

PASSAGE 14

- 1 Travelling is a pleasure. Particularly for the young, the desire to see new places and get the feel of a new environment makes travel a wonderful experience. But do we make it trouble-free for others?
- 2 Don't start a conversation with the co-passenger without first knowing his willingness to converse with you. He/she might like to read or have a nap and not necessarily be in a mood to talk.
- 3 Place your baggage in the rack above your seat. Don't encroach¹ upon another's space. Also wait till the plane / bus / train comes to a stop to pull your luggage out.
- 4 Be eco-friendly; remember that the place where you stand had been visited and has to be visited by thousands more. Carry a plastic bag for waste on sightseeing trips; you can empty it later in a dustbin. 'Sustainable² Tourism' is the only way to protect the resources and beauty of the earth.
- 5 If you want to enjoy the hospitality³ of friends or relatives residing in the place you visit, inform them in advance. Don't drop in like a bolt from the blue.
Be considerate⁴ towards your hosts. Help your host / hostess in domestic chores⁵. Go on sightseeing trips without troubling them to come to your help. Use your own toiletries⁶ and towels. Use the telephone of your host sparingly and only when necessary. Don't interfere in their domestic affairs unless you are asked to join. Don't expect your host to attend to your needs all the time. (Words : 245)

Word-meanings :

1. *encroach* — to use more of something than one should; 2. *sustainable* — involving the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment; 3. *hospitality* — looking after guests and being friendly and welcoming towards them; 4. *considerate* — always thinking of other people's wishes and feelings; 5. *chore* — a job that is not interesting but has to be done; 6. *toiletries* — things such as soap or toothpaste that is used for washing, dressing teeth etc.

Choose the correct option for each question :

1. Travelling gives us happiness because it gives us an opportunity
 - (a) to see hills
 - (b) to see oceans
 - (c) to see new places
 - (d) to enjoy better weather conditions.
2. We should not bother our fellow-passengers by
 - (a) talking needlessly
 - (b) taking their reading material
 - (c) taking their sleeping space
 - (d) not pulling their luggage out.

3. Being eco-friendly in the passage implies

- (a) planting trees
- (b) not wasting things
- (c) not littering the place
- (d) being kind to your hosts.

4. One can be considerate towards the hosts by.....

- (a) not visiting them
- (b) carrying plastic bags
- (c) not overstaying
- (d) not expecting too much

5. The antonym for '*sparingly*' is

- (a) liberally
- (b) carefully
- (c) necessary
- (d) needful