



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

9. The fiercely independent people of Coorg are descendents of Greeks or Arabs. A section of Alexander's army moved South along the coast and settled here only when they were unable to return to their country. These people married among the locals. This is the story about the descent of Kodavu people.

10. Over many days and months Valli listened carefully to conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus. She also asked a few discreet questions here and there. This way she gathered all the information about the bus.

11. According to Kisa Gotami, the greatest grief in life is the death of one's loved ones and one's inability to stop them from dying. Therefore, instead of lamenting on it, the wise should not grieve. Weeping will only increase the pain and disturb the peace of mind of a person.

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12. Wanda is a Polish girl who has settled in America with her parents. She lived in Boggins Heights. She came to school in the same faded blue dress everyday with her feet always covered with dry mud. Her last name is quite funny and difficult to pronounce for her classmates. Her appearance was not perfect to be in a higher class so all the students made fun of her and teased her after the school hours. After being teased over her tolerance she claimed to have had a hundred dresses in her closet.

13. The poet says that animals are calm and quiet and they do not depend on others (like man) for their needs, therefore the poet wishes to live with animals.

14. Another expression is : 'They do not keep complaining about their condition'.

17. The fact, that humans commit all kinds of sins and still discuss their duty to God, makes the poet sick. This shows the hypocrisy of humans, who on one hand do wrong and on the other pray to God.

18. All the animals other than the dragon used to boast about their bravery and made the fun of the dragon. But when the pirate entered the house, all got scared and ran away and disappeared except Custard, the dragon.

19. The poet says that the fog comes 'on little cat feet'. He also says that the fog 'sits looking over harbour and city and then moves on'. To show resemblance between the fog and a cat, the poet uses such metaphorical language that the fog is described as if it were a living being.

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19. Amanda is getting scolded for having chocolate as previously it had caused her acne. Amanda's mother is very particular about such things. Amanda is made conscious about her physical appearance. It is very sad that at such a young age Amanda is made to worry about natural experiences.

20. As Ramlal was a government official and the Tehsildar had asked Ramlal to send his daughters to the new school in his village, Bholi was sent to school just to satisfy the Tehsildar. As Ramlal's wife felt that sending girls to school affected their marriage prospects adversely, she did not want to send any of her daughters to school. However, Bholi, with her pock-marked face and dull brain would not be possible to get married anyway, so Bholi's parents decided to send her to school to satisfy the Tehsildar.

21. His mother encouraged his interest in learning. She took him on trips, bought him telescopes, microscopes, cameras, mounting materials, and other equipment and helped him in many other ways. When he didn't have things to do, she helped him by finding work for him not physical work, but learning things. His mother also got him a children's book called "The Travels of Monarch X" which was about how monarch butterflies migrate to Central America. This book opened the world of science to the eager young collector and became a turning point in his life.

22. “Horace Danby was good and respectable, but not completely honest”. This description is apt for Horace. He was about fifty years old. He robbed only from rich people, and his purpose was to buy rare and expensive books with the money. He stole only once a year. The intention of buying books was good. However, the fact that he stole to achieve this end showed that he was not completely honest.

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22. Griffin, the scientist, had carried out an experiment to prove that the human body could become invisible. Finally he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became transparent.

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge, Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had removed his clothes. Thus it was that he became homeless and was wandering on the streets, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible.

23. long-awaited friend in my
imagination,

long-awaited long-awaited

24. I didn't want to jot down

didn't

don't

26. most people will do,

will

would

27. and I want the diary to be
my friend,

and

but

28. and I'm going to calling this
friend 'Kitty'.

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to call

29. to 34.

Today, all of us do, **by** our presence here... confer glory **and** hope to newborn liberty. **Out of** the experience of **an** extraordinary human disaster **that** lasted too long, must be born a society of **which** all humanity will be proud.

35. to 38.

“Hey, a tea garden!” Rajvir cried excitedly.

39. Somebody from the passengers brought to the attention of the child – Valli that she should not stand like that. Then he asked the girl to sit down. Valli responded haughtily that there was nobody there who was a child. She argued strongly that she had paid her thirty paise like everyone else.

40. Since the aeroplane had no lights on its wings, I could not see it flying next to me through the storm.

41. They waited for Wanda so that they could have fun with her.

43. On my turn, I pledged to obey the constitution.

44. Nobody was there with the young seagull on his ledge.

45. The writer asserts that each person's skin is unique because (1) one person's finger-prints can never duplicate another's and (2) the skin transplanted from one man's body to another's will not survive for a long time.

46. One person's skin grafted on another's protects for a short period the underlying tissues from infection and fluid loss during the period of greatest danger.

47. (1) Skin can be frozen and stored in a skin-bank for use in emergencies and (2) Skin-cells have been grown in test-tubes by some American scientists.

