

ASSIGNMENT – II**Module : 04 / 05****SECTION-A**

A.1. Do you watch TV all the time? Read about this couch potato and his T.V set.

JIMMY JET AND HIS TV SET

I'll tell you the story of Jimmy Jet.
And you know what I tell you is true.
He loved to watch his TV set
Almost as much as you.

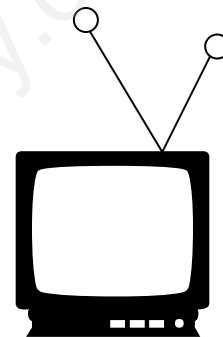
He watched all day, he watched all night
Till he grew pale and lean.
From 'The early show' to 'The late late show'.
And all the shows in between.

He watched till his eyes were frozen wide,
And his bottom grew into his chair
And his chin turned into a tuning dial
And antennae grew out of his hair.

And his brain turned into TV tubes,
And his face to a TV screen,
And two knobs saying 'vert' and 'Horzt'
Grew where his ears had been

And he grew a plug that looked like a tail
So we plugged in little Jim.
And now instead of him watching TV
We all sit around and watch him.

Shel Silverstein



A.1.1. Which of the following statements best describe Jimmy Jet?

- (i) He sometimes watched T.V.
- (ii) He watched T.V, quite often.
- (iii) He watched T.V, too much.

A.1.2. Did Jim watch only some of the programmes on TV or all of them? What happened to him as a result?

A.1.3. Read stanzas 3, 4 and 5 and fill in the blanks in these sentences.

Jimmy watched TV so much that he soon began to look _____
_____ himself.

As a result, his family sat around watching _____ rather than
_____.

A.1.4. Is there a moral that this poem is perhaps teaching? Write down the valuable lesson that you've learnt through this poem.

A.1.5. Write four pairs of words from the poem, that rhyme.

A.2. The Special Prize.

Little Helen had two constant companions – the six-year-old Martha, the daughter of her cook, and Belle, her dog. Martha loved playing childish tricks as much as Helen did.

One hot July day, the two little girls were busy cutting out paper figures; but they soon got weary of this amusement; and after cutting up their shoelaces and leaves from plants, Helen, who was sightless turned her attention to Martha's hair. When it was Martha's turn, she cut off one of Helen's curls and would have cut them all if the latter's mother had not appeared in time to save them.

Once Helen learnt to use the key, she locked her mother up in a small food store near the kitchen, where she had to remain for three hours, as the servants were in another part of the house. She kept knocking on the door while Helen sat outside on the steps and laughed with joy as she felt the shock of knocking.

A.2.1. Answer the following questions.

- (i) Who were Helen's two regular companions?
- (ii) How were the two girls amusing themselves?
- (iii) Where did Helen lock up her mother?
- (iv) Could Helen hear her mother knocking on the door?
- (v) Put a tick mark (✓) if the statement is true, and a cross (✗) if it is false.
 - (a) The girls cut shoelaces and leaves from plants. []
 - (b) Mother remained locked in the food store for four hours. []
 - (c) Helen was upset after locking up her mother. []

SECTION-B

B.1. You are waiting for your school bus at the bus stop when you notice a strange little fellow dressed like yourself. He seems hungry and so you offer him your lunch. He is not interested in your lunch but starts munching your English notebook. Before you can stop him, he eats it all up. It's then that you realize that this fellow is an alien, lost on earth. Will you make him your friend. Write a story and give a suitable title. You may start like this

"Oh dear! You just ate my English Grammar notebook. Ma'am is not going to be happy about this."

"I'm sorry, but they taste good"

SECTION-C

C.1. Fill in the blanks with abstract nouns. Take words from the list given below.

- (i) The child was afraid of _____.
- (ii) He had no _____ of getting well soon.
- (iii) She could not attend her cousin's _____.
- (iv) Find the _____ of this bag of sugar.
- (v) The student was given a prize for his _____.
- (vi) The _____ of her voice impressed everybody.
- (vii) It is my _____ to obey my parents.
- (viii) I am sorry for the _____ I have given you.
- (ix) A friend in _____ is a friend indeed.
- (x) Stealing is a _____.

trouble	darkness	marriage	hope	duty	crime	bravery
weight	quality	need				

SECTION-D**D. Answer with reference to the context.****D.1.1.** “Who is that knave you soldiers have brought?”

