



**GAIL DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**ASSIGNMENT**  
**Session 2026-27**  
**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**  
**CLASS - XI**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, “The task is so big. What can I do alone?” So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.

It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.

Another area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those of you who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like co-operation.

A lot of people don't care about the environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step would be to convince people to change by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The internet is a powerful tool and a group on social media of like-minded people can be formed. People can share environmental stories and issues, as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly to act now.

**Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**

**i.** Select the option that classifies the reason for not taking first step towards a good cause.

a. Because we feel that we are not responsible for that task.

	<p>b. Because we feel that nothing gets done anyhow.  c. Because we feel that the task is too big and we cannot do anything alone.  d. Because we feel that it is not our work to fulfil the task.</p> <p><b>ii.</b> What is the significance of two-uses attitude in the given extract?  a. Putting less material from nature.  b. Putting an article to a second use giving it a longer lease of life.  c. Putting an article to a second person.  d. Putting the task apart itself.</p> <p>iii. Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, to support the view that the writer’s writing style is descriptive in nature.</p> <p><b>iv.</b> Complete the sentence appropriately with a characteristic or description.  The internet is a _____ and a group on social media of like-minded people can be formed.</p> <p><b>v.</b> Select the option that is similar in meaning to the word ‘imperative’.  (a) happy (b) mandatory  (c) triumph (d) essential</p>
2.	<p>Fill in the blanks with suitable Determiners. Put a X where no determiner is required.  There was ----- confusion regarding ----- circular. ----- rumours were spread and ----- fell ----- easy prey to it. When a clarification was provided ----- rumour mongers couldn’t justify themselves.</p>
3.	<p>Change the tense as directed:  They completed the task well within time.. ( Future Perfect, Past Perfect, Present Perfect)  He had been to that temple every year. ( Present Indefinite, Past Indefinite)  The leader did a lot to help the poor. (Past Perfect Continuous, Future Continuous, Future Perfect Continuous)</p>
4.	<p><b>Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p><b>When I decided to go abroad, for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years , and at her age one could never tell. But my grandmother could. She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion. Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. Silently she kissed my forehead, and when I left I cherished the moist imprint as perhaps the last sign of physical contact between us.</b></p>

	<p>Why did the author expect his grandmother to be upset about his going abroad?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She was against foreign education.</li> <li>She was concerned about his fooding &amp; lodging.</li> <li>He would be far away from his family for a long time and she was very old.</li> <li>She did not want him to leave his family for such a long period.</li> </ol> <p>Choose the option that best describes the grandmother’s behaviour at the railway station?</p> <p>The grandmother’s demeanour was (i) ----- , her focus was on (ii)----- --, and her farewell was (iii) ----- . This behaviour reflected her (iv) -----</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) emotional (ii) the author (iii) tearful (iv) weakness</li> <li>(i) stoic (ii) prayers (iii) silence (iv) inn er strength</li> <li>(i) angry (ii) the journey (iii) cold (iv) disappointment</li> <li>(i) cheerful (ii) the surroundings (iii) casual (iv) indifference</li> </ol>	
5.	<p>Answer the following questions briefly in 40-50 words</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justify the title “ The Portrait of a Lady”.</li> <li>Why did grandmother feel isolated?</li> </ol>	
6.	<p>Write a speech on Old Age Homes.</p>	