

ASSIGNMENT SHEET NO. 1
ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

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Shastri B.A. Honours (All Subjects) II Semester

TENSE

Write the sentences using the correct form of the verbs (Present Indefinite) in the brackets:

1. We not read newspapers in the morning. (do)
2. We usually meetings after lunch time. (conduct)
3. Rajesh to walk in the evening. (like)
4. She Newspaper in the morning. (read)
5. Every Sunday, Mohan his parents to a nearby temple. (ride)
6. He has taken a part time job during the day. Hence, he his lessons at night.
(study)
7. She reading historical fiction. (enjoy)
8. He to his parents every week. (write)
9. Sunil To office by bus. (go)
10. He all the details of the trip. (know)
11. He for his office at 9: 00 in the morning. (leave)
12. They their problems before going to bed.(discuss)
13. She never to her parents. (listen)
14. I often film in the evening. (watch)
15. She always high percentage in examinations. (attain)
16. The session at 5:00 in the evening.(start)
17. Rohan tennis every Sunday.(play)
18. Nidhi stories to kids at the playschool.(read)
19. They for an NGO. (work)
20. You to talk to elderly people. (like)

Answer Key:

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|------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1. do | 2. conduct | 3. Likes | 4. reads | 5. rides |
| 6. studies | 7. enjoys | 8.writes | 9. goes | 10.knows |
| 11. leaves | 12. discuss | 13.listens | 14.watch | 15.attains |
| 16. starts | 17. plays | 18. reads | 19. work | 20. like |

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TENSE

Fill in the blanks with the present continuous tense of the verbs given in brackets:

1. She a letter to her brother. (write)
2. He on his new project. (work)
3. Hurry up! We for you. (wait)
4. I right now, I will talk to you later. (drive)
5. I for tomorrow's speech. (prepare)
6. She doesn't like to be disturbed when she is (sleep)
7. Someone at the door. Please go and open it. (knock)
8. I am him tomorrow. (meet)
9. They their house. (sell)
10. She hockey right now. (play)
11. Rita with her friends tonight. (stay)
12. It to rain. (begin)
13. They to visit their grandparents. (plan)
14. The train at 8 o'clock tonight. (leave)
15. The children noise in the class. (make)
16. She her kids to a boarding school. (shift)
17. They for their new play. (rehearse)
18. Rehan a book on mythology. (write)
19. Kumars a new restaurant in the town. (open)
20. They for a new Governess. (look)

Answer Key:

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|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. is writing | 2. is working | 3. are waiting | 4. am driving |
| 5. am preparing | 6. sleeping | 7. is knocking | 8. meeting |
| 9. are selling | 10. is playing | 11. is staying | 12. is beginning |
| 13. are planning | 14. is leaving | 15. are making | 16. is shifting |
| 17. are rehearsing | 18. is writing | 19. are opening | 20. are looking |

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HOMOPHONES

1. Advice: (suggestion) He gave an advice to his younger brother.
Advise: (to give suggestion) the manager advised all the workers.
2. Birth: (born) She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl.
Berth: (a bed in a train) He has only one berth reserved for the two of us.
3. Brake: (stop) He applied the brakes just in time.
Break: (make into pieces) you are not allowed to break the rules.
4. Check: (examine) The teacher checks student's uniform every day.
Cheque: (bank written order) Finally she signed the cheque.
5. Cell: (a small room) The prisoner broke the cell.
Sell: (exchange things for money) She sells paintings on the street.
6. Council: (committee) The council will take its decision on Monday.
Counsel: (suggestion) One should follow the counsels of the elders.
7. Whole: (entire) He wasted his whole time.
Hole: (opening) There is a hole in the ceiling.
8. Find: (to discover) He was unable to find the missing notebook.
Fined: (charged a penalty) He was fined for being absent in the class.
9. Marry: (to wed) Yash wanted to marry Nisha.
Merry: (very happy) They wandered merrily after the show.
10. Die: (cease to exist) The poor old man died of hunger last night.
Dye: (colour) She dyed her dress yesterday.

