

ROSTRUM CLUB INAUGURATION



Editorial

 $oldsymbol{T}$ he world is shrinking and the need for communicating with diverse workforce is becoming increasingly unavoidable. Almost all the companies expect their prospective employees to communicate effectively and this is evident in their placement processes. Communicative ability doesn't stop with the job search but it is expected to be at its peak when someone wants to become an entrepreneur. Although language is not all of communication, it's the foremost and first of modern communication process. Most of the students Know English but they are afraid of talking in English, some are reluctant to talk in English and others don't get an opportunity to learn English. It's the third group that was our concern when we inaugurated "Rostrum Club" (Language Club) with a tagline "Get empowered in languages". So far, students have attended sessions for one and a half months and the result is visible when I go back sit for their presentation sessions. I'm not talking about their language skills here but the courage that they gained within this one and a half months with their interaction with the seniors and the activities that they had done. I'm pretty much confident that if they continue with the same motivation they will be able to face anyone for any interaction without fear. It's going to be a Herculean task and I'm aware that it's not just the courage that's enough to communicate effectively but the language ability on which we will be training them later. We will make sure that they understand the importance of language, engage actively in classroom discussions, do some self-learning and successfully face the real world with confidence. We will talk to them, strengthen them, and help them to do tasks without any peer pressure, after all that's what a teacher is expected to do. I congratulate all the Mentors and Members of the Rostrum club.

INAUGURATION OF ROSTRUM CLUB

-A PLACE TO GET EMPOWERED IN LANGUAGES

Rostrum Club was inaugurated on 07th September 2016. Rostrum Club (Language Club) is one of the many efforts Language Learning Centre was implementing to strengthen those who consider themselves weak in English communication skils. Although the club has got a specific category of members, the club's tagline "A place to get empowered in languages" affirms that the club is for everyone who wish to empower themselves in languages. The inauguration of Rostrum Club has brought smiles on the faces of students who struggle because of their fear of English. Membership was given to the students who volunteered to join the club and Club's Faculty Advisor Mr. P. Jose talked to the students in person before taking them in. Rostrum Club will instigate communication ability and bring confidence to its members.

Student members assembled in CS HALL, NPTC-MCET Campus at 3.30 p.m. The Guest of Honour Dr.Ranga Palaniswamy, Director, Student Affairs, MCET was given a warm and heartfelt welcome by the club members and the Faculty Advisor. The club's Faculty Advisor Mr. P. Jose set the context by briefing the need for such a club to support the students who are in need, especially at a place where English language plays a vital role. He also welcomed the Guest of honour, guest speakers and all the mentors and members.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Ranga Planisamy, appreciated the efforts of Language Learning Centre in supporting the students. He briefed his experience as a student and insisted the students to utilize every opportunity to its fullest. He asked the students to be strong and get help from the right person and place as and when they need help. He also elaborated on the importance of coming forward and gaining confidence.

He requested all the students to make use of the opportunities in Rostrum Club to equip themselves with the much needed skill of the century – Communication Skills.

ROSTRUM CLUB A PLACE TO GET EMPOWERED IN LANGUAGE(S)

After the speech by Director-SA, the office bearers for the club were inducted. Selvan Kaushik Shankar Subramanian, III ECE introduced the Club. Selvan Prakash. P.V, III ECE, Executive Member, Rostrum Club presented the plan of action for the academic year 2016-2017.

The three guest speakers Mr. Samuel Lawrence, Ms. Sathya, Mr. Prasanth were from final year ECE, IT and Auto respectively. The club's faculty strongly believed in the final students who got benefitted out of the LSRW program that was conducted by Language Learning Centre for all the II & III year students. Of course, they didn't fail our expectations instead they all motivated the students with their learning and experience inside the campus.

Mr. Samuel Lawrence, Final ECE, started his speech with his experience in the school. He narrated how he was caught by one of his teachers for not speaking in English which later served as the biggest motivation for him to start speaking in the public. He stressed on the usage of formal English and informal English. He shared his experience during the interview process by saying although he was confident of his communicative ability in English, he couldn't perform well in the interview because of nervousness. He told the gathering that he was able to succeed only in his 4th attempt. His style of pronouncing English added flavor to his speech.

