

ST SOLDIER INTERNATIONAL CONVENT SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS ASSIGNMENT NUMBER 2
SUBJECT -ENGLISH
Grade 1X

Q1 Read the following passage carefully.

RELUCTANT ELEPHANT

1. "Where is Kesavan?" yelled the head priest as the time to take the idols around the praharas was nearing. There was no sign of the bedecked pachyderm at the tower gate.
2. The mahout came running to say that the animal was off-colour. It had refused to come to the pond for the ritual bath or to take the food offered. It would also not allow cloth to be thrown over it. The mahout told the priest that he could not understand his ward's petulance. He could not get the elephant ready for the day's procession.
3. The mahout returned to the elephant shed and found Kesavan still sulking. What a contrast to the normal routine! Every day, it would be up on its feet with a mere prod from his mahout. It would then walk to the pond and allow the mahout to wash and scrub it. Back at the shed, it would eat sugarcane, jaggery and fruits. Then it would let the mahout apply vibhuti and sandal paste on its forehead and trunk. Then it would kneel and allow the cloth to be thrown over it and a mount placed on its back. Once ready, it would walk to the temple gopuram and wait with the mahout till the priests' call came.
4. People visiting the temple would offer it bananas and coconut. Some, who wanted to be blessed, would offer it coins as it touched their heads lightly with its trunk. When it was time for the procession, it would kneel so that the idol could be placed on the mount. Then it would walk around the compound led by the temple musicians and followed by the jostling crowd.
5. Today, Kesavan was in no mood to follow this daily regimen.
6. The mahout, unhappy at the failure of the morning's procession, went home for breakfast. There he found Gopu, his son, still playing. He asked his wife why Gopu had not gone to school. She explained that the child had just returned from a holiday and needed a little break before resuming his routine. Gopu was a good student and his mother was confident that he would resume his schedule on his own.
7. Suddenly, the mahout understood why Kesavan had been so recalcitrant that morning. It had just returned from a month-long camp at Mudumalai, where it had a great time amidst vast open spaces unfettered by thronging humans.
8. Kesavan, like Gopu, probably needed a period of adjustment before it resumed its normal schedule.

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I. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each.

- (a) Why did the head priest yell at the mahout? What explanation was offered by the mahout?
- (b) What was Kesavan's daily routine before proceeding for the temple?
- (c) How did Kesavan perform his duties as the temple-elephant?

(d) What made the mahout realise the cause behind Kesavan's uncooperative behaviour?

II. Answer the following questions.

(a) Which word in paragraph 2 of the passage means the same as 'badtemper'?

(b) Find a word in paragraph 3 of the passage that is the antonym of 'cheerful'.

(c) Which of the following means the same as 'regimen' (paragraph 5)?

i. a schedule of prayers

ii. a group of soldiers

everyday

iii. a physical exercise done

iv. a routine or a set of rules

(d) If someone is 'recalcitrant' (paragraph 7), he/she is

i. lazy

ii. disobedient

iii. hesitant

iv. disciplined

Q2 You have just passed your grade VIII final examination. Write a diary entry in about 150 words expressing your feelings about your success.

In your diary you must include the following points:

your position in the class

your teachers' and parents' reaction

your action plan for grade IX examination

Q3 A family in your neighbourhood has been quarantined due to Covid-19. Write a diary entry describing how your family and other families in the neighbourhood feel about the issue. Also say, what the neighbourhood is doing to help the affected family and to keep their moral high.

Q4 Fill in the blanks with the right tense forms (present perfect or present perfect continuous) of the verbs given in brackets:

a. His father ----- in the factory since 1985. (work)

b. I ----- him for a week. (not see)

c. It ---- since six o'clock. (rain)

d. He already ----- three cups of coffee. (drink)

e. I ----- very fast. So I am tired. (run)

HOLIDAYS ASSIGNMENT NUMBER 3

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Q1 Read the following passage carefully.

