

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU
SESSION (2022-23)
ASSIGNMENT 1

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

CLASS- VIII

Topics: MCB: This is Jody's Fawn, Ant and Cricket(Poem)

Literature Reader: Lions and Ants (Poem)

Writing: E-mail

Grammar: Punctuation

READING

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (5 marks)

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'.

Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and too many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

Answer the following questions.

- a. Who according to the passage are responsible for nuclear families?
- b. Complete the following sentence.
Two major common concerns of a nuclear family are and
- c. Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
- d. Find the synonym of 'Holiness of life' from the passage.
- e. Find the antonym of 'save or conserve' from the passage.

WRITING

Q2. Write an **email** to your cousin, congratulating him on the success of getting admission in IIT Kanpur. Sign yourself as Rishab/ Richa. **(5 marks)**

GRAMMAR

Q3. Punctuate the following sentences. **(5 marks)**

- a. he neither smiled spoke nor looked at me
- b. long ago in a distant country there lived a beautiful princess
- c. it was my aunt who took Peter to London yesterday not my father
- d. my father dr man mohan singh is living in agra
- e. you can write to ram narayan about india

LITERATURE

Q4. Answer the following questions. **(3 marks)**

- a. Why did Jody want Mill-Wheel to go away?
- b. Name the poet of Lions and Ants.
- c. Why was Mill-wheel afraid to leave Jody alone?

Q5. Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow. **(2 marks)**

My heart was so light
That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay.
You sang, Sir, you say?"

- a. Who is 'I' in the given extract?
- b. Who sang and what was the outcome?

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