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Ms. Sathya, Final IT gave a genial welcome and extended her speech insisting on the need to learn languages and to focus on the continuous improvement of listening, speaking, reading and writing habits to raise language proficiency to the next level. She was very interactive by questioning and eliciting answers from the members. She said that there are lots of opportunities available for the students in this campus but only those who are focused will succeed and not the ones who are distracted.

Mr. Prasanth, Final Auto, brought pin drop silence among the gathering by bringing out the struggles he had undergone in learning English. He shared about the obstacles he faced and the strategies he followed to shed fear and inhibition towards learning English. He mentioned the impact of LSRW programme in motivating and providing platform to practice his language and become confident. He proudly declared that his efforts paid dividends when he got placed in Infosys and urged the club

members to work over time to move forward.

Rostrum Club will definitely bring sunshine to atleast few people in the campus and those few will become multifold as years pass. We at Rostrum Club will ensure that we will help those students who are really in need of help.



Sri Harini III EIE

WISE TALK

"Dhoni finishes off in style! India lifts the world cup after 28 years" screamed Ravi Shastri. MS.Dhoni - The untold story took me to the Wahnkade and I relived those moments. I was struck hard by the thought that I had an interview the next day. Tech Mahindra was the last hope for us. It was the last one on the list of IT giants which hires mechanical engineering students. I made the 'Interview formals' ready, arranged my files and went to bed.

4th October 2016- The Interview day: I woke up early that day since we had to go to Karpagam College, Coimbatore to attend the recruitment process. Javith took his car and we both were accompanied by three more friends. We reached Karpagam College around 8.10am and we met our fellow classmates there. It was more awkward to see all those child-like faces (interview etiquettes!).

THE WAIT: We were made to sit in an auditorium for nearly 2 hours. I tried to kill the boredom by playing few games on my smartphone. I was starving as it was 12 hours since I had anything to eat. I realised later that this was only a sample of what I was about to face later.

ROUND 1: We were taken to the respective halls and were provided with systems. Answering 75 questions in 50 minutes seemed to be a herculean task. I concentrated on the verbal section first and did the aptitude part in the final minutes. With 10seconds to spare, I clicked on the submit button. The screen displayed the text in red. I saw many of my friends departing the hall. I read the text on my screen. Congratulations. You have successfully completed the first round. Describe the below picture in 200 words. Click Start test when ready. My joy knew no bounds. I turned to my friend Manivannan nearby who grinned back at me. I looked back and found out that the gang which planned for the movie were sitting there inside the hall. Javith and Loki smirked at me. I relaxed for a few minutes and still couldn't believe that I made it to the next round.

WISE TALK

ROUND 2: It was a picture based round in which we were asked to describe a picture in 200 words in a mere 15 minutes. As soon as I clicked Start test, an image was thrown up on the screen. It was a picture of a couple who seemed very happy and enjoying each other's company. Romeo and Juliet, Raman and Sita and few other name combinations came to my mind. I wasted nearly 5 minutes naming them and finally decided on Mark and Helen (I have no idea why I chose those names!). The round was very challenging since I deleted the lines and wrote back again trying to make it a best starter. I could write only about 150 words when the time ran out. I lost all my confidence there, done and dusted. We were then taken to the placement cell where the interview was supposed to take place. The HR read out the names from his laptop. 30 names were read and I felt that I am done for the day.

HR: Nikhil Joseph Charles!

Me: Yes, Sir.

HR: Arrange your resume and mark sheets in order and sit over there.

Me: Sure sir!

Thanking God for his mercy, I arranged my papers and waited for my turn.

Technical Round: Keeping myself calm (MSD movie impact!), I waited patiently for my turn. The clock struck 2 pm and the morning tea had already vanished in the thin air. A HR personnel came out with a stern face and enquired the job seekers whether they had their lunch. He asked thrice, increasing the loudness in his voice every time, which made me raise my hand confessing the crime! Looking at me

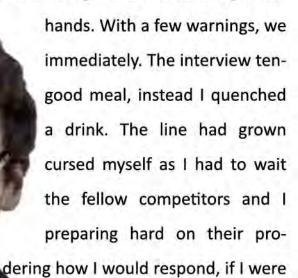
few more people raised their were asked to have lunch sion blocked me from having a my hunger with few snacks and bigger when I returned and I for a long time. I looked around

was dumbstruck. The girls there were

gramming skills and I sat there won-

asked on

that.