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HOMOPHONES

1. Accept: (take in) He accepted my proposal.
Except: (other than) All were invited except the Mehtas.
2. Blue :(colour) He bought blue trousers.
Blew: (past tense of blow) He blew a whistle to get attention of the players.
3. Complement: (enhance/ go together) My mother's salary is a complement to my family's income.
Compliment: They complimented her on her success.
4. Desert: (to leave) Her brother deserted her after her father's death.
Desert: (dry land) Camel is the ship of desert.
5. Pair: (two of something) I need a pair of socks for school.
Pear: (a fruit) My mother bought pears and oranges today.
6. Principle: (belief) Gandhiji followed his principles until death.
Principal: (most important) They talked to the Principal about their problems.
7. Peace: (harmony) He went to a hill station to find some peace.
Piece: (portion of something) They divided the cake into four pieces.
8. Made: (did make) He made a beautiful painting.
Maid: (servant) Her maid is excellent at her work.
9. Flour: (powder made from ground grains) Please give me a bowl of flour for baking bread.
Flower:(part of a plant) All of us like flowers.
10. Hour: (a period of time) He left an hour ago.
Our: (pronoun) We are fighting for our rights.

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UNIT-II

Q.1 What is the full name of A.K. Ramanujan?

Ans. Attipate Krishnaswamy Ramanujan.

Q.2 Where was A.K. Ramanujan born?

Ans. Mysore, Karnataka.

Q.3 What was the name of A.K. Ramanujan's Wife?

Ans. Molly Daniels Ramanujan.

Q.4 How many languages were known to A. K. Ramanujan?

Ans. 5 namely: Sanskrit, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, English.

Q.5 In which year was A. K. Ramanujan awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award?

Ans. 1999.

Q.6 When was Padma Shree Samman given to A.K. Ramanujan?

Ans. 1976.

Q.7 When was A.K. Ramanujan's poem, "A River" was published?

Ans. "A River" was published in the year 1965 in his famous collection The Striders.

Q.8 What is the name of the river mentioned in the poem "A River"?

Ans. The name of the river is Vaikai.

Q.9 Which south Indian city is mentioned in the poem "A River"?

Ans. Madurai.

Q.10 Write the name of the famous temple situated in Madurai.

Ans. Meenakshi Temple.

Q.11 What are the names of the couple of cows drowned in the river?

Ans. Gopi and Brinda.

Q.12 When did A. K. Ramanujan die?

Ans. He died on 13th July 1993 at the age of 64.

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UNIT-II

Q.1 When was Nissim Ezekiel born?

Ans. He was born on 16th December 1924.

Q.2 To which community did Nissim Ezekiel belong?

Ans. He belonged to Marathi speaking Jewish community.

Q.3. Where was Nissim Ezekiel born?

Ans. Mumbai.

Q.4 In which year did Nissim Ezekiel receive Padma Shree award?

Ans. 1988.

Q.5 When was Nissim Ezekiel awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award?

Ans. 1983.

Q.6 When was the poem Night of the Scorpion published?

Ans. Night of the Scorpion was published in the book, 'The Exact Name' in the year 1965.

Q.7 Why is the mother groaning in pain in the poem?

Ans. The mother is groaning in pain because a scorpion bit her.

Q.8 How long did the poison last in the mother?

Ans. The poison lasted for twenty-four hours.

Q.9 Who is skeptic and rationalist in the poem?

Ans Poet's father is skeptic and rationalist in the poem.

Q.10 Write the main theme of the poem Night of the Scorpion in one line.

Ans. The main theme of the poem is the fatalist attitude of the villagers.

Q.11 "The peasants came like swarms of flies" In which poem does this line occur.

Ans. Night of the Scorpion.

Q.12 When did Nissim Ezekiel die?

Ans. 9 January 2004 at the age of 79.

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RABINDRA NATH TAGORE

Q.1 When was Rabindra Nath Tagore born?

Ans. 7th May 1861.

Q.2 Where was Rabindra Nath Tagore born?

Ans. Calcutta

Q.3 What is Rabindra Nath Tagore's father's name?

Ans. Debendranath Tagore

Q.3 Rabindranath Tagore married Bhaktarini Devi in 1883. How was she known later on?

Ans. Mrinalini Devi.

Q.4 Which University was founded by Rabindranath Tagore?

Ans. Visvabharti.

Q.5 In which year was Rabindranath Tagore awarded Nobel Prize for Literature?

Ans. 1913.

Q.6 In which year did Rabindranath Tagore surrender the knighthood as a protest against Jallianwallabagh massacre?

Ans. 1919.

Q.7 In which year was the poem, 'Where the mind is without fear' published?

Ans. It was published in 1912 in his celebrated anthology 'Gitanjali'.

Q.8 Who is known as the 'Bard of Bengal'?

Ans. Rabindranath Tagore.

Q.9 What kind of oppression does the poem refer to?

Ans. The poem refers to the oppression of the Indians during British rule.

