

Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the following :

- (a) Social networking for nation-building.
- (b) Dwindling water resources : Challenges and solutions
- (c) Peer-pressure : a boon or a curse ?
- (d) Relevance of Gandhian ideology today

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Ans :

(b) Dwindling water resources : Challenges and solution.

Our country has been below normal monsoon for last two consecutive years. This year too the country is suffering from droughts in many parts. Positive forecast of above normal monsoon by the meteorological

department has to some extent ameliorated the drought conditions though at a mental level. Even the Prime Minister of the country has advised people to conserve every drop of water this monsoon.

Experts and intellectuals of the world have predicted that if there would be ~~a world~~, it would be because of water. One must be compelled to think how can something as cheap as water could trigger a third world war. To get the answer, we must know the sources of water. It's strange that with oceans full of water we have only around 1% drinkable water on earth. More than half of it is at poles in form of ice. The remaining in rivers, lakes, atmosphere and underground. This brings us to the famous "Water diamond paradox" which points that given its quantity water is even more valuable than diamond.

Already scarce resource water is further getting scarce. Thanks to ourselves. Anthropogenic activities

around the world in the last century have contributed to the depletion of water resources. Monsoons which are main source of water are increasingly becoming erratic and irregular. For countries like India which completely depends on monsoon for their water requirements, the situation gets really troublesome. Due to uncertain monsoons, the economic, social, political and ecological problems arise in India. Climate change and global warming can be safely named as culprits of frequent droughts and floods all over the world.

The increasingly industrial world has also resulted into various kinds of water pollution which make water unusable. Not complying to rules and regulation and draining polluted water to the rivers by the industries has resulted into rivers getting polluted. India has 4 rivers in the 10 most polluted rivers in the world.

The unregulated and misuse of water in agriculture, industry and household is also the reason for depleting water level. Ground

Water is constantly polluted by excessive use of fertilisers in the agriculture. Many industries are also involved into the corrupt practice of draining the polluted water into ground through tubewells. This criminal practice pollutes the entire area.

Man can live without food for many days but he cannot survive without water for more than two days. This shows how important water is for our survival. So, there is immediate need to implement water conservation techniques.

Change in attitude:-

We humans have a very distinct quality of undermining importance of something which is easily available. That is why we waste so much of water. We hardly realize that it's a very scarce resource. We Indians consider rivers as mothers but we are never ashamed of polluting them. We are looking for water on other planets but can't save what we already have. It's high time we wake up from this corrupt mentality.

Rain water harvesting:-

We are not unaware of rain water harvesting. In India it's a practise known to our forefathers. Chennai, should be taken as an example. In Chennai, it is compulsory to deploy rain water harvesting. If anyone fails his/her drainage connection, electricity, telephone etc. are blocked.

Watershed Management:-

Prime Minister has rightly said "the water of the field should remain in the field, the water of the village should remain in the village." We must deploy watershed management techniques to prevent rain water from running away. Small weirs, field tanks, check dams should be constructed to prevent water runoff.

Interlinking of Rivers:-

Rivers should be interlinked to provide water to the deficit areas. The recent announcement to interlink Godavari and Krishna river in Andhra Pradesh, interlinking Sindh and Betwa rivers in Madhya Pradesh and provide water to dry Malwa region are welcome steps.

Efficient use of water

"More crop per drop". Employing modern irrigation technologies like sprinklers, drip irrigation etc. can be a game changer in agriculture. Israel should be studied for such experiments. Using household water for plantation is another means of efficient use. Recycling water should be made mandatory.

Thus, what we need is a multi-pronged approach and a spirited action by the Govt. as well as the society to replenish our water resource and ensure a better future for the coming generations.

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Make a precis of the following passage to the one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title to it.

When we talk of the economic development, we conveniently forget the native spirit and temperament of our motherland. Human feelings have no place in our policies. Every now and then our leaders call upon the people to work hard and join hands in the process of development. What is strange about them is that it is only these people that instigate our humble workers to go on strikes. We know our forefathers have taught us to lead the life performing duties. We must therefore follow the path laid by our forefathers. If the economy of our country is to prosper, obviously, all of us will have to work hard and work sincerely. This is the real service to the nation.