WISE TALK

My name was called and I was taken to a cabin by a HR himself. (That's not what you see in the movies!). Making myself comfortable, I presented him my resume but "say about yourself" - the mandatory question of an interview was thrown at me. He was impressed a bit (I guess so) and asked about my blog. With a satisfactory performance I left the cabin with mixed feelings.

THE FINALE: I motivated myself that I had given my best and just had to repeat the same again. When the clock struck 4, the personnel came out and took 10 girl participants inside. Their interview went for more than an hour and we were taken inside in a group of 10 members. HR described how the interview was going to be conducted. The group members were given 3 minutes each and were asked to speak on family and achievements. In the middle of my friend's talk, I heard the HR yelling Nikhil and getting back to my senses I started my speech. When I stated my strength in basketball, he started questioning about my game, how well I managed my team, how I would be reacting to various situations etc. I tried to be as frank as possible and then the HR moved to the next participant.

THE UNENDING WAIT: I was almost exhausted at the end of the day. My gang of friends decided to have a heavy dinner since everyone was starving. Our Placement Officer informed us that the results would be out by 7pm but there were no signs of getting the results. Mind said to wait but our bodies did not like the idea. They announced that our results will be emailed to our Placement Officer and instructed us to leave. Feeling deprived we left the venue and had a scrumptious meal at Pollachi. My Parents couldn't believe that I had cleared so many rounds and they were happy with my performance, but will I get a job? This question kept ringing in my ears and left me in thoughts for the night.

THE D-DAY: The lectures seemed never ending that day. I was nervous as if I were waiting in the delivery ward. Feeling restless, I rushed to the placement cell during the 11 am break. Javith came out smiling saying that we got placed. I ran my fingers through the list and found my name Nikhil Joseph Charles, Mechanical. I was mute and couldn't believe that I actually did it. I then came back to my senses and was really happy for myself.

"If you really want something, the whole world will conspire to help you achieve it".

-Paulo Coelho

Office
going hours or
the "peak hours"
is the time when
the town buses and
the private service
buses are flooded with
the school going kids, the
college teens, the workers
from different disciplines and
the daily wage labourers.
"Speed-Rush-Be on time" are the
mantras (tune) for both the passengers as well as the drivers.

The 40 kilometre stretch of Pollachi to
Coimbatore is an old trade route which was
not given any importance. Even though the
plans have started the road widening will take
its own time, probably if we are lucky by the
time this article comes out the work should have
started. Let it take its own time, but what about
the Rail line that is of no use at present.
Each time I cross the unmanned rail-

way gate of Pollachi to Coimbatore, I feel heart broken.

problem lie, who the losers are, penetrate me. If I have to say, I am the biggest looser here because the way private buses FLY, (yes! I mean they fly!) brings death in the form of four wheels. They not only risk their lives but also the lives of other passengers, just for the monetary benefits of their masters.

