# **PUNCTUATION**

#### Exercise 1

Insert commas, where necessary, in the following sentences.

1. Even a fool when he holdeth his peace is counted wise.

Ans. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise.

2. I therefore walked back by the horse way which was five miles round.

Ans. I therefore walked back by the horse way, which was five miles round.

3. Read not to contradict or to believe but to weigh and consider.

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**4.** When we have dined to prevent the ladies leaving us I generally ordered the table to be removed.

**Ans.** When we have dined, to prevent the ladies leaving us, I generally ordered the table to be removed.

5. Rabindranath Tagore the author of Gitanjali was the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize.

**Ans.** Rabindranath Tagore, the author of Gitanjali, was the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize.

#### Exercise 2

Punctuate the following.

- 1. They had played together in infancy they had worked together in manhood they were now tottering about and gossiping away the evening of life and in a short time they will probably be buried together in the neighbouring churchyard.
- **Ans.** they had played together in infancy; they had worked together in manhood; they were now tottering about and gossiping away the evening of life and in a short time they will probably be buried together in the neighbouring churchyard.
- 2. My quaint Ariel said Prospero to the little sprite when he made him free i shall miss you yet you shall have your freedom thank you my dear master said Ariel but give me leave to attend your ship home with prosperous gales before you bid farewell to the assistance of your faithful spirit.
- Ans. "My quaint, Ariel," said Prospero to the little sprite when he made him free, "I shall miss you; yet you shall have your freedom." "Thank you, my dear master," said Ariel; "but give me leave to attend your ship home with prosperous gales, before you bid farewell to the assistance of your faithful spirit."
- 3. The shepherd finding his flock destroyed exclaimed I have been rightly served why did I trust my sheep to wolf.

- **Ans.** The shepherd, finding his flock destroyed, exclaimed, "I have been rightly served. Why did I trust my sheep to wolf?"
- 4. As Caesar loved me I wept for him as he was fortunate I rejoice at it as he was valiant I Honour him but as he was ambitious I slew him.
- **Ans.** As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I Honour him; but as he was ambitious, I slew him..
- 5. Sancho ran as fast as his ass could go to help his master whom he found lying and not able to stir such a blow he and Rozinante had received mercy on me cried Sancho did I not give your worship fair warning did I not tell you they were wind-mills and that nobody could thing otherwise unless he had also wind-mills in his head.
- Ans. Sancho ran as fast as his ass could go to help his master, whom he found lying, and not able to stir. Such a blow he and Rozinante had received. "Mercy on me!" cried Sancho, "did I not give your worship fair warning? Did I not tell you they were wind-mills and that nobody could thing otherwise, unless he had also wind-mills in his head?"
- 6. Perhaps cried he there may be such monsters as you describe.

**Ans.** "Perhaps," cried he, "there may be such monsters as you describe."

- 7. Take away that bauble said Cromwell pointing to the mace which lay upon the table and when the house was empty he went out with the key in his pocket.
- **Ans.** "Take away that bauble, "said Cromwell, pointing to the mace which lay upon the table. And when the house was empty, he went out with the key in his pocket.
- 8. One day walking together up a hill I said to Friday do you not wish yourself in your own country again yes he said what would you do there said I would you turn wild and eat mens flesh again he looked full of concern and shaking his head said no no.
- Ans. One day, walking together up a hill, I said to Friday, "Do you not wish yourself to be in your own country again!" "Yes," he said. "What would you do there?" said I "would you turn wild and eat men's flesh again?" He looked full of concern and, shaking his head said, "no, no."
- 9. Wretch said the king what harm did I do thee that thou shouldst seek to take my life with your own hand you killed my father and my two brothers was the reply.
- **Ans.** "Wretch!" said the king. "What harm did I do thee that thou shouldst seek to take my life with your own hand!" "You killed my father and my two brothers," was the reply.

- 10. Androcles who had no arms of any kind now gave himself up for lost what shall I do said he I have no spear or sword no not so much as a stick to defend myself with.
- **Ans.** Androcles, who had no arms of any kind, now gave himself up for lost. "What shall I do?" said he. "I have no spear or sword; no, not so much as a stick to defend myself with."
- 11. When a great office is vacant either by death or disgrace which often happens five or six of these candidates petition the emperor to entertain his majesty and the court with a dance on the rope and whoever jumps the highest without falling succeeds to the office.
- **Ans.** When a great office is vacant, either by death or disgrace, which often happens, five or six of these candidates petition the emperor to entertain his Majesty and the court with a dance on the rope; and whoever jumps the highest without falling, succeeds to the office

#### Exercise 3

Rewrite the given passage in the dialogue form using appropriate punctuation marks.

