary but discontented woman. She is of a humble background but dreams of riches and comforts. She is proud of her beauty and wants to be admired. Her meagre resources are not enough to satisfy her expensive cravings making her angry all the time.

## OR

**22.** A hack driver at the station, who called himself Bill Magnuson, befriends him. He told the lawyer that he knew Lutkins and would help in finding him. Bill took him to all the places where Lutkins was known to hang out. He took the lawyer to Fritz's shop, where Lutkins played a lot of poker; to Gustaff's barber shop and then to Gray's barber shop; to the poolroom and several other places before finally taking him to Lutkins' mother's farm. However, Oliver Lutkins was not found.

**23.** with the documents,

**with**

**from**

**24.** honourable Natalya Stepanovna.      **honourable honoured**

25. Oxen Meadows, it was true

**it was**

**it's**

**26.** were ones the subject of dispute, **ones** **once**

**27.** and now everybody knows

**and**

**but**



**28.** that they are my.

**my**

**mine**

**29. to 34.**

**After** she had enough money saved, her next problem was **how** to slip **out of** the house without her mother's knowledge. But she managed this **without** too much difficulty. Everyday after lunch her mother would nap **from** about one to four **or** so.

**35. to 38.**

“Do you think Miss Mason will announce the winners today?” asked Peggy.

**39.** Natalya told Lomov that she had noticed that those hunters argued most who knew least. Lomov requested Natalya to be silent and told that his heart was going to pieces and asked her to shut up.

40. Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black **wasn't it?**

**41.** The three pages assigned by Mr Keesing were written by me.

**42.** The fact was so hard that we could not believe it.



**43.** What a profitable profession baking was in the old days!

**44.** Not only the oppressor but also the oppressed alike is robbed of his humanity.

**45.** India is the only country in the world to control its per head consumption of petrol by increasing the use of scooters.

**46.** The two-wheeler is the quickest and most flexible means of transportation in towns and cities. Also, it has a lower pollution rate than a car.

**47.** It is only the two-wheelers that can traverse the unsurfaced roads which account for 65 % of our total road length.

**48.** The two-wheeler industry has grown by 260 per cent during the last 10 years, an average growth of 26 % per annum. The writer rightly describes this growth as phenomenal.

**49.** Another expression for 'the book of fate' is 'future' or the 'coming time'.



**50.** God hides from the animals what men know and from men what angels know.

**51.** As the lamb does not know that it is going to be slaughtered soon, it keeps on skipping, playing and grazing merrily in the flowery meadow. It also licks the hand of the butcher who is about to slaughter it.

**52.** God has been kind as He has blessed men and animals with ignorance of the future.

**53.** June 18, 2022, Friday

9 p.m.

What an eventful day was today! I rescued a little girl from drowning in the river. I still can't believe that I did it. How could I do this? Where did it I get the courage from? I don't know. I was going to the temple when I heard a child yelling for help from the riverbank. I rushed there and saw a boy shouting for help. His sister had fallen into the river and he couldn't swim. Neither could she. I saw her flapping with her arms. I also cried for help hoping that someone would come but when I saw nobody

anywhere near the river I gathered the courage and jumped into the water. By then, the girl was beginning to sink. I swam with all my strength and managed to get hold of her hair. While it is true that I can swim holding her head above water while swimming back to the shore was quite a challenge for me. Luckily, by the time we reached the shore people had gathered and someone gave her emergency medical aid and rushed her to hospital. Everyone praised me for saving the life of a child putting my own life at risk. I felt both happy and proud.

– Vaidehi

## OR

**53.** Vineet : Hi, Vineeta ! Are you free this weekend ?

Vineeta : Why ? Are you planning a trip ?

Vineet : Nope. I'm not free for both the days. I can spare some hours either day.

Vineeta : Tell me what is your plan ?

Vineet : Shall we go for a movie ?

Vineeta : Which movie ? What time ?

Vineet : What kind of movie do you like : a horror, romantic, comedy, action or any other choice ?

Vineeta : For recreation a comic movie would be better.

Vineet : Well, I'll try to see the availability of tickets and time convenience as well and let you know.

Vineeta : See that you get afternoon hours.

Vineet : Sure. I'll see to it.



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**Note :** Those interested can enroll their names with

Mr Gupta, our music teacher, latest by September 30.

Archa Shukla

Head Girl

Eduexcel English School



## **55. Village Adoption – A Step Towards Being Socially Responsible**

**– By Karan / Kriti**

On the occasion of World Literacy Day, L. M. Memorial Public School, Dwarka has taken an oath to embrace the village named Rajpur.

The school has taken the responsibility of educating the people residing in the village. Selected students from each standard are taken there every weekend, during school hours to impart knowledge. The first 6 month motive is to make each and every person capable of reading and writing. Free books and stationery is being provided for quality education. Children are given time to spend with each other, play games and interact. Apart from the educational needs, special care is devoted to hygiene and sanitation. Girls are being given awareness on the importance of menstrual hygiene as well. Various talent hunts have been organised which left everyone overawed. The immense enthusiasm and zeal in the people to learn is the main driving factor.

A family kind of environment is being created. The school treats the people of the village as its own students and is unbiased. By adopting a village, the school is making its students sensitive towards the needs of the environment at a young age. It is committed towards raising the leaders of tomorrow.

56. 28, Isro Colony, Vastrapur,  
Ahmedabad.

October 25, 2022

The Editor

The Times of India,

Ahmedabad.

