

PRACTICE EXERCISE - IV

Link Unit : Adolescence

I. Read the following.

Daddy was a freelance writer contributing short stories to Tamil magazines and scripts for films, although the film offers were few and far between. Before I was born, he'd once held a steady, well-paying job in Trivandrum as Malayalam news reader, his name Nagarcoil K. Padmanabhan was known to All India Radio listeners in Kerala. He'd suddenly resigned from AIR to pursue with relentless passion, his dream of being a writer. Among Daddy's early friends in Chennai were actors Gemini Ganesan and Nagesh, the comedian. Ganesan continued to visit us even after he became famous. I would look out, star-struck, as his blue fiat drove in. He'd tease my handsome dad; calling him "Maapilai" [tamil for bridegroom] and the two would go on talking shop.

(An Extract from *Daddy's Enduring Script*)

1. Complete the following sentences with correct options:

- i. Before being a freelance writer Daddy held a job in _____.
 - a) Indian Railways
 - b) All India Radio
 - c) Film Theatre
- ii. Daddy suddenly resigned from All India Radio because _____.
 - a) he wanted to pursue his dream of being a writer
 - b) he wanted to be an actor
 - c) he was not well paid in AIR
- iii. Daddy's friend Nagesh was _____.
 - a) a teacher
 - b) a writer
 - c) a comedian
- iv. Daddy had a relentless passion for being _____.
 - a) a writer
 - b) an actor
 - c) a doctor

2. Answer the following questions:

a) What was Daddy's job before the birth of the narrator?

b) Why did Daddy resign from AIR?

c) Who used to come in the blue Fiat to meet Daddy?

d) What did Gemini Ganesan call Daddy to tease him?

e) Which line in the paragraph means that Daddy and his friends talked a lot about their work all the time.

e) Find out the word/words from the passage which mean-

i. scarce - _____

ii. strong emotion- _____

f) Find out the antonyms of the following from the passage -

i. ugly - _____

ii. unpopular - _____

iii. steady- _____

3. From the text given above find words/phrases that mean

a) the story of a film

b) good salary (pay)

c) to leave a job

d) feeling too much respect for famous or important people



4. Pick out from the passage words related to 'films' and write them in the space provided below. Add a few more words related to films (not mentioned in the passage).

5. The Simple Past and Past Perfect Tense

Look at the following sentence.

Rohit had *missed* the last bus, so he *walked* home.

In this sentence, there are two actions.

First action – missed

Second action - walked

When a sentence mentions two actions that have taken place in the past, the earlier action is expressed in the past perfect tense and the later action in the simple past tense.

i) Match actions in column A with actions in column B to make meaningful sentences.

Column A

She had lived in Dhamtari

We arrived late for the show

The grass was yellow

We had not eaten anything

Karan had not studied for the test

Column B

as it had not rained at all.

so, he was nervous.

because my friend had gone to visit his uncle.

before she shifted to Delhi.

so, we went to a restaurant.

ii) Complete the following paragraph by using verbs given in brackets in the simple past and the past perfect tense.

Reeta (leave) the house when I (reach) there. Her brother (tell) me that she (go) to the market to buy some vegetables. He also (tell) me that she would return in a few minutes. So I (decide) to wait for her. I (want) to return her book which she (give) me last Monday.

6. Listen to the description about the Bharat Scout and Guide Flag and put a tick mark on the appropriate option given in each box.

The diagram shows a rectangular flag with a central emblem. The emblem is a fleur-de-lis with a circular Ashoka Chakra in the center. Lines connect labels to parts of the flag and to boxes containing options.

Emblem	dark blue / golden yellow / green
Flag	dark blue / golden yellow / green
	symbol / flag / Ashok Chakra
	flag / symbol / Ashok Chakra
width	120cm / 180cm / 150cm
length	120cm / 180cm / 150cm

7. A. Discuss in groups and tell your opinion to the class.

‘Following fashion is good.’

B. Enact the following dialogue:

Sangita: The questions in mathematics were easy this year.

Pooja: Yes, they were. But the question paper was very lengthy.

Rekha: I agree with Pooja. I also could not answer all the questions.

Neha: The English question paper was also easy.

Rekha: **That's true.**

Sangita: **I don't agree.** I found grammar tough.

Neha: How is your preparation for the next paper?

Pooja: OOO! Science? Some of the lessons are very difficult. I think I won't score good marks.

Neha: **I don't think so,** Pooja. You scored good marks in the model test.

Sangita: Neha is absolutely right. Let's hope for the best.

State whether you agree or disagree with the statements given below.

Use the expressions given below. **Some ways of disagreeing** could be :

I don't think...

I disagree.

I don't think so.

I don't agree.

I'm sorry,

I'm not sure about that.

Some ways of agreeing

I agree.

It 's true.

I too think so.

That's right.

You are absolutely right.

1. Everyone should follow her/his fathers' profession.

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2. We should not watch TV during examinations.

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3. No student should be punished for any mistake she/ he does.

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4. Adolescence is the best period of life.

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5. Class 11 is going to be fun. We will not have to study all subjects.

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8. Rearrange these sentences to write a story

- One evening it said to the bamboo, “ I always stand upright and strong.I don’t bend and fear every time the wind blows.”.
- The peepal tree always thought that it was much stronger than the bamboo.
- “Oh my God!”, said the bamboo. “Our way is better. We bend, but we don’t break.”
- That night there was a storm and the peepal tree was uprooted. It fell down.

II. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

What makes me very angry is when people don't believe me when I am telling the truth. For example, if I tell my teacher that I couldn't do my homework because Ravi borrowed my book and forgot to return it. Or I tell my parents that it wasn't me but my little brother who started the fight. Or if I tell my teacher that I really did study for the test even if I have got bad marks. They all look at me as if they think I am telling lies. The look on their faces really angers me. They should try to understand, shouldn't they? Sometimes I have to look down at my shoes and count to ten so that I do not show that I am angry.

1. Choose the correct option.

- i. The speaker is very angry when_____
 - a. people believe him but he cannot tell the truth.
 - b. he is telling the truth and others don't believe him.
 - c. no one wants to listen to him.
 - d. he cannot show that he is angry.
- ii. The speaker has to look down and count to ten because_____
 - a. everyone looks at him angrily.
 - b. he feels ashamed about himself.
 - c. he does not want to show his anger.
 - d. he is telling lies.

2. Read the following sentences and tick the correct meaning of the underlined words in context.

- i. They all look at me as if they think I am telling lies.
 - a. find
 - b. guess
 - c. see

- ii. The look on their faces really angers me.
 - a. goodness
 - b. expression
 - c. feeling

3. Read the example from the passage that shows emphasis by the speaker.

eg.: “I **did** study for the test even if I have got bad marks”.

Add two more sentences using *did* for emphasis

- i. (do homework)
- ii (speak truth)

4. Read the sentence.

They should try to understand, *shouldn't they?*

The underlined phrase is a question tag.

We use short forms in question tags.

eg.: shouldn't for should not

We use negative question tags with positive statements.

eg.: She *does* the houswork herself, *doesn't* she?

We use pronouns in question tags. The pronoun in a question tag must agree with the subject of the statement.

g.: My teacher was here yesterday, wasn't he? (not wasn't my teacher)

Tick the sentences with the correct questions tags.

1. It's a sunny day, isn't it?
2. Bill works hard. doesn't Bill?
3. You have swept the floor, have not you?
4. You and Mohan enjoyed the game, didn't you?
5. I look like my aunt, don't I?
6. Your sister has cooked the supper, hasn't she?