

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GAYA

WORKSHEET-1

Subject : English

Class : IX

1. Read the given passage below:

India is on the path of greatness. But where will this greatness come from? Is it only the government of a country that can lead it to greatness? Is it only the political leaders who can shape the future of a nation? No. The true greatness of any nation lies in its people.

There is capability for greatness in every citizen of the land. For the true owners of our nation are its citizens. The Government is only the guardian of the nation and is ready to serve the people of the country. This is what a true democracy should be like. However, for a true democracy to succeed the citizens have to play a larger role and fulfill their duties towards the nation.

The most famous line from the US President John F Kennedy's inaugural address is, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." What is this but a call for citizens to rise to the occasion and do their duty?

In a true democracy, people get the leaders they deserve. If we simply sit in our drawing rooms and debate the quality of leadership this country has, we will achieve nothing. We have to play an active role in creating a new type of leadership because it is we, the people, who own the nation.

We can achieve this kind of leadership firstly by educating the youth of the country which is of supreme importance. Second, parents need to teach their children the importance of obeying laws. Children need to learn and be encouraged to express their talents and skills and consider themselves as the real strength of their nation. We need to encourage new ideas and creativity.

Whether you start a small business, write an article, teach a child, shop at local stores, not pollute your environment, participate in cleanliness drives, create a work of art, volunteer for some social cause or another similar effort, you are performing your duty as a citizen. You are contributing to the consciousness of the community development and this will begin the process of change. Considering that most young people spend most of their time at school or at work, it is also important for teachers and employers to inculcate a sense of duty in the hearts and minds of young people.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Where does the true greatness of any nation lie?
- (b) What is the role of the government?
- (c) What did the US President say in his inaugural address?
- (d) How can a true democracy develop?
- (e) How can we achieve good leadership?
- (f) How can children consider themselves as the real strength of their nation?
- (g) When do you perform your duty as a citizen? Mention any two activities.
- (h) Who should inculcate a sense of duty in the children?

2. Read the passage given below:

Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.

All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.

Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach,

planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.

One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.

Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

- 2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (a) To whom does success come certainly?
 - (b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
 - (c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success? Give any two examples.
 - (d) What is the one basic requirement of success?
 - (e) Explain: "Failures are pillars of success."
- 2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrase:
- (a) _____ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
 - (b) Goals have to be pursued with _____ and _____.
 - (c) Ratio of success is _____ inspiration.
- 2.3. Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following:
- (a) famous (para 1)
 - (b) abundance (para 5)
3. In 200-250 words write a story based on the input given below:
- Before starting the journey, he made sure that he hadn't forgotten anything. He got into the train, settled in his seat and looked around
4. You visited an 'Old Home' with your friends. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, write a diary entry in about 100-120 words of what you experienced there.
- Hints: old home-people mostly above sixty years-peaceful surroundings-spacious-good sanitation-regular medical check up-feeling of cooperation-a home away from home
5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers:
- (A) Concentration is (a) _____ by alertness.
 - (B) Effective speaking (b) _____ on effective listening.

- (C) Economic growth (c) _____ attitudes and lifestyle.
- (D) The environment has always (d) _____ in control of our destiny.
- (E) They believe that logic (e) _____ no place in faith.
- (a) (i) help (ii) will help (iii) helps (iv) helped
- (b) (i) depends (ii) depend (iii) depended (iv) depending
- (c) (i) change (ii) will change (iii) changes (iv) changed
- (d) (i) is (ii) be (iii) been (iv) was
- (e) (i) has (ii) have (iii) had (iv) having

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example.

	Error	Correction
People of diverse cultures lives	(a) _____	_____
together in India. There is many	(b) _____	_____
people who exhibit unity on diversity.	(c) _____	_____
They celebrated different festivals together.	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences:

- (a) very exciting / can be / new country / travelling to / a
- (b) it / a lot of / before / actually requires / the visit / preparation
- (c) option / is / light / travelling / best / the
- (d) also need / we / the local weather / in mind / to / keep
- (e) always / enriched / we / return / experience / the / with

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