

9. Classroom Activities

I. Guided Composition

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A guided composition is one with incomplete sentences and phrases as hints. Based on these hints, you can write a good composition using complete and correct sentences, if possible, in idiomatic English.

Exercise

Write a composition on the hints given below. Write the composition in the order of logic and develop it with the help of your points also, if any. Provide it a title, a topic sentence and sum it up.

- a) science anects lives — applications varied — influences opinions — dispels superstitions — leads to control on nature — develops logical, unbiased thinking.
- b) Greetings when we meet or part — cultural differences — Indian salaams, Japanese bows — handshake Western custom — some disadvantages — but a happy mean between the Oriental and Russian greetings — spirit of comradeship.
- c) Gossip or grape-vine — baseless but attractive — spreads like virus — logical thinking is the antidote — trust, proper communication, reasoning — hasty conclusions can be fatal — personal relationships, business, social Stature.
- d) Woman is not a commodity — generations of exploitation — reforms in 21st century — human rights — united efforts by men and women — freedom to choose her career, partner, participate in planning and decision making — respect and concern for others sensitivities — better families, better society, better economy, better world.
- e) India — a populous country — needs focus on welfare programmes - more funds needed — already deficit budgets — repay foreign loans - progress in conquering immediate problems of life - space research — a symbol - progress in sophisticated area — a costly affair — diversion of funds on space research for welfare programmes highly necessary.
- f) TV— a powerful medium of the twentieth century — seen in almost all middle class families — a daily ritual — used for entertainment and enlightenment — films, serials, songs, etc., for entertainment — news, quizzes, education programmes, etc., for knowledge — depends upon the way used — should be aware of its bad effects— should be a slave to us — not a master.
- g) Reading hobby — good and bad books — of the hour and for ever — books as best companions — they entertain, educate and enlighten — make one forget one's loneliness — guide and make one's life richer — a good book, a life blood of master's spirit —

Carlyle's concept of true university, a collection of books.

- h) An intermediate student — careless in studies — father warns him — shaving off his head completely if he fails in the exam — boy loves his fair hair — works hard and passes the exam — then mother reveals her offering of his hair to God — boy gets disappointed and becomes sick — no escape from tonsure even after recovery
- i) A father with three daughters — wants to know how much they love — first daughter loves him like honey — second daughter loves him like sugar — third daughter loves him like salt — father deserts his third one - later other daughters deceive — eventually, realises the true love of the youngest one.
- j) A postman in a village — interested in everyone — a good friend of all — a girl's marriage settles — her granduncle dies — the postman delays in delivering the letter — gives it after marriage — the girl's father is thankful to him.
- k) A young man of thirty eight — loses every job he takes up — proves unfit every where — gets a brilliant idea to return the school certificates — demands tuition fee back — headmaster and teachers are shocked at his proposal — demands a re-examination — decides not to answer the questions — but teachers outwit him — the headmaster drives him out.

Answers :

- a) Science has penetrated into our lives effectively. We are almost limbless without it. Science is not optional but is compulsory. Modern science has discovered different types of wonders. It has enlarged human comforts and gave certain powers. Science has given eyes to blind, ears to deaf, and limbs to the cripple. Science has developed, invented and discovered different mediums of communication. Thus science has varied applications on life. Apart from this it also influences the opinions of people. The modern scientific people do not trust the old traditions. They simply drive out the superstitious beliefs attaching their scientific proof to the age old beliefs. The scientific growth is able to forecast the weather conditions and millions of property and people are saved from the catastrophes. Science has brought about a great change in the development of the minds of the people. It helped them to develop logical and unbiased thinking.
- b) Cultural diversity is the quality of diverse between different cultures, as opposed to monoculture, the global monoculture, or a homogenization of cultures, akin to cultural decay. Cultural diversity refers to having different cultures respect each other's differences. Different countries have different cultures. To whatever country we may belong to we need to respect our cultures. So we greet people when we meet them.

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Indians do salaam, Japanese bow and in most of the western countries they shake the hands and say hello. May be it would be difficult for a person from one country to understand the culture of the other country but a simple smile and greeting creates a friendly relation among the people and the nations. In the globalised era, where people need to work in different parts of the world it is must that they need to greet people following their culture. So adopting to that particular culture puts them at ease.

