

General English

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Write a paragraph in about 200 words on any one of the following expressions/statements :

(a) Punctuality is a precious virtue.

personal /
professional.

"It is better to do a thing badly than not to do it at all." _____ action.

(c) Courage is the necessity of life.

(d) Love of money is the root of all evils.

(e) Is censorship of Internet necessary?

Use the following words in sentences so as to bring out their meaning clearly. Do not change the form of the word. No credit will be given for a vague or ambiguous sentence.

2x5-1

(a) gregarious - Sheba is a gregarious individual, always seeking opportunities to socialise and engage with others.

(b) hostility The heated argument escalated into open hostility with both parties expressing intense animosity.

(c) affluence The luxurious mansion and expensive cars were clear indicators of the family's affluence and prosperity.

(d) boisterous - The boisterous celebration in the streets continued late into the night after the team won the championship.

(e) affinity - Robert has an immediate affinity for classical music.

week into the night after the team won the championship.

(e) affinity - Rehan felt an immediate affinity for the bookstore, because of its cozy atmosphere and extensive collection.

Use the following idioms and phrasal verbs in sentences so as to bring out their meaning clearly: 2x5=10

(a) a vested interest - As a shareholder in the company, Amelia has a vested interest in its success, as any positive outcome would directly benefit her financially.

(b) at cross purposes
The two departments were working at cross purposes pursuing conflicting strategies that hindered overall progress on the project.

(c) at a loss for words

When she saw the breathtaking sunset over the mountains, Alia was completely at a loss for words.

(d) look down on/upon

It is important not to look down on those with different backgrounds, because of the beauty she has witnessed.

(e) put across

- The professor struggled to put across the complex scientific concepts in a way that the students could easily understand, regardless of their social or economic status.

Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning. Do not make unnecessary changes in the original sentence: 1x10=10

(a) I did not like him disturbing me at that late hour.
(his) (to)

(b) Death is preferable than dishonour.

(c) He is enough wise to understand the situation.
(wise enough)

(d) He is seldom or ever to be seen at his shop.
never ✓

(e) The teacher has not yet entered the classroom.
(into) (x)

(f) I am prepared to say it at his face.
to

(g) He insisted to leave immediately.
on leaving ✓

(h) He always says the truth.
tells

(i) Wealth is only means, the end is happiness.
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(j) I doubt that he will come.
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(i) Wealth is only means, the end is happiness.

(j) I doubt that he will come.
~~x~~ → whether.

Correct the following sentences without changing their meaning. Do not make unnecessary changes in the original sentence:

1x10=10

(a) It is a matter of gravest importance.

the → extremely important

(b) He was hankering for success.

↳ after

(c) Neither she comes nor she writes.

Neither does she come nor does she write.

(d) Too many (a roadblock) can be very frustrative for drivers.

roadblocks frustrating

(e) The contents of the box was an enigma for everyone.

~~x~~ were

(f) We were happy to see acres and acres of expensive, lush green fields.

(g) Even though this pen cost me dearly, it is value for money.

(h) Everyone must bide by the rules of the game.

abide

(i) Your lack in clarity of thought can be detrimental to your welfare.

of → in ing

(j) He coaxed me to agree with his proposal.

He coaxed me into agreeing with his proposal.

He is the best boy in the class. → superlative

<u>positive</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
good	better	best

Use the following idioms and phrasal verbs in sentences, so as to bring out their meaning clearly :

2x5=10

(a) a pinch of salt

(b) down the alley

(c) at an arm's length

(d) under the cloud

(e) in the eye of the storm

Use the following words, each in a single sentence. Bring out the meaning clearly without changing the form of the word. No credit will be given for a vague or ambiguous sentence.

2x5-10

(a) Altercation

(b) Blatantly

(c) Cacophony

(d) Delirious

(e) Invigorate