**Subject :** Educating the Underprivileged

Sir,

Through the columns of your reputed newspaper, I wish to draw your attention towards the movement 'Sarvashiksha Abhiyan' which aims at providing knowledge to all children. Even the act RTE - Right to Education also ensures education for all children between the age of four to fourteen. But these movements and acts do not show themselves implemented anywhere especially in the underprivileged class. There are still many children who do not go to school. They either work as a domestic labour or work in factories, *dhabas*, etc. It is disturbing to note that our government's plans are not bearing any fruits. It is all because of lack of awareness towards these kinds of movements.



We all need the help of print media as well as electronic media to spread messages of awareness to the masses. The underprivileged children must be made to realize that they have the right to get education. So, they must go to school. The foremost thing is to discourage child-labour so as to give these children a bright future. I hope you will pay attention to this noble cause and publish it in your newspaper.

Yours sincerely,

Mamta Parikh

**OR**

**56. To :** projectmanagerram\_abcconsultingpvtltd@yahoo.com

**Subject :** Progress in the project taken up

Respected Mr Ram,

Sir, I thank you a lot for giving me the opportunity to work on the project that I desired. It is quite challenging but my progress is good up till now. It is having a very tight schedule of completion. Hence, I would need your kind support in preparing the final report on analytics. Your guidance will be of utmost value to me as I am not having access to certain tools that are required to complete the project on time. I am also having a doubt regarding the requirements and the design of the next phase.

I hope that you will consider my request of helping me out. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Vishal Jayswal



Women empowerment refers to making women powerful to make them capable of deciding for themselves. Women have suffered a lot through the years at the hands of men. In earlier centuries, they were treated as almost non-existent. As if all the rights belonged to men even something as basic as voting. As the times evolved, women realized their power. There on began the revolution for women empowerment.

It made them aware of their rights and how they must make their own place in society rather than depending on a man. It recognized the fact that things cannot simply work in someone's favor because of their gender. However, we still have a long way to go when we talk about the reasons why we need it.

In India, women empowerment is needed more than ever. There are various reasons for this. Firstly, women in

India are in danger of honor killings. Their family thinks its right to take their lives if they bring shame to the reputation of their legacy.

Moreover, the education and freedom scenario is very regressive here. Women are not allowed to pursue higher education, they are married off early. They are not allowed any kind of freedom. In addition, domestic violence is a major problem in India. The men beat up their wife and abuse them as they think women are their property. More so, because women are afraid to speak up. Similarly, the women who do actually work get paid less than their male counterparts. Thus, we see how women empowerment is the need of the hour. We need to empower these women to speak up for themselves and never be a victim of injustice.

There are various ways in how one can empower women. The individuals and government must both come together to make it happen. Education for girls must be made compulsory so that women can become illiterate to make a life for themselves.



physically fit. Sports have a massive positive effect on both the mind and body.

Sports involve physical activity of the body. Due to this physical activity, blood vessels remain clean. Sports reduces the amount of cholesterol and fats in the body. Regular sports certainly make the heart stronger. The sugar certainly does not accumulate in the blood due to physical activity. Sports strengthen the lungs of the body. Sports certainly escalate the lung capacity and efficiency of the body. Hence, more oxygen enters the blood which is extremely beneficial. A sports playing person probably does not suffer from obesity or underweight problems. Sports certainly help the body remain fit and slim.



Sport is certainly an excellent tool to build self-confidence. Playing sports increases confidence to talk properly. A sport certainly improves the skills of communicating with others. Sports enriches the social life of an individual.

Sports bring discipline in life. It certainly teaches the values of dedication and patience. Sports also teach people how to handle failure. Above all, sports improves the thinking ability of individuals. Sports certainly sharpen the mind. Sports reduces the stress of mind. A sports playing person would certainly experience less depression. Sports ensure the peace of mind of those playing it. Most noteworthy, sports brings happiness and joy in the life of individuals.

A sport is an aspect of human life that is of paramount importance. It certainly increases the quality of human life. Sports must be made mandatory in schools. This is because it is as important as education. Everyone must perform at least one sport activity on a regular basis.



Women must be given equal opportunities in every field, irrespective of gender. Moreover, they must also be given equal pay. We can empower women by abolishing child marriage. Various programs must be held where they can be taught skills to fend for themselves in case they face financial crisis. Most importantly, the shame of divorce and abuse must be thrown out of the window. Many women stay in abusive relationships because of the fear of society. Parents must teach their daughters it is okay to come home divorced rather than in a coffin.

## **(2) Importance of Sports in Life**

First of all, sport refers to an activity involving physical activity and skill. Sports are an integral part of human life and there is great importance of sports in all spheres of life. Sports help build the character and personality of a person. It certainly is an excellent tool to keep the body



## OR

### 57. A Narrow Escape

I got up in the middle of the night, I was sweating profusely. I switched on the light only to find that there was some kind of electricity failure. I came out of the room to get some fresh air. It was stormy outside and that might have been the reason for the electricity failure. I drank cold water, took a chair and sat in the verandah. Suddenly, I heard a loud shriek. It was coming from our neighbour's house. I was so confused, now what to do. Then I gathered courage and went inside to fetch a torch. I took the torch and started moving towards my neighbour's house. I peeped inside from the window and saw two people who were covering the owners at gunpoint. I stepped back and started thinking of my next step. At that moment I heard a motor bike approaching near. It was cobra police on their patrolling. I signalled to them. They stopped and asked me the reason for stopping them. I told them the whole story. They immediately went inside to help the old couple. The miscreants were shocked at the sudden arrival of the police. They tried to escape but the policemen took prompt action and caught them. We heaved a sigh of relief. Suddenly, the whole area was illuminated as the power supply had resumed. The old couple saw me and thanked me for my sharp wittedness.

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