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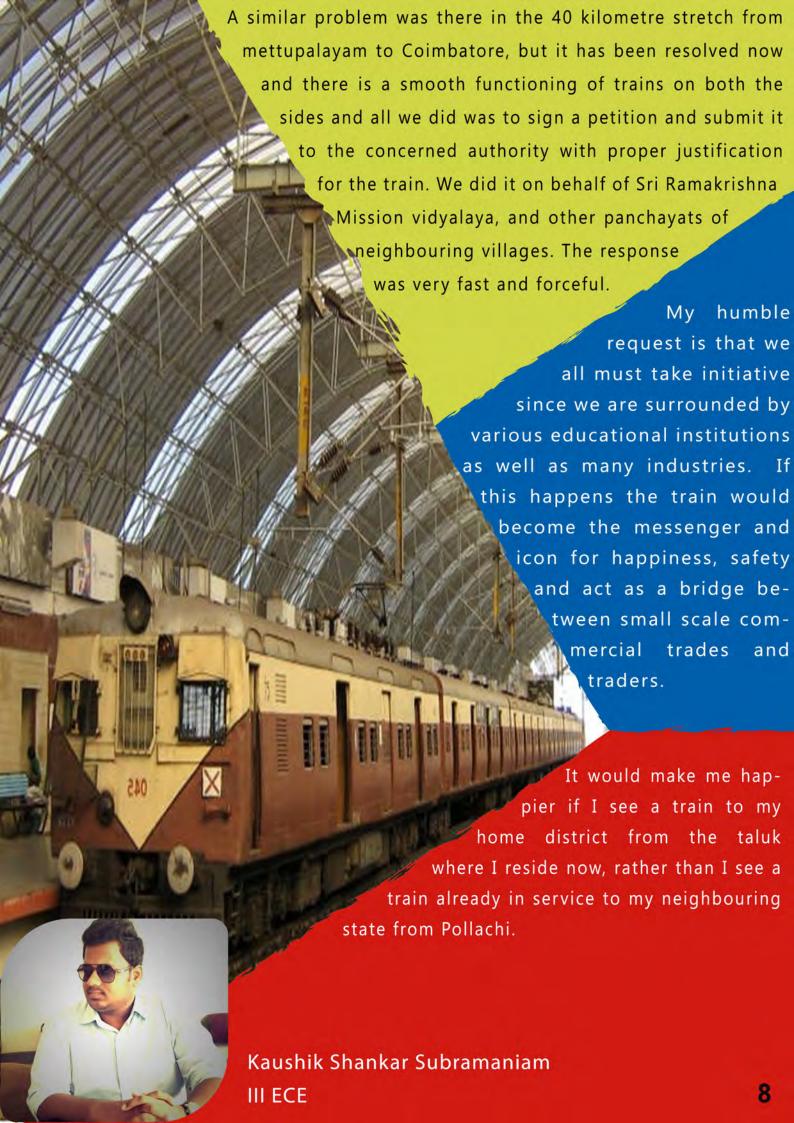
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think of this, question

IS OUR LIFE SO DIS

COUNTED?

Just imagine how breath-taking it would be, if there are trains from Pollachi to Coimbatore at frequent intervals or at least during the peak hours to satisfy the needs. It would also help us economically and most importantly we can hope to reach home alive and safe! Trains can take 20 times more passengers than the buses thus reducing the traffic on the road.



LOVE FOR CHILD

"Only children believe that they are capable of everything" - paulo coelho

when we look at our childhood photos and watch our childhood videos, they would take us back to a different world where we forget ourselves and indulge in a rich memory that keeps re-

unforgettable memories that yearn to go back to those ticular period that keeps again.

float in eternity and we days. Childhood is one parbeckoning us to engage

At times we hear our particle with us including some silly things that we continue to do even today. We won't be able to control our laughter or shyness when we listen about those naughty things that we had done. Our grandparents longed to be with us and we longed to be with them partly out of love and partly to escape from the punishments from our parents, yes! Our grandparents used to shield us from the wrath of our parents.

This piece of writing is dedicated to all the small, lovely and cute children all over the world and also focuses on childhood. Their smile can wipe your gloomy mind-set such as sadness, upset or loneliness and take you to a world full of joy, fun and curiosity. We all like children and often play with cute babies because of their childish expressions. Their smile brings smile on our face and happiness to our hearts. They are the flowers in the world that spread the fragrance of love, curiosity and happiness. There would be no verbal communication but the language with which we try to speak with them gives us an awe-some experience.

If life is a video player, almost all of us would like to rewind it to our childhood days using a backward button but in vain because God hasn't got that option in his disk.

Life is beauti-

ful when your acts are child-

like but if you are childish then you are

marring your beautiful world. Even now you can be a child

not in actions but in loving, caring, being innocent and living without expectations. Be kind and friendly to everyone, then you will also be

treated like all the other children in the world.

Child labour, child trafficking and orphaned children are plenty in a country that adores children as the face of God.

Even God is helpless in the hands of the brutal mafias that don't respect and give children their rights to excel in their life. Let's all raise our voice and work for a world where we don't have child labours, where children are not used for illicit activities and where the orphanages go extinct.

