

Class : IX

Subject : English

Assignment 4

1. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:*

VENUS TRANSITS SUN

Millions Of Indians kept their date with rare celestial event of the Evening Star Venus crossing the face of the Sun on Tuesday, the 8th June 2004 even though the weather played spoil-sport in several parts of the country, denying perfect viewing.

Huge crowds of young and old thronged planetariums across the country in the morning to get a view of the Earth's closest planet, making its first touch with the Sun at 10:46 am. Venus looked like a small black dot against a giant bright Sun when it began the transit at 11:06 AM.

Planetariums in the four metros and other cities had made special arrangements for the public to view the event by putting up solar-filter telescopes and binoculars.

An hour after the transit began, the weather suddenly changed in several states, bringing rain. The rain and cloudy sky prevented enthusiastic sky gazers from getting a perfect view of the transit, but people waited anxiously for more than three hours to catch a glimpse of Venus.

Their patience finally paid off when the skies cleared in the evening to offer a perfect view of the third contact of Venus with the Sun at 4:37 PM. The transit ended at 4:50 Pm when Venus was visible outside the solar disk.

Today's was the first Venus transit to be visible from Indian in 130 years. Another transit 122 years ago was not visible from India. The next transit will occur in 2012 at night. So it will not be visible in India.

The mini eclipse, when Venus moved across the face of the sun lasted for over a period of six hours. This is known as the Venus Transit and occurs only twice every century or so.

- 1) On 8th June 2004, millions of Indians viewed a rare celestial event of _____
- 2) Perfect viewing of the rare event was marred by _____
- 3) Against the bright glare of the Sun, Venus looked _____

4) Enthusiastic sky gazers were finally rewarded for their _____

5) The mini eclipse is also known as _____

Q2. The Times of India is organizing a creative writing competition for the school students on the topic "Newspaper of the Future". Taking ideas from the following notes, together with your own ideas, write an article for the competition in not more than 150 words.

Present Situation : ink and paper newspaper on the decline – youth not interested – a lot of trees are cut for making paper for newspapers - Harmful for environment – more and more people go to the internet for news.

Newspaper of the Future: instant- just a click away – paper free – digital, internet and mobile based, can be read on screens – can have stunning visuals – audio and video content – more reader friendly – more environment friendly – already some leading newspapers are switching or have already switched over to the internet – boon for media houses and advertisers – greater reach – lot of information – truly international – easy to use.

Q3) Write a notice on behalf of the Principal, Ganga International School, Sultanpur, Informing the students about their first term examination. Your notice should include the following details:

* Date of commencement * Duration of examination * Date sheet circular * Classes

Q4) Complete the given passage by choosing the correct alternatives.

Millions of people (a) _____ trouble getting enough sleep. Recent research links lack (b) _____ sleep to health problems ranging (c) _____ hypertension to weight gain. You may have (d) _____ medication. You may learn how to stay (e) _____ from caffeine and nicotine. You are probably wise not to eat too big a meal a couple of hours (f) _____ bedtime. In spite of all this you still suffer (g) _____ sleeplessness. Experts offer (h) _____ Tips to get better sleep.

a) has have b) of from c) with in d) try tried
are is with in from as trying tries

e) away near f) at after g) by with h) any some
close beside before during in from much most

Q5) Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences.

a) in the / is swimming / with tremendous / one sport / potential / country
One sport in the country with tremendous potential is swimming.

- b) our / is/ full of/ talented swimmers/ country
- c) not/ utilized/ potential/ fully/ their/ is
- c) academic subjects/ other activities/ take precedence/ over/ in school
- d) has done/ the sport/ the Government/ very little/ to boost

Q6. Read the following conversation between a mother and a son and complete the passage given below:

Mother: Are you ready? The wedding is at 10:30 p.m.

Son: I am not interested. I am not going.

Mother: What do you mean?

Son: I don't have any friends there. I will get bored.

The mother asked her son _____ and informed him that _____ When the son said that he was not interested and he was not going the mother _____ .. The son replied _____ . and would get bored.

Q7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:-

When I think of the lollies I licked,
 And the liquorice all sorts I picked,
 Sherbet dabs, big and little,
 My conscience gets horribly pricked.

- i) What do these lines express the best
 - a) happiness
 - b) wish
 - c) hunger
 - d) regret

- ii) Which of the following is the correct rhyme scheme of the stanza?
 - a) aaba
 - b) aabc
 - c) abab
 - d) abca

- iii) The speaker's conscience has been pricked because
 - a) she has not got the sweets she likes

- b) she has finished all the sweets she had
- c) she could not help stealing her favourite sweets
- d) she has suffered on account of her weakness for sweets.

II Full of strange oaths, and bearded like pard,
 Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
 Seeking the bubble reputation

- i) Which role of man's life do the above lines describe?
- ii) Mention any two characteristics of this age.
- iii) What do you understand by the phrase "Bubble Reputation".

Q8. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words

- a) Private Quelch was in corrigible. Do you agree? Give textual evidence in support of your answer.
- b) What was the first impression that Private Quelch made on his fellow mates and how?
- c) Why has the life been called "an eventful history" in the poem "The Seven Ages".
- d) Why does the poet call the last stage "second childhood"?
- e) The narrator brushed her teeth every night, yet she could not save them from the dentist's drill? Why?
- f) How does the poet feel on thinking about all the sweets she had consumed in the past? Why?