

# DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU

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Assignment(SA 2)

CLASS: XI

Sub: ENGLISH

## A.COMPREHENSION

**Q.1.** In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. He did not become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush forever. He put his whole soul and energy into his work, and this energy wore him out in the end. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle and he was absorbed in the determination to win. The sight of injured children moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at VILLENEUVE ETONG, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies and there he passed his last summer as his great biographer, Valley Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues". "He reversed the faith of his father", says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period".

The attitude of this man to science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism and many of his contemporaries: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of nature, the more my Faith becomes like that of a peasant".

But in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work", he would say, "never cease to work." He began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

On September 27, 1895, when someone leant over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly, "I cannot". He never again opened his eyes to the world.

Thus passed the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man of France. No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tamer's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient work of humanity.

Q.1. Even accolades and honours did not change the simple man that Pasteur was. Why?

Q.2. How did Pasteur view those who suffered from diseases?

Q.3. How did Pasteur engage himself in the estate?

Q.4. What advice did he always give to the pupils?

Q.5. How did France honour him?

Q.6. Which words mean:

- a. to give up (para 1)      b. people of the same period (para 3)

**Q.2. Canada says its denial of visas to Indian security officials on grounds of human rights violations, torture and espionage is a mistake.**

**India was hurt to the quick at the charges. The government issued an angry warning and said it would take retaliatory measures if Canada didn't take corrective measures.**

**Now that it has been done so, the two countries resume the pleasantries .But that wouldn't alter the truth. And the truth is that the Indian security forces routinely commit human rights violation, torture and play at espionage.**

**We can protect our innocence and act righteous. But we'd be deceiving ourselves. The security forces all over the world will do all these. But unlike the more civilized west, our men are not accountable. Consider the high number of custodial deaths\_127 last year alone ,according to NHRC.**

**So instead of getting hot under the collar, the Indian authorities should be thanking Canada for holding up a mirror to our ugly face. I suggest Canada take back its apology and ask India to prove its credentials of civility. And I suggest Indians stop flattering brainwashing themselves into thinking, no doubt with the help of an embarrassingly patriotic media, that they have arrived . The truth ,ah, comrade, is we have just about started and it's such a long way to go.**

**Q.1. Now make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use abbreviations.**

**Q.2. Give meanings of:**

**a. retaliatory      b. flattering      c. righteous**

## **B. WRITING**

**Q3 You are the Principal of SK Public school. The school requires cricket and hockey coaches. Draft an advertisement for the "Situations Vacant " column of a local newspaper stating your requirements . ( 50 words )**

**OR**

**As President of the History Club of St. Xavier Public school , write a notice informing students of a proposed visit to some historical site in your city. (in 50 words )**

**Q 4. Draft a poster on World Environment Day.**

**OR**

**Rajiv Sharma, a staff reporter of "The Times of India" has been asked to cover an awards function organized by the state government on "Teacher's Day". Write a report of the programme in 120 words.**

Q5. You are Mr. AP Sareen .You have seen an advertisement in the Hindustan Times for the post of Marketing Manager. Write an application with complete biodata

OR

The teens today feel that the competitive pressures have stressed their lives. Write an article expressing your views. (in 150-200 words)

### GRAMMAR

Q6. Edit the lines

Incorrect

Correct

I was tuning the piano in  
a psychiatric hospital when the man  
walked in fidgeted on the TV  
and turned it in. To avoid argument  
with a madman , I get up  
and turned it off.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

Q7 Write the omitted words

It is estimated that Indian spends  
At least 3 hour in front the ediot box everyday  
The remote control allows access innumerable  
Channels making possible to surf around many  
Films as there are days in a year .

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Q8. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences

a. Fake /licences/from/recovered/seven/were/possession/their/

b. had been/for/years/they/running/this/racket/many

### LITERATURE

Q 9. The seed I spent or sown it where

The land is his or none of mine?

We speak like strangers, there's no sign

Of understanding in the air.

This child is built to my design

Yet what he loves I cannot share.



Q.16.What were the chief characteristics of the Garoghlanian family?

Q.17. Describe Mrs. DCorling's behaviour after the war.

**Answer in 120 words**

Q.19 Give the message of 'We're not afraid to die if we can all be together'.

OR

What issues are raised by the drama 'Mother's Day'? How does it resolve the issues?

**Long reading Novel**

Q.20.What is the theme of 'The Canterville Ghost'?

OR

What impression do you form of the ghost and the Otis family?