



## READING TIME

8. *Answer: Do you ever go on holiday during religious festivals?*
9. *Read the text and write the characteristics of the past and the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*



“My dear granddaughter, thank you for visiting me on this religious festival morning. You know, some people go on holiday during religious festivals these days. Religious festivals were different when I was a child. All relatives and friends used to visit one another during those days, not after the festival. We always wore new clothes. Nowadays, people don't buy special clothes for festivals because they frequently buy a lot of clothes and they don't give any particular importance to them. They consider religious festivals as holidays because they have to work hard. Life was different in the past. For example, only a few women used to work. Most women stayed at home to look after their children because there didn't use to be many nurseries. Doing housework is easier now. We have different household appliances in our century; washing machine, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, etc. My great grandmother used to wash the clothes by hand.

And families used to have a joint family. I mean most married couples used to live with their parents. That has changed now. Every couple wants to live in a nuclear family. We are not very close to our relatives or neighbours. In the past, neighbourhood was very important. Nowadays, we don't even know our neighbours.

Another point is this: The entertainment styles have changed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A lot of people eat out and go to the cinema or theatre. In the past, there used to be very few restaurants and most people preferred to eat and spend time at home. People used to read more books. Nowadays, we only watch TV and look at our mobile phones or computers.”