

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT

CLASS -VIII

SECTION-A(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

TWO GREAT PERSONALITIES, TWO FOLLIES

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

1. As a boy, Jawaharlal Nehru once stole one of his father's pens from his study table thinking that his father had two pens and he could not possibly use both of them at the same time. That evening, when his father returned from court, he lost his cool on finding one of the pens missing.

There was uproar in the house and after frantic search, the instrument was found in little Jawaharlal's room. His father did not like the way his son had taken his pen without his permission. He scolded the boy so much that he wept bitterly and went rushing to his mother.

That day he learnt two important lessons- never do things on the sly and never to disobey his father but more importantly, he understood why his father had scolded him.

MAHATAMA GANDHI

2. Once, as a child, Gandhi Ji stole a bit of gold from his brother's armlet to pay for the latter's debt of twenty-five rupees. It was an innocent thing for a little boy to do to save his brother from disgrace. But by doing so he had lost a peace of mind and he could not decide what amends he should make for the wrong that he had done.

At last he decided to tell his father the whole truth. He wrote a letter to him, telling him all about the incident and promising that he would never steal again. He asked his father to punish him as severely as he wished and begged him not to feel pained about it in any way. As the father read that letter, tears began to roll down his cheeks. This left Gandhi Ji so devastated with shame and remorse that he took a silent vow never to do an unrighteous deed again. He strove to be good and truthful ever after.

1.1 Choose the most appropriate option given below for each question.

1. One thing common to the conduct of both Gandhi Ji and Jawaharlal Nehru was that they had _____

- (a) disobeyed their fathers (b) told lies to their parents
(c) created uproar in their homes (d) stolen something important

2. One characteristic trait common to both Gandhi and Nehru was their ability to _____ their mistakes.

- (a) deny (b) justify
(c) hide (d) realize

3. The expression 'on the sly' (paragraph 2) means _____

- (a) without too much thinking (b) without elder's permission
(c) in secret manner (d) towards the end of something

1.2 Complete the sentence

After stealing gold from his brother's armlet Gandhi ji felt _____

	<p>1.3 Answer the following questions:</p> <p>(a) What did Jawaharlal Nehru steal from his father's study table and why?</p> <p>(b) Why did Nehru's father lose his cool?</p> <p>(c) Why did little Nehru rush to his mother?</p> <p>(d) Why did Gandhi Ji decide to steal a bit of gold from his brother's armlet?</p> <p>(e) What did Gandhi Ji write in his letter to his father?</p> <p>(f) Write the past and past participle form of the verb 'ask'.</p>																		
<p>2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION-B(Writing)</p> <p>You are Abhay. You were invited to attend your best friend's sister's wedding but you could not attend it due to some reason. Write a letter congratulating your friend and telling him why you were unable to attend. Hints: congratulations—show happiness on sister's wedding—state reason for not attending—unavoidable reasons—feel sorry—regret for absence—blessings to newly wed—promise to meet soon</p>																		
<p>3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION-C (Grammar)</p> <p>EDITING</p> <p>There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Incorrect</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bursting crackers is not only harmful in</td> <td>(a)_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>the environment and is also traumatic</td> <td>(b)_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>for pets. To keep pets save during Diwali,</td> <td>(c) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>animal activists suggest keeping it</td> <td>(d)_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>indoors during a celebrations.</td> <td>(e)_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Incorrect	correct	Bursting crackers is not only harmful in	(a)_____	_____	the environment and is also traumatic	(b)_____	_____	for pets. To keep pets save during Diwali,	(c) _____	_____	animal activists suggest keeping it	(d)_____	_____	indoors during a celebrations.	(e)_____	_____
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Do as directed:</p> <p>(a) This dog belongs___ Sheela. She brought it___Pune.(Fill with suitable Preposition)</p> <p>(b) Women____(prepare) to decorate the shrine for the Annual Fair.(Fill in the blanks using Present Continuous Tense)</p> <p>(c) Before he____say a word, he fainted. (Choose the correct modal)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. will ii. may iii. could</p> <p>(d) He brought a new car yesterday. (Change the sentence into negative form)</p> <p>(e) He thinks that he is the____(wise) of all the children.(Fill in the blank using suitable degree of adjective)</p>																		