

Title: The Trend of Book-Reading. OR. Books : A Veritable Treasure

Summary:

It is said, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Books give pleasure, education, knowledge and information about different fields. They serve as loyal companions in addition to teaching and entertaining us. They enrich our inner world and make our brain work. However, in this fast-paced modern life, many people consider books a waste of time and prefer watching computers or TV and surf on the internet. Hence why the ancient trend of book reading is slowly diminishing. Indeed books are a treasure that keep us company and are good for our intellect, imagination and vocabulary. They are like a magnet; the deeper you delve, more you are drawn.

Q. No. 2 Part (ii) What do books give us?

Books are a veritable treasure that give us pleasure along with mountains of education and knowledge. They serve as our loyal and everlasting friend and keep us company. Different types of books give us different kinds of pleasure and information. They thoroughly please and satisfy various and different readers. They give historical, biographical, religious, scientific and philosophical information.

Q. No. 2 Part (iii) Why is reading considered a waste of time?

Revolving waste of time?

In the modern and fast-paced life, many people consider book-reading to be nothing but a waste of time. This is because modern life is so fast and full of action, that they have little time to spare for books. Instead of reading books they prefer fast technology and services like watching TV or surf on the internet.

Q. No. 2 Part (iv) Write only two benefits of reading books.

Benefits of Book Reading:

Books are a precious and veritable treasure; reading them likewise gives numerous benefits. For example:

⇒ Reading books gives us pleasure and is a means to relax and destress after a hard day.

⇒ It gives us valuable knowledge and teaches us the difference between right and wrong, and enriches the inner world of a person as well.

⇒ Reading books is same as exercising our mind.

It sharpens our intellect, encourages our imagination and drastically enhances our vocabulary.

Q. No. 2 Part (v) Give synonyms of the underlined words.

WORD

SYNONYM

Pleasure.

Happiness / Bliss

Numerous

Many

Diminishing

Ending

Delve

Dive

Valuable

Precious

Encourage

Motivate

Intellect

Aptitude.

Q. No. 3 Part (a)

THEY do me wrong who say I come.

Paraphrasing:

The people who think that I knock at their door only once in their lifetime, and on failing to find them I come never again, do me very wrong. Because each and every day I (opportunity) stand outside your door and bid you wake. I urge and encourage you to rise to fight and become victorious.

Q. No. 3 Part (b) I hear the rich leaves drinking rain;

Question:

i) Identify any two Poetic Devices:

a) Personification: In the first verse, third verse and sixth verse of the sestet, leaves are said to be 'drinking' and 'giving', which shows that personification is used.

b) Auditory Imagery: In the sestet, the auditory imagery is used that is symbolized by the words 'hear' and 'sweet noise'.

c) Oxymoron: The word 'sweet noise' is an oxymoron because contradictory words have been used side by side.

ii) What according to the poet is 'sweet noise'?

The term 'sweet noise' refers to the noise of falling droplets that are being passed from the rich, upper leaves to the poor, lower leaves. Implicitly it means, the rich providing their leftover resources to the poor.

Correct form of Verb

Q. No. 4 (a)

- i - Hurry up! the programme **is** (be) about to start
- ii - Last night, lightning **struck** (strike) a tree
- iii - Sara **practices** (practice) a healthy life.
- iv - You must **take** (take) it seriously.
- v - It **has been raining** (rain) since morning.
- vi - If you **had worked** (work) hard, you would've won.

Rewrite as Adverb

Q. No. 4 (b)

- He spoke with confidence.
He spoke **confidently**.
- The car moved at a slow pace.
The car moved **slowly**.
- The teacher explained the concept with clarity.
The teacher **clearly** explained the concept.
- He completed the task with ease.
He completed the task **easily**.
- They ran in a hurry.
They **hurriedly** ran.

Q. No. 4 (c) Do as directed

- Her mother told her to clean up her mess
- She has cut the vegetables.
- Take care of yourself.
- She said that he went to school daily.
- Did I buy a new bicycle yesterday?
- He studied hard because he wanted to go to the medical college.

