



# Pinkz Public School

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## Section A - Reading

### I. Passage Comprehension

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### A Robot About the House

As civilization proceeds in the direction of technology, it passes the point of supplying all the basic essentials of life: food, shelter, clothes, and warmth. Then we are faced with a choice between using technology to provide and fulfil needs which have hitherto been regarded as unnecessary or, on the other hand, using technology to reduce the number of hours of work which a man must do in order to earn a given standard of living. In other words, we either raise our standard of living above that necessary for comfort and happiness or we leave it at this level and work shorter hours. I shall take it as aximatic that mankind has, by that time, chosen the latter alternative. Men will be working shorter and shorter hours in their paid employment. If it follows that the housewife will also expect to have more leisure in her life without lowering her standard of living. It also follows that human domestic servants will have completely ceased to exist. Yet the great majority of the housewives will wish to be relieved completely from the routine operations of the home such as scrubbing the floors or the bath or the cooker, or washing the clothes or washing up, or dusting or sweeping. or making beds. By far the most logical step to relieve the housewife or routine, is to provide a robot slave which can be trained to the requirements of a particular home and can

be programmed to carry out half a dozen or more standard operations (for example, scrubbing, sweeping and dusting, washing up, laying tables, making beds), when so switched by the housewife. It will be a machine having no more emotion than a car, but having a memory for instructions and a limited degree of instructed or built-in adaptability according to the position in which it finds various types of objects. It will operate other more specialized machines, for example, the vacuum cleaner or clothes washing machine.

**Read the passage mentioned above and answer the questions that follow.**

1. What is the first use of technology in human life?
2. Which kind of people want to work for shorter hours or raise their standard of living ?
3. What is it that the author takes as self-evident ?
4. What, according to the author, are the routine operations of the home ?
5. How will the new slave which the author envisages to help the house be different from the present-day domestic servants ?
6. How will this new slave be different from the modern machines like the vacuum cleaner or a washing machine ?
7. Pick out the word from the passage which means the same as 'tasks'.
8. Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'luxuries' ?

**Answer**

1. The first use of technology is to satisfy the basic human needs of food, shelter, clothes and warmth.
2. The people whose basic needs have been satisfied will either work to raise their standard of living or work for shorter hours.

3. The author takes it as self evident that after satisfying his basic needs, man will like to work for shorter hours instead of raising the standard of living higher.
  4. According to the author, the routine operations of the home are such as scrubbing the floor or the bath or the kitchen utensils.
  5. The new slave will be a machine having no more emotions than a car but will have a limited memory for instructions.
  6. This new slave will be different from modern machines like the vacuum cleaner and the washing machine because it will operate these machines as a human being does.
  7. Operations.
  8. Essentials.
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## II. Poem - Comprehension

Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow.

### Holy Thursday

Is this a holy thing to see  
In a rich and fruitful land,  
Babes reduc'd to misery,  
Fed with cold and usurious hand ?  
Is that trembling cry a song ?  
Can it be a song of joy ?  
And so many children poor ?  
It is a land of poverty.  
And their sun does never shine,

And their fields are bleak and bare,  
And their ways are fill'd with thorns :  
It is eternal winter there.  
For where'er the sun does shine,  
And where'er the rain does fall,  
Babe can never hunger there,  
Nor poverty the mind appall.

- William Blake

**Read the poem mentioned above and answer the questions that follow:**

**Questions**

1. What is not holy in a rich and fruitful land ?
2. What are the poor children doing ?
3. How is the country 'a land of poverty' ?
4. What are the signs of 'eternal winter' ?
5. What is the important sign of a prosperous land ?
6. Give the meaning of the phrase, 'fruitful land'.
7. Which word is the opposite of 'generous' in the poem?
8. What is happening 'Holy Thursday' which makes the poet say these words?

**Answers**

1. The children should not live in misery in a rich fruitful land. It is not holy.
2. The poor children are singing a song in their trembling voice?
3. According to the poet the land where the children live in misery is a land of poverty.

4. The signs of eternal winter are the absence of sunlight, the dry and infertile land and the thorny ways.
  5. The happy children are the important sign of a prosperous land.
  6. Fertile and productive land.
  7. Usurious
  8. The poor children are being made to sing before people who are miserly.
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## Section B - Writing

### I. Message

**Read the following telephone conversation between Neeraja and Sonum. Sonum is about to leave home and will not be able to meet Rohit. She leaves a message for him.**

**Write the message, using not more than 50 words.**

Neeraja : It is Neeraja here. Sonum, you know India International Trade Fair 2016 is on. I plan to visit it today.