1. A hybrid between helicopters and gliders, gyrocopters are set to make their debut in India in the next couple of months. This smaller, lighter and quieter version of the chopper will perhaps be the answer to the country's traffic problems. The catch? They'll cost approximately the same as a luxury car – a stellar Rs 30 lakh onwards.

2. World over, gyrocopters are used for border security, coastal area surveillance, road patrolling and agriculture crop spraying. According to Rishabh Mehta, managing director of the company that's bringing gyrocopters to India, "While individuals can also buy them, it could take up to a year for licensing and security clearance since the government has tightened aviation rules post 26/11."

3. So what makes a gyrocopter so exciting? For starters, they can fly very low, only a few centimeters above the ground at a very low speed, about 30 kmph unlike a helicopter which cannot fly low and slow at the same time. Gyrocopters are also much less expensive and need very little landing space unlike a glider. Like a helicopter, the gyro needs an engine for the initial thrust. Later, the engine cuts off and it's the direction of the wind that makes it sail like a glider. However, unlike a helicopter, it cannot take-off and land vertically.

4. Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to formulate a separate category for gyrocopters in India. "We don't want them to operate in a city with a high population, or around a VIP or defence area," says a DGCA official.

Did you know?

5. A gyrocopter looks like a small helicopter but the main difference is, there is no engine turning the rotors. The rotors simply self-propel (which we call "autorotate") due to the way the air flows through them.

6. As the engine is not connected to the rotors, a gyrocopter is not seriously affected if the engine should stop in flight. This means that a gyrocopter is one of the safest methods of flying.

7. Gyrocopters have traditionally been open cockpit "Motorbikes of the sky" but, since late 2010, they are available as fully enclosed models. This changes the game completely.

I. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following objective type questions very briefly. (a) The author seems to believe that gyrocopters will be too expensive to afford

for a common man. (True/False)

(b) Key areas where gyrocopters can be useful are: (i) , (ii) coastal area surveillance, (iii) and (iv) agriculture crop spraying.

(c) Some advantages that gyrocopters have over helicopters and gliders are that gyrocopters

(i) can fly very low at a very speed

(ii) cost

(iii) need very little

(d) Two ways in which a gyrocopter differs from a helicopter are that a gyrocopter

(i) cannot take-off or land

(ii) does not have an connected to its rotors

(e) The rotors of a gyrocopter due to the way the air flows through them.

II. Choose the most appropriate option in each of the following. Answer any four.

1. The author uses the phrase "The catch" to express his about the possibility of gyrocopter as a solution to traffic problem.

(a) enthusiasm

(b) shock

(c) doubt

(d) guess

2. A gyrocopter is similar to a helicopter in the sense that

(a) it can fly very low and slow

(b) it can take-off and land vertically

(c) it is as light and as quiet as the helicopter

(d) it needs an engine for the initial thrust

3. After the initial thrust, what helps the gyrocopter to glide?

(a) engine

(b) wind-direction

(c) rotors

(d) low-speed

4. DGCA will not allow gyrocopters to operate in residential, VIP or defense areas because

- (a) they will cause noise pollution
- (b) they can pose a security threat
- (c) they are not safe enough to fly
- (d) aviation rules do not permit such operations

5. Gyrocopter is one of the safest methods of flying because

- (a) it is very small in size
- (b) it can fly very low and slow
- (c) its flight is not seriously affected by engine failure
- (d) it can take-off and land vertically

Q2 Write a descriptive paragraph in about 150 words to describe a beggar who frequently roams about in your area asking for alms.

You might like to include the following points in your description:

Name (if any) and Age

Looks

Height

General build of the body

Condition of his/her clothes

Any song, prayer or slogan he/she uses for begging

Whether people give him/her alms

How they treat him/her

How the neighbourhood dogs, police and children treat him/her

(Remember to include a topic sentence, supporting details & a concluding sentence in the paragraph.)

Q3 Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on his success in class VIII

Q4 Write a letter to your cousin who lives in another country asking him /her about the pathetic conditions during Covid -19 outbreak.