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Mother Teresa

A. Warmer

Are you aware of any woman who may have served the handicapped and orphans ? If yes, name her and list some of her activities.

Mother Teresa was a great saint. She was born on 26th August, 1910 in Skopeje, Macedonia. She was the youngest child of an Albanian builder. Her early name was Agnes. But she is popularly known as Mother Teresa. She took her initial vows as a nun. From 1931 to 1948, Mother Teresa taught at St. Mary's High School, Kolkata. But the suffering and poverty of the people made her leave the convent school. She devoted herself to work among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Kolkata. Although she had no fund, she started an open air school for slum children. In 1950, she started the missionaries of charity. She loved and cared for those persons whom nobody looked after. She received a number of national and international awards and distinctions. Some of them are the Pope John XIII Peace Prize, the Magsaysay award, the Bharat Ratna (the highest civilian award of our country) and the Nobel Peace Prize (1979).

Mother Teresa had to face many difficulties and criticism, but she was undeterred. She said, "No matter who says what. You should accept it with a smile and do your own work."

After receiving the Nobel Prize, she advised people to go back home and love their family, in order to promote world peace.

Mother Teresa left for her heavenly abode on the 5th September, 1997. At the time of her death, her Missionaries of Charity had over four thousand sisters and an associated brother-hood of three hundred members operating six hundred and ten missions in 123 countries. These included hospitals and homes for the people with HIV / AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis, children and family counselling programmes, personal helps, orphanage and schools.

Mother Teresa was given a state funeral by the Government of India in gratitude for her services to the poor of all the religions in India.

Glossary and notes

slum (n)	a dirty area, गन्दी वस्ती
dwellers (n)	those who live somewhere, निवासी
goddess (n)	deity, देवी
permission (n)	consent, अनुमति, सहमति
charity (n)	generosity, उदारता, दान
devoted (v)	to be loyal, समर्पित
handicapped (adj)	disabled, असहाय
meditation (n)	deep thinking, चिंतन
leper (n)	one who suffers from leprosy, कुष्ठ रोगी
symbol (n)	sign, संकेत

B. Let's Comprehend**B. 1. Think and Tell****B.1.1 Answer each of the following questions in one word:**

- (i) When was Mother Teresa born ?
- (ii) How many years did Mother Teresa teach as a school teacher?
- (iii) In which country was Mother Teresa born ?
- (iv) What did Mother Teresa do in 1950 ?

B.2. Think and Write**B.2.1. Write "T" for true and "F" for false statements :**

- (i) Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel prize in 1980. ☐
- (ii) Mother Teresa was a doctor. ☐
- (iii) She was awarded the Pope John XIII Peace Prize. ☐
- (iv) She got the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. ☐

B.2.2. Answer the following questions:

- (i) Why is Mother Teresa remembered ?
- (ii) Name the awards that have been given to Mother Teresa?
- (iii) What has Mother Teresa made people realise ?

B.2.3 Arrange the following jumbled words in proper order to make them meaningful sentences. One has been done for you.

Ex. Among / started / she / the / poor / living.

Ans :- She started living among the poor.

- (i) Loved / is/ and/ respected / she
- (ii) Service / symbol / Mother Teresa / become / has / a / of
- (iii) Lepers / Mother Teresa / some / started / has / for / centres
- (iv) Her / once / visited / Pope

C. Word Study

C.1. Match words in Column “A” with their meanings in Column “B”:

A	B
(i) mission	(a) one who is under treatment.
(ii) slum	(b) goddess
(iii) deity	(c) an area of a city where houses are dirty
(iv) leper	(d) centres for helping the homeless and needy
(v) patient	(e) person suffering from leprosy.

C.2. Correct the spellings of the following words:

Tangania, liveing, missian, noble prise, hapily.

D. Grammar**D.1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets to make passive sentences.**

Here are two examples:

- (a) Mother Teresa _____. (love)

Ans. Mother Teresa is loved.

(is + past participle form of the verb)

- (b) Shops _____ yesterday. (close)

Ans. Shops were closed yesterday.

(were + past participle form of the verb)

- (i) Some centres of lepers _____ (start)

- (ii) Arun _____ by Raj Kumar. (teach)

- (iii) She _____ for her best performance. (reward)

- (iv) Gandhiji _____ all over the world. (respect)

- (v) Students _____ by their teachers. (guide)

- (vi) Thieves _____ yesterday. (catch)

- (vii) A story _____ by Sweta. (write)

- (viii) A picture _____ by Pooja. (paint)

E. Let's Talk**E.1. Discuss the following in groups:**

Action speaks louder than words.

F. Composition**F.1. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on the best student of your class.**

G. Translation**G.1. Translate the following sentences into English :**

1. मदर टेरेसा विश्व की एक महान महिला थीं ।
2. हमें गरीबों की सेवा करनी चाहिए।
3. प्यार ही जीवन है ।
4. पेड़ हमारे मित्र हैं ।
5. हमें पेड़ बचाना चाहिए।
6. कर्म ही पूजा है ।
7. श्री देव एक आदर्श शिक्षक हैं ।
8. मैं अपने माता-पिता की आज्ञा मानता हूँ ।
