

CLASS XI
ASSIGNMENT NO. 1

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

8marks

1. The role friends play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work great distance from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.
2. The happiness of the individual relies on friendships which form a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring into our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values to us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with; they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.
3. Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these, people skills.
4. Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships (and all our relationships) by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationships, if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgmental, supportive, understanding and fun.
5. Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' (daughter, partner or child) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Of course you are free to do this in all other relationships as well, but in friendships you get to have lots of rehearsals and discussion about changes as you experience them. It is an experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member.
6. How do friendships grow? The answer is simple. By remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means

learning to accept a person from a completely different family to your own or perhaps someone from a completely different cultural background. This is the way we learn tolerance. In turn we gain tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.

7. Friendships are made by being considerate which means all the communication skills come into play: active listening skills, questioning skills, negotiation skills, reflecting content skills, reflecting emotion skills, and editing yourself.
8. Friendships offer a great opportunity to learn about yourself because a friend can reflect back to you 'how you come across in the world'. By looking after yourself as well as your friend, friendships help you develop resilience in relation to the wider social world beyond your family.

1. Choose the most appropriate option from those given below: 2 marks

i. Friends play an important role in our lives as

- a. it has always been so in history
- b. we live and work at great distances
- c. we feel pain for our families
- d. we live and work away from our families

ii. Those who do not have friends

- a. lack intimacy
- b. lack depression
- c. lack happiness
- d. lack values

2. Answer the following briefly: 4 marks

- i. How is friendship different from other relationships?
- ii. Mention two essential human values that help friendship to grow?
- iii. Which communication skills help in building friendship?
- iv. How do friendships help you to know yourself?

3. Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following

- (i) basic/essential (para 3)
- (ii) mutual discussion to reach an agreement (para 6)

II. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

7 marks

Cosmetic surgery is the latest beauty mantra in India, as more and more people want to look young and feel good. Be it a crooked nose, cleft lip or excessive body flab, cosmetic surgery can correct it all. Moreover, in the last decade, the popularity of medical tourism has soared among people in developed nations due to the elevated cost of healthcare in their own countries. A career as a cosmetic surgeon entails years of training and developing exceptional skill. However, once established, clients will flow in. Cosmetic surgery entails specialization in a wide variety of areas such as rhinoplasty (nose job), abdominalplasty (tummy tuck), otoplasty (ear surgery), chin, cheek, and liposuction.

The level of education is expanding in the field of medical science, and the demand for cosmetic surgeons in India is at an all time high. Cosmetic or aesthetic surgery is a fine tuned branch of medicine and requires intensive training. After an MBBS degree, students would have to pursue a three-year Masters in Surgery (MS) degree and decide upon their area of specialization. The MS degree involves a house job, a junior residency and a senior residency for one year each. Students then have to give a dissertation for approval to the university, after which they can sit for the MS examinations. Aspiring cosmetic surgeons need to specialize in plastic and reconstructive surgery, also known as MCh degree. Another option after MBBS is the Diploma National Board (DNB), which is parallel to the conventional medical system and offers various specialization options including plastic and cosmetic surgery. The basic requirement of a cosmetic surgeon is an elevated sense of aesthetics and beauty. A sense and perception for the perfection of the human anatomy is vital in cosmetic surgery.

During their practising years, students must aim to train under renowned surgeons in the field, and soak up as much as possible from their expertise. Being an apprentice to a good surgeon will not only give you the much required exposure to the reality of the cosmetic operations but will also build your confidence and client base. The practising years are crucial because in cosmetic surgery, perfect results are essential. Medical science is not a stagnant field, and hence one must also keep abreast of the latest in the field of cosmetic surgery.

The biggest profit for a truly dedicated cosmetic surgeon is the beautiful result of his work and the client's satisfaction. After training under reputed cosmetic surgeons, one can either seek employment

in a hospital as a full time surgeon or open up a private clinic, or do both. If you are good, people will come to you. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising for a cosmetic surgeon. (460words)

- a) Make notes on the passage given above in any format using recognizable abbreviations. Give a suitable title to the passage. (5 marks)
- b) Write a summary based on the notes you have made in about 80 words. (2 marks)

3. You are Mohan/Mehul of 52, I. P. Colony, Nagpur. You want to sell your newly built flat. **Draft a suitable advertisement** in not more than 50 words to be published in the classified columns of 'The Hindu' giving all the necessary details. (5)

