

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL BOKARO STEEL CITY

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SESSION 2009-2010

Class : VI

Subject : English

Assign. No. 3

Section – A (Reading)

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

In 1882 a baby girl had an attack of fever so serious that it made her blind and deaf. Little she would have thought she would join the illustrious rank of greats like Homer and John Milton who produced classic literature despite their blindness. Though they were physically blind they were not so intellectually. The baby girl was none other than legendary Helen Keller who remapped the boundaries of sense and sight, inspiring millions of the blind and deaf for generations to come.

Helen Keller was born on 27 June 1880 in Alabama, U.S. as the daughter of a journalist. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of telephone examined the deaf child and appointed Anne Sullivan, a teacher in a blind school as her tutor. Though Anne herself was partially blind she devoted her entire attention on this handicapped child and was her friend, philosopher and guide throughout her life. Anne observed that though Helen was physically blind she had phenomenal memory power and concentration. She was also a picture of courage and determination. Soon Anne taught Helen lip - reading by which method Helen was able to communicate with every one with little difficulty. She also learnt Braille with the aid of which she was able to read various books. Turned into an eminent scholar, Helen graduated with honours from Radcliffe College in 1904. She was the first handicapped individual to achieve this great feat. Soon she produced her first work ' The Story Of My Life ' which was an instant success. Later it was translated into more than fifty languages. "Literature was my Utopia," observed Helen "No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of book friends". She also said, "Beauty need not be seen or heard. But enough if you feel it". She travelled several countries and met the Heads of State. She had a special audience with the then President John Kennedy and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India. Her popularity raised to new heights making Mark Twain, noted American author declare that Helen Keller and Napoleon were the two distinguished personalities who had influenced his life. Among the other books that have been written are "Optimism", "An Essay", "Midstream - My Later Life", "The World I Live In" and "My Religion". She also contributed to several magazines. In 1962 a film with the title "The Miracle Worker" was produced based on her life.

Honours came in search of her. In 1952 she was made Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour. She was also conferred with the prestigious Brazil's Order of the Southern Cross, Phillipines' Golden Heart and Lebanon's Gold Medal of Merit. She was also greatly interested in the welfare of the handicapped living in other countries. An organization named after her was founded in U.S. which took care of the interests of the blind people.

This legendary woman who single - handedly destroyed the age - old myths about blindness and deafness breathed her last on June 1, 1968.

1. Who is Hellen Keller? How did she become blind?
2. Who was her tutor and what did she teach Helen?
3. Mention the names of the books written by Helen Keller?
4. What did the legendary woman single - handedly do?

Section – B (Writing)

- B1. Write a post card to your friend inviting him on your birthday. Word limit - 50 words.
- B2. Write an article for your School magazine on the topic "The influence of media on students."
- B3. You have just joined a new school in a big city where your father has been posted. It was difficult for you to leave your friends and shift to a strange place. You are apprehensive about the new classmates and teachers. Make a diary entry on your second day at school.

Section – C (Grammar)

- C1. Editing
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| | incorrect | correct |
| Apples is mainly served on the end of dinner. Apples of high acid content are used with the kitchen or in cookery. The juices extracted with apples are used freshly or after fermentation onto wine and vinegar. It is said these apples relieve physical heaviness and mental strain. | eg. is
(a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
XXXXX
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____
(g) _____
(h) _____
XXXXX | are |
- C2. Rearrange the words or phrases to make meaningful sentences.
1. waves / are / difficulties / like
 2. face / them / if you / they / cannot / hurt / you
 3. as / come / nearer / they.
 4. yourself / find / you/ will/ lifted up / meet / them / to
- C3. Given below is a set of instruction on 'how to manage your worry'. Read the instructions and fill in the blanks of the following paragraph.
1. Make efforts to learn as much as you can about yourself.
 2. Share your feelings with people around you.
 3. Give your life a purpose.
 4. Practice meditation and adopt proper food habits.
 5. Eat the right stuff and only when you are hungry.
- The basic principle of managing worry is awareness eg. efforts should be made to learn as much as you can about yourself. Your a) _____ around you.
A suitable b) _____. Meditation
c) _____ and d) _____.
Finally e) _____ only when one is hungry.

Section D - (Literature)

- D1. "Whether he sees the season come and go".
- a) Name the poem and the poet?
 - b) How does a scarecrow differ from a living being?
 - c) What is the question that bothers him?
- D2. "It's a little wiser now and checks the sky first".
- a) Who is wiser now?
 - b) What do you understand by the 'never say - die' attitude.
 - c) Explain the term 'survivor'? Do you think human beings as good at surviving as the spiders are?
- D3. Discuss the qualities mentioned in the lesson that would make the school "The Happy School".

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