

## Delhi Public School, Jammu

Topics:- Unseen Passage, Invitation, Poster, Formal Letter, Deep Water, Tiger King,

### An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum

#### Reading

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully.**

The queries were answered by the parents halting and with obvious anguish. What struck me as the worst part of the situation was that the girl would be often gravely looking on, her eyes aghast with horror and self-pity, aware that she was the topic of discussion. She did not go to school, as there was none there to cater for her needs. They had tried to teach her at home; but without success. She could only hear faintly, without feeling much, when one shouted close to her ears; and she could speak nothing except utter animal –like cries of happiness and sorrow ; or say crudely such words as ma-ma or unc-II. All her other communications were confined to gestures with her hands, which brought a fleeting sensation of torture to her whole being when one failed to follow what she was saying.

- a. Write the summary of the given passage.
- b. The parents answered her queries.....
  - a) With pleasure      b) with obvious anguish
- c. The girl had no pastime except.....
  - a) Running around the house    b) playing with her toys
- d. She could hear faintly when one.....
  - a) Shouted close to her ears    b) used loudspeaker

#### Writing

- Q2. The Principal of DPS, Jammu wants to invite the Mayor of the city to Flag off the Go Green Campaign. Draft a formal invitation.
- Q3. Draft a poster on water conservation issued by Jammu Municipal Corporation.
- Q4. You are Kartik/ Kartika of Jammu. Of late, incidents of chain-snatching are increasing in the city. Write a letter to the Editor of the New Indian Express drawing the attention of the concerned authorities. Also give suggestions.

- Q5. The birthday of your younger sister is falling on 30 August. You wish to celebrate it in Hotel Hill View at Patnitop. Since it will be a weekend, you have also decided to book rooms for 15 people of your family at the hotel. Write a letter to the Hotel Manager making necessary enquiries about the same.
- Q6. Taking clues from the input in question 4 above, draft an informal invitation inviting your friends to join the birthday party.

### Literature

- Q7. Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- Q8. The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author use the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?
- Q9. Describe the condition of deprived children as described by Spender in the poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum.'
- Q10. Read the given lines and answer the questions which follow:-

" Break o Break open, till they break the town  
And show the children to green fields, and make their world  
Run azure on gold sands, And let their tongues  
Run naked into books....."

- What should be broken open and why?
- What do 'green fields' and 'gold sands' suggest about the education which needs to be imparted at the slum schools?
- Briefly explain " let tongues run naked into books."
- Pick out the poetic device used by the poet in above lines.