Obviously, we all can serve our nation in so many ways and are not required to go to borders. We can serve our nation by saving oil, water and electricity, by protecting the ecology and bio-diversity, by voting, by paying taxes, by following the traffic rules, by showing loyalty to our nation. Thus, we can all contribute to the development of our motherland.

Ans :

"Duty to our motherland"
Economic development should take into account our spirit, temperament and human feelings. Leaders who talk of development eloquently also instigate workers for strike. To develop our economy, we all have to work hard as taught by our forefathers.

Apart from going to borders, we can serve our motherland in many ways and contribute to her development.

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- (A) As the co-ordinating member of the 'Disaster Management Team' you have assessed the condition of a flood affected area. Write a report, with your findings and recommendations, to the Chairperson of the Disaster Management Commission.

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- (B) As an authorised dealer of 'Creative Products Ltd.', draft a letter to the sales department complaining about the deteriorating quality of the products of the company.

Ans : (B)

Letter to the Sales department.

ABC Enterprise,
Satellite, Ahmedabad.

Dt. 28th May 2016.

To,
The Manager,
Sales Department,
Creative Products Ltd.

Subject:- Regarding the deteriorating
quality of the products of the
company.

Respected sir,

I have been associated
with your company for many years.
and till recently it has been
an pleasant experience. However,
I feel deeply pained to inform
you that in recent times
the quality of the products is
deteriorating. This has compelled me
to write this letter.

In the current market scenario of cutting edge technology and competition, the expectation of the customers for quality products is constantly increasing. In this context, it seems your company is running the race in the opposite direction.

There have been numerous instances of customers coming complaining to us about your company's product. The cases are more frequent in television and refrigerators. Your company is rapidly losing ground in the market. At the same time we are also worried about our reputation. However, you still have the time to improve things and again gain confidence of the customers. If not so we would like to close ties with your company.

I hope you understand the gravity of the situation and will act swiftly on the issue.
Thanking you.

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Yours faithfully
A.B.C.

Translate the following passage into Gujarati :

Human beings are curious and inquisitive by nature. They like to explore things and places around them. During the entire evolutionary journey of humankind, people loved to travel, to explore and seek adventure. People still love to travel, explore and seek adventure, but not out of some compulsion to ensure their survival, rather, for leisure and fun.

This distinct nature of human being has paved the way for the development of a full-fledged service industry in the form of tourism around the globe and India is no exception to this. Rather, India has for ages captivated and ruled the imagination and thoughts of travellers and adventure-seekers, philosophers, traders etc. so much so that it was no exaggeration when our beautiful country was quoted as follows : "India is the cradle of human-race, the birth-place of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend and the great-grandmother of tradition. The most valuable and most artistic materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only." In terms of the tourism potential, India is the epitome of the world. No single country of the world has been endowed with such diversity and as varied geographical and climatic conditions as is India.

Ans :

મનુષ્યો પ્રાણિક કીતે ખૂબ જીવાન
દીય છે. રેખોને પોતાનાં આમપાસની વિજ્ઞાનો
તથા જીવાઓની શોધ કરવાનું ગમે છે. મનુષ્ય
પ્રભૂતિનાં સાધું ઉલ્લેખ કરુંનાં લોકોને
હરદું. શોધ કરવી વાને પરાક્રમ કરવા વાચાં
પ્રિય રહ્યાં છે. લોકોને આજે પણ હરદું,
શોધ કરવી વાને પરાક્રમ રહ્યાં પ્રિય છે
પણ પોતાનાં આજીવિને રકાવી રાખવાની
મજખૂરીનાં કારોં લઈ પણ મોઝ માર્ગ.

