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## Literature

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### Read the following extracts and answer the questions follow :

1. *‘You’ve got to wear out your own eyes morning and night and use every ounce of energy, then perhaps you’ll learn the subject.’*
    - (a) Who spoke these words and to whom ?
    - (b) Which subject in being referred in the above lines ?
    - (c) What is the intention of the speaker ?
  2. *“As a result, even the little I used to study earlier because of my brother ceased.”*
    - a) Who is the speaker ?
    - b) Give the meaning of ‘ceased.’
    - c) Why does the speaker make such a comment?
  3. *“I was thoroughly ashamed by this new approach of his.”*
    - a) What is the ‘new approach’ referred in the above lines?
    - b) Why was the speaker ashamed?
    - c) Name the lesson and the author.
  4. *“A fly got in my eye,” he muttered.  
‘I wasn’t ready.’*
    - a) Whom does ‘I’ refer to?
    - b) Why does the speaker make such an excuse?
    - c) Name the lesson and the author.
  5. *“You might need Mathematics to work out your batting average.”*
    - a) Who spoke these words and to whom?
    - b) Why does the speaker say so?
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6. ***“A regular spectator at the matches was Nakoo the crocodile, who lived in the river.”***

- a) Give the meaning of ‘spectator’
- b) Which match is referred to here?
- c) Who was Nakoo? What did the villagers call him?

7. ***“He Pushed his sister  
He had no friends.”***

- a) Whom does ‘he’ refer to ?
- b) Why did he push his sister?
- c) Why didn’t he have any friends ?

8. ***“She smiled strangely  
And never said a word.”***

- a) Who does ‘she’ refer to?
- b) Why did she smile strangely?
- c) Name the poem and the poet.

9. ***‘Who may you be, Lady Louse?’  
‘I’m the guardian of this house.’***

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) What is referred as ‘this house’?
- c) Name the poem.

10. ***“You, I fear, would cause all these  
I can’t risk my family.”***

- a) Who spoke these words and to whom?
- b) What are the ‘three causes’ referred by the speaker?
- c) Give the meaning of the second line.

11. ***“Keep your stale advice.”***

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Give the meaning of “stale advice.”
- c) What is the ‘stale advice’ mentioned by the speaker?

12. ***“For he was not only an ‘absolute monarch, but a universal one.”***

- a) Who is referred as an ‘absolute monarch’?
  - b) Why does the speaker say so?
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13. “ *Clad in purple and ermine, he was seated on a throne , both simple and majestic.*”

- a) Whom does ‘he’ refer to ?
- b) Where was he seated ?

14. “*That is the most difficult thing of all.*”

- a) Who spoke these words and to whom?
- b) What is the most difficult thing according to the speaker?
- c) Name the lesson and the author.

15. “*It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blesses.*”

- a) What does ‘it’ refer to?
- b) Which place is referred here?
- c) How is it twice blessed?

16. “*Give me my principal and let me go.*”

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) What does ‘principal’ mean?
- c) Give the meaning of the above lines.

17. “*Upon his death, unto the gentleman  
That lately stole his daughter.*”

- a. Who spoke these words and to whom?
- b. Whom does ‘his’ refer to?
- c. Who is the gentleman referred in the above lines?
- d. Whose daughter is referred in the above lines and what’s her name?
- e. Name the play and the author.

### **Literature Writing Tasks :**

- 1. Write the summary of the poem, “Harry Pushed Her.”(100 words)
  - 2. Describe the characteristic traits of Harry that impressed you the most.[75-100 words]
  - 3. Imagine yourself as the Elderbrother and explain your feelings when you failed in the exams each time.[150 words]
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4. Compare and contrast the characteristic traits of the Elder Brother and the younger Brother(Narrator) [ 150 words]
  5. Imagine yourself as Nakoo and write a Diary Entry on the incidents that took place on Sunday and how you reacted to it. [150 words]
  6. Write the Summary of the poem, “ The Louse and the Mosquito.”  
[ 100 words]
  7. Character sketch of the ‘the Louse’ and ‘the Mosquito’ [ 150 words]
  8. Character sketch of “The king” and “The Little Prince” [150 words]
  9. Imagine yourself as the little prince and give your impressions about the king in the asteroid 325.[150 words]
  10. Imagine yourself as Portia and write a Diary Entry on how you tackled the difficult situation in the court by passing a verdict against shylock.[150 words]
  11. Character sketch of :
    - (a) Portia
    - (b) Shylock
    - (c) Antonio
    - (d) Bassanio. [75 words each]
  12. Imagine yourself as Shylock and explain about your attitude towards Portia when she supported you at the beginning of the play.[150 words]
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