Sonum : Oh! it is a wonderful idea. But why not make it tomorrow?

Neeraja : No. Tomorrow I am busy. Let's make it today. Surinder is coming with me. You bring Rohit with you.

Sonum : He is not at home at present. But rest assured. he will be happy to be with us. He had expressed a desire to visit it earlier.

Neeraja : Then it is settled. Please wait for us at Gate No.3 at 1.30 pm today. In case, you reach earlier, please wait for us. If we reach earlier, we shall look for you.

Sonum : Fine, It shall be all right. We shall reach in time.

Neeraja : All right. Bye till then.

Sonum : Bye.

### Answer

#### MESSAGE

4 October, 2019

5.30 pm

Rohit

We are visiting India International Trade Fair 2016 today. Neeraja and Surinder shall wait for us at 1.30 pm at Gate No.3. I shall be back from office at 12 noon to go there. Please wait till then. I shall tell you everything.

-Sonum

### **II. Notice**

You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. You have been asked to inform students of Classes VI to VIII about an Inter School Dramatics Competition. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be up on the school notice board, with all necessary details.

### Answer

**ABC School, Meerut**

#### **NOTICE**

**March 10, 2017**

#### **Dramatic Competition**

An Inter School Dramatic Competition will be held in Tagore Stadium on 20 March, 2017. Students of Class VI to VIII can participate in the competition. The willing students should assemble for a trial on March 10, in the school hall. The teacher incharge of Dramatics will make the selection.

**Veenapani**

**(VEENAPANI)**

**Cultural Secretary**

### III. Post Card

Puran Singh is to board the Shatabdi Express on way to Kolkata. At New Delhi railway station, just before the train is going to leave the station, he remembers that he has put the keys of the almirah among his books. He decides to write a postcard to his sister Sonu asking her to put the keys either at the mantelpiece or give them to mother. Write the postcard to Sonu, Using not more than 50 words.

#### Answer

**15 March, 2017**

**Dear Sonu**

Now it is just 5 minutes for the train to leave. I suddenly remember that I left the almirah keys among my books. Please put them on the mantelpiece. Alternatively, you may give them to mother to avoid Unnecessary Trouble.

Your brother

Puran Singh

MS SONU

6, VASAN NAGAR

NEW DELHI

### IV. Paragraph

Write a Paragraph in about 100 – 120 words on the given Topic :  
**The Night Before the Examination.**



## Answer

### **The Night Before the Examination**

Examinations are always fearful. They are a great cause of fear, anxiety, tension and worry. The night before the examination is really painful. The students have no sleep. They stop eating food. They want to read and revise everything. They are disturbed if someone tells them about an important question. They at once study its answer. They are irritated if anyone disturbs them. They pass the whole night in tension. They do not take anything in the morning. They go to the examination hall on empty stomachs.

### **V. Description (objects/event/people/place) - Based on Verbal Input**

**On the basis of the given outlines write paragraphs on the given Topics.**

#### **My Grandmother**

#### **Outlines:**

Old - yet active - wakes up early - tea - cleans her room - bath - temple  
Prayer - shopping - takes me to bus - helps in studies - loves birds and  
animals.