- c) Gossip is idle talk or rumor, especially about the personal or private affairs of others. It can also be called as dishing or tattling. Rumors are baseless. They may arise a kind of curiosity in the listeners but they are going to create a unfriendly atmosphere in the working place. A good word may take some time to reach to the nooks and corners of the organization. But a rumor spreads like a virus. To overcome such gossips, one should develop logical thinking. It helps to discern the truth, solve problems and make good decisions. As it uses the straight facts to solve problems, it can be trusted. It improves good communication and reasoning and there is no chance for hasty conclusions. So if one uses it as a antidote to gossips, the organization is going set a model with good personal relationships, business and stature.
- d) For age's woman are dominated in the hands of the men and the family. They led a suffocated life.. They were treated as mere commodities. Many reformists in the 21st century had brought about many changes in the life of women. Among such movements women's is one. Women's empowerment refers to the power of women in the present society. It also refers to the ability for women to enjoy their rights to control and benefit from resources, assets, income and their own time. Women like Kalpana Chawla, Sunita Williams have entered the space and proved that women are at par to men. A woman should be given a chance to choose her career and life of her own. If they are respected, there would be a great change in their families, societies and economy. The world would grow into a super world.
- e) India which is a populous country needs focus on welfare programmes. For the fulfilment of these welfare programme, more funds are needed. It has already faced deficit budgets. It has to repay foreign loans. In spite of all these problems it has achieved progress in conquering immediate problems of life. Space research is the area in which India has gone forward to become equal with the developed countries like the USA and Russia. It is a progress in sophisticated area which is a costly affair. We need diversion of funds for space research and for welfare programmes which is highly necessary.
- f) TV is a powerful medium of the twentieth century which is seen in almost all middle class families. Watching TV has become a daily ritual. It can be used for entertainment.

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and enlightenment. Films, serials, songs etc., which are telecast are meant for entertainment. News, quizzes, education programmes etc., are meant for knowledge. The benefit of the TV depends upon the way it is used. We should also be aware of its bad effects on children. TV should be a slave to us but not a master to us.

- g) Reading is a good hobby which must be cultivated by each and everyone. There are good books and bad books. There are books of the hour and books for ever. Books are our best companions. They entertain, education and enlighten us. They make one forget one's loneliness. A book is the best guide and makes one's life richer. A good book is a life blood of master's spirit. Carlyle's concept of true university is a collection of books.
- h) An intermediate student was careless in studies. His father warned him that he would shave off his head completely if he failed in the exam. The boy loves his fair hair more than anything. He worked hard and passed the exam. Then his mother revealed her offering of his hair to God if he passes the exam. The boy got disappointed and became sick. There was no escape from tonsure even after recovery.
- i) A father was living in a city with his three daughters. He wanted to know how much they loved him. He asked his daughters one after the other. The first daughter said that she loves him like honey. The second daughter declared that she loves her father like sugar. The third one honestly informed her father that she loves him like salt. The father got angry with the third daughter and he deserted his third one. He gave all his wealth to the two girls. After getting the property the two daughters deceived the father and drove him away from their homes. The third daughter took him to her house and gave him food and shelter. Eventually, the father realised the true love of the youngest one.
- j) There was a postman in a village. He was a good natured man. He was interested in everyone's affairs and used to help others. He was a good friend of all. The marriage of a girl of that village was settled. The postman had to deliver a letter to the girl's family with the news that her granduncle died. The postman feared that the marriage may not take place if they come to know about the news. So he delayed in delivering the letter. He gave the letter to them after the marriage was over. The girl's father thanked him.
- k) In a small town there was a young man of thirty eight years. He lost every job he took up. He proved to be unfit everywhere. He got a brilliant idea to return the school certificates as they had become useless. He met the headmaster of the school where he had studied and demanded his tuition fee back. The headmaster and teachers were shocked at his proposal. He demanded a reexamination to prove himself a dunce. He decided not to answer the questions correctly. But the teachers outwitted him and declared that he had passed in all the subjects. The headmaster drove him out.