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SECTION - 'A'

- 1.1. (a) (ii) Chennai ✓  
(b) (iii) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation  
(c) (iii) to carry the harvested organ in the shortest possible time  
(e) (i) they don't have well-trained experts  
(f) (iii) four ✓

1.2 (a) A green corridor is a route cleared and cordoned off by the traffic police to ensure the smooth and steady transportation of harvested organs to those awaiting a life-saving transplant.

(b) The retrieved organ must be smoothly transported due to its short preservation time and the fact that it should not suffer any physical damage in transit.

(c) The Chennai Traffic Police are hardworking, determined and exhibit excellent coordination skills in having performed this mighty feat.

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(d) As cadaver organs have a short life, they must be transported and transplanted within a few hours. As these hours are absolutely crucial, they are referred to as golden hours.

(e) In a private hospital, a heart transplant costs £15 to £20 lakhs, and is followed by post-operative medication, costing about £30,000 per month lifelong.

- 1.3. (a) preserve  
(b) accomplished

## 2. (a) The Impact of Television

### 1. Benefits of television:

1.1. ↑ knowledge - science, arts

1.2. comp. for old people, patients

1.3. language practice

## 2. Time spent:

2.1. some ~~count~~ - 6 hours or more

2.2. children ~~in~~ more than sleeping or studying

2.3. powerful influence

## 3. Disadvantages:

3.1. ~~in~~ poor concentration

3.2. ~~in~~ relaxes

3.3. dissatisfaction caused: ~~high in violent at~~

3.3.1. real life boring ~~of~~ ~~and~~ ~~young~~

3.3.2. slow problem solving ~~young~~ ~~problem~~

## 4. Violent depictions:

4.1. before age of 14 - 11,000 murders seen ~~and~~ ~~age~~

4.2. ~~acc.~~ violence as the norm ~~violent~~ ~~function~~

4.3. ~~studs~~ ~~in~~ people become violent themselves

### Abbreviations and symbols used:

comp. - company

↑ - increases

count. - countries

→ - spend time

br. - brain

⇒ - leads to

acc. - accept

~ - show that

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(b) SUMMARY.

### The Impact of Television

The television is quite omnipresent, and harbours many advantages for its viewers- increasing knowledge, providing company, and teaching languages. However, its overuse has created problems like poor concentration, shortened attention span and dissatisfaction with real life. Some people <sup>spend</sup> more than six hours a day watching television. Due to the prevalence of violent acts depicted on screen, viewers begin to accept them, and even imitate them. The television, is thus, a double-edged sword that must be wielded with prudence.

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### SECTION-C

7. (a) (i) 'She' refers to Sophie, a teenage girl, who lives with her family and is currently attending high school. She is the central protagonist of 'Going Places' by A.R. Barton.
- (ii) She is waiting for her heartthrob Danny Casey, an Irish footballer who plays for Manchester United. She has imagined that he had promised her a date.
- (iii) Lovers liked the wooden bench beneath the elm as they would not be disturbed when they met each other there. It provided them with the privacy they so craved.
- (iv) Although this meeting was purely imaginary, it was special to Sophie as it would be the second time she gets to "meet" Danny Casey. Moreover, in her dreams, he had suggested this meeting himself, and had promised her an autograph.

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- (b) (i) Robert Frost calls the desire to attract customers childish because it was highly improbable that someone who stopped by the roadside stand was interested in purchasing something. Most cars usually just sped by without a glance.
- (ii) The poor people are sad as they haven't made a single sale all day, and are dejected by the fact that no one is kind enough to take pity on them and provide them business.
- (iii) They pray long and hard for a car to stop because they desperately need to be able to sell their produce to make ends meet.
- (iv) The word 'squeal' refers to the screeching, high-pitched noise made when the brakes of a car are applied and the car skids to a halt.