## Answer

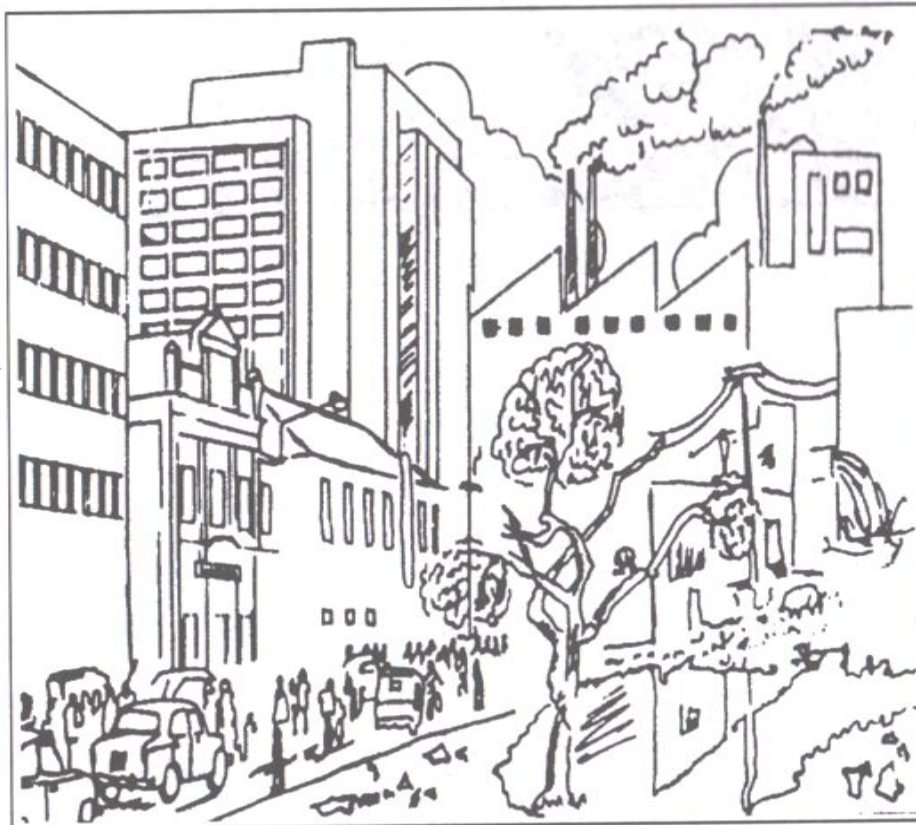
#### **My Grandmother**

Like all grandmothers my grandmother is also old. She has wrinkles all over her body. She is seventy years old. Despite she is very active. She rises early in the morning. She takes a bath and prays. Then she starts working. She looks after the house. She helps my mother in the kitchen. She even goes to

the nearby shops to buy things. She takes me to the bus stand. When I come from school. She takes me back home. She also helps me in my studies. She feeds the sparrows during the afternoon. I love her very much.

## VI. Description (Based on Visual Input)

Guru sees the following scene as he looks out of his bedroom window. He is alarmed at the way his city has changed in the past five years. He writes an article for his city newspaper expressing his alarm and painting the present position cautioning people against environmental pollution. Write that article considering yourself to be Guru.



Answer

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Pollution

Or

The Traffic on the Road

Our cities are changing very fast. My father tells me there were no traffic jams in our city ten years before. Then nobody found it difficult to cross the road. Today, the roads are better and wider but crossing them is always dangerous. The traffic jams have become common. There are few trees. In the evening the smoke envelops the city. It is not easy to breathe in the polluted air. It is all due to the vehicles on the road. There are more cars than the city roads can accommodate. As a result breathing diseases such as asthma have become very common. Something must be done to lessen the number of vehicles on the road.

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## VII. Letters

### A. Informal / Personal Letters

To friend inviting to spend vacation.

You are Ramesh living at ABC Janakpuri, Delhi. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to come to Delhi during the vacation. Mention a few attractions that you want both of you to visit.

#### Answer

ABC Janakpuri  
Delhi

2 April, 2016



Dear Rohit

The holidays have started. I wish to pass some time with you.

Please come to Delhi during the holidays. We shall be visiting historical places in and around Delhi. We will go to the restaurants, cinema houses etc.

We will go for picnic on the river bank. We will shop in Connaught Place. I shall take you to the British Council Library and the American Study Centre.

I am sure you shall come soon.

With love  
Yours lovingly  
Ramesh

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### B. Formal / Business letters

#### To T.V. dealer complaining about Television

You are Ankur, of 16, Vivek Vihar, New Delhi. You purchased a colour T.V. from Better Deals T.v., Karol Bagh, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Sales Manager complaining about the T.V., which is not functioning properly. As for the replacement of the T.V.Set.

#### Answer

16, Vivek Vihar  
New Delhi

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017

Sales Manager  
M/s Better Deals T.V.  
Karol Bagh  
New Delhi

**Subject** : Complaint about the T.V.

**Dear Sir**

It is to bring to your kind notice that I purchased a Crown T.V. vide cash Memo BD 1507 dated 10 February 2017. For three months it functioned satisfactorily. Thereafter, it developed some technical defects. It got blacked out. The picture became vague. The sound also became unclear. Your

technical engineer inspected it. But he could not remove these faults. Now the T.V. has stopped giving satisfactory performance.