Q.10 What do you mean by narrow domestic walls?

Ans. Narrow domestic walls mean the walls created by human beings in the name of religion, caste, language etc.

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Q.11 Why does the poet compares the society with the dreary desert?

Ans. Dreary desert lacks vegetation; similarly a society which is engaged in dead habits lacks original thought.

Q.12 When did Rabindra Nath Tagore die?

Ans. 7th August 1941.

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SHASTRI B.A. HONOURS (ALL SUBJECTS)

SAROJINI NAIDU

Q.1 When was Sarojini Naidu born?

Ans. 13 February 1879.

Q.2 Where was Sarojini Naidu born?

Ans. Hyderabad.

Q.3 Who was Sarojini Naidu's father?

Ans. Aghorenath Chattopadhyaya

Q.4 Where did Sarojini Naidu receive her education?

Ans. She received her education in Hyderabad and Madras.

Q.5 What were her special political achievements?

Ans. She was the first Indian woman to be appointed as the Governor of United Province from 1947 to 1949.

Q.6 When did Sarojini Naidu join the Indian National Movement?

Ans. She joined Indian National movement in the year 1905 in the wake of partition of Bengal.

Q.7 When did she receive Hind Kesari Medal?

Ans. 1928.

Q.8 When did Sarojini Naidu die?

Ans. She died on 2nd March 1949.

Q.9 What was the nick name given to Sarojini Naidu?

Ans. The Nightingale of India.

Q.10 Name the figure of speech used in the following lines:

- (a) Like a joy on the heart: **Simile**
- (b) Its dreams like the fluttering leaves: **Simile**
- (c) Of fair and frail and fluttering: **Alliteration**
- (d) Heart of sorrow: **Personification**
- (e) Heart is weary, sad and alone: **Personification**

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R.K.NARAYAN

Q.1 What is the full name of R.K. Narayan?

Ans. Rasipuram Krishnaswami Narayanaswami.

Q.2 When was R.K. Narayan born?

Ans. 10 October 1906.

Q.3 Where was R.K. Narayan born?

Ans. R. K. Narayan was born in Madras in South India.

Q.4 What is the name of R.K. Narayan's first novel?

Ans. Swami and his Friends (1935)

Q.5 What is the name of the fictional town used by R.K. Narayan in his writings?

Ans. Malgudi.

Q.6 Who helped R.K. Narayan in getting his writings published?

Ans. Graham Greene

Q.7 With whom is R.K. Narayan compared in terms of his ability to compress a narrative?

Ans. Guy de Maupassant.

Q.8 When did R.K. Narayan receive Sahitya Akademi Award?

Ans. In the year 1958 for his novel 'Guide'.

Q.9 In which year did he get Padma Bhushan Award?

Ans. 1964

Q.10 In which year did he get Padma Vibhushan Award?

Ans. 2001

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PREMCHAND

Q.1 What is the name of the village where Premchand was born?
Ans. Lamhi.

Q.2 What was the real name of Premchand?
Ans. Dhanpat Rai Srivastava.

Q.3 What was the penname initially adopted by Premchand?
Ans. Nawab Rai.

Q.4 When was Premchand Born?
Ans. 31 July 1880.

Q.5 Who is known as Upanayas Samrat?
Ans. Munshi Premchand.

Q.6 Name the two languages Premchand used for creative expression.
Ans. Urdu and Hindi.

Q.7 What is the name of the protagonist in the story 'On A Winter's Night'?
Ans. Halku.

Q.8 What is the name of Halku's Wife?
Ans. Munni.

Q.9 What is the name of Halku's pet dog?
Ans. Jhabra.

Q.10 When did Premchand die?
Ans. 8th October 1936.

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RAJA RAO AND A.G GARDINER

Q.1 When was Raja Rao born?

Ans. 8 November 1908 in Hassan district Mysore state.

Q.2 When was Kanthapura published?

Ans. 1939 in France.

Q.3 Who narrates the story in Kanthapura?

Ans. Achakka, an old woman narrates the story in the form of a Sthalapurana.

Q.4 Which character in the novel is extremely influenced with the principles of Mahatma Gandhi?

Ans. Moorthy.

Q.5 What is the name of the Goddess which protects the village?

Ans. Kenchamma.

Q.6 What is the full name of A.G. Gardiner?

Ans. Alfred George Gardiner.

Q.7 What is the penname of A.G. Gardiner?

Ans. Alpha of the Plough.

Q.8 When was A.G. Gardiner born?

Ans. 2 June 1865.