AS OUR ANCESTORS SAID,

"ക്യശ്യക്യപ്രം ഒക്യെഗ്രം ഉത്ത്വ" (God and child are one and the same) and "ക്യശ്യക്യൻ എസ്സ് ഒക്യിക്കും കുത്തപും" (One can see and experience God in a child's smile), it's true that the almighty is not only present in the temples but also in all cute little children. Seeing them smile is a boon and it is cherished more than anything else by human beings. So enjoy your life and be happy with the Almighty (children) forever.



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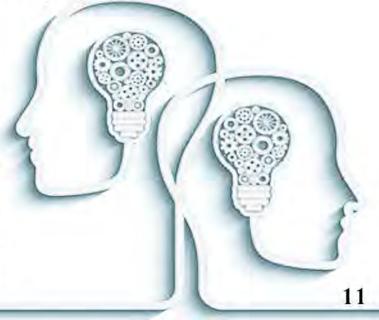
MY ARTICLE

My childhood innocence drilled an immutable knowledge from the words of my teacher. One day my teacher was about to teach English grammar for us and during her lecture, she imbibed our knowledge with a substantial topic in English, 'article'. She sprinkled the words a, an, the; and orated about the major role articles play in English language. My carelessness to be unaware of the different synonym of the word "article" put me in a critical situation during my 3rd standard when my teacher assigned us with a paperwork on the topic article [refers to the newspaper article].

This different meanings of the word article, brought a great confusion in my mind. I was still wondering whether there are some other articles [refers to English grammar] available in English language that I am yet to learn apart



from the usual a, an and the. I was not happy and unmindfully, I doubted whether the teacher has become nuts. My parents who were amateurs themselves were unable to help me in that situation. To my bewilderment, the next day when my teacher picked us according to our roll number to present our articles, my companions started to give a lengthy speech on their paperwork. When it was my turn, I ended in aggravation and everyone looked at me with compassion.





MY ARTICLE

My teacher understood my situation and instead of scolding she embedded my mind with hopeful words. Although I regretted for not understanding it in the beginning, I was happy finally when I learnt the difference. One way or the other I owe to my English teacher who helped me indirectly to narrate this article. When our life is filled with problems, thinking for a solution in a narrow way may not result in a comfortable ending but thinking divergently and discussing with others may

definitely solve them. We should always be able to think in all directions, whether it is a simple problem or an intricate problem. Our vision should be broader only then sophisticated knowledge that we have aquired over a period of time would lead us to success without much disruption. Listening to the words of others is appreciable but have your own think tank and trump to triumph.

And atlast I have learnt about articles and the difference between articles and article. Here I am now with my own article.



Food Lovers

It is known that Food is to satiate hunger and fulfill our nutritional need. It doesn't just keep us alive but can also change the way we feel. Some say 'food is love' and it is in fact true. A child's nervous system stores the memory of his grandmother feeding him as love. When you have your favourite food delightfully, your hypothalamus stimulates better digestion while burning its calories efficiently. But if you feel guilty or judge yourself for eating that food, then your digestion process will slow down, leaving the food stay for longer time in your digestive system. You can create imaginary stress on yourself just by thinking of unhappy things that would further increase your blood pressure, heart beat rate and decrease digestive function.

Feeling full after a meal may be influenced by the size of plates, serving spoons and so on. Intake of fatty foods will reduce your sleeping hours or sleeping less will urge the consumption of fatty foods. There is a link between diet and depression and unhealthy diet can cause depression. Scientists say that stress causes our body to seek sugar but the trickiest part is that sweets and fats trigger the same pleasure centres like addictive drugs.

Few people think that "I'm not hungry but I'm bored, so I'll eat". Those who tend to eat more when they are either sad or happy are called as emotional eaters. It is said that they consume unhealthy food more when they feel happy rather than sad. Emotional eating or comfort eating is linked with depression, loneliness, anxiety and boredom. People whose eating habits reflect their moods, take on more calories and emotional eating has become a risk factor in global obese epidemic.

FOOD LOVERS

You may feel fatigue when you take in a lot of chips and chocolates. If you are a morning person and get sufficient sleep, you won't gorge on food instead you will maintain lower emotional eating.

