

**ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SESSION 2013-2014**

**Class: IX**

**Subject : English**

**Assignment No. 18**

**Section A (Reading)**

1. Read the passage carefully:-

Our country gave birth to a mighty soul and he shone like a beacon not only for India but also for the whole world. And yet he was done to death by one of our own brothers and compatriots. How did this happen? You might think that it was an act of madness, but that does not explain this tragedy. It could only occur because the seed for it was sown in the poison of hatred and enmity that spread throughout the country and affected so many of our people. Out of that seed grew this poisonous plant. It is the duty of all of us to fight this poison of hatred and ill-will. If we have learnt anything from Gandhiji, we must bear no ill or enmity towards any person. The individual is not our enemy; it is the poison within him that we must fight and which we must put an end to.

Read the above passage carefully and answer the following questions :-

- (i) Who is "the mighty soul" referred to in the passage?
- (ii) Why was he done to death?
- (iii) What do we learn from Gandhiji?
- (iv) What should we fight against in the individual?
- (v) What is the poison referred to in this passage?

**Section-B (Writing)**

2. Prepare a speech on the topic "Qualities required for success."
3. You have been participating in an Environment Protection Week. Write an e-mail to your cousin describing your experience in about 120 words. You may take help from the following points
- \* treatment of garbage
  - \* no garbage heaps
  - \* different dustbins for garbage
  - \* biodegradable and non-biodegradable

**Section-C (Grammar)**

4. There is an error in each line. Mark the error and write the correction.

	Error / Correction
Indira Gandhi was an only daughter of Pd. Jawaharal Nehru. She is outspoken bold or courageous like her father.	e.g. : <u>an</u> / <u>the</u> .
India can always be boastful of great men and women. She reminds you of Rani off Jhansi. Her political education started in the age of three when she attend the Congress Session on a lap of her mother.	a. _____ / _____
	b. _____ / _____
	c. _____ / _____
	d. _____ / _____
	e. _____ / _____
	f. _____ / _____
	g. _____ / _____
	h. _____ / _____

5. Look at the newspaper items below. Use the information to complete the paragraph.
- i) DTC TO REPLACE FLEET WITH LUXURY BUSES.  
The existing fleet of DTC buses \_\_\_\_\_ with modern low floor luxury buses before the Commonwealth Games.
- ii) FAKE DOCUMENTS RACKET BUSTED  
A racket in printing and selling of fake documents \_\_\_\_\_ Police. One person has been arrested in this connection.

**Section D (Literature)**

6. Why was Corporal Turnbull offended and how did Private Quelch take his punishment?
7. Why did Harold's parents think it prudent to keep him in dark about his father's profession?
8. What role does the soldier in the poem "Seven Ages"?
9. The narrator says that life has no geographical bounds. What does this statement imply?
10. Elucidate the title of the poem "Oh, I wish I'd looked After Me Teeth."
11. "Reputation" has been compared to a "bubble" in the poem 'Seven Ages'. How can we ensure that our reputation remains intact?

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