

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, LUDHIANA

CLASS XII

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT

EXTRACT:

The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead

Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts

At having the landscape marred with the artless paint

Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

1. The polished traffic in particular refers to the ...
 - a. Sophisticated city dwellers in their vehicles
 - b. Shiny cars that the poet sees on the road
 - c. Extremely affluent people living in the neighbourhood
 - d. Civilized manner in which traffic is coordinated
2. What do the urban rich feel about the signs that have been painted wrong?
 - a. Tolerant b. Amusing c. Aesthetic d. Annoyed
3. The expression 'out of sorts' as used in the extract means

Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words:

1. Bring out Umberto Eco's humility and modesty as evident in the chapter The Interview.
2. How does Rudyard Kipling contradict himself regarding his views on being interviewed?
3. Explain: "I started writing novels by accident." What did Umberto Eco want to convey through this statement?

Answer the following question in about 120 words:

"The Interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence." What arguments does Christopher Silvester give in support of this statement?