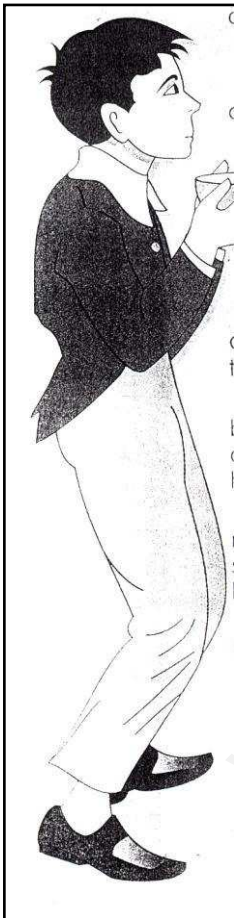


ASSIGNMENT – VI**Module : 12 / 13****SECTION-A**

- A. You have read about a story by Charles Dickens in the previous unit. Now read this extract about the life of Oliver Twist, also written by Charles Dickens and answer the questions that follow it.**

“Please, Sir, I Want Some More!”

The life of young Oliver Twist had a sad beginning. It continued to be sad for many years.

Oliver was born in a poor house one winter night in the year 1837. His mother died that same night.

“A pity,” said the doctor. “She was so young and beautiful.” He turned to the old woman who had helped him,” Who was she?

“Nobody knows. They found her in the street and brought her here.”

The doctor looked at the woman’s shoes, which were worn out. “She has come a long way,” he said. “Ah, well” he exclaimed sadly and hurried away.

The poor little boy was given the name Oliver Twist’. They kept him in the poor house with a number of other boys. All were badly treated, because the master of the poor house, Mr. Bumble, was a cruel man.

At the age of nine, Oliver was a pale, thin boy. All the boys were pale and thin. They had to work hard and never had enough to eat. They were served only a bowl of soup. Twice a week they were given an onion. On Sundays they had half of a cake each.

The boys were almost starving. Often they were too hungry to sleep. One boy, the tallest of them all, said,” If I do not have another bowl of soup, I shall eat one of you.” His eyes had a wild look. Indeed the boy was almost mad with hunger. The smaller boys believed him and were very frightened.

What could the poor orphans do? They thought, they talked. Then they made up their minds that one of them must go up to the master, when he was serving soup, and ask for more. But who was going to do this daring deed? At last, it was decided that Oliver should ask for more at supper that evening.

When suppertime came, the master stood beside a big pot of soup. In his right hand he held a big spoon. Each boy, in his turn, came up to the master with his bowl. The master gave him a spoonful of soup.

The soup was soon gone. The boys licked their bowls and then their fingers. They looked at Oliver, Oliver walked slowly towards the master, bowl in hand. Then he said, in a small frightened voice, "Please Sir, I want some more." The master, a fat man, turned suddenly pale

"What!" he roared

"Please, Sir, I want some more." Oliver said, again, trembling like a leaf.

Mr. Brumble hit Oliver on the head with his spoon. He seized the boy and Oliver shouted for help. The Cook and the kitchen boys rushed in. They held poor Oliver while M r. Bumble beat him till his arm ached.

"That boy will be hanged, I'm certain," he said. "He asked for more!"

Oliver was locked in a dark room. The next morning, this notice appeared on the gate of the poor.

*"A reward of five pounds
is offered to anyone who will employ Oliver Twist,
an orphan, nine years of age."*

(Adapted from **Oliver Twist**)

A.1. Answer the following questions.

A.1.1. Where was Oliver born?

A.1.2. Were the boys in the poor house happy? Give two reasons for your answer.

A.1.3. How do you know that the boys were still hungry after they had finished their soup?

A.1.4. Where was Oliver kept for the night and what happened the next day?

A.1.5. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own.

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|------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| (i) | mad with anger | (iii) | a pity |
| (ii) | come a long way | (iv) | worn out |

SECTION-B

B.1. Write a letter to your younger brother advising him not to neglect sports.

