

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SESSION 2013-2014

Class: X

Subject : English

Assignment No. 3

Section A (Reading)

1. Read the passage carefully:-

He is a lover of languages, fluent in German, French and English and of course, his mother tongue Tamil. Teaching German at the Goethe Institute up to seven days a week, and heading the long distance learning programme in co operation with IGNOU, keep him very busy. As if his life wasn't hectic enough, P. Saralathan has translated Franz Kafka's 'Letter to the Father' from the original German text to Tamil. The Tamil translation is entitled 'Thandaiku' Saralathan says he was inspired to translate 'Letter to the Father' for the potential of Kafka's words make us look at the power wielded by Indian parents over their children. In a rare departure for contemporary Indian or Tamil Literature, this book explores the son's pent up remorse towards his father. It is not to say that a son in India can not feel for his father, but according to Saralathan, it's something that is not really discussed openly in our patriarchal society.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below

- (a) What makes Saralathan extremely busy?
- (b) Why was he inspired to translate 'Letter to the Father' into Tamil?
- (c) What has this book tried to explore?
- (d) The word 'pent up' in the passage means_____.
- (e) A patriarchal society is headed by_____.

Section B (Writing)

2. Considering the acute shortage of water in some parts of your city, your school has decided to launch a rain water harvesting program in the school. As the President of the Environment Club of your school, write an article for your school magazine, in not more than 150 words , informing the students about the program, its benefits, the simple techniques that can be used to store rain water and utilize it for various purposes. Refer to the Unit 'Environment' in MCB.
3. A travel agency has arranged an informal dinner party for a select group of potential customers. Most of them are people who have availed of the services of the agency on at least one occasion. The purpose of the evening is to promote new schemes that the agency has brought out for holiday makers. Before dinner is served, the manager of the travel company gives a talk about these schemes. Write out the speech in about 150 words .
- * thanks for choosing the agency
 - * new destinations
 - * affordable packages
 - * concessions on offer
 - * bonus points
 - * tie-ups with exclusive resorts/hotels/airlines

Section C (Grammar)

4. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet

against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

In a desert, there was sand all over.

Example : was – is ____.

There is no road, not even the track
to follow. But a caravans winds its way
forward by the desert without
stopping. A string of camels laden on
goods are called a caravan.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

Land rovers but small planes are
now used in some desert places.

(f) _____

5. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows.

Sohan : How are you ?

Rakesh : I am fine, thank you.

Sohan : Where are you going now ?

Rakesh : I am planning to go to see a movie

Sohan asked Rakesh (a) _____. Rakesh thanked Sohan and replied (b) _____.

Sohan further asked Rakesh (c) _____. Rakesh replied that he was planning to go to see a movie.

Section D (Literature)

7. Imagine yourself to be the ancient mariner. Write a diary entry describing the sufferings you underwent in the 'silent-sea'.
8. Mark Antony manages to turn the tide in favour of the dead Caesar, without offending the sentiments of the conspirators. As Mark Antony, write a letter to your friend describing your feelings on the killing of Caesar and how you convinced Romans to rise up and revolt.
9. How did Patol Babu convince himself to do the role that had just one word "oh!", for him to say? If you were in his place, how would you react?

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