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7. After Patol Babu returns home he recounts his experience in front of the camera to his wife. In pairs write out the exchange in the form of a dialogue and enact it before the class. You may start like this.... Patol Babu's wife: So what happened at the shooting today? Did you get to do your role?

Patol Babu: Oh, Yes, I had the time of my life\_\_\_\_\_\_ Answer:

Patol Babu's wife: So what happened at shooting today? Did you get to do your role?

Patol Babu: Oh, yes, I had the time of my life. Did you know that filmmaking is very different from stage production?

Patol Babu's wife: Oh really? Who was the director of the film? Patol Babu: Baren Mullick. He has three smash hits in a row!

Patol Babu's wife: Tell me about your part?

Patol Babu: Well....well... it was a very short role... but everybody loved my performance. Do you know there are cameras focused at every angle? You get a chance to rehearse your part. It is very different from stage.

Patol Babu's wife: So how many lines did you get to speak? Patol Babu: Well... I forgot to tell you my role was with the hero of the film—Chanchal Kumar.

Patol Babu's wife: But you are not telling me anything about your role.

Patol Babu: I will...I will...but first give me something to eat. I am really hungry. I will take you to show this film when it is released. I promise. Come let's eat something.

## Writing Task

9. Patol Babu writes a letter to Nishikanto Ghosh to thank him for being instrumental in his getting a role in a film. He also shares his experience at the film shoot including the excitement and deep satisfaction that he derived from the same. Write the letter in about 200 words.

Answer:

Dear Nishikanto Babu,

How are you? Hope you are doing fine. It was indeed a pleasure meeting you the other day. I wanted to thank you for recommending me for that role.

At first, I was surprised that an acting offer would come my way after so many years. However, as you know how passionate I am about acting that I just couldn't refuse. When I reached the shooting site, I realised how different acting in a film was than acting on

stage. I saw so many new things—cameras, lights, make up artists, production people, etc. It was a completely new experience for me. I must confess something—I was initially disappointed with my role and dialogue. It was a very small part with almost no dialogue. however, my mentor's advice motivated me and I rehearsed and performed my part to perfection. In fact I can say that it was my finest performance till date.

I am very grateful to you as it was because of you that I had this fantastic experience at the first place.

I must also add that your brother-in-law is a thorough gentleman. He took good care of me. Thanks again.

Yours truly, Patol Babu

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