48. The writer praises man because man has learnt to understand nature's methods and to make an intelligent use of them.

49. The fate of an unpatriotic man

50. The poet is unwilling to believe that there do exist people who do not have any feeling in their hearts for their motherland.

51. He or she should feel excitement and deep feelings of affection for his or her native land as he or she returns from a foreign country.

52. A person may become unpatriotic in order to acquire wealth, fame, power or for some other selfish reasons.

53. January 7, 2022

Friday

6.30 p.m.

Along with my two friends, I visited my friend's village for two days. What a never ever dreamt experience !

Three of us drove to our common friend's village – Rampur – an interior village in Mehsana district. This was the time after monsoon and watching lush green fields was a real treat to our eyes while driving along. We reached there imagining that we would find kachcha ways, bullock carts and raw houses, but the things were altogether different. It was no more a village of old times, it was rather modern with all facilities. Well-built roads, street lights, drainage system, a school, a library, a public health centre and what not !

Well, but we had a real feel of village when we visited his farm. So eye-soothing spectacle ! Waving crops in the fields seemed as if they were dancing with utter joy. At the farmhouse of my friend, we ate 'ponk'. We had lip-smacking lunch of 'Rotla' and 'Sabji' dish of freshly picked vegetables from his farm. As it was chilling cold, we sat around fire (campfire) and shared a number of funny incidents. Pure oxygen in the air and eco-friendly ambiance all over made our visit never to be forgotten.

Romil / Romali

54. Lost And Found

I lost my brown colour briefcase with 'A' written near the handle, while travelling by BRTS bus route no. 167 from Ramdev to Lal Darwaja. There are some valuable documents of mine like my senior secondary pass certificate. Finder will be rewarded.

If found, kindly contact on Phone 7895432167 or inform Anamika, 178, Narendra Nagar, New C. G. Road, Ahmedabad.

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54.

Nelson's High School, Subhanpura, Vadodara

July 12, 2022

**Join us to witness a spectacular
Inter-school Dance Competition**

- Two entries from each school will be entertained
- Entries will be allowed till July 18.
- Entries will be accepted for contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Bharatnatyam and Kathak only

Date and Time : July 27, 2022

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Venue : Tagore Hall, Paldi, Ahmedabad.

For more Information :

Contact : Jayesh Raval, Mob. : 7677787980

55. Celebration of Independence Day in G. D. Vidyalaya, Visnagar

August 16, 2022

G. D. Vidyalaya, Visnagar celebrated the Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. On the morning of August 14, 2022, our students presented hand-made greeting cards and tri-colour flag badges to the senior management functionaries of the school.

The cultural programme at school commenced with everyone singing 'Vande Mataram' followed by flag hoisting by the chief guest, Mrs Indu Bala Sharma, the District Magistrate. The spirit of freedom and nationalism was well exhibited by the students as well as the teachers through a spectrum of patriotic poems, speeches, quiz on freedom fighter, songs and dance. Committed to the task of nation

building, both faculty and student teachers pledged to serve their motherland through spreading education and serving the community. A presentation on the historical evolution of the national flag of India was shown. A documentary on the contribution of unsung heroes of Indian freedom struggle like Tirupur Kumaran, Kamla Devi Chattopadhyay and Khudiram Bose enlightened the audience. A few of them spoke on the history and significance of the Independence Day and shed light on the special highlight of celebrations this year.

It ended with a speech by the principal on the topic, "What does freedom mean to me?" The celebration concluded with the inspiring words of the principal madam, followed by the National Anthem and the distribution of refreshments.

56. G-7, Rainbow Apartments,

M. G. Road, Bhavnagar.

March 5, 2022

Dear Sonia,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write this letter to you to discuss a problem that you and I have often suffering about. Remember our bumpy rides to school in the school bus? Well the stretch between SV Road at Milan Junction and the Link Road, passing through Daulat and Rizvi Nagar, is still a nightmare for commuters. I recently read in the papers that this infamous stretch has 179 potholes! To top it up, the rains have turned many of them into small pools of dirty water, the biggest among them measuring 3×3 metres with a depth of 10 inches! Naturally, the motorists struggle everyday to commute on this road.

The authorities may take years to act upon this problem. So it is up to us to take the necessary precautions to avoid any fatalities. We need to instruct our bus driver to steer clear of the big potholes. Driving slowly will minimise

the inconvenience caused to the passengers. The water-filled potholes have to be avoided since it is difficult to gauge their depth. We can also opt for an alternate route even if it takes longer to get to school. I have decided to distribute these printed instructions to other motorists who use this road. I truly believe that the frequency of accidents can be brought down considerably if everyone adheres to these instructions. Write back to me with your views on this subject.

