

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA
CLASS – VIII
ASSIGNMENT- ENGLISH.

M.M 15

I. Read the following passage carefully :

(10M)

1. She was seven years old when the Kargil war broke out in 1999. Blessed with a sweet voice, Palak Muchhal would sing her heart out at Indore's shops. She raised ₹25,000 for the martyrs' families. Now 21, she is still on song, touching hearts in more ways than one.
2. Her charity shows for 'Save Little Hearts' have held 572 children so far. And there are 621 more on her immediate waiting list. Those close to her say she has spent over ₹2.5 crore for the treatment of these kids.
3. What set her off on this path? While passing through a busy road one day, I saw a group of four kids loitering aimlessly. That's when the idea of helping them flashed in my mind," says Palak. Opportunity knocked three years ago when teachers of a local school approached her for a charity show to raise funds for a poor student, Lokesh Puri, who was suffering from a congenital heart defect. Palak agreed. She performed in the busy Rajwada area of Indore, on a stage made of trolleys. "I collected ₹55,000, enough for Lokesh's treatment."
4. District Child Welfare and Women Development Officer Vishal Nadkarni, who is also nodal officer for heart operations in government hospitals, says, "Palak has indeed happily sponsored some operations set up by them."
Palak also works as a bridge for an NGO run by film actor Salman Khan. An Indore based cardiac surgeon, Dr. Manish Porwal says that Palak's contribution has been significant. He says, "It's due to her efforts that many poor kids could be treated at some of the big hospitals of the country."
5. Along the way, she's earned the gratitude of parents, such as Nazma, mother of six year old Moinuddin. "I lost all hope when a local hospital refused to treat my son who had four holes in his heart. Palak entered my life as an angel when she came forward to bear the costs through the NGO." Noted activist Dr. Anil Bhandari says, "Palak's heart truly beats for poor children. She has set an example. Being young is no bar when it comes to working for a good cause."

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements :

- (a) At the age of seven, Palak _____.
- (b) At twenty one, her charity shows _____.
- (c) Palak has happily sponsored operations _____.
- (d) The efforts of Palak have contributed _____.
- (e) Palak has set an example _____.

1.2 Fill in the blanks with one word only.

Palak Muchhal has an unshakable (a) _____ to sing for poor children with heart ailments. Her (b) _____ has been significant in the (c) _____ of these children in big hospitals.

1.3 Choose the correct option.

1. Find the word in the passage which mean the same as 'wandering'. (Para 3)
 - (a) relaxing
 - (b) loitering
 - (c) helping
 - (d) passing

2. Find the word in the passage which mean the same as 'showing thanks'. (Para 5)

- (a) beat
- (b) noted
- (c) earn
- (d) gratitude

II. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option. (4M)

Some people are lucky enough never to fall sick, but most (a) _____ (of, to, among, in) us have to go (b) _____ (into, with, to , for) a doctor occasionally for treatment and examination. Except in emergencies, it is customary to make an appointment (c) _____ (when , after, while, before) arriving at a doctor's clinic. When a patient visits a doctor (d) _____ (on, of, for, in) the first time, he or she is asked a number of questions.

III. The handshake is a universal sign of greeting, used to start talking with strangers. (Replace the underlined words with a suitable idiom.). (1M)