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Thinking about Language

I. Match the words/phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Answer:

- 1 - (viii)
- 2 - (vi)
- 3 - (v)
- 4 - (ii)
- 5 - (vii)
- 6 - (iv)
- 7 - (iii)
- 8 - (i)

II. Use suitable words or phrases from Column A above to complete the paragraph given below.

A Traffic Jam

During power cuts, when traffic lights go off, there is utter _____ at crossroads. Drivers add to the confusion by _____ over their right of way, and nearly come to blows. Sometimes passers-by, seeing a few policemen _____ at regulating traffic, step in to help. This gives them a feeling of having _____ something.

Answer:

During power cuts, when traffic lights go off, there is utter chaos at crossroads. Drivers add to the confusion by getting into a row over their right of way, and nearly come to blows. Sometimes passers-by, seeing a few policemen slaving at regulating traffic, step in to help. This gives them a feeling of having accomplished something.

III. Look at the sentences below. Notice that the verbs (italicised) are all in their bare form.

The table below has some proverbs telling you what to do and what not to do. Fill in the blanks and add a few more such proverbs to the table.

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	<i>Positive</i>		<i>Negative</i>
(i)	<i>Save</i> for a rainy day.	(i)	<i>Don't cry</i> over spilt milk.
(ii)	<i>Make hay</i> while the sun shines.	(ii)	<i>Don't put</i> the cart before the horse.
(iii)	_____ before you leap.	(iii)	_____ a mountain out of a mole hill.
(iv)	_____ and let live.	(iv)	_____ all your eggs in one basket.

Answer:

(iii) Look Before you leap.

Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill.

(iv) Live and let Live.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

(v) Mind your own business.

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

(vi) Be first at the feast and last at the fight.

Don't count the days, make the days count!

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