Yours truly,

Vaishali

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56. To : aniketoza17@redmail.com

Subject : Planning of the surprise party

Hi Aniket,

Good to hear from you again. I hope you're still enjoying your job.

I'm glad you asked me about the party I planned for my mother's birthday. Well, I have to say it was a fantastic success. I told my mother we were taking her out for a quiet meal at a local restaurant with just the family, but in fact I'd hired a large room in a hotel and invited all her old friends!

Anyway, I picked my mother up and told her I'd changed my mind. We were going to have a meal in a hotel. You should have seen her face when she walked into the room and everyone cheered! She just couldn't believe it and burst into tears. Then the party got going and it didn't finish until four in the morning. We were absolutely exhausted, but my mother had a wonderful time.

Must dash now - I've got to go to college. Hope to hear from you.

Love,

Tania

Environment refers to the natural surroundings and conditions in which we live. Unfortunately, this environment has come under serious threat. This threat is almost entirely due to human activities. Smoke, dust, and harmful gases cause air pollution. These causes of air pollution come from industries and vehicles mostly. Furthermore, Chemicals and pesticides cause land and water pollution. These human activities have certainly caused serious damage to the environment. Most noteworthy, this damage risks the survival of living things on Earth. Therefore, there is an urgent need to save the environment.

First of all, planting trees should be given massive attention. Above all, a tree is the source of oxygen. Unfortunately, due to construction, many trees have been cut down. This certainly reduces the amount of oxygen in the environment. Growing more trees means more oxygen. Hence, growing more trees would mean better life quality. Similarly, people must give attention to forest conservation. Forests are vital for the environment. However, deforestation certainly reduces the area of forests around the World. The government must launch programs to conserve the forests. The government must make harming forests a criminal offense.

Soil conservation is yet another important way to save the environment. For this, there must be control of landslides, floods, and soil erosion. Furthermore, there should also be afforestation and tree plantation to conserve the soil. Also, terrace farming and using natural fertilizers are some more ways.

Waste management is a powerful way of protecting the environment. There must be proper disposal of wastes. Most noteworthy, this would help to keep the surroundings healthy. Saving the environment would reduce global warming. Conserving the environment would certainly improve the health of people.

57. Man – The Master of his own Destiny

Raju was a little boy who was born in a poor family. He wanted to get education but his financial condition did not allow him to do so. He remained illiterate and so did not have any means of earning. He took to pick-pocketing and small thievery. One day, he was caught red-handed for pick-pocketing. Since he was only thirteen, he was sent to juvenile prison where he was forced to do lessons. He had no interest in them and the compelling behaviour of the prison-people made him sullen and rebellious. It was only during the recreation hour that he seemed to be his normal self. One day he watched a French comic film on TV. He was fascinated with the French language and wanted to learn it. He requested the prison authorities for coaching classes in French. They agreed to his proposal as they were themselves interested to make him learn something so as to be self-dependent. Raju showed a keen interest in learning the language and in a very short period, had acquired a mastery over the language. Raju was set free after two years. He had already decided to use the French language as his means of earning. He became a French tourist guide and started leading an honourable life. He forgot all about his past and is happy these days for the sudden but positive turn in his life. He has set an example for others that man is a master of his own destiny.

In short, a healthy life is the highest blessing which must not be taken for granted. It is truly the source of all happiness. Money may buy you all the luxuries in the world but it cannot buy you good health. You are solely responsible for that, so for your well-being and happiness, it is better to switch to a healthy lifestyle.

Further, it will prevent obesity and help you burn out extra fat from your body. After that, a balanced diet is of great importance. When you intake appropriate amounts of nutrition, vitamins, proteins, calories and more, your immune system will strengthen. This will, in turn, help you fight off diseases powerfully resultant in a disease-free life.

Above all, cleanliness plays a significant role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. One must always maintain cleanliness in their surroundings so as to avoid the risk of catching communicable diseases.

When you have a relaxed mind at all times, you will be able to keep your loved ones happy.

In conclusion, environment is a precious gift on this planet. Saving environment is the need of the hour. Probably, it is the biggest concern of humanity right now. Any delay in this regard could be disastrous.

(2) Health is Wealth

Growing up you might have heard the term 'Health is Wealth', but its essential meaning is still not clear to most people. Generally, people confuse good health with being free of any kind of illnesses. While it may be part of the case, it is not entirely what good health is all about. In other words, to lead a healthy life, a person must be fit and fine both physically and mentally. It is not just surviving, you need to have the basic essentials that make up for a healthy lifestyle.

If you wish to acquire a healthy lifestyle, you will certainly have to make some changes in your life. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle demands consistent habits and disciplined life. There are various good habits that you can adopt like exercising regularly which will maintain your physical fitness. It also affects your mental health as when your appearance enhances, your confidence will automatically get boosted.