

Weekly Test

Unit : 3

Std – 10th SEMI

Sub: English

Marks - 20

Date :-

Q. 1 Read the following extract and answer the questions below. (10)

A.1. Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the sentences. (2)

- 1) The writer was dumbfounded because
 - (a) Meena told her that she was getting married.
 - (b) Meena told her that she was not looking good.
 - (c) Meena told her that a beggar changed her life.
- 2) Meena sponsored the granddaughter of the beggar because
 - (a) She was alone in her life after death of him.
 - (b) It was a mark of respect to the beggar.
 - (c) She was rich and she wanted to help.

I was absolutely dumbfounded and she could see it.

‘Yes, a beggar,’ she repeated, as if to reassure me. ‘He was old and used to stay in front of my house with his five year old granddaughter. As you know, I was a chronic pessimist. I used to give my leftovers to this beggar every day. I never spoke to him. Nor did he speak to me. One monsoon day, I looked out of my bedroom window and started cursing the rain. I don’t know why I did that because I wasn’t even getting wet. That day I couldn’t give the beggar and his granddaughter their daily quota of leftovers. They went hungry, I am sure.

‘However, what I saw from my window surprised me. The beggar and the young girl were playing on the road because there was no traffic. They were laughing, clapping and screaming joyously, as if they were in paradise. Hunger and rain did not matter. They were totally drenched and totally happy. I envied their zest for life.

‘That scene forced me to look at my own life. I realized I had so many comforts, none of which they had. But they had the most important of all assets. One which I lacked. They knew how to be happy with life as it was. I felt ashamed of myself. I even started to make a list of what I had and what I did not have. I found I had more to be grateful for than most people could imagine. That day, I decided to change my attitude towards life, using the beggar as my role model.’

After a long pause, I asked Meena how long it had taken her to change.

‘Once this realization dawned’, she said, ‘it took me almost two years to put the change into effect. Now nothing matters. I am always happy. I find

happiness in every small thing, in every situation and in every person.’

‘Did you give any gurudakshina to your guru?’ I asked.

‘No. Unfortunately, by the time I understood things, he was dead. But I sponsored his granddaughter to a boarding school as a mark of respect to him.’

A.2. How did the beggar and his grand daughter enjoy the rain. (2)

A.3. Explain the changes that Meena’s life underwent after observing the beggar and his grand daughter. (2)

A.4. Punctuate the following. (2)

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A.5. Do you think that giving precious gifts shows great love? Why? (2)

Q. 2 Read the following extract and answer the questions below. (05)

A.1. What can we do when all people doubt us? (2)

What should one not deal in?

If you can keep ----- just the same.

A.2. Explain the line “But make allowance for their doubting too” (2)

A.3. Write the rhyming words for – (a) waiting (b) lies (1)

Q. 3 Translate the following. (05)

1) We should respect our parents and teachers.

2) Service to man is service to god.

3) प्रामाणिकपणा सर्वोत्तम गुणधर्म आहे.

4) पेरावे तसे उगवते.

5) अंधरुण पाहून पाय पसरावे.