Q. No. 5 **LETTER to police department.**

Examination Hall,

City: ABC,

Date: April 15, 2025.

The SFO,

The Police Department,

City: ABC.

Subject: Rash Driving and Violation of Rules.

Sir,

It is stated that there have been many cases of rash and careless driving and violation of rules in the city for the past several months. Many people, especially teenagers without licenses drive recklessly just for the fun of it. Influenced by movies etc, they violate rules. They drive well above the speed-limit. They drive in the wrong ways and constantly change lanes. Neither do they wear helmets nor the seatbelts. They don't even stop at the traffic lights. Constant honking and motorcycle without silencers are also a major problem.

This has disturbed the lives of all people, children and elders alike. Due to traffic jams, people get late to schools and offices. The constant noise pollution causes innumerable problems. Last but not the least, the reckless drivers who don't care for their lives cause deaths of many others due to daily and really nasty accidents. Over the past few months the death rate, due to road and car accidents, has increased dramatically. Many cases of hit+n-run have also been reported.

Under the light of the stated facts, it is kindly requested of the police department for punishing and arresting the violators and criminals accordingly so that future accidents may be prevented.

Yours Sincerely,

X.Y.Z.

Transitional Devices

Firstly, many people believe that exercise is essential for a healthy lifestyle. Regular physical activity not only improves cardiovascular health but also strengthens the muscles and bones.

Moreover, exercise plays a significant role in boosting our mental health by reducing stress, anxiety, and depression. Additionally, it helps maintain a healthy weight which can prevent a variety of diseases. However, despite its benefits many struggle to incorporate exercise in their daily routine.

Nevertheless, experts emphasize that small amount of physical activity can still provide sufficient health damage. Therefore, it is important to find a sustainable exercise routine that fits individual life style and preferences.

i - Firstly

ii - Not Only

iii - But Also

iv - Moreover

v - Additionally

vi - However

vii - Nevertheless

viii - Therefore

ix -

Hardwork is the Key to Success

"Hardwork beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

"Work Hard" is the golden rule. The followers of this rule have reached unreachable heights and made possible what was thought to be impossible. The ignorant ones and those who denied it fell into the abyss of complete failure and darkness!

To work hard means to work with all the intellect, force, strength and intelligence you can possibly gather and be consistent in that work. It means to give your all to something to reach your desired goal. It means to keep your eyes on the goal and pass all the obstacles that come your way, one way or the other. In other words, it is a broad concept.

All the personages that succeeded in their lives never gave up and kept working dedicatedly and consistently. Even when faced with failure, they pushed through by hardwork. One became their day and night, perished their thoughts of rest. The result of this struggle and hardwork was that they successfully completed their goals and purposes in life.

"Work, work and just work!"

(Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah)

Some hard-workers like Quaid-e-Azam led a whole nation and succeeded in freeing themselves

Q. No. 7 (Page 2) and getting a separate homeland. Thomas Edison made the first light bulb. Albert Einstein made revolutionary changes in the fields of science. Other athletes and others like Muhammad Ali, Ephraim Muhammad, John Kim, Bob Proctor and others succeeded only through hardwork and determination.

Perhaps, the downfall of Muslims is also related to shunning hardwork. Many people believe that their belief in providence and destiny requires them to shun hardwork. However, such is not the case. The Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said:

الكاسب حبيب الله

The Hardworker is Allah's friend.

All the prophets (Alaihisalam) also worked hard throughout their lives. Some were farmers, some tailors along with being preachers but continued to work and work. Hardworking spirit is also visible in the examples of Sahaba (Razi Allahu Anhum)

Many people believe that the world is unfair to them. That they don't get opportunities. Yet, the real problem is that they don't even start.

The first step towards success is to start working hard. A wise man once said:

"The harder you work, the luckier you get."

Hardwork is a force before which none can stand.

If we work hard and keep progressing forward we will pass all obstacles and break all barriers in our way to success. Even though we may not be very talented but the key to the purpose of life and success is to be competitive, consistent and above all a sincere hardworker.