SECTION-C**C.1. Complete the following story by filling in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the bracket.**

Once there was a greedy king. He wanted that whatever he (touch) (a) should turn into gold. He (pray) (b) to God for that. God was kind and (grant) (c) his wish. The king (go) (d) out into the garden. As soon as he touched the flowers, they (change) (e) into gold. The king was very (pleased) (f) In the palace, whatever he touched, started (turn) (g) into gold. The worst thing that happened was when he touched his daughter. Before he (realize) (h) what he had done, his daughter turned into a statue of gold.

C.2. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Underline the error and write the correction.

- (i) Mrs. Rao teach us English. She
 (a) _____
 have been teaching English for the
 (b) _____
 last two year. She tooks pain in her work
 (c) _____
 She was very success in her
 (d) _____
 Profession. All the students
 (e) _____
 Loved her very much.
 (f) _____
- (ii) Last year I have to go to Bangalore
 (a) _____
 and stay in a hotel. But my stay
 (b) _____
 at the hotel is unpleasant. They
 (c) _____
 over charging me for food which
 (d) _____
 is bad. The bearers and clerks
 (e) _____

- behave discourteously. No vegetarian
(f) _____
food is available. The rooms
- (g) _____
are also dirty.

C.3. Choose the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

I _____ (am waiting/have been waiting) for Rita, for long. She _____ (told / said) me that she would _____ (see / meet) me at 3 p.m. but she _____ (hasn't / haven't) come yet. I can't wait any longer. I _____ (has to / have to) meet another friend at 4 p.m. If she _____ (don't / doesn't) come in another ten minutes, I shall leave this place.

SECTION-D**D.1. Answer the following questions with reference to the context.**

D.1.1. “The children found that the song’s charm worked in the busy city”.

- (i) Name the chapter from where these lines have been taken. Write the name of the writer.
- (ii) What does the writer mean when he says “the song’s charm worked in the busy city”?

D.1.2. “Won’t you come to the Castle and sing it at Christmas?”

- (i) Name the chapter from where these lines have been taken. Name the writer.
- (ii) Who said these lines, to whom?

D.1.3. Circle the correct choice that will give the complete answer.

- (i) Father Mohr was reading the Bible (in the Church/ in his study)
- (ii) Lord Jesus was born (in the stable/ in a hut)
- (iii) The Director General of Music in the kingdom of Saxony invited Franz Gruber/ the Four Strasser children) to one of the concerts that he conducted
- (iv) (Franz Gruber/The Organ Builder) taught the Song From Heaven to the children.

- (v) The four Strasser children helped their parents to display and sell (soft toys/soft gloves) in the Trade Fair.

D.2. Tick the most appropriate answer –

1. During the month of Ramdan muslims keep fast –

- for the love of their God
- because of the fear of their God.
- as it is a tradition
- to show their dedication towards their religion.

2. On the day of Idh-al-Fitr children get –

- many gifts
- a lot of chocolates
- a lot of money
- greeting cards

3. After two months of Idh-al-Fitr, people celebrate –

- Easter
- Idh-al-Adha
- Idh-al-Milad
- Muharram

4. In the day of Idh-al-Fitr boys look handsome in –

- expensive suits
- Jeans and T-Shirts
- embroidered sherwanis
- white cotton robes.

Vocabulary Enhancement – 6

V.1. Match the blue phrases to their meanings.

A	B
(i) blue blood	(a) very rarely, seldom
(ii) bolt from the blue	(b) of very high birth
(iii) once in a blue moon	(c) photographic print
(iv) blue print	(d) bruised very badly
(v) black and blue	(e) unexpected happening

V.2. Fill in the blanks with the correct green phrases from the box.

green room green grocer green finger
green-eyed monster green as grass

- (i) To have _____ means someone is good at keeping plants healthy.
 (ii) Jealousy personified is known as the _____.
 (iii) A _____ is a room in a theatre or a studio where performers can relax.
 (iv) A person who has no experience of the world is _____.
 (v) Someone who sells fruits and vegetables is a _____.

Proverb Time – 6

- P.23.** Every cloud has a silver lining. – There is a positive and hopeful side to every unpleasant situation.
P.24. Empty vessels make the most noise. – The least intelligent people are often the most talkative or noisy.
P.25. Let bygones be bygones. – Lets forgive and forget past quarrels.
P.26. Marry in haste, repent at leisure. – If something very important (like marriage) is done in a hurry, you'll regret it for the rest of your life.
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