

## Comprehension Passage (Unseen)

Read the Comprehension passage and answer the questions that follow:

The Romans were good builders. Before the Romans there were no roads in Britain. Roman roads were built straight and sloped from the middle to the edge so that the rain would drain away and keep the roads dry. The roads were needed to connect forts to important towns. The Romans built towns and cities all over Britain.

The Romans introduced Britain to our modern day calendars. The Romans also left behind sewage systems and central heating. Reading and writing was introduced to Britain by the Romans. Before the Romans nobody in Britain knew how to read or write. Romans made toothpaste by grinding mouse brains into a powder.

Questions:

1. Who were good builders?
2. How were Roman roads built?
3. What did the Romans build all over Britain?
4. What did the Romans leave behind?
5. How did the Romans make toothpaste?

Answer:

1. The Romans were good builders.
2. Roman roads were built straight and sloped from the middle to the edge.
3. The Romans built towns and cities all over Britain.
4. The Romans left behind sewage system and central heating.
5. Romans made toothpaste by grinding mouse brains into a powder.

## Comprehension Passage (Seen)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Pret liked to knock the hats off the heads of Sahibs. They would then curse and wonder at the breeze that had sprung up so suddenly and died down again just as quickly. Although the Pret could make himself felt, and sometimes heard, he was invisible to the human eye. At night people avoided walking beneath the peepul tree. It was said that if you yawned beneath the tree, the Pret would jump down your throat and ruin your digestion. Grandmother's tailor, Jaspal, who never had anything ready on

time, blamed the pret for all his troubles. Once, while yawning, Jaspal had forgotten to snap his fingers in front of his mouth- always mandatory when yawning beneath peepul trees- and the Pret had got in without any difficulty. Since then, Jaspal had always been suffering from tummy upsets.

Question:

1. What did Pret like?
2. Who was invisible to the human eye?
3. What did the people avoid at night?
4. What would the Pret do if you yawn beneath the tree?
5. What was the name of the tailor?

Answer:

1. Pret liked to knock the hats off the heads of sahibs.
2. The Pret was invisible to the human eye.
3. People avoided walking beneath the peepul tree at night.
4. The Pret would jump down your throat and ruin the digestion if you yawn beneath the tree.
5. The name of the tailor was Jaspal.

## Letter Writing - Formal

*Write a letter to the Corporation of Chennai complaining about the accumulation of garbage near your area.*

Date:

Place: Chennai

From

XXX

YYY

ZZZ

To

The Officer In-charge  
Corporation of Chennai  
Chennai

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request for cleaning garbage

I would like to complain that grass and mud waste and other garbages have been accumulated near my area. It has become very much unsafe because of snakes that have been noticed many times. It looks very dirty and uncomfortable.

I request you to kindly arrange for cleaning the garbage.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
XXX

Address on the envelope  
To  
The officer In- Charge  
Corporation of Chennai  
Chennai

#### Letter Writing- Informal

*Write a letter to your friend who just met with an accident informing him about his speedy recovery from injury.*

Date:  
Place:

Dear friend,  
I hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits. When I visited last week, you seemed a little bit depressed.

Everything is going to be fine very soon. Don't forget that life is a mixture of joys and sorrows. I pray to God for the speedy recovery.

Hope to see you soon.  
Yours lovingly  
XXX

Address on the envelope  
To  
xxx  
yyy  
zzz

#### Essay Writing Life of Soldiers

Soldiers are the pride of a nation. They are disciplined, courageous and selfless. Their life is full of challenges and they face each challenge with a smile on their face.

Anyone who chooses to be a soldier is indeed a noble soul. He loves his country and countrymen and is willing to go to any extent to protect them and save their honour.

Soldiers do not care about their personal life or desires. Their country comes first for them. Those who decide to get into this profession are well aware of the fact that they will have to sacrifice their personal life and stay away from their families for most part of their lives. They gladly take up this job and work diligently day and night.

We get the privilege to live in a peaceful environment and concentrate on our personal lives only because the soldiers are guarding our country round the clock. They ensure a peaceful environment in the country at all times.

#### Notice Writing

*You are the sports secretary of your school. Your school has decided to host the regional level Volley Ball Tournament. Draft a notice for your school notice board inviting all the children to cheer for the teams.*

EVERWIN VIDHYASHRAM  
KOLATHUR  
NOTICE

Date:

Cheer up!

This is to inform all the students that regional level Volley Ball Tournament is being hosted by our school from ..... to ..... from 10am to 2pm. All the students are requested to come and encourage the participants by cheering for the teams. For more information, contact the undersigned.

xxx  
Sports Secretary