4. Design a **Poster** for your school's Annual Winter Carnival to be held in December in not more than 50 words, giving all the necessary details. You may use slogans. (5)

5. From the time we get up till we go to bed we use gadgets to make our life more comfortable and leisurely. It has been rightly said that Science has given eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf and limbs to the cripple. You are Sangeeta / Sandeep of Roop Nagar, Delhi. **Write an article in about 150-200 words on the topic, Life Style With the Modern Gadgets. (8)**

6. You are Sadhana / Shubham. Summer time is a difficult time for all the people of Delhi because of the acute shortage of water as well as the supply of polluted water. In some areas, the water, even after process of filtration is not safe for consumption. **Write a letter** to the Municipal Commissioner to take effective steps for proper supply of clean water and make arrangements to store rain water that can be utilized in other work. Also give suggestions to create awareness among the people to save water. (7)

7. **Use the correct forms of the words given in brackets to complete the passage given below. (1/2 x 8 = 4)**

Last Sunday when I (a) (return) home, I was shocked to find my house unlocked. Someone (b) (break) into my house in my absence. All the boxes (c) (be) open. I (d) (check) for the locker in which I (e) (put) my money, but it was nowhere. I (f) (report) the matter to the police. They (g) (take) some time to register my case. By that time the thief (h) (run) away.

8. **The following passage has errors. Identify the errors in each line and write them along with the corrections as shown in the example: (1/2 x 8 = 4)**

Incorrect Correct

According to the UNICEF report more than

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- (a) a third of the world child brides are from India,
- (b) leaving children at an increased risk on exploitation
- (c) despite the country's growing modernity but economic
- (d) wealth. Nearly 25 million women over India were married
- (e) in 2007 by the age of 18, said the report who noted that children in India were sometimes married before they turned 10. Millions of children are
- (f) also being forced to work in harmful condition, or face violence
- (g) and abuse at home and outside, suffer physical and
- (h) psychological harm beside wide-reaching effects, the report said.

9. **Rearrange the following words into meaningful sentences: (1/2 x 4 = 2)**

- (a) old daughter / cannot / Mini / live / my / five-year /chattering / without
- (b) vexed / at / her mother / this / is often
- (c) like to / prattle / I / but / would not / stop her / she / would
- (d) has / a minute / her life / Mini / not spent / in all / in silence/even

10. **Answer the following questions briefly (40-50 words) (2 marks each)**

- a. Explain how the city school was different from the village school.
- b. How does the author, Khushwant Singh describe his grandfather?
- c. What was Aram's reaction on seeing Mourad ride a beautiful white horse?
- d. What were the most important characteristics of the Garoghlanian family?
- e. Who was John Byro?
- f. Where did the boys hide the horse for the night?
- g. In the poem, 'A Photograph', what is the difference between the sea and the mother?
- h. What does the poet, Shirley Toulson, mean by 'its silence silences'?

11. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

*A sweet face,
My mother's that was before I was born.
And the sea which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet*

- a. Who is the 'I' in these lines? (1 mark)

- b. How does she describe her mother's face? (1 mark)
- c. What has not changed? (1 mark)
- d. What is the poetic device used in "terribly transient feet"? What does it suggest? (2marks)

12. **Answer the following questions in about 150 words:**

- a. Write a character sketch of the grandmother.
- b. Discuss the relevance of the title 'The Portrait of A Lady'.

13. **Answer in 150 words:**

a) What information does Lord Canterville feel compelled to share with the buyers of the manor house and what details about the same are conveyed by the house keeper Mrs Umney ?

Answer in 130 words

b) Give details of the members of the Otis Family and their individual reactions to the ghost that haunted the Chase.

Present a BOOK REVIEW of the novel, 'The Palace of Illusions' authored by Chitra D. Bannerjee on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. About the novel: Title; Publisher; Price; Number of pages
2. Theme
3. Summary
4. List of characters in the story and a brief description of any two of the main characters.
5. Character that you like/ dislike the most, along with reasons for the same.
6. Explain how Draupdi is an inspiration for people of today.
7. Do you consider Yudhister right in his decisions? Give reasons.
8. Incident that you like/ dislike the most along with reasons for the same.
9. Analyze the significance of the Title.
10. Do you find the conclusion of the novel appropriate? If yes, state reasons. If not, suggest another conclusion.

Please Note;

- The assignment constitutes the Reading Project for the first term.
- The assignment is to be done in a separate scrap file.