8. (a) Prussia had defeated France in the Franco-Prussian War, and the French districts of Alsace and Lorraine had passed into Prussian hands. The order from Berlin proclaimed that only German would be taught to the school children of these districts henceforth. Franz was astounded to learn of this, and remained dumbstruck upon realising that he would never get to learn more of his beloved mother tongue, French, anymore. He instantly regretted not having paid his lessons more attention in the past, and called the order a "thunderclap" out of discre

(b) Firstly, the staff of Gemini Studios had only heard of more popular poets like Keats, Tennyson and Shelley. Stephen Spender was completely unknown to them. In his speech, Mr. Hasan, the boss, failed to clarify the identity and exploits of Stephen Spender, satisfactorily, for he too, was quite confused. Moreover, the audience failed to comprehend the poet's own speech, due to his strong and unfathomable English accent. His newspaper, The

encounter, wasn't very popular in Madras as well.

(e) Theodore Roosevelt, the erstwhile President of the United States of America, and a good friend of William Douglas, said these inspiring words to highlight the importance of courage. Douglas overcame his inhibitions to get rid of his hydrophobia by realising that it was not the water that was his arch-enemy, but merely his fear of it. H

(e) McEvry explained to Stephens that he unfortunately suffered from haemorrhoids and found it uncomfortable to sit for long periods of time without this strange cushioning. It actually contained pig's blood from the slaughterhouse at Kidlington, mixed with one-tenth of its own volume of trisodium citrate to prevent it from clotting. Evans poured it over his head to pretend like he was the injured invigilator, and to escape from HM Prison, Oxford. H

s well.

(f) Bama took thirty minutes to complete a ten minute journey as she was awestruck by sights such as the snake charmer and his poisoned serpent, the hunter-gypsy with his wild lemur, a cyclist who had been pedalling for three days spurred on by donations, the dried fish stall in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue, stunt performances, political speeches, various eatables on sale, and much more.

9. (1<sup>st</sup> option) The bangle-makers of Firozabad have no choice but to live in abject poverty due to a plethora of unfortunate reasons. They lack initiative and courage, both of which are qualities required to organise themselves into a cooperative union, and demand for their rights. As they cannot present a legal front, they remain powerless when it comes to their own upliftment.

Moreover, they are cruelly exploited by vicious sabukars, middlemen, politicians and bureaucrats, who

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use the police force to physically subjugate them, and keep their noses at the grindstone. These evil middlemen extract inhuman amounts of labour from the bangle-makers, yet do not pay them their due. The bangle-makers, being timid and exhausted, are unable to revolt against them.

Lastly, each new generation born in Tirupatad is trapped in this vicious cycle from a young age, and begin to accept exploitation as natural. They lose their eyesight due to long hours indoors, and suffer from respiratory diseases due to the close from the furnaces. Their poverty can be alleviated by refusing to believe in superstitions regarding the continuity of their professional lineage, and by daring to dream. When Mukesh is bold enough to pursue to the career of his choice, Anees Jung is delighted to see a flash of rebellion in him, that will change things for the better.

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(1<sup>st</sup> option) Charley is a thirty-one year old man, who lives with his wife Zouisa in New York. He is stressed due to the requirements of modern life and seeks an escape mechanism in philately. When travelling home from work one day, he decided to take the subway from the Grand Central Station as it was getting late. He ducked into an arched doorway at the station and entered a corridor that sloped downwards and angled left.

Unsurprised at yet another secret entrance, he goes down a flight of stairs and emerges into the Third Level. He could see gas-fired lights and brass spittoons at the platform, and noticed, with interest, an old Currier and Ives locomotive with a funnel-shaped stack. The information booth was wooden and old looking.

Although Charley was dressed in a modern tan gabardine suit and wore a straw hat with a fancy band, he saw men with old-fashioned top hats, sideburns and pocket watches. He was surprised to

after I see a woman walk by with a long dress that reached her high-buttoned boots, and which had leg-of-mutton sleeves.

One look at a newspaper, 'The World' lying at the feet of a delivery boy confirmed that it was the year 1894, for it ran an article about the then president, Cleveland. The ticket seller at his booth turned Charley away when he tried to buy two tickets to Springfield, Illinois for himself and his wife. Charley had overlooked the fact that the currency had evolved over time! He left quickly through the same tunnel, for he did not wish to be jailed.

Although Charley came back to the Grand Central Station in search of the Third Zone once again, he was unsuccessful in his attempts to find it, much to the relief of Louisa, who believed that it was merely a hallucination.

