
A – Reading

- Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow.
 - Fiji is the product of volcanic mountains and warm tropical waters. Its majestic and ever-varied coral reefs today draw tourists from around the world, but were the nightmare of European mariners until well into the 19th century. As a result, Fijians have retained their land and often much of the noncommercial, sharing attitude of people who live in vast extended families with direct access to natural resources. When it came, European involvement and cession to Britain was marked by the conversion to Christianity, the cessation of brutal tribal warfare and cannibalism, and the immigration of a large number of indentured Indian laborers, who now represent nearly half of the population, as well as smaller numbers of Europeans and Asians. Today, Fiji is a land of tropical rainforests, coconut plantations, fine beaches, fire-cleared hills. For the casual tourist it is blessedly free of evils such as malaria, landmines, or terrorism that attend many similarly lovely places in the world.
 - One of the not well recognized breed of dogs are the Rajapalayam hounds. They were primarily bred and used by Nayak dynasty of Tamil Nadu. It is also speculated by some researchers that the Rajapalayam may have been one of the dogs used in the breeding of the modern Dalmatian. The Rajapalayam dog was used during the Carnatic Wars and Polygar War to attack the British cavalry in battle as Rajapalayams were very fast, strong and aggressive in attacking the opponents. It is also believed that once 4 Rajapalayams saved the life of their master fighting against a tiger and killing it bravely many years before near the forest in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu. They are largely used to guard the rice fields, houses and farms. Since last two decades. Indian Army started using them as guard dogs to support the army in the borders of Kashmir.
 - Flowers are something which can bring a smile to everyone's face. However, they do not seem to last long as they do in the florists' near our home. Here are a few tips to take care of those lovely blossoms that you bring from the shop.
 - Did you know that 1/4 cup of aerated water mixed with water in the vase, helps the blossoms last longer.
 - Hair spray is yet another way to keep your blossoms last long.

- Aspirin is a sure shot way to keep roses and other cut flowers fresh longer. Put a crushed aspirin in the water before adding your flowers. Also, don't forget to change the vase water every few days.

Questions:

1. People from all over come to Fiji to see _____?
2. How would you describe Fiji?
3. Describe the Rajapalayam hounds as you have read them.
4. Do you think that they are getting recognized now? If so, how?
5. How can you keep the flowers fresh for a long time?
6. Who can you find mostly dominating in Fiji?

- Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Fresh sprigs of green box-wood, not six months before,
Filled the funeral basin at Timothy's door;
A coffin through Timothy's threshold had past;
One Child did it bear, and that Child was his last.

Now fast up the dell came the noise and the fray,
The horse and the horn, and the hark! hark away!
Old Timothy took up his staff, and he shut
With a leisurely motion the door of his hut.

Perhaps to himself at that moment he said;
"The key I must take, for my Ellen is dead."
But of this in my ears not a word did he speak;
And he went to the chase with a tear on his cheek.

- Note the rhyming words in the poem. (not less than 5)

- Which part of the poem talks about the death?
- Who is Ellen?
- What does this poem convey?

B – Writing

- Read the following telephonic conversation. Shiela receives a call for an interview for her sister. As her sister is not around, Shiela takes the call and writes it in a piece of paper, places it in a fridge magnet for her sister to see. Please draft a note.

Phone Rings. Shiela picks the call.

Shiela: Hello, this is Shiela.

HR: Hi, May I speak with Raksha?

Shiela: Sorry, she is not around. May I know who is this?

HR: This is Timothy from Abrase Consultants.

Shiela: Is there anything I can convey to Raksha?

HR: Yes, thank you. She has been shortlisted for an interview with Wipro for the post of Assistant Manager. I've scheduled an interview at 10.00am tomorrow, i.e June 20, 2014 at the Wipro office in MG Road. Can you please ask her to make herself free at this time and attend the interview?

Shiela: Sure, not a problem.

HR: And....just ask her to carry her credentials, 2 photos and an ID proof. That should do.

Shiela: I will do that. Is there anything else you want me to convey?

HR: No. That's about it. Ask her to reach out to me at 9000012345 in case she needs anything else. Thanks, good day to you.

Shiela: Thanks, you too.

- Give a title to the story given below, write the story in your own words.

Merchant family – new born baby girl. Jealous relatives – carry child – drop near river. Comes home – reveals baby snatched by lion. Merchant cries heart out – hunts for the child – lion. Meanwhile, cobbler see child – carries home – happy cobbler and wife. New parents bring up the girl as a princess – child grows up – cobbler reveals everything. Girl wants to search for her real parents – starts search.

- Write a speech in about 150-200 words about how technology has changed education.

C – Grammar

- Read the passage given below. Every sentence in the passage has an incorrect word. Write down the incorrect word and the right word too.
 - Dumble bee is one the right side of the road.
 - Comes across a wide tree with lots of branches.
 - She looks alive and finds a nice little spot to build a hive.
 - She flies up to reach the bottom of the tree and settles down.
 - Signals to other bees to walk to the place.
- Arrange the following to make meaningful sentences.
 - popular/ are/ in/ most/ some/ roses/ of/ bouquets/ the/ flowers.
 - i/ digest/ me/ politics/ to/ grips/ find/, /yet/ hard/ it.
 - easy / two/ never /juggling/ jobs/ is/ between
 - i/ going/ snake/ around/ her/ the/ saw/ bushes/, before/ the/ neeta/ bit
 - seem/ of/ to/ near/ sadness/ loom/ me/ everywhere/ clouds.
- Change the following to passive voice.
 - They don't help you.
 - Does your mom pick you up?
 - Manav has paid the bill.

- They have not read the book.
- Has she called him?

- Change the following to indirect speech.
 - “I saw Sanjay in the bank yesterday”, said Rahul.
 - Little Mohit said, “I am going to the park”.
 - Mom said, “Baby loves mangoes”.