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CLASS: IX

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT

I. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: (10M)

1. As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments, there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos, as multiple voices makes as many suggestions.
2. By the time, order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
3. Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.
4. We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
5. It's a closely connected world out there, where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.
6. What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the quality time would do the trick.

i) According to the passage, who said, "so, where are we going for dinner now?"

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| a) narrator              | b) one at the steering |
| c) one of the passengers | d) one of the guests   |

ii) Twenty years ago, according to the passage, decisions were \_\_\_\_\_

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| a) unanimous, with no argument     | b) made by the children |
| c) taken by the head of the family | d) not taken by elders  |

iii) The passage concludes that in modern times, children are \_\_\_\_\_ to take their own decision from a very early age.

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| a) forbidden            | b) trained |
| c) not given permission | d) allowed |

iv) Choose the antonym as given in para 6 of this passage.

Word	Antonym
Simple	

v) Twenty years ago, the decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. How the decision are taken now a days?

vi) What is the message conveyed by this passage? Write any two points.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

vii) After arriving at a decision almost everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ in the family mentioned above.

- a) happy  
b) excited  
c) hurt  
d) elated

viii) In modern times, the way each family member in decision making points towards \_\_\_\_\_ in the family.

- a) grudges  
b) perfect bonding  
c) individual opinions  
d) none of these

ix) The writer used word "hurt" in para 2. What is the synonyms of *hurt* as used in this paragraph

x) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in para 4 is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) gourmet  
b) cuisine  
c) gastric  
d) science

II. Write factual description of Albert Einstein using the given hints : (5M)

Born: March 14, 1879, Ulm, Germany - migrated to USA in 1933 - won Noble Prize for theory of relativity - warned Roosevelt about destructive power of atom bomb - deeply shaken after bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - advocated for world government - true world citizen.