

Rtapalli Vidyapitha Shraddha Scholarship Examination

Subject- English, Phase I

February 12, 2023

Time – 1hour 15min

F.M. – 70

(1) Fill in the blanks:

i) Use the correct form of the word in the brackets:

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- a) When she _____ the race, she was very happy. (win)
b) Why have we not _____ the class yet? (begin)

ii) Use one of the words/phrases in the brackets:

- a) He _____ found his pen yet. (has, has not, can, cannot)
b) We make _____ excellent team. (a, an, the)

(2) Correct the sentences below:

[2]

- a) Where we are going tomorrow?
b) If it rain, you should take a umbrella.

(3) Fill in the blanks using the words given below:

[6]

(from, between, because, on, to, about)

- a) It will be exciting to sing _____ stage.
b) Have you heard _____ the new books in our library?
c) My friend came to visit all the way _____ Ladakh.
d) _____ the patient was very sick, the doctor ran _____ the hospital.
e) She loves to climb the banyan tree _____ her house and her school.

(4) Make sentences using any five of the following:

[5x2]

quickly, promise, freedom, inquire, why, peaceful, clever, anyone

(5) Translate the following sentences into English.

[6x2]

ଆମ ଘର ପଛପଟେ ଗୋଟେ ପୋଖରୀ ଅଛି। ତମେ ସ୍କୁଲକୁ କାହିଁକି ଯାଇନ? ତମ ମା କ'ଣ କରନ୍ତି? ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଉଦୟ ସମୟରେ ଆକାଶ ନାଲି ଦିଶେ। ଦୟାକରି ତମ ବହିଟା ମତେ ଦବ? ମୁଁ ଜାଣିନି ବାପା କେତବେଳେ ଫେରିବେ।

(6) ତଳେ ୧୮ଟି ଇଂରାଜୀ ବାକ୍ୟ ଅଛି। ପ୍ରତି ବାକ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ୨ ନମ୍ବର। ଭୁଲ କରିବାକୁ ନ ତରି ପ୍ରତି ବାକ୍ୟର ଅର୍ଥ ଯାହା ବୁଝିବ ଓଡ଼ିଆରେ ଲେଖିବ। ଅନେକ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଶବ୍ଦ ଇଂରାଜୀରେ ଲେଖା ହୋଇଛି, ପଢ଼ିବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କରିବ।

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Odia Festivals and Mother Earth

There is a saying in Odisha: *thirteen festivals in twelve months*. Festivals bring joy in our lives. While Jagannatha comes out of the temple to mix with people during Ratha Yatra, we celebrate Deepavali to **commemorate** (ସ୍ମୃତିରେ, ସ୍ମୃତିରକ୍ଷା ପାଇଁ) the return of Rama and Sita to Ayodhya.

Among the festivals, there are two different days when we honour our Mother Earth. *Akshaya Tritiya* falls on the third day of the month of *Vaishakha*. On this day, farmers in Odisha worship the field and seek the blessings of Mother Earth, *Bhudevi* (ଭୂଦେବୀ), and then **sow seeds** (ବିହନ ବୁଣି) for the first time. *Bhudevi*, an *avatara* of Maa Lakshmi, is the wife of Lord Vishnu's *Varaha Avatara*.

Two months after *Akshaya Tritiya* comes *Raja Sankranti*, one of the most joyful festivals in Odisha. Children in villages enjoy swings tied to tree-branches. Many different types of *pitha-pana* bring joy to everyone. The *Raja Utsava* ends on the fourth day, after women worship Mother Earth, also known as *Vasundhara*.

In addition to these two festivals, many people in India pray to *Bhudevi* every day as they get out of bed. They pray to her **to forgive** (କ୍ଷମା କରିବା ପାଇଁ) them for putting their feet on her, “ବିଷ୍ଣୁପତ୍ନି ନମସ୍କାରମ୍ ପାଦସ୍ପର୍ଶମ୍ କ୍ଷମସ୍ତମେ ।”

While we celebrate these festivals with great joy, we must also remember to care for our Mother Earth daily. Mother Earth is becoming weaker and sicker every day because of **pollution** (ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ) humans create. What do children do when their mother becomes sick? They try their best to take good care of her, and to help her **recover** (ସୁସ୍ଥ ହବା). In the same way, each one of us must take good care of Mother Earth for a healthy future.