The T.V. is under warranty period. You are requested to replace or mend the set immediately.

Thanking you

**Yours faithfully**

**Ankur**

**(ANKUR)**

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### C. Letter to office (Complaints)

To Municipal Commissioner about the problem of stray dogs.

You are Anju / Anuj Grover living at 146 Rohtas Nagar, Delhi-91. Your colony is facing the problem of stray dogs. Even the movements of its residents have become risky specially in the evenings. Stating the difficulties, write a letter in about 100 words to the Municipal Authorities of your city, to tackle the problem in an effective manner.

#### Answer

146 Rohtas Nagar  
Delhi-91

16 August, 2019

The Municipal Commissioner  
Municipal Corporation  
Delhi.

Sub:- Regarding problem of stray dogs.

**Sir**

Please allow me to draw your attention to the nuisance created by the stray dogs in this colony.

The dogs have always been there. But they were never before as dangerous as they are today. These days, the residents fear to pass through the colony. The threat of being bitten by a dog is very strong. New pups are very large in number. A stranger is likely to put his foot on one of them. Many of the dogs suffer from skin diseases. When these dogs die their bodies keep lying in the street. During evenings, the residents can't move freely. They fear stepping over them.

Kindly take the necessary steps to help the residents of this colony.

**Yours sincerely**

**Anju  
(ANJU)**

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### **D. Letters to the Editor**

Complaint about Break-down of Electricity You are Praveen of 23 Civil Lines, Lucknow. Write a letter to the Editor of Bharat Times Lucknow about frequent break-down of electricity. You can use the following points.

- Irregular and erratic supply
- Affects water-supply
- Dark streets invite accidents
- Any other point

**Answer**

23, Civil Lines  
Lucknow

25 January, 2017

The Editor  
Bharat Times  
Lucknow

Sub:- Regarding frequent break-down of electricity.

**Dear Sir**

Please permit me some space in your newspaper. I wish to draw the attention of the government towards the supply of electricity in Lucknow.

The lack of electricity supply is causing much trouble to this city. The supply we get is not only short but also highly irregular. We do not know about the hours of cut.

It has also affected the supply of water. If there is no light in the morning, there is no water either. The local water board also depends on the supply of electricity. Streets are dark in the night. It causes accidents. The students cannot study well.

I wish to make an urgent appeal to every person concerned to help.

**With thanks**  
**Yours faithfully**  
**Praveen**  
**(PRAVEEN)**

### VIII . Applications

Write an application to the principal of your school for fee-concession.

**Answer**

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Date : 26.11.2018

The Principal  
M.D. Secondary School  
New Delhi

Sub:- Regarding fee concession.

**Sir**

I beg to say that my father is a poor man. His monthly income is only ten thousand rupees. We are six members in our family. My father is not in a position to pay my fee.

I request you to grant me full fee concession. I shall be highly obliged to you for this act of kindness.

**Yours obediently**  
**XYZ**  
**class VIII**

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## IX. Stories

**I peeked at my watch. It was exactly 12 midnight. I had missed the last bus home and hence I had walked for almost an hour. Thank God! Home was just a few kilometres away. Suddenly... . Complete the story in any suitable title to your story.**

**Answer**

### **The Escape**

Suddenly a motor-bike stopped close to me. Stricken with horror, I looked at them. They asked me who I was and where I was going. I gave them my name and address. There were two of them. Their weapons were peeping out of their pockets.



They asked for my wallet which I quietly gave them. There were some five hundred rupees which they pocketed. Then they found my A.T.M.. Card too. They forced me to sit with them on their bike and started in the opposite direction. Clearly they were going to some A.T.M. booth. Panicked and helpless, I did not know what to do.

As it happened, one of them felt a great need to make water. Handing his bike to his friends, he went towards a cluster of the trees nearby. I had an inspiration. I pushed the man holding the bike towards the road and before he could do anythings I ran on his bike with full speed. Reaching a police post, I related the story of my escape.

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### X. e-mail.

You are Manav, living in S.R. Boys Hostel, Bhopal. You will not be with your mother on her birthday. Write an e-mail to her, regretting your inability to be with her.

