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SECTION – 1 (UNIT – 1)

1. The Only American from Our Village

- a) Explain the title of the lesson.
- b) Describe the main character Dr. Khanna.
- c) What message does the author convey through the story?

2. Seventeen Oranges

- a) Why did the narrator steal the oranges?
- b) How was he saved from punishment?
- c) What lesson does the story teach?

3. Old Man at the Bridge

- a) Describe the condition of the old man.
- b) Explain the significance of the bridge.
- c) Discuss the theme of war in the story.

4. Don't Pay Bad for Bad

- a) Explain the moral of the story.
- b) How should we respond to hatred according to the lesson?
- c) Give two examples from daily life where forgiveness is better than revenge.

SECTION – 2 (UNIT – 2)

Comprehension Paragraph:

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Communication is an important skill that helps people share their thoughts, ideas, and feelings with others. It plays a significant role in our personal, social, and professional lives. Effective communication is not limited to speaking well; it also includes listening

carefully, understanding the message, and responding appropriately. Good communication helps avoid misunderstandings and strengthens relationships.

In today's fast-changing world, people communicate through various means such as face-to-face conversations, telephone calls, emails, letters, video conferences, and social media platforms. Technology has made communication faster and easier, allowing people to stay connected regardless of distance. However, while technology offers many advantages, it is equally important to communicate politely and responsibly.

Students who develop good communication skills become more confident in expressing their opinions, participating in classroom discussions, delivering presentations, and attending interviews. They are also better at working in teams and solving problems through discussion. Employers highly value candidates who can communicate effectively because it improves workplace productivity and teamwork.

Therefore, every student should make an effort to improve communication skills by reading regularly, listening attentively, speaking confidently, and writing clearly. Good communication not only leads to academic success but also helps build a successful career and meaningful relationships.

Answer the following questions:

1. Why is communication considered an important skill?
2. Mention any **four** means of communication given in the passage.
3. Besides speaking, what other skills are essential for effective communication?
4. How do good communication skills help students in their academic and professional lives?
5. What can students do to improve their communication skills?

Articles (Fill in the blanks)

1. He bought _____ umbrella.
2. Ahmedabad is _____ beautiful city.
3. She is _____ honest girl.
4. I saw _____ elephant.
5. The sun rises in _____ east.

Subject-Verb Agreement

Choose the correct verb.

1. The students (is/are) preparing for exams.
2. Each of the boys (has/have) completed the work.
3. Mathematics (is/are) my favourite subject.
4. Neither Riya nor her friends (was/were) present.
5. The committee (has/have) taken a decision.

Prepositions

Fill in the blanks.

1. She arrived _____ the station on time.
2. The book is _____ the table.
3. We have been waiting _____ two hours.
4. He is interested _____ music.
5. They walked _____ the bridge.

SECTION – 3 (REVISION & PRACTICE)

Choose the correct answer.

1. "Old Man at the Bridge" is based on
 - a) Love
 - b) War
 - c) Friendship
 - d) Adventure
2. "Seventeen Oranges" teaches us
 - a) Greed
 - b) Honesty
 - c) Theft is rewarding
 - d) Luck alone matters
3. Articles are used before
 - a) Verbs
 - b) Nouns
 - c) Adverbs
 - d) Conjunctions
4. Which is a preposition?
 - a) Quickly
 - b) Under
 - c) Happy
 - d) Write
5. Choose the correct sentence:
 - a) She go to college.
 - b) She goes to college.
 - c) She going to college.
 - d) She gone to college.
