

# D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, BARIATU, RANCHI – 9

## SUMMER VACATION ASSIGNMENTS (2021 - 22)

### CLASS - XII

#### 1. Read the Passage given below:

**8 marks**

According to an African proverb, "It takes a make that two, for mothers who have full-time jobs as well. This is not to say that non-office-going mothers have any less responsibilities. In fact, they have to deal with far more expectations. Just that office-going mothers have more touch points to manage, higher level of dependencies on others and Murphy's law thrown in more often than for any other set of human species.

The biggest challenge women face today is to be judged. Unfortunately, most of them try to defend their position, when they don't need to. As grown up, educated and evolved individuals, you need not justify your decisions and choices to all and sundry all the time because it leads to a vicious cycle of guilt, self-doubt, defiance and anger.

Sample this-you have a child with viral fever at home and a critical presentation to be made at work. Of course, we all know what is important, but in practical life you weigh your options and then take a decision. On most such occasions, you would find someone to step in at home while you get the presentation out of the way and come back to your baby. You have taken a conscious and informed decision, but the world will not let you live it down and make you believe that your priorities are all wrong. This is the point which decides how challenging your life is going to be -will you let the cacophony get you down or shrug it off and move on to the next challenge?

While the working hours concept is changing around the world, we often perceive long working hours as a testimony of hard work, and it is detrimental for mothers of young children. It doesn't matter if you come in early, take no coffee/smoke breaks, and gobble lunch as you work through a complex algorithm. If you do so much to attempt leaving on the dot, you get judged for being a slacker.

This is the point when you let the said and unsaid office gossip get you down or shrug it off and walk away knowing you delivered your goals.

While some parenting experts suggest we do one thing at a time and do it well-be the corporate slayer at work or a full-time mom at home, it might make sense to change the strategy. In today's times of involved parenting and advanced technology, one can be a mother and corporate honcho in the same breath.

You need not compartmentalize when you can empower yourself to bring in quality to all your roles. On a light day at office, you can actually step out and surprise your children by taking them for lunch or picking them from school. Similarly, you can get your office work in order at night when the kids are watching TV at home. By keeping timelines, a little flexible, you can achieve quality outputs and juggle your roles more effectively. Yes, you need good planning skills, a sharpened foresight and agility to tackle the many roles you play in a day-you can hone these skills with practice and a little help from various tools available today. Most importantly, go easy on yourself. You know what is best for you and trust your instincts. Like someone said-what others think of you is none of your business!

- A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (4 marks)
- B. Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. (4 marks)

#### 2. Read the Passage given below:

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In 1927, Walt Disney created a character for Universal Studios called Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. But after a dispute, he branched out, and along with his most loyal animator Ubbe Iwerks (who did all the

drawings) turned the rabbit into a mouse and suggested he be called Mickey. Walt grew up on a farm and so animals showed up frequently in his works.

The first two Mickey Mouse shorts – Plane Crazy (it was screened to an audience on May 15, 1928) and The Gallopin Gaucho –couldn't find distributors at first. Then, Disney, inspired by the musical film The Jazz Singer, updated his mouse; Steamboat Willie hit the screens on November 18, 1928-with synchronized music and sound effect. Everybody loved it. It growls, whines, squeaks and makes various other sounds that add to its mirthful quality. Mickey became the first non-human to win an Oscar. He was skinny, had a long face. a curling tail. He started out as a sadistic, rat like, sexist pig. he was despicable. This rouge like mouse was a hero.

But the Great Depression of the Thirties changes things. Americans were looking for a new kind of star; humble and nice, someone who would take on life's great challenges. So, in 1935, Mickey was given a pear-shaped body, white gloves and smaller, cuter nose. His features were now rounder and so were his shoes, he wore white gloves. He was no longer rat-like, but lovable. At 25, Mickey mouse went on a break for three decades. He didn't appear between the 1953 cartoon short. The Simple Things, and the 1983 Mickey's Christmas Carol.

In the beginning, the idea was to make him stay current – but then after the Second World War. Walt Disney didn't allow any changes: because by now, according to a biography on Disney's World, Disney is described as "having walked, talked and even eaten like his prized mouse for long period of time." By the late 1940s, "Mickey Mouse had become a son, an alter ego and a good luck charm to Walt Disney. The mouse would not be allowed to change even if it killed his acting career" –according to the book A Mickey Mouse Reader. But Mickey was meant for greater things; even 50 years after Walt's death, he continues to be the face of Disney. According to Walt Disney this is very inspiring. We only hope that we never lose sight of one thing – that it was all started by a mouse."