SECTION-'B'3. (1<sup>st</sup> option)

THE NATIONAL TIMES, dated 20<sup>th</sup> june 20xx

SITUATION VACANT

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Interested professionals, email your detailed resume to the General Manager at gmgoldenss@gmail.com, by 7<sup>th</sup> July 20xx at the latest.

4. (1<sup>st</sup> option)

125, Sohna Road,  
Kodaikanal

7<sup>th</sup> of June, 20xx

The Editor

Indian Times  
Chennai

Sir / Madam,

Subject: The Importance of Organ Donation - reg.

Through the columns of your esteemed and widely-read daily, I would like to bring to light the invaluable act of organ donation, seeing as its importance is escalating in today's fast-paced world.

The Municipal Councillor of Kodaikanal, Mrs. Shobha Alwas, recently reached her final abode. We, the residents of Kodaikanal, were touched to learn that she had donated her eyes, heart and liver to three desperate patients via the Army Medical College. She indeed, continues to serve the community even after her passing.

Organ donation refers to the harvest and transplant of organs from a healthy donor or cadaver to a compatible recipient. Organs such as the corneas of the eyes can prove to be life-changing to the recipients and can help them recover fully. Apart from making the best use of one's mortal remains, organ donation also fosters new relationships between hitherto unknown families and strengthens the spirit of humanity.

Unfortunately, there still exists a plethora of obstacles to the act of organ donation, namely religious superstitions, societal stigma and improper and inadequate medical infrastructure. The need of the hour

is to set up dedicated organ banks and medical personnel teams to streamline the process, and to cut down on time-consuming red tape procedures. This will help ensure that no more deserving lives are lost.

I hope that the publication of my opinion will help galvanise the concerned authorities into taking much needed action.

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Yours sincerely,

Navita Sharma

5. (2<sup>nd</sup> option)

A warm and joyous morning to all gathered here, dear teachers and our lovely students, of ABC Public School. As your Principal, I, Mrs. Reena Rohit, feel that it is my duty to wish all students, the very best for the upcoming examinations. I shall now proceed to address you on preparations for your annual examinations, in the hope that it will

instrument, or spending time with your family. It is absolutely essential to get at the very least, seven hours of sleep a day. This helps your brain assimilate all that you have learnt throughout the day.

Lastly, I would like to tell you that you should not get too stressed during your preparations. Do your best and leave the rest to the Almighty. Your exams are not the end of the world. You are so much more than the sum total of your marks!

Do feel free to approach me or your teachers for extra help or guidance. Thank you for having been such a wonderful audience today, and once again, all the very best to my dear students!

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6. (2<sup>nd</sup> option)

### Today's Parents and the girl child

Suhasini, Special Correspondent

We, as a society, have come a long way from the evils of female foeticide and gender-based discrimination. While these abominations still exist, one cannot deny that the attitude of the public is changing for the better. Daughters, have come to be seen as cherished blessings.

This phenomenal transition, from regressive to progressive attitudes, can be attributed to the ever-growing achievements of women in almost all walks of life. Parents are more enthusiastic about providing their daughters with quality education and equal opportunities, as they would <sup>provide to</sup> their son. Both the government, as well as private organisations have inculcated schemes that benefit the girl child. The sex ratio is becoming more balanced, and more parents

are investing in the education and career of their daughters.

Perhaps the biggest change that has come about in the filial structure, is that daughters are beginning to command greater respect both in the family and in society. Some examples of powerful women, who are what they are today because their parents believed in them, include Michelle Obama, Greta Thunberg and our very own Hima Das. The revolution in the parent daughter relationship is also partly caused by the shunning of evil practices such as dowry. Because of this, daughters have now come to be viewed as assets instead of liabilities.

However, we still have quite a long way to go before sons and daughters are treated as absolute equals, and daughters get to realise their true potential. This collective upheaval can be brought

about by providing our daughters more exposure to women role models and by supporting their career choices, ~~not no matter how challenging they may be.~~ More parents need to encourage their daughters to reach for the stars by providing a supportive environment from an early age. Let us hope, dear readers, that this movement trickles down from cities to towns and villages, and becomes a truly global one, in the years to come.