

So Wash your hands before you eat.

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Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

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Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

Do not eat junk food.

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India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

India is my country.

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Jenny and I opened all the gifts.

Jenny and I opened all the gifts.

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5. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Mr Lester R. Brown in his thoughtful book, *The Global Economic Prospect*, points out that the earth's principal biological systems are four – fisheries, forests, grasslands, and croplands – and they form the foundation of the global economic system. In addition to supplying our food, these four systems provide *virtually*<sup>1</sup> all the raw materials for industry except minerals and petroleum-derived<sup>2</sup> synthetics. In large areas of the world, human claims on these systems are reaching an unsustainable level, a point where their productivity is being *impaired*<sup>3</sup>. When this happens, fisheries *collapse*<sup>4</sup>, forests disappear, grasslands are converted into barren wastelands, and croplands deteriorate. In a protein-conscious and protein hungry world, over-fishing is common every day. In poor countries, local forests are being decimated in order to *procure*<sup>5</sup> firewood for cooking. In some places, firewood has become so expensive that "what goes under the pot now costs more than what goes inside it". Since the tropical forests are, in the words of Dr Myers, "the powerhouse of evolution", several species of life face *extinction*<sup>6</sup> as a result of its destruction.
2. It has been well said that forests precede mankind; deserts follow. The world's ancient patrimony of tropical forests is now eroding at the rate of forty to fifty million acres a year, and the growing use of dung for burning deprives the soil of an important natural fertiliser. The World Bank estimates that a five-fold increase in the rate of forest planting is needed to cope with the expected fuelwood demand in the year 2000.
3. James Speth, the President of the World Resources Institute, said the other day, "We were saying that we are losing the forests at an acre a second, but it is much closer to an acre-and-a-half to a second".

VALUE POINTS

The passage is about :

The author's deep concern over fast depleting resources that sustain life.

Para 1

- principal biological systems that supply food and raw material on the verge of collapse, forests being destroyed, overfishing too common, fuel costlier.

Para 2

- forests disappearing fast, creating deserts, afforestation a necessity.

Para 3

- the rate of losing forests more than an acre a second.

GLOSSARY

1. virtually : nearly
2. derived : obtained from something
3. impaired : damaged, harmed
4. collapse : crumble
5. procure : obtain
6. extinction : death

(a) Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

- (i) Earth's biological systems are the foundation of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) political system (b)  economic system  
(c) social system (d) ethical system
- (ii) The raw materials for an industry comes from \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) human labour (b)  fisheries  
(c) grasslands and croplands (d) croplands, fisheries, forests, grasslands
- (iii) Overfishing is done by people for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) hunting (b) thrill  
(c) getting protein (d)  getting food

Why is firewood expensive? It is because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) forests are disappearing
- (c) transportation costs increased

- (b) more and more people are using firewood
- (d) LPG is costlier

Dung is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) synthetic fertilizer
- (c) natural fertilizer

- (b) germs killer
- (d) harmful for crops

The synonym of the word 'converted' in paragraph 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) directed
- (c) changed

- (b) diverted
- (d) metamorphed

The antonym of 'barren' in paragraph 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) dry
- (c) fertile

- (b) rough
- (d) ploughing

**Space for Answers**

(a) Choose the most appropriate option out of the following :

(i) Which season of the year is referred to here ?

(a) summer

(b) winter

(c) spring

(d)  autumn

(ii) Which age of human beings is talked of ?

(a)  old age

(b) childhood

(c) middle age

(d) adolescence

(iii) Which is 'death's second self' referred to here ?

(a) morning

(b)  night

(c) evening

(d) dusk

(iv) What makes love more strong ?

(a) imminence of death

(b) the hope of rebirth

(c) the hope of meeting again

(d) the hope of removing misunderstanding between them

(v) The poem is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) ballad

(b) romance

(c)  sonnet

(d) ode

(vi) 'Behold' in line 1 means :

(a) grasp

(c) see

(b) appear

(d) avoid

(vii) 'ere' in line 14 means :

(a) ago

(c) always

(b) before

(d) two

(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 of \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) reward in the next life

(b) fast development

(c) sustainable development

(d) peace in society

(iii) Commitment to work implies \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) very hard work

(b) work for reward

(c) work for work's sake

(d) being a workaholic

(iv) Dis-values creep in when \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) we do *nishkam karma*

(b) reward becomes the real goal

(c) we do *sakam karma*

(d) we are greedy or jealous

(v) Normally one becomes a workaholic when one does \_\_\_\_\_ .

(a) *nishkam karma*

(b) *sakam karma*

(c) too much work

(d) no work

(b) **Complete the following sentences :**

- (i) *Nishkam karma* is socio-economically a sound principle because it implies less grabbing of oneself
- (ii) *Nishkam karma* is specially useful in it restrains unbridled consumerism and thus helps in sustainable develop
- (iii) The M.Ps passed a resolution to avail them free from pension benefits.

# Television

A television or a TV is a cuboidal or rectangular structure with a screen which displays all types of shows, movies, cartoon etc, which can keep kids calm and entertain people. It is also called the 'idiot box' because it always hypnotises kids into it. They lay or sit in a lazy manner ~~with~~ with inserting all these junks into their mind. It fills the mind with ~~useful~~ useless things. It also does a great impact on eyes. We should try to avoid television ~~and~~ and we should read books to gain knowledge.

1. what do children do when they are not watching television?

A → when children are not watching television, they climb out of windows, kick <sup>up</sup> puns and disturb their parents.

Q2. what effect does television have on children's brains?

A → watching television causes the child's brain to become soft as cheese; it kills their imagination and takes away their power of thinking.

Q3. According to the speaker, what is a better source of entertainment than television?

A → According to the speaker, books are a better source of entertainment than television.

The speaker asks Parents to throw away the TV and buy a \_\_\_\_\_  
The speaker asks parents to throw away the TV and to buy a bookshelf.

How will children react when the TV is thrown away?

The children will give their parents angry looks, scream and yell, bite and kick and hit them with sticks when sticks are ~~used~~ the TV is thrown away.