The interesting fact is that head and heart will be at the right place when you eat right. So eat, when you feel hungry not when you feel like eating to have a healthy relationship with food. Next time when you think of having a food break have a fruit. People have become more health conscious as well as food lovers these days. These two contradictory characteristics of people have left the society with a greatest challenge of keeping oneself fit without any diseases. So, Keep loving food and make sure that your love doesn't make you unhappy, I mean unhealthy.



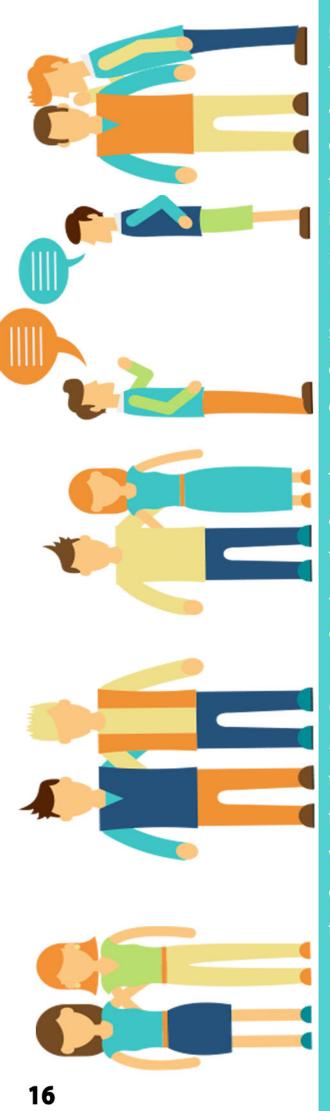
FRIENDSHIP FOR SALE

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light"

- Helen Keller

The word Friendship is not new to the human beings and even among the animals but it is interpreted differently by different people. For some, it is just a time pass and for others, time passed with their friends becomes memorable. In fact, there is another category of people who don't care for friendship or mess with friendship and walk on their own way. Being alone can make you feel that the world is yours and there is no one to change you or challenge you. There is no need to get distressed when making any decision as most of our decisions are influenced by our friends. There is no need to do anything challenging because there is no one to prove your skills. Thus it leaves no chance for anyone involved to get hurt. But if these people check the words of Muhammad Ali saying that "Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything", they may change their mind and start looking for true friends.





Beyond all these, there is a belief that everyone holds to their heart that friends are there to support, feel good and cherish memories regardless of what they would get from one another. It is this mutual benefit that holds friendship stronger and friends happily help each other in their day today lives. As Walter Winchell says "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out", a friend is God's gift that we have to keep it safe, guard it and respect it. Respect is what friendship essentially needs but if you don't find respect then get out of that friendship and it will make you feel better.

The important factor is that people want to have friends and expect their friends to be truthful but when it is their turn probably they do the same. Baltasar Gracian says that "True friendship multiplies the good in life and divides its evils. Strive to have friends, for life without friends is like life on a desert island... to find one real friend in a lifetime is good fortune; to keep him is a blessing" and Only blessed people get good friends and that friendship lasts long. Friends, join the friendship band and start living. We, at times may not value our friends and betray them for some material gains. Let's stop this selfishness, learn to sacrifice for friendship and hold friendship above everything.

Hemalatha.R 2nd IT



Passion is quite a desiring factor in one's attitude that determines one's altitude. It's easy for anyone to quote that, "It's possible to do it with hard work" but hard times hinder every youngster in this world from moving forward. I come up with my own quotes saying that "at though times one's hard work, persistence, determination, perseverance and dedication could be pulled down but a person who knows his/her heart pumps for a desired passion emerge as winners of life". Always remember that "Your present destination". situation final "Take is not your care of your thoughts when you are alone and take care of words when you are with people". This will make you more effective in the effort that entire forward. put you Never say that there is lack of job opportunities for engineers.....

Most of the youngsters today lack in crafting their prospective careers effectively because they just want to come out as an engineering graduate when the World needs REAL engineers and the Companies expect professionals. Actually, engineers are the creators of the world and they invent and create products that will fulfil the needs of the entire world to function efficiently. We should enter the world by applying

and creating things and not by just studying and memorising 'things'.

One can be a successful engineer when he/she realizes that the world evolves by updating and modifying the existing.

