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SUBJECT:- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

COMPREHENSIVE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Warm Greetings!!

This e-lesson is in the form of a worksheet and aims at giving you practice in comprehension and grammar.

This worksheet is meant for discussion and practice.

COMPREHENSION-1

1. The journey looks difficult and lonesome, the goal is very far away; what do we do? Anything and everything may look difficult at times, but you should never lose confidence in yourself and feel that you have no motivation and drive. As long as you are confident of your own abilities to achieve what you wish in life, I do not think that you will never feel lonely.
2. We are constantly under the sway of our mind, performing and desiring according to our likes and dislikes, but we should realise that our likes and dislikes are not the final destination. Sometimes we may have to go against our likes and dislikes as a part of viveka; the ability to discriminate between what is just, proper and correct and what is wrong. With viveka and confidence, that tiny spark will eventually become a torch. There is a song; 'When the day is dark and dreary and the way is hard to find, don't let your heart be weary, just keep this thought in mind; It is better to light one candle than to stumble in the dark; it is better to light one little candle, all you need is a tiny spark'.
3. When we are confronted by darkness, we get nervous and tense, not realizing that the spark can be produced by many methods. We can use a lighter, match, flint, wood, anything, because everything which surrounds us in this universe has the power to assist us in our evolution. Every circumstance, even if difficult, helps us grow. Have confidence. Can yoga change our destiny? Yes, it can. First, know what our destiny is and what we mean by destiny. If we know ourselves, our mind, personality, behaviour actions and reactions; if we direct our actions and transform our negative tendencies into positive ones with a clear mind, inner tranquillity and inner vitality; if we go beyond the normal frame of mind, emotions and behaviour and develop a better perspective, then we can definitely direct our own lives and thus change our destiny.

4. There are two paths; one is the path of ignorance; the other is of knowledge. Usually human beings live in the area of ignorance, a lack of total knowledge. We may be sharp intellectually, we may be brilliant in our career, but we do not know our mind or personality; we do not really know anything about ourselves. One can be a scientist, great mathematician or philosopher, but when it comes to the human personality there is lack of understanding. We do not know what we think, what we believe, what we experience or how to understand these experiences and we do not know what to rationalize and what not to rationalize. There are so many things which we can and cannot understand.

5. When we walk the path of knowledge, our awareness and consciousness bloom. We see clearly with a new perspective. It is like sitting in a room in total darkness and looking around, and then sitting in a room filled with bright light and looking around. There are two viewpoints here. When we are in the bright room we can see every detail; when we are in the dark room we cannot see much. Through the growth of awareness, development of consciousness and awakening of our inner faculties, we can reconstruct our life and personality.

Q1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

1. How are we constantly under the sway of our mind?

2. What should we do when we are confronted by darkness?

3. What are the two paths of life that the narrator is talking about?

4. How can we reconstruct our life and personality?

Q2. On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following:

1. Choose the opposite of the word 'fade' from those given below;

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| a) bloom | b) open |
| c) blow | d) shine |

2. Synonym for the word 'inspiration' in the passage is;

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| a) discouragement | b) motivation |
| c) encouragement | d) support |

3. The noun form of 'transform' is:

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| a) transformed | b) transforming |
| c) transformation | d) none of these |

4. The adjective form of the word 'negation' is;

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| a) negating | b) negated |
| c) negative | d) none of these. |

COMPREHENSION-2

- In these trying times, when buying ordinary food stuff can burn a hole in our pockets, comes the news that can actually help us save some hard cash when we go out to shop the next time. According to a Stanford University study, a first of its kind in the world, there is no evidence to suggest that there are more nutritional benefits from expensive organic food than those grown by conventional methods. The researchers add there is no difference in protein and fat content between organic and conventional milk and the vitamin count is similar in both types. The only benefit is that organic food is not contaminated with pesticides but then, before you chew on that plate of organic okra with roti made from organic wheat, they are not 100% pesticide free either. In India, organic food has been growing at 20-22% and the export market is valued at 1,000 crores. Obviously, the study is not good news for that sector and for people who are big on organic food.
- In India, eating organic food is more of a style statement than due to health worries because the stuff is expensive. But people who can do indulge in not only organic vegetables but even organic eggs lay by 'happy hens,' who are allowed to roam around freely whereas 'unhappy hens' are kept in coops. Then there are companies that have installed music channels in their cowsheds and the milk from those sheds is sold at a marked- up price since it has more nutritional value because the animals are happy to listen to 24X7 music. We don't know yet of any farmer using music to improve his crop quality, but then you never know: plants are known to respond to music.

3. Why such pickiness about food? These days, the huge number of TV shows and articles that we see and read on food provide bread and butter for the specialists. But instead of decoding food, its sources and what has gone into growing it, isn't it much better to enjoy what's on the plate?

Q1. Read the given questions and write the answers in 30-40 words.

a) What study has been given by Stanford University?

b) What methods are adopted by companies to increase the nutritional value of their food?

c) Why do some people not approve of the Stanford University's study?

d) Why is organic food becoming popular in India?

2. The word 'conventional' means.....

- (i) Traditional
- (ii) Social
- (iii) Professional
- (iv) Economical

3. The word 'pickiness' means.....

- (i) Debate
- (ii) Confusion
- (iii) Fussiness
- (iv) Doubtfulness

GAP FILLING

Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below.

A farmer (a)_____ a cluster of beautiful bamboo trees. One day he (b)_____

Before the (c)_____ one and said "I am sorry, I (d)_____ have to cut a few of your branches to make furniture."

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| a) i] has | ii] had | iii] have | iv] got |
| b) i] standing | ii] stands | iii] stood | iv] stand |
| c) i] tall | ii] taller | iii] tallest | iv] long |
| d) i] can | ii] must | iii] should | iv] will |

OMISSION

In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank number.

	Before	Missing	After
Two weeks later, Kevin and his friends led group _____	a)	_____	_____
_____ of 70 students in a drive collect food. They _____	b)	_____	_____
_____ broke the school record they collected 2,854 cans food in _____	c)	_____	_____
_____ just two hours. This took care the needy for 75 days. _____	d)	_____	_____

EDITING

The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.

	Error	Correction
A pet can help dispel lonely,	e.g., lonely	loneliness
stress and depression. A dog can		
increase your sense of security as	(a) _____	_____
alerting you to strangers noises or	(b) _____	_____
intruders. Walk a dog guarantees	(c) _____	_____

that you got daily exercise and
can provide ample opportunity to socialize
with others.

(d) _____

(e) _____

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