Worksheet 8 | Name | Date | Roll No. | Reading : Comprehension Passage | Marks OBT. |

8. Read the following passage carefully.

- 1. There is no fault in the fundamental principle of nishkam karma or desireless or unselfish work. The common but apparent difficulty about it lies in our die-hard conditioning to sakam karma since childhood on the plea of encouragement, strokes, motivation, etc.
- 2. Nishkam Karma (NK) is socio-economically a sound principle because it implies less grabbing for oneself. It does not imply depriving oneself of the normal earnings, minimum necessities and basic comforts of life. But it restrains unbridled consumerism, and thus keeps alive the hope of sustainable development. However, if well-off citizens and leaders, especially in a developing country, begin to extract more and more for themselves from the society through questionable means, then less and less will be left for the deprived people. Thus, sakam karma becomes socio-economically hazardous. For instance, recently the MPs passed a resolution, apparently³ without any opposition, to avail themselves of pension benefits; even if elected for one five-year term. This may imply a person becoming an MP at the age of 37, and start getting pension as soon as the term ends, when he/she is only 42 years.
- 3. Commitment to work as a principle implies work for work's sake. Such an attitude causes less disappointment or depression⁴ if expected recognition and rewards do not flow. The HV (Human Values) of contentment gets a chance to express itself. On the other hand, commitment to rewards tends to make work an instrument for such rewards. Rewards become the real goal, and with that creeps in DVs (Dis-values) like greed and jealousy. Therefore, being a workaholic does not necessarily mean nishkam karma. It is often due to hankering for power, position, fame, i.e., sakam karma.

(a) Write the option you consider to be the most appropriate:

(i) Nishkam karma means		
(a) selfish work	(b)	hard work
(c) unselfish work	(d)	irregular work
(ii) Nishkam karma keeps alive the	hope	e of
(a) reward in the next life	(b)	fast development
(c) sustainable development		peace in society
(iii) Commitment to work implies _		
(a) very hard work	(b)	work for reward
(c) work for work's sake		being a workaholic
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VALUE POINTS

The passage is about :

The attitude of *nishkam karma* and its utility in present day world.

Para 1

 nishkam karma preferable to sakam karma

Para 2

- NK, implies less grabbing, restrains, unbridled consumerism, sakam karma hazardous
- Resolution for pension benefits throughout life

Para 3

- work for work's sake, less depression
- In sakam karma rewards real goals, disvalues creep in, greed, jealousy

GLOSSARY

- 1. fundamental : basic
- 2. plea : argument
- 3. apparently : clearly
- 4. depression : sadness, sorrow

(iv) Dis-values creep in when (a) we do nishkam karma (b) reward becomes the real goal (d) we are greedy or jealous (v) Normally one becomes a workaholic when one does (a) nishkam karma (b) sakam karma (b) sakam karma (d) no work
(i) Nishkam karma is socio-economically a sound principle because (ii) Nishkam karma is specially useful in (iii) The M.Ps passed a resolution to avail
Space for Answers
i) is impleix less grabbing for oneself
iii) thenselves pension facilities

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable words.	Y
(i) A rajasic person likes to for pungent and burning food. (ii) Patience is 900000000000000000000000000000000000	3
(ii) Patience is second to produce methods of the problems. (iii) If you solve with holy persons, you can solve ethical problems.	R
(iii) If you have an extreme in a questions:	
(c) Answer the following questions: (i) The synonym of 'succulent' in paragraph 2 is (b) solid	
(i) The synonym of succulent in page (b) solid (a) juicy (d) dry	
(ii) The antonym of 'modesty' in paragraph 3 is (b) arrogance	
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(a) sort (c) disobedience (d) proud	
Space for Answers	
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with strong taste or enell which is sour, hoter	ough
iv) Patience and personance are needed to bring in-	
transic changes in one's personality	
v) A resociation of socred literature or men whice	h
gives a purifing import on subtle mind and solve	
ethical issues with practical quidelines is called	
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10. Read the following passage carefully.

- 1. Peace and order are necessary, not just in our own country but also at the international level, if we are to secure national progress and development. The different countries in the world are coming closer today due to faster means of transport and communication. Economically, they are becoming increasingly interdependent. If peace is disturbed in one part of the world, it has adverse effects in other parts of the world as well. Nuclear weapons have already threatened the world with nuclear war. If the conflicts between different nations are not settled in time, they might culminate in a nuclear war destroying the whole world. It is, therefore, in our own interest that the world is free of conflicts. If at all there are any, they must be settled promptly and peace should be restored. That is why we have declared the establishment of international peace and understanding as an objective of our foreign policy.
- 2. We need the help and co-operation of other countries for our scientific, industrial and economic development, especially in those fields where we have yet to achieve self-sufficiency. We obtain the latest machinery, technology and financial aid from the developed countries.
- 3. On our part, we, too, offer help to the underdeveloped countries. We are keen on maintaining friendly relations with other countries. Such friendly relations *foster*² international understanding.
- 4. We have always exerted³ ourselves to see that the disputes arising between different nations are settled through peaceful negotiations. We play an active role in the United Nations, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, the Commonwealth of Nations and other such international organisations.

VALUE POINTS

The passage is about :

The necessity of peace and order in the world, to avert any nuclear war that would mean the destruction of wealth.

Para 1

 peace and order most essential especially to avert any nuclear war; all conflicts to be resolved peacefully.

Para 2

 help and cooperation of other countries essential to gain selfsufficiency.

Para 3

 India keen on maintaining friendly relations with others.

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 disputes and conflicts sought to be resolved through peaceful negotiations.

GLOSSARY

- 1. promptly : quickly
- 2. foster : promote
- 3. exerted : made a big effort

(a) Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks spaces:

- (i) Faster means of transport and communication have brought the different countries
- (ii) In order to make national progress and development peace and order is necessar
- (iii) The world is threatened with nuclear war as a result of the huge stockpile of
- (iv) To achieve self-sufficiency we need help and cooperation weapons
 (v) On our part we should offer help of other countries
- (b) Answer the following questions to underdureloped courbies
 - (i) The synonym of 'adverse' in paragraph 1 is ______.
 - (a) bad

(b) negative

(c) harmful

(d) unproductive