Ankit asked pam why didn't you reach on time for your music practice pam replied I was caught in a traffic jam ankit said to pam the instructor is furious he refused to continue with the practice as he feels we are not serious enough he wants to see you tomorrow pam was very sorry he said to ankit I will apologise to him today itself ankit was happy to hear that he said you better do it quickly then you if don't want any trouble.

Ans.

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# Revision Test – 2

- A. Underline the participles and circle gerunds in the following sentences.
  - **1.** Reading is a good form of relaxation.
    - **Ans.** *Reading* is a good form of relaxation.
  - My hobbies are reading and writing books.Ans. My hobbies are reading and writing books.
  - **3.** He received some disturbing news. **Ans.** He received some <u>disturbing</u> news.
  - **4.** I hope you do not mind clearing the table.

- Ans. I hope you do not mind <u>clearing</u> the table.5. Running is a good form of exercise.
- Ans. *Running* is a good form of exercise.6. The man needs training.

**Ans.** The man needs *training*.

#### B. In the following sentences, change the voice.

1. We saw him talking to the headmaster.

**Ans.** he was seen talking to the headmaster (by us).

2. The key has been lost.

**Ans.** someone has lost the key.

3. Shut the door.

Ans. Let the door be shut.

**4.** His pocket has been picked.

**Ans.** Someone has picked his pocket.

- **5.** Who has broken the chair?
  - **Ans.** By whom has the chair been broken?
- **6.** The king gave her a reward.

**Ans.** She was given a reward by the king.

# C. Put the adverbs given in brackets in the right place and rewrite the sentences.

1. We live in Delhi. (now)

**Ans.** we live in Delhi now.

2. The children listened his speech. (attentively)

**Ans.** The children listened his speech attentively.

**3.** He entered the room. (quietly)

Ans. he entered the room quietly.

**4.** He is in office. (often)

**Ans.** he is often in office.

5. Can I sit down? (there)

Ans. Can I sit down there?

**6.** He performed his duty.(satisfactorily)

**Ans.** He performed his duty satisfactorily.

# D. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

- 1. Neeta was standing.....the wall.
- **2.** Rajat aimed the ball .....the stumps.
- **3.** Raman lives .....in the street.
- **4.** Books were lying .....in the room.
- 5. Geeta writes .....a pen.
- **6.** His mother died ......cholera.

#### Ans.

- **1.** near **2.** at **3.** in
- **4.** in **5.** with **6.** of

#### E. Change the speech of the following sentences.

#### 1. She said, 'I met him five days ago.'

**Ans.** she said that she had met him five days before.

#### 2. The teacher said, 'Don't read so fast.'

**Ans.** the teacher advised us not to read so fast.

### 3. He said, 'Where did I leave my coat?'

**Ans.** he enquired where he had left his coat.

#### 4. Suman said, 'What a beautiful present!'

**Ans.** Suman exclaimed with joy that it was a beautiful present.

### 5. He asked what I was doing.

Ans. he asked me, 'What are you doing?'

#### 6. She asked me to sit down.

Ans. sh asked me, 'Sit down.'

## F. Punctuate the following sentences using capitals, where necessary.

## 1. Where have you been rani

**Ans.** Where have you been, Rani?

### 2. Raman said I hate seeing films

Ans. Raman said, 'I have seeing films.'

## 3. What a lovely garden she exclaimed

**Ans.** 'What a lovely garden!' she exclaimed.

## 4. Hes going to the club isn't he

**Ans.** He's going to the club, isn't he?

# 5. He bought egg bread tomato potato and onion

Ans. he bought egg, bread, tomato, potato and onion.

# 6. The library contains books on various subjects history politics law literature

**Ans.** The library contains books on various subjects: history, politics, law, literature.

# G. Insert capital letters, commas and full stops where necessary in the following passage.

It was the tamil poet subramania bharati who declared early in the century that it is a crime to keep our women locked inside the house as "safe and secure" he would be happy indeed today to see that women have not only come out of their homes but have also ventured into areas which were earlier considered domains of men they are working in the police force and are defending our borders in some ways this may be attributed to greater parental support now available.

#### Ans. -

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### H. Give the mood of the verbs in the following sentences.

1. Take care of your health.

Ans. Indicative

2. Perhaps it will rain tomorrow.

Ans. Indicative

3. Give us this day our daily bread.

Ans. Imperative

4. May you always be happy!

Ans. Subjunctive

5. If I were king, you would be queen.

**Ans.** Subjunctive

6. Mind your own business.

Ans. Imperative

7. God bless you!

Ans. subjunctive

8. Turn the tap off.

Ans. Imperative

9. I wish I could paint.

Ans. Subjunctive

10. If he were here, he would help us.

**Ans.** Subjunctive