#### Answer

<b>Date</b>	: 12th November 20XX
<b>From</b>	: manav@gmail.com
<b>To</b>	: radhika@gmail.com
<b>Sub</b>	: I nability to be at home on your birthday

**Dear Mother,**

I am sorry that I shall not be with you on your birthday. I am going to miss you all as it will be the first time of my missing it. I pray to God to give you a happy and long life. Please do enjoy your birthday and let me know how you

enjoyed it. "Happy Birthday".

**Yours' loving**

**Manav**

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### **XI . Article Writing**

**Write an articles in about 100-120 words each with the help of the outlines given below.**

**You have seen many children working in glass and other hazardous factories. You are sad to see this. As Jai, Write an article for you school magazine.**

**Answer**

#### **Child Labour Jai (Class VIII)**

Child labour is very common in India, specially in hazardous industries like glass factories, carpet factories, etc. In glass factories, one can see children sitting in small cells in front of furnaces and working there. They are not well and due to darkness and heat they lose their eyesight at a very young age.

They are so much involved in this work that they forget about anything else. These hazardous conditions make them prone to diseases. They fall ill frequently and many a times they even become prey to fatal diseases like asthma, tuberculosis, etc. end because of the shortage of money, these

children do not get proper treatment. At the age of playing and studying these children become the earning members of their families.

Child labour should be banned and strict Actions should be taken against the people who promote child labour.

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## XII - Speech

### A. Speech - Based on Verbal Input

You have to make a speech in your class about the precautions and measures to be taken against malaria. Write the speech in not more than 100 words. You may take help of the ideas given below :

Prevention is better than cure—cleanliness—in and outside the house—no water logging—mosquito—DDT spray—full sleeves—full pants—covers

### Answer

#### PROTECTION FROM MALARIA

Good morning, respected principal, teachers and my dear friends.

Today I am going to speak or express my views on the topic protection from Malaria.

Malaria is a disease which troubles us every year. A victim of malaria suffers a lot in terms of health as well as money. Prevention is better than cure. So, please allow me to tell you certain ways of keeping malaria away.

The first important condition is to keep complete cleanliness in and outside the house, The most important thing is that there should be no water

logging. Standing water is the place which mosquitoes love. Then, DDT should be sprayed in the whole house.

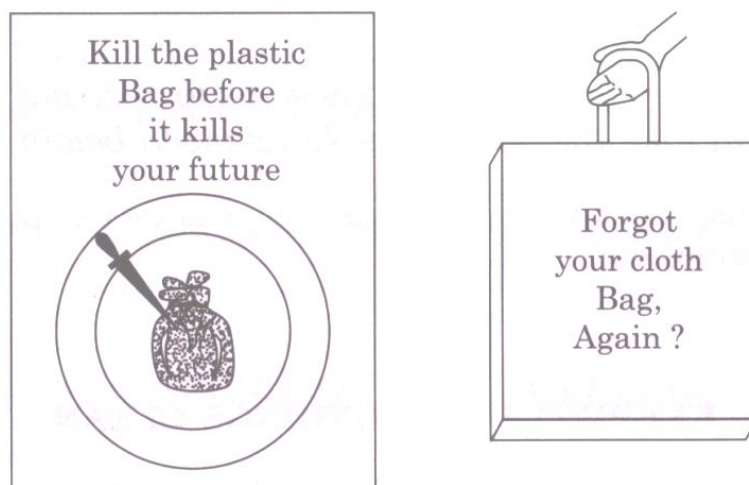
In the end like to add that, while going to bed and even otherwise, we should cover as much of our body as possible. This will help in keeping mosquitoes away. With these precautions, I am sure we can keep malaria away.

**Thank you.**

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### **B. Speech - Based on Visual Input**

You are the Head Boy/ Head Girl of your school. The following photo caught your attention. You decide to speak about this during the morning assembly. Prepare your speech in about 100 words giving useful suggestions.



### **Answer**

#### **Kill the plastic Bag**

Good morning, respected principal, teachers and my dear friends.

Today I am going to speak or express my views on the topic Kill the plastic Bag.

Respected teachers and friends

The pictures given above provide us an opportunity to think about the use of plastic bags.

I wonder if we are really aware of the harm which the plastic bags cause. For, if we know it, we can easily help to decrease it. Not long ago, people were using either paper bags or the bags made of cloth. Those paper bags were, of course, not so strong as plastic but they did not cause any pollution. So we should force the shopkeepers to give us paper bags.