2/ Hold on to your passion

Always go for your passion. Education is just a key for the door called opportunity and only talent and creativity make it work. People without passion are like stone statues that fill the time and space just by being and not living. Life is not a race to run like a horse...But run just like a deer running for life from a threatening lion... because, Life is a race between survival and death. The race is already on when everyone was born in the world and what matters is the realization that one is on the race.

Life is all about pull and push...It depends on how you push yourself forward when life pulls you back. When the going gets tough, only the tough get going, so it's important that we become stronger by acting rather than become weaker by being idle. Harder times are the passing clouds in the sky called Life...Although they stay and give thunder and storm, they also wait to give you a colourful rainbow and a happy sunshine. Don't run from problems but face them and don't be afraid of challenges but take them. Ignoring your passion is like a slow suicide...Never ignore what your heart pumps for. Learn to trust your intuitions and if you can't trust them don't go for it.

Mould your career around your lifestyle not your lifestyle around your career. This needs lots of courage as the distractions around us make us weak and force us to change our lifestyle and make us become someone who we didn't want to become.

Creativity of God made mankind...Knowledge of Mankind created technology and technology further needs creativity to advance further. Knowledge is not a still water but a wild river that needs to be channelled and utilised for everyone's good. But, instead of becoming wise... cowardice has played a role and we the masters of technology have now become the slaves of technology...

So, come out of your seducing mirage and become wise by utilising your knowledge.



T. Aporva Yogalak/hmi



COMPARE AND DIFFERENTIATE



Differentiate wisdom and knowledge,
You may become a genius;
Compare synonym and antonym,
You may become a writer;
Because life resembles a murky sky,
With warmth and cold come and gone;

Differentiate satisfaction and fulfillment;
You may become a saint;
Compare dictionary and thesaurus,
You may become a poet;
Because life resembles a juggling game,
With uncertain tosses up and down;



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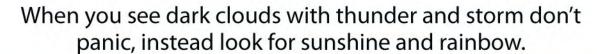
Differentiate action and reaction,
You may become a scientist;
Compare poverty and richness,
You may become a socialist;
Because life resembles a wrestling game
Causing bruises all over us

Differentiate truth and false,
You may become a judge;
Compare real and imagination,
You may become an ENGINEER.
Because life resembles the forest
Reminding us of the survival of the fittest.





Life is between birth and death, cherish every moment and live every moment.





Afras Ali-2nd IT











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Use the clues on the right and find out the words hidden by joining few blocks

Clues	Solutions 6 LETTERS	
IN AN UPPER CLASS WAY		
RUINED	7 LETTERS	
SPEAK AGAINST	9 LETTERS	
On Fire	6 LETTERS	
FORM A THEORY	9 LETTERS	
EXTREMELY WET	9 LETTERS	
QUICK GRAB	7 LETTERS	
ACTIVELY HAVING A BABY	8 LETTERS	
OUTMODED MAGNETIC MEDIUM	8 LETTERS	

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LET'S LEARN SOME WORDS

- 1. <u>Bibble</u> to drink often; to eat and/or drink noisily.
- 2. <u>Tittynope</u> a small quantity of something left over.
- 3. Nudiustertian the day before yesterday.
- 4. <u>Lamprophony</u> loudness and clarity of enunciation.
- 5. Kakorrhaphiophobia fear of failure

LET'S LEARN SOME PHRASES

- 1. "Kick the bucket" To die
- 2. "Bite the bullet" To do something unpleasant
- 3. "Carry your heart on your sleeve" To be very open and transparent
- 4. "Taking the Mickey" To make fun of someone
- 5. "Through the eye of a needle" To undergo a near impossible process

Puzzle Solutions - September

Clues	Solutions
LAUDING	ACCLAIMING
CONTEMPLATES TOO MUCH	OVERTHINKS
SOFT AND FLUFFY	DOWNY
ADORNS	BEDECKS
DOCILTIY	GENTLENESS
MERCHANT'S CONCERN	SALEABILITY
CHEERFUL, LIVELY QUALITY	CHIRPINESS
HAMMERED AT AN ANGLE	TOENAILED
SLANTED AWAY FROM THE FRONT	BACKSWEPT

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