મનુષ્યાની આ આગામી પ્રભૂતિનાં કારણે આજે
અધ્યાત્માં જીવમાં એક બાધું વિકિરણ પર્યંતનાં
રૂપમાં એક સાધું વિકારિત મૌયા તુલના વિકાર
થયો એ એને પાણીનાં પણ એમાંથી
આજીન નથી. બલ્યું લાંબાને તા પદ્ધતિઓથી

મુસાફરો, પરાક્રમની શોધ કરવારોની, દાખલિકો, વ્યાપારીઓ
વગેરેનાં વિચારો તથા કેફળાઓંથી પર રાજ કર્યું છે
અને એટલું બધું હેતુ જ્યારે આપજા કુંદર
દેશ વિશે આવું લખાય તો એ કોઈ
અતિશ્યોહિ જથી હેતુ "ભારત તો મનુષ્ય પ્રકાતિનું
ધોડિયું છે, માનવ વાળીની જગત્તરૂપી, ઉત્તિહાસની
માતા છે, પરાક્રમની દાદી તથા પર્સેપરાઓની
પર-દાદી છે. માનવ ઉત્તિહાસની જીથી ક્ષણવાન
તથા જીથી જલાહૃત કોઈ વિનુદ્યો છે કોઈ તો
એનો અણનો માત્ર જ્યાબતમાં જાણે." પર્યંતની
સંચાવનાઓની દર્શિયે તપાસીએ તો ભારત વિશ્વમાં
શોય પર છે. ભારત જગતી વિસિધતા ભૌગોલિક
એને વ્યાપોહવાહિય વિસિધતા દુનિયાનાં હોઈ દેશમાં
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(a) Fill in the blanks using correct forms of verbs given in the brackets :

(1) I _____ here since 2001. (live)

Ans : ~~I have been living here since 2001.~~

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(2) When _____ you last him ? (see)

Ans : ~~When did you last see him?~~

(3) When the phone rang, I _____ a bath. (have)

Ans : ~~When the phone rang, I was having a bath.~~

(4) By the end of the term, he _____ us to speak English. (teach)

Ans : ~~By the end of the term he will teach us to speak English.~~

(5) Please wait, I _____. (come)

Ans : ~~Please wait, I am coming.~~

Change the voice of the following sentences :

(1) Has anybody done all the work ?

Ans : ~~Has all the work been done by anybody ?~~

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(2) You must account for every penny.

Ans : ~~Every penny must be accounted by you.~~

(3) He was chosen leader.

Ans : ~~They chose him the leader.~~

(4) Who gave you this book ?

Ans : ~~By whom had you been given this book ?~~

(5) Let's solve this problem.

Ans : ~~This problem should be solved by us.~~

(c) Turn the following dialogue into indirect narration :

"Keep quiet," said the mother to the child. "Don't repeat the same thing and again."

"But listen to me at least once. I have something very important to say to the child."

"You always come with excuses. Don't you?" said the mother angrily.

"If you don't listen to me, how can you know the truth? It was bhaiya who did it and not I," said the child innocently.

"OK, you need not tell me that. I knew it." mother left smiling.

Ans :

The mother ordered the child to keep quiet and scolded him for repeating the same thing again and again.

The child pleaded the mother to listen to him at least once and added that he had something very important to say.

The mother angrily said that he always came with excuses and asked him (did he not?).

The child innocently put forward his point that if his mother didn't listen to him how would she know the truth and added that it was bhaiya who did that and not he.

(d) Give meaning of the following idioms/phrases and use them in sentences :

(1) To look into :- ~~to examine~~

Ans : ~~The police Inspector asked the constable to look into the claim of the man.~~

(2) To turn a blind eye :- ~~to neglect~~

Ans : ~~No matter how many times you explain him the truth, he will always turn a blind eye to it.~~

(3) To call a spade a spade :- ~~to clearly speak the truth~~

Ans : ~~He is a person who will never think in calling a spade a spade.~~

(e) Do as directed :

(1) Gentle (Give Synonym)

Ans : ~~Gentle - soft~~

(2) Habit (Give Synonym)

Ans : ~~Habit~~

(3) Neutral (Give Antonym)

Ans : ~~Neutral ~~X~~ partial, lop-sided.~~

(4) Capable of destroying bacteria. (Give one word substitute)

Ans : ~~Antibacterial~~

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Ref workIn economic development

Economic development should take into account our spirit, temperament and inner feelings. It's strange that the leaders who call upon us to work for development also strangely instigate action in strike. (28)

For real service to the nation ~~is~~ ^{serve} in nation To develop our economy, we should have to work hard as taught by our forefathers (43)

Apart from Besides going to the border we can serve our motherland in many ways and contribute to her development