



C. Thinking About Language

The phrase 'inter alia' meaning 'among other things' is one of the many Latin expressions commonly used in English.

Find out what these Latin phrases mean:

1. prima facie
2. ad hoc
3. ad infinitum
4. mutatis mutandis
5. caveat
6. tabula rasa

Answer:

1. Prima facie: on the first view
2. Ad hoc: for the special aim
3. Ad infinitum: up to infinity
4. Mutatis mutandis: with necessary changes
5. caveat: a warning that particular things need to be considered before something can be done
6. Tabula rasa: a smooth tablet

D. Working with Words

I. Locate the following phrases in the text and study their connotation:

- (i) gripped the imagination of
- (ii) dawned upon
- (iii) ushered in
- (iv) passed into current coin
- (v) passport of the future

Answer:

- (i) gripped the imagination of: have powerful effect on imagination
- (ii) dawned upon: became obvious; began to realize for the first time
- (iii) ushered in: to make something new begin
- (iv) passed into current coin: become a part of current usage
- (v) passport of the future: a thing that enables us to achieve something.

II. The words grip, dawn, usher, coin, passport have a literal as well as a figurative meaning. Write pairs of sentences using each word in its literal sense as well as the figurative sense.

Answer:

1. Grip: (i) She gripped on to the railing with both hands.
(ii) Terrorism has gripped the country for the past five years.
2. Dawn: (i) A new technological age has dawned.
(ii) It dawned on me that they couldn't possibly have met before.
3. Usher: (i) The Secretary ushered me into his office.
(ii) The change of management ushered in fresh ideas and policies.
4. Coin: (i) Every coin has two sides.
(ii) She coined a phrase to explain her meaning.
5. Passport: (i) I showed my passport to the security officer.
(ii) Hard work alone is the passport to success.

E. Notice these expressions in the text.

Question 1. Guess their meaning from the context.

➤ <i>a holistic and ecological view</i>	➤ <i>sustainable development</i>
➤ <i>languish</i>	➤ <i>ignominious darkness</i>
➤ <i>inter alia</i>	➤ <i>decimated</i>
➤ <i>catastrophic depletion</i>	➤ <i>transcending concern.</i>

Answer:

- A holistic and ecological view: a complete view of the whole thing keeping in mind the inter relationship of constituents among themselves and to environment.
- Sustainable development: development that can be continued for a long time.
- Languish : forced to stay somewhere.
- Ignominious darkness: disgraceful/humiliating darkness.
- Inter alia: among other things.
- Decimated: destroyed.
- Catastrophic depletion : disastrous exhaustion.
- Transcending concern : surpassing concern.

F. Things to do

Question 1. Make posters to highlight the importance of the Green Movement.

Answer:

Go Green	SAVE ENVIRONMENT	Act Now
JOIN THE GREEN MOVEMENT		
IDEALS	IMPORTANCE	
♦ Healthy Environment	♦ Greens—Only Defence Against Pollution	
♦ Ecological Balance	♦ Plants and Animals - Living Beings	
♦ Conservation of Rare Species	♦ Cleaner Surroundings - Happier Lives	
PLANT TREES & CURB DISEASES		
GREEN: PASSPORT TO LONG AND HAPPY LIFE		
ATTEND		
THE FIRST MEETING OF		
GREEN GROUP		
On		
SUNDAY, 26 March 20xx		
at 4 p.m.		
GREEN PARK NEW CITY		
PARTICIPATE IN		
CONSERVATION MOVEMENT		
TELL ALL		
• Eat Green	• Live Green	• Live Longer

Question 2. Maintain a record of the trees cut down and the parks demolished in your area, or any other act that violates the environment. Write to newspapers reporting on any such acts that disturb you.

Answer: Maintaining a record: left for self attempt

Letter to Editor: See the specimen given below:

271 Green Road, Silver City 20 March 20 XX,

The Editor,

The National Herald,

New City.

Sub: Illegal felling of trees

Sir,

May I use the columns of your daily to draw the attention of the public and the authorities concerned towards an act that has caused severe violation of environment. The central park adjacent to Green Road had many tall and beautiful trees which added to its glory. Of late some people began to use it for hosting wedding

parties or political functions. They caused much damage to the environment by damaging the plants, flowers, young trees and grass growing in the lawns as well as creating noise pollution through loudspeakers.

Yesterday, some enthusiastic members of the green club protested to the organiser of a political assembly against the misuse of the park and the untold harm to environment. To our surprise, we found that all the tall trees had been felled and cut down into logs overnight.

We have lodged a complaint with the local police station. We appeal to you to publish this letter of protest against the illegal felling of trees with your comments and remind the authorities that it is the responsibility of the state to preserve healthy environment. I am confident that you will take up this cause.

Yours faithfully,
Deepak/Deepika

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