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Young people today have many career choices ranging from the traditional options of engineering, medicine, architecture, CA, Law to new age careers in animation, Mobile applications, robotics, business analytics and media communications. Within each Sector there are infinite variations which make it difficult to find the 'right fit career'. A combination of many factors could help you make a realistic and informed choice while selecting the career and its consequent academic track.

A vital piece of information which may lessen the anxiety is that people are changing their careers several times in their work lives based on new opportunities, new learning and changing demands of the work environment. In addition, virtual classrooms and internet portals are providing continual learning opportunities to pick-up subjects and skills you have not taken in school or college. The ideal career is one which matches three main criteria.

Identifying a few broad career sectors which match 'aptitude and interest' is a good way to start the search. Choose the career which is the harmony with subjects you enjoy. For example, if you enjoy writing and reading, you may start the search by considering careers in law, journalism, media. Physics and Maths is a good indication for engineering professions. Talent for art and design finds outlets in fashion, interiors, products design, illustration, animation, film and photography, Bio-Chemistry is the pillar for careers in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, bio-technology, nutrition, food science, environmental sciences, etc.

There are many aptitude tests conducted by experts and there are some free tests available online that can help identify subject specific strengths and weaknesses as well as personality parameters. However, this assessment must be combined with actual academic performance of the last few years for

a realistic evaluation. For example, a student may have a strong aptitude for mathematics and the sciences, but if the academic marks are low. It indicates a lack of focus. Just intelligence or interest in subject areas is not enough. Success in a career requires diligence, discipline and dedication.

The second factor is 'feasibility'. This means that the chosen discipline must have employment demand. The best way to analyze scope of a career is to meet people working in the chosen sector. Talk to professionals and ask them questions about the challenges of their work day and the future growth potential they see in the sector of work.

The third factor in choosing a career is 'do-ability'. You must be prepared to put in the hard work integral to prepare for the specific career. For example, you may want to be a doctor, lawyer or a CA, or even an artist, but you need to walk the academic track only if you are prepared to put in the years of academic study. Find ways like internships or shadow options to observe people in the work environment. This helps to view the reality of all aspects of the work so that you are not swayed by the glamour or the novelty quotient.

Ultimately career growth depends on excellence of performance, so select the field that matches your personality and talent the most.

- The Times of India

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4. Your school has just completed 25 years of its meritorious service to society. The students' council of your school has decided to celebrate its Silver Jubilee. As the President of the council write a notice in not more than 50 words, informing them about the council's decision and seeking their cooperation for the success of the proposed Silver Jubilee Celebration. (3 marks)
5. The Student's Council of your school is organizing an excursion to Ajanta and Ellora for the students of XI and XII in the winter break. As president of the council write a notice in not more than 50 words telling the students about this excursion and inviting their names for joining it. (3marks)
6. You are Rajav/Raveena, President of the Wellness Cell of your school. You decide to organize a workshop to raise awareness of importance of mental health. This workshop would be conducted by the school counsellor. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students of class XI and XII about the workshop. (3marks)
7. You are the General Manager of Brakes and Brakes India, Ltd. You want to appoint two sales representatives for your company. Give an advertisement to be published in the classified column of a local daily. (3 marks)
8. Mohit Singh of D/5, Pragati Nagar, Ranchi wishes to let out his house. He drafts an advertisement for publication in a 'To Let' section of the newspaper. Write the advertisement in not more than 50 words. (3 marks)
9. You are Pradeep/Padmini of 202, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi. You lost your briefcase while travelling by bus from Laxmi Nagar to Connaught Place, New Delhi. The briefcase contains some valuable items. Draft an advertisement to be published in 'The Indian Express'. Include all necessary details about the lost briefcase to establish your claim. (3marks)
10. Design a poster on 'Blood Donation'. (3 marks)
11. Design a poster on 'Say No to Junk Food'. (3 marks)

12. Water is precious and each one of us must stop wastage of it. Design a poster in not more than 50 words urging people to employ various methods of rain-water harvesting in their colonies. (3 marks)
13. Revise the Syllabus (Prose & Poems) completed in the class as of 07/06/2021.

