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GRADE I

(I) "MY FAMILY"

I belong to middle class family in which both the parents are working. My grandparents also live with us. My grandfather is retired from army and draws pension. He is a strict disciplinarian and does not allow anyone to sleep after 5A.M. He treats us as recruits in his training center. He pulls us up very often and my parents have no choice before him. If you have to visit my home, you have to be properly dressed. You cannot sit in our drawing room with legs crossed. It is against the etiquette. My grandmother is very submissive and gentle. She prepares breakfast and helps us in getting ready for school. Although she is past 60, yet she is very active and hard working.

My father works as an accountant in a private firm. He sleeps with a calculator in his pocket. He maintains an account book for the whole family. He will not go to sleep before preparing a balance sheet. When we are busy watching T.V programs, he can be seen taking everyone to task for costly fruits, it is balanced by simple chapattis next day.

My mother is the finest lady in the world. She does not poke her nose in anything. She works as a receptionist in a private firm. She has to get up early in the morning. She is always smiling. When she returns home, smile returns to everyone faces. My elder brother is a student of senior secondary class. He is very serious student and does not take part in games etc. His mind is always fixed on P.C.M. (Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics).

I am the youngest in the family. Although I am a student of class XI, the whole family treats me as a child. No one calls me by my proper name. I am Buggu for all of them. I really feel very awkward when my parents call me Buggu in the presence of my friends. My friends have also started calling me Buggu.

Ours is a very happy family and I wish it to prosper day in and day out.

(2) "THE PERSON LIKE THE MOST (OR) BEST FRIEND"

The world looks gloomy in the absence of true friends. Man by the nature is a social animal. A man who lives alone, is either an angel or a beast. Thus arises the need for a true and honest friend. True friends no doubt are rare in this world.

Mr. Salman is my best friend. He has been my class fellow since my early days. He comes of a very good and respectable family. His parents are well to do. Salman always stands first in the class. Salman is very much interested in games and debates. He is a good speaker and always bags prizes. Salman is one of the most popular boys in the school. Students like him very much because of his good qualities and sound character.

He possesses all the qualities of head and heart. He has a sweet temperament. He is just like a mirror which reflects the merits and demerits of others. He advises and loves all but hates none. He also shares the joys and sorrows of his friends.

A friend is the elixir of life and panacea of all ills. A friend is very useful at the time of adversity. Salman really proves the proverb that a friend in need is a friend indeed. But there are friends in the world who are fair weather friends. When the ones purse jingles with the money, they flock otherwise they run away.

My best friend is the embodiment of all human virtues. He never injures anyone's feelings. He is a calm and quiet boy. He is very sympathetic to the poor. He feeds the hungry and nurses the sick. He has a religious bent of mind. I have learnt a lot of from him. For me he is the sea of knowledge. Services of humanity, devotion to duty, obedience to elders and love for younger are his great ideals.

As a matter of fact, I am lucky that a person like Salman is my best friend. For me, he is a source of inspiration and strength. All of these noble qualities of his make him my best friend.

(3) “AN IDEAL STUDENT”

An ideal student is one who is fully conscious of his duties and responsibilities. He paves the way for the younger generations. The students of today are the leader of tomorrow. A nation can progress if the students have high ideas before them. A student who scores highly is not necessarily an ideal student. He may set a new record in the school but proves utter failure in real life. An ideal student believes in simple living and thinking. He is fearless and bold enough to face the trials and tribulations of life.

An ideal students lives in accordance with the strict rules of conduct and discipline. This is the time of life when the foundation of character is laid. It is said, if wealth is lost, nothing is lost, if health is lost something is lost, if character is lost, everything is lost. The student without sense of discipline is like a ship without a rudder. It sails adrift and never reaches the harbor. He must follow the rules of the school and obey the orders of his teachers.

He should select his friends intelligently and wisely. He is fully conscious to ensure that no evil tempts him. He knows very well that a single rotten apple spoils the whole basket.

An ideal student tries to understand, how much he owes to his parents. He realizes that he owes a heavy debt to parents. He never forgets to look after them when they enter the old life.

He is the servant of humanity. He should shares the worries and other problems with the member of his family. He should also take keen interest in social service. He should be active in finding out solutions to various problems of the society.

Our country needs such students who have muscles of iron nerves of steel. They can dive deep into the secrets and mysteries of the universe. They should be determined to do their duty even at the risk of lives.

Such students alone can help the nation in achieving prosperity for the country.

(4) CULTURE OF PAKISTAN

The literal meaning of culture is to cultivate something. It is also called a way of life. The culture of a nation is combination of a number of factors. It includes the way of living the language literature, religion, Custom and traditions, ideology of life food habits architecture and fine art these aspects of culture grow simultaneously each and every factor of culture reflects vegetation nature mineral resources and animals have great impact in the culture of a nation. Some of the characteristics of culture are:

1. Each Culture has its specific characteristics, which differentiate the people of that culture from others. This culture reflects the past history and ideology of that nation or country.
2. Culture is a force which affects other a culture which has positive force or attraction soon influences other cultures.
3. Culture is subject to change under the influence of contact with other culture. There was a time when Muslim culture had influenced other nations of the world. The culture force remains effective when people's character manifests its faith in that culture new culture emerges due to the process of change and contact with other culture.
4. The individual identity of a culture makes it popular among other Muslim in the past had string individual values.
5. Each culture has certain forceful values. The culture with strong and permanent values absorbs the weak culture as did the Muslim culture when Muslim brought many counters under their influence. This happened because of the permanent and strong value of Islam.

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