- (i) Name the speaker. Who is he?
- (ii) Who is being addressed as the knave?
- (iii) What did he do to offend the king?

D.1.2. “You expect me to believe that if I let you go, you will return.”

- (i) Who is ‘I’ here?
- (ii) Who is ‘You’ here?
- (iii) What do you think, will Pythias come back or will Damon have to die in his place?

D.2. Who do you think was the true friend - Pythias or Damon? Give reasons for your answer.**D.3. (I) Circle the correct meaning of these words-**

- (i) **shackled**
 - (a) ankles tied or secured together to make movement difficult
 - (b) Imprisoned
- (ii) **insolent**
 - (a) lies
 - (b) rude
- (iii) **beyond belief**
 - (a) very true
 - (b) hard to believe

(II) Who said this and to whom.

- (i) **“It’s the man you sent us to arrest for speaking against you, O mighty King”.**
 - (a) Damon to Pythias
 - (b) Dionysus to the chief Jailor.
 - (c) The chief Jailor to King Dionysus.
- (ii) **“Then you are foolish beyond belief”.**
 - (a) Dionysus to Damon
 - (b) Dionysus to Pythias
 - (c) Dionysus to the executioner

Vocabulary Enhancement – 2**V.1. Observe the highlighted phrase in the following sentence.****E.g.** I had fished out my compass.

Here, fished out means took out.

Match the fish expressions with their meanings.

A	B
(i) big fish	(a) strange person
(ii) fish out of water	(b) neither one thing nor another
(iii) Something fishy	(c) important or powerful person
(iv) queer fish	(d) taking advantage of troubled conditions for personal profit
(v) neither fish nor fowl	(e) have more important things to do
(vi) have bigger fish to fry	(f) something suspicious
(vii) Fishing in troubled waters	(g) somebody who is uncomfortable or awkward because of unfamiliar surroundings or company

V.2. Now, fill in the blanks with the fish expressions given above.

- (i) I felt like _____ at my friend's brother-in-law's wedding party as I did not know anyone.
- (ii) Seeing their odd behaviour I knew _____ was going on.
- (iii) He works in the Ministry of Defence and appears to be _____.
- (iv) Professor Pecinshik is quite a _____. It's difficult to understand him.
- (v) Latif does not want to come to the party. I think he has _____.

V.3. Match the phrases in column A with their meanings in column B.

A	B
(i) flew into a rage	(a) does not concern you
(ii) none of your business	(b) blushed due to disgrace or guilt
(iii) taken by surprise	(c) to express annoyance or tease
(iv) to make faces	(d) got extremely angry
(v) grew red with shame	(e) caught unaware

Using the above phrases, make sentences of your own.

V.4. Colours are often associated with types of emotions. Examine this sentence.

Eg. As soon as he heard the tragic news everything suddenly became black. Here the word black describes a feeling of despair and anguish.

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate colour word from the box.

red blue green black white yellow

- (i) Rahul was _____ with envy when he heard that I had won a free trip to Mauritius.
- (ii) The boy turned _____ with shame when he was caught stealing money from his master's wallet.
- (iii) I turned _____ with shock when I heard of the death of our young neighbour.
- (iv) Priya had been feeling _____ all day. She missed the first rank by just one mark.
- (v) Raghu became all _____ in the face when he saw the wild dog snarl at him.
- (vi) It was a _____ Tuesday for the nation when hundreds of people were blown to bits in the Jaipur bomb blasts.

Proverb Time – 2

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| P.7. A man is known by the company he keeps. | – | A person's character is judged from the type of people with whom he spends his time. |
| P.8. A friend in need is a friend indeed. | – | The one who helps you when you are in trouble is your real friend. |
| P.9. A rotten apple spoils the barrel | – | One bad person is enough to spoil the whole group. |
| P.10. Better be alone than in bad company. | – | Be careful in the choice of the people you associate with. |

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