

## Summer Vacation Homework 2020-21

### Class X English

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:

1. The main difference between men and animals is the difference in their power of concentration. All success in any line of work is the result of this. Everybody knows something about concentration. We see its results every day. High achievements in art, music, etc., are the results of concentration. Those who have trained animals find much difficulty as animal is constantly forgetting what is told to him. He cannot concentrate his mind upon anything long at a time.
2. Everybody's mind becomes concentrated at times. We all concentrate upon those things we love, and we love those things upon which we concentrate our minds. What mother is there that does not love the face of her homeliest child? That face is to her the most beautiful in the world. She loves it because she concentrates her mind on it and if everyone could concentrate his mind on that same face, everyone would love it. It would be to all the most beautiful face.
3. We all concentrate our minds upon those things we love. When we hear beautiful music, our minds become fastened upon it and we cannot take them away. Those who concentrate their minds upon what you call classical music do not like common music, and vice-versa. Music in which the notes follow each other in rapid succession holds the mind readily. A child loves lively music because the rapidity of the notes gives the mind no chance to wander. A man who likes common music dislikes classical music, because it is more complicated and requires a greater degree of concentration to follow it.
4. The great trouble with such concentration is that we do not control the mind; it controls us. Something outside of ourselves, as it were, draws the mind into it and holds it as long as it chooses. We hear melodious tones or see a beautiful painting, and the mind is held fast; we cannot take it away.
5. If I speak to you well upon a subject you like, your mind becomes concentrated upon what I am saying. I draw your mind away from yourself and hold it upon the subject in spite of yourself. Thus our attention is held, our minds are concentrated upon various things, in spite of ourselves. We cannot help it.

*Powers of Mind by Swami Vivekananda*

1.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

- i. What is the main difference between man and animals?
- ii. Why does a mother love the face of her homeliest child?
- iii. Why does a man having great love for common music dislike classical music?
- iv. What is the trouble with concentration that is being talked about in the above passage?

v. When is it easy to concentrate our mind upon a particular thing?

1.2 On the basis of the reading of the passage, fill in the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases.

- i. Animal is constantly forgetting what is told to him because .....
- ii. Everyone would love all the most beautiful face if .....
- iii. Our attention is held when .....

1.3 Find out the words that mean the same as under:

- i. attentiveness (paragraph 1)
- ii. quick (paragraph 3)
- iii. grasp (paragraph 5)

Q2. You are Akhil Mehta, Physical Education Teacher of your Vidyalaya. Write a letter to Tripti Sports, Goal Market, Delhi placing an order for some sports items for your Vidyalaya. Include all the relevant details such as the name of sports items and quantity. (100-120 words)

Q3. You are Shekhar, staying in Patna. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the problem being faced by the people in your surrounding due to the lockdown announced by the Government to spread the infection of Coronavirus (100-120 words)

Q4. You are Rohit of Ward No. 28, Magardahi, Samastipur. A number of scooters and cars are parked in your locality without any order, causing blockage of the streets. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police complaining against this problem.

Q5. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with the clues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story.

Yesterday I was going to my village. I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming .....
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Q6. Fill in the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

- A. Millions of people ..... trouble in getting enough sleep.
- B. Recent research links lack of sleep ..... health problem.
- C. You may have ..... Meditation.
- D. You may learn how to stay ..... from caffeine and nicotine.
- E. You should not ..... heavy meal a couple of hours before going to sleep.

- A. (i) has            (ii) have            (iii) are            (iv) is  
 B. (i) of            (ii) from            (iii) with            (iv) in  
 C. (i) try            (ii) tried            (iii) trying            (iv) tries  
 D. (i) away            (ii) near            (iii) close            (iv) beside  
 E. (i) taken            (ii) take            (iii) taking            (iv) took

Q7. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided.

	Before	Missing Word	After
Once upon a time robbers invaded a village	e.g. time	some	robbers
They started terrorizing the villagers firing	(a) .....	.....	.....
in the air. There was chaos around. People	(b) .....	.....	.....
ran to safety, the robbers warned people	(c) .....	.....	.....
not to fight hide their wealth otherwise	(d) .....	.....	.....
they be killed by them.	(e) .....	.....	.....

Q8. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) today / house / television / a part of / become / has / every  
 (b) it / watch / family / like to / the / members / all / of / the  
 (c) spend / it / long time / children / the /instead of / open ground / the /in / playing / in watching  
 (d) studies / do not / attention / due / their / to / they/pay  
 (e) effect / the / minds / has / on / negative / a / it/young