Alternatively we can carry our cloth bags with us whenever possible. Plastic bags often find their way into drains and choke them. Sometimes the cattle swallow them and die. In the end I would like to add that children and public cooperate wholeheartedly to bring about the changes required to prevent, therefore request you to say 'no' to plastic bags.

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### XIII. Diary Entry

**You are Ankit / Suman. Write a diary entry describing your first day at a new school.**

**Answer**

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

10.00 p.m.

Dear Diary

How excited I was before leaving for my new school Seven Start Secondary School! Dad took me to school in his car. The school is located in a big building. My first period was in Room. No.4 on the first floor. I asked a peon how to reach there. What a polite and obliging man! He escorted me to my class.

The English teacher was a very sweet lady. She impressed me with her fluent English and her knowledge of the subject. The maths class was expectedly boring. During the recess I talked to some of my classmates. I think Rishi could be my good friend he is so sensitive and attentive. We went to the canteen and had a cup of tea. I came back home at 3. Mom was curious to know my experience. I told her everything.

So seven Star, I shall be your star!

Ankit.

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#### XIV. Dialogue Writing

**Write a dialogue between a doctor and a patient.**

**Answer**

Patient : Hello Doctor!

Doctor : Hello, what is your problem?

Patient : Doctor, I have a problem of not having proper sleep at night.

Doctor : I'll give you medicine.

Patient : Thank you Doctor. How often should I take the medicine?

Doctor : Just take one pill about 30 minutes before you go to bed.

Patient : For how long?

Doctor : For at least 30 days. Come back, if problem continues.

Patient : Anything else?

Doctor : Be composed at work.

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## XV. Debate

You are to speak in a debate organised by your school. The topic of the debate is 'Good manners are a waste of time'. Give your in favour of the statement.

### Answer

Good morning, worthy Principal, respected teachers and friends!

I stand before you to support the view that 'Good manners are a waste of time'.

Modern world is a mechanical world. Long dependence on machine has made man a machine himself.

He has no finer feeling. The days are gone when a guest's arrival was supposed to be a very nice thing. But today, a visit of a guest is supposed to be a catastrophe. Good old manners are found only in books. A modern man has no place for them. To maintain the expenditure of the family he has to do extra work. Corruption, bribes and black marketing have become the order of the day. Then where is left the room for manners and etiquettes? these are applicable when there is love, kindness, feeling of helping others. But the modern world is devoid of them. Hence good manners are not given due importance. They are considered to be a mere waste of time.

Thank you.

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## XVI . Bio Sketch / Short Biography

Using the information given, write a biographical sketch of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India in about 80 words.

- **Born:** 1884, Bihar
- **Died:** 1963
- **Family Background:**
- **Education:** Masters in Law in 1915
- **Did** teaching; Greatly influenced by Gandhiji; joined the freedom struggle
- **Achievements:** First President of independent India in 1950; President of Congress in 1934 and 1939; served as a cabinet minister in the first government of the Indian republic.
- **Awards:** Bharat Ratna in 1962

### **Answer**

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, was born in the year 1884 in Bihar. He did his masters in law in the year 1915. While studying he was greatly influenced by the teachings of Gandhiji and joined freedom struggle under his guidance. He was the President of Indian National Congress from 1934-1939. After India got independence, he got the honor to become the President of free India in the year 1950. He also served as cabinet minister in the first government of the Indian Republic. He was awarded Bharat Ratna in the year 1962.



## XVII. Report Writing

Your school recently organized a blood donation camp. Write a report in about 100 words. You are Sanchit of St. Andrews School, Hathras.

Answer

### Blood Donation Camp

Sanchit,

St. Andrew's School

November, 20XX

A Blood Donation Camp was organised in St. Andrews School. The doctors of Samarpan Blood Bank and medical College had come there. Dr. Bhatt, Principal of the Medical College inaugurated the camp being the first one to donate the blood.

The management, the teachers and the students of class XII also donated their blood whereas the parents of many smaller students also showed their enthusiasm to be a part of this noble cause and donated their blood. The doctors could collect about 350 units of blood of different groups. They themselves were surprised at such an unexpected and a wonderful response.

Before winding up the camp i.e., leaving the school, the doctors addressed the teachers and the students to express their thanks and how this blood donated by everyone would help in saving the lives of many.