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Question 2. In pairs, discuss the problem Ravi is facing. Do you think Ravi's boss is right? Give reasons for your answer. Tick mark the qualities that you feel desirable in a boss.

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Answer: The character of a boss has always been stereotyped. Thus, it is wrong to always follow the conventional norm and blame the boss. In Ravi's case, there can be two perspectives: His boss can be right if the work is really urgent and needs to be taken care of immediately. When Ravi had joined the organization, he must have been well aware that the work atmosphere was under a lot of pressure. Thus, the boss's decision can be well-justified.

Or

His boss can be wrong if the work can be looked after later. If Ravi's reputation as an employee was good, his boss should have probably granted him leave. Ravi's loyalty towards his duties and responsibilities would have built goodwill in the company because of which the boss should have entrusted him the leave.

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Question 3. Think of an occasion when you led a team for a competition. Were you successful? Did you exhibit any of the qualities given in Q.2.? If so, to what extent were these qualities exhibited and how did it lead to your success?

Through an e-mail, share your experience with a friend.

Answer:

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From: ravi.sharma@tmail.com

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Subject: Success as a team leader in the Quiz Competition held yesterday.

Dearest Mohan,

I am writing this mail especially to share my happiness and success with you. Recently, our school participated in a quiz competition in J.K. Stadium. I was the team leader of the entire team which went over there. I had to take charge of all the responsibilities which had to be taken care of. I focused on the weak and the strong points of our team so that we could be successful. The quiz was based on the Anti-Corruption campaign going on in our country. I helped our team members to prepare thoroughly with the help of newspapers, magazines, quiz books, previous records, and historical events and so on. We visited the National Library as well for the same. Finally,

our team gained success and we won the trophy of the Inter School Quiz Competition. I am glad my principal and teachers are happy and proud of me.

Love,
Ravi

Question 6. Following are eight incidents from the story but their order is mixed up. Put them in the right sequence.

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- (c) The boss consented.
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