

English OTBA Answers

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1 Read the given passage and answer the questions.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow with the help of given options.

1. (b) By eating small amount of food.
2. (d) Both (a) and (c).

1.2 Answer the following as briefly as possible.

1.2.1 What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages?

In earlier times, pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas, and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries, or travel by luxury cars. These days pilgrimages have been converted into luxury picnics which boost the ego of people.

1.2.2 What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnics?

When pilgrimages become more and more like picnics, the entire significance of the pilgrimage is lost. They become like social gatherings for the rich who boost their ego and they brag about their special darshan.

1.2.3 Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts?

As technology makes places more accessible, we start to become lazy and lose sight of the true spirit of pilgrimages. This is seen in the form of rich people treating pilgrimages as picnics, packing in entertainment and tampering with the environment. This shows that we have become complacent in our spiritual efforts.

1.2.4 How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it?

By converting a pilgrimage into a picnic, travelling comfortably and with entertainment, we exploit both the world and our own bodies. We push ourselves into complacent behaviors unconsciously. But nature is our *Amma*, and she will make us all realize our faults sooner or later by responding destructively to all our actions.

1.2.5 In the olden days with what attitude did people go on a pilgrimage?

In olden days people embarked on pilgrimages with a true spirit. They travelled with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas, and fruits, or whatever was available. People went on pilgrimages to seek *sadhna* and freedom from attachment. People wished to stay close to nature, understand her, and learn about themselves from her. Pilgrimages were not a luxurious vacation to them, they were a journey of spiritual enlightenment.

1.2.6 What message does the passage convey to the pilgrims?

This paragraph tries to convey the true meaning of pilgrimages to us, something which has been lost in the midst of technological developments and laziness. It tells us that a pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance. We will only learn to live in hardships if we surrender ourselves to nature.

1.3 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as.

1. Made/Declared: Rendered
2. Very satisfied: Complacent

2 You are Raman/Ramya the Head Boy/ Girl of R.P.V.V. High School, Lajpat Nagar. Write a notice in about 50 words...

R.P.V.V High School, Lajpat Nagar

NOTICE

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All India Poster Making Competition

This is to inform everyone who is currently a student of every standard that our school is participating in the 10th All India Poster making competition which will be hosted in this school at recess on 18th of November 2020. Entry is completely free and hence we encourage each and every student to participate irrespective of their skill as it will be a fun and learning experience. For enquiry please contact your respective Class Teacher.

Raman
Head Boy

3 You have been invited as a judge to an inter-school debate on the topic ‘Smart Cities: Feasibility in India.’ Send a reply confirming your acceptance to the invitation.

The Orchid School
Baner
Pune

19th September 2020

Delhi Public School
Kondhwa
Pune

Sir

Subject: Acceptance for invitation for debate competition

I am writing this letter to you to acknowledge your request for inviting me for the role of a judge for the debate to be held in your school “Smart Cities: Feasibility in India”.

I am glad to inform you that I will be attending the event. Thank you for the opportunity to witness and judge students speak about Smart Cities, which is a highly relevant and important topic. I look forward to attending the debate and hearing the students’ views.

Thank you for hosting this event and for inviting me. I hope to see you soon.

Yours truly
Aditya

4 Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Life without Modern Gadgets’ for your school magazine as Riya/ Rajesh.

Life Without Modern Gadgets

By Rajesh

Gadgets and technology have become central to the human experience. We spend increasing amounts of time interacting with and developing the technology around us. It’s opened up new avenues and possibilities. Its wide application is evident especially in the current COVID-19 situation. We grow increasingly dependant on the technology around us day by day.

However, these gadgets also affect our brains in ways that are still under study. It’s been proven that increased screen time affects mood and mental health. In addition, much of the time we spend on our screen is spent on social media and video games, both of which combined have shown correlations to depression and lack of energy. In addition, these devices have been shown to steal our data, misuse it, and generally invade our privacy. Our increased convenience comes with a cost, both in terms of our privacy and health.

In this context, we have become completely dependent on technology and removing them from our lives would cause detrimental consequences but, small breaks in between to see nature and rejuvenate ourselves can be done and helps our mental health. Taking a break sometimes is important, and doing so will only improve our health and overall happiness.

5 Answer any two of the questions in about 30 words.

5.1 What efforts did Douglas make to get over his fear of water?

Douglas was terrified by water after his childhood episode of nearly drowning. In his adulthood, he had the desire to go to the waters of the Cascades, but his fear prevented him. He thus hired an instructor who slowly taught him to swim, first with the aid of a pulley, then paddling his legs. Piece by piece, the instructor built a swimmer. Douglas himself then pushed himself, by swimming long distances alone, in Lake Wentworth. His fear then became a background phenomenon he could ignore. He also swam till Gilbert Peak in the Conrad Creek.

5.2 Why was the peddler amused at the idea of the world being a rattrap?

The world had never been kind to the peddler. By thinking of the world as a rattrap, with those achieving success as being caught by baits and others who hadn't achieved it yet as circling the bait, he felt a unwonted pleasure. He himself was caught in the vicious cycle of poverty and impoverishment and hence saw riches, food, shelter, heat, clothing, and joys as the cheese bait of a rattrap. He convinced himself that they were bringing about their own downfall by taking the bait.

6 Answer any one of the following questions.

6.1 What explains the attitude of the general in the matter of the enemy soldier? Was it human consideration, lack of national loyalty, dereliction of duty or simply self-absorption?

The General had a condition whose treatment was too complicated for anybody but Dr. Sadao to perform. In addition, any other surgeon would be trained in Germany, and hence could not be trusted. It was hence in the General's self-interest to protect Dr. Sadao, especially as he feared a second attack. The General hence assured Dr. Sadao that he would send two assassins and execute the American soldier. This was solely to protect Sadao, for the benefit of his own operation.

The General however failed to do this, as he was concerned only for his own health. He forgot to send the assassins, and hence Sadao was forced to aid the American to escape.

The General's actions and attitude, that of being understanding to Sadao's plight, and that of wanting to assist Sadao was due to his self-absorption. He was not humanly considerate to the pain of the American, and nor was he being disloyal to Japan or not doing his duty. He was simply seeking to save himself in all cases. This is further evidenced by his words: "The truth is, I thought of nothing but myself. In short, I forgot my promise to you."

The general only was concerned about and absorbed in himself and his health concerns.