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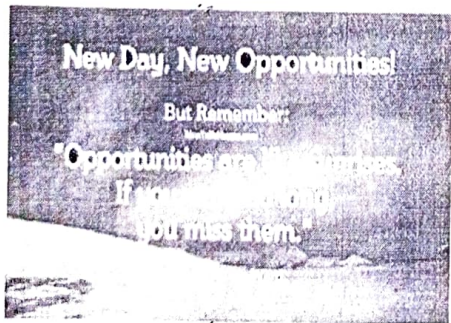
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Sometimes small negligence may result in big loss. When there is a small torn on our dress, we better stitch immediately. Otherwise it will be torn more and becomes useless ultimately. Similarly bad habits must nip in the bud. If not, we become slaves to them. The things go beyond our control. A weed in the crop is to be removed in the early stage. Otherwise the weed grows greater than the crop and brings total loss to the farmer. So we have to do things at the proper time. That is what the proverb teaches immediate steps to mend it. This is more in case of machines or motor vehicles or our health. Mending small repairs at the right time and paying a visit to the doctor when the health is upset are the wisest things.

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One who wishes to achieve something great in life cannot achieve it overnight. He has to work for it for a long period. A great and beautiful city like Rome was not built in days or months. Many students hope to pass their examination with eleventh hour preparation. But the result is always disappointing; similarly one who wishes to become an IAS or IPS officer has to put in efforts for a long period. History tells how great works took years of time to get completed. So great things cannot be achieved with the wave of.

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5. WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

This proverb states that if one really wants to do something, one will find a way to succeed. Dedication and determination are the keys to success. If men do not possess a will power, they cannot solve any problem. Hesitant people cannot achieve anything. Nothing is impossible to a person who has an iron will and stability of mind. Will power is nothing but a person's mental power which directs his thoughts and actions. It is the control exercised over one's impulses and one's feelings. It is the quality or the degree of the will power in a person that determines his character. In other words, will power plays a key role in man's success.

The lives of Napoleon, the French general, Sudha chandran, Tamil dancer and Demosthenes, the Greek orator explain the truth of this saying.

6. HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

In man's life, what remains till the end is upright and honest behavior. Dishonest and foul means may prove advantageous for a short period. Honesty is the noblest of all virtues. An honest man is the noblest piece of god. He is an object-lesson to all. He is worshipped and respected by all people. Honesty gives a sense of satisfaction which no amount of money can give. Honesty is a way of life by which we can cast great spell on our fellow beings. The lives of great men such as M.K.Gandhi, Mother Terisa and Ambedkar show how they remain the best roll-models to all. Their lives are marked by honesty, selfless sacrifice and nobility of thinking. Hence it is right to say that honesty is the best policy.

7. A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND IN NEED.

This proverb states that a true friend is he who comes to our rescue in times of need. Bacon said, "Prosperity brings friends and adversity tests them." So a true friend is he who stays with us when we are in trouble. Friends are everywhere but true friends are very rare. Once we lose our wealth and position, false friends will desert us. True friendship can be judged in times of need and crisis. So we should not trust those who pretend to be sincere and bosom friends. We should keep ourselves away from such false friends. The friendship of Karna and Suyodhana, of Antonio and Bassanio, of India and Russia prove how a true friend is of immense.

8. AN EMPTY VESSEL MAKES MUCH NOISE (or) BARKING DOGS SELDOM BITE

It is a fact that men of action prove their worth without making any fuss. Foolish persons are the most talkative or noisy. They talk more and act less. It is said "Actions speak louder than words Men of action do not waste their time and energies in useless talk". They concentrate on their goals and only think of how to achieve them. They are like full vessels which remain silent and stable. Still waters run deep. In the same way, men of action appear calm and cool but with their depth. A water snake jumps up and down and makes a lot of noise and show but it is never harmful. But a cobra which is silent is always dangerous. In our life, we see how men bark like dogs which remain at a distance and cannot bite. Silent dogs prove fatal as they attack us when the occasion demands.

9. SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE

The moral of a story "Hare and Tortoise." Whenever we read the story we find the tortoise is a very slow creature but even then it left behind a hare in a race. It is an absurd for those who are very slow in deeds and actions. As it is an unbelievable fact that a tortoise can defeat a hare but it is true that a constant action is always completed. Some people start their work with enthusiasm and vigour but after sometime they become over confident and they sleep like hare. By that's why they cannot achieve their goal as they do not put in constant efforts. In the same manner, who a student who is very intelligent but when he is over confident and does not study regularly he is sure to be beaten by his other classmates who are not intelligent but are regular in their studies even though they are slow. A business man who faces many difficulties in the beginning and does not lose heart and goes on doing his constant efforts gets the success in the world if he is regular in performing duties. Life is also like a race the people who run towards their goal continuously can win the race even though their race may be slow.

10. A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS (STICKY SUBSTANCE)

Everyone is familiar to this proverb. Its literal meaning is that a stone which is all the time stumbling from one place to another never gets moss (or) sponge on it. It remains the same without any progressive change. This proverb tells us that a person who is not firm in his ideas cannot achieve fame (or) success in his life. A fickle - minded person who has no object before him cannot succeed. If a determined person always pays his attention to his aim then he can earn name and fame. For example, a business man once starts his business of one thing and after sometime he shifts to another and another and so on then how can he show his talents in a special sphere? If he wants to earn fame he should constantly stick to one business. When a person abides by his business he acquires efficiency through experience. He learns many things from personal and others experiences. One should never change one's mind after starting his profession (or) job. This is also true for the students. As a student has to prepare all the subjects properly to get through the examination he should start with one subject after its thorough study he should take another subject and so on. If he begins one subject and then another and without it's preparation starts another one, the result is that he cannot prepare an of the subjects and gets very low marks in each subject and something cannot get through the examination even. Thus the proverb tells us that fickle-mindedness is very harmful in any sphere of life.

11. FAILURES ARE THE STEPPING STONE TO THE SUCCESS

Life is a long journey one has to face many ups and downs while going through the way. One can meet several obstacles on the way but one should not be dis-heartened sometimes one gets success and sometimes failures. When a person meets failures he makes a concept in his mind that he can never get success in his life again. He does not know at that time that this is the only stepping stone through which he can reach to the success. Failures in our lives are very important because they give us new lesson every time. We learn many things these failures make us bold and encourage us to get the success. As people become disappointed and they leave the hope of getting the success. It is not fair for them.

This is very true for the business man, students and nations. If they get failed once they should not lose heart. On the other hand they must try again and again to get success. They should learn through the failures. They should observe the mistakes which led them to failure. Wise people are never afraid of these obstacles and they make the best use of these failures and one day they reach to the heights of glory. Life is woven with failures and successes. For the courageous people these failures become the stepping stone to get the success which give them joys and delight in return.

12. A BIRD IN HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH

This proverb warns us against running after bigger fortunes leaving the opportunities in hand. A person who is not satisfied with a bird which has already been caught and held in hand but runs after the other birds which are in bush out of greed. Will not obtain anything. It is unwise to run after false promises and hopes leaving opportunities in hand. It proves to be disappointing because in this way neither he can make use of that opportunity which is in his hand nor he can utilize the other ones. It is very disgusting for him.

Man has unlimited desires and he wants to fulfill most of them. He forgets at that moment that he cannot avail all the chances at a time. As a result he loses both what is already in his hand and the other. That's why one should aspire for higher goals only after making the maximum use of opportunities available. One should not act like the dog in the story 'Greedy dog'. A dog was crossing a stream with a bone in its mouth. Suddenly he looked into the water and saw his own reflection. He thought that it was another dog with a bone in his mouth and he wanted to smash snatch the bone. As soon as he opened his mouth the bone fell down in the water. In this way due to this he lost the one which was possession. This tells us that we should care what is with us and should not run after false promises and hopes.

13. NO PAINS, NO GAINS

This is a very famous proverb with a deep sense. It is a fact that those who cannot take pains in life cannot be successful in life. The people who want to sit idle and do not work hard cannot gain anything in their life. As no prey can enter the mouth of sleeping lion so also one has to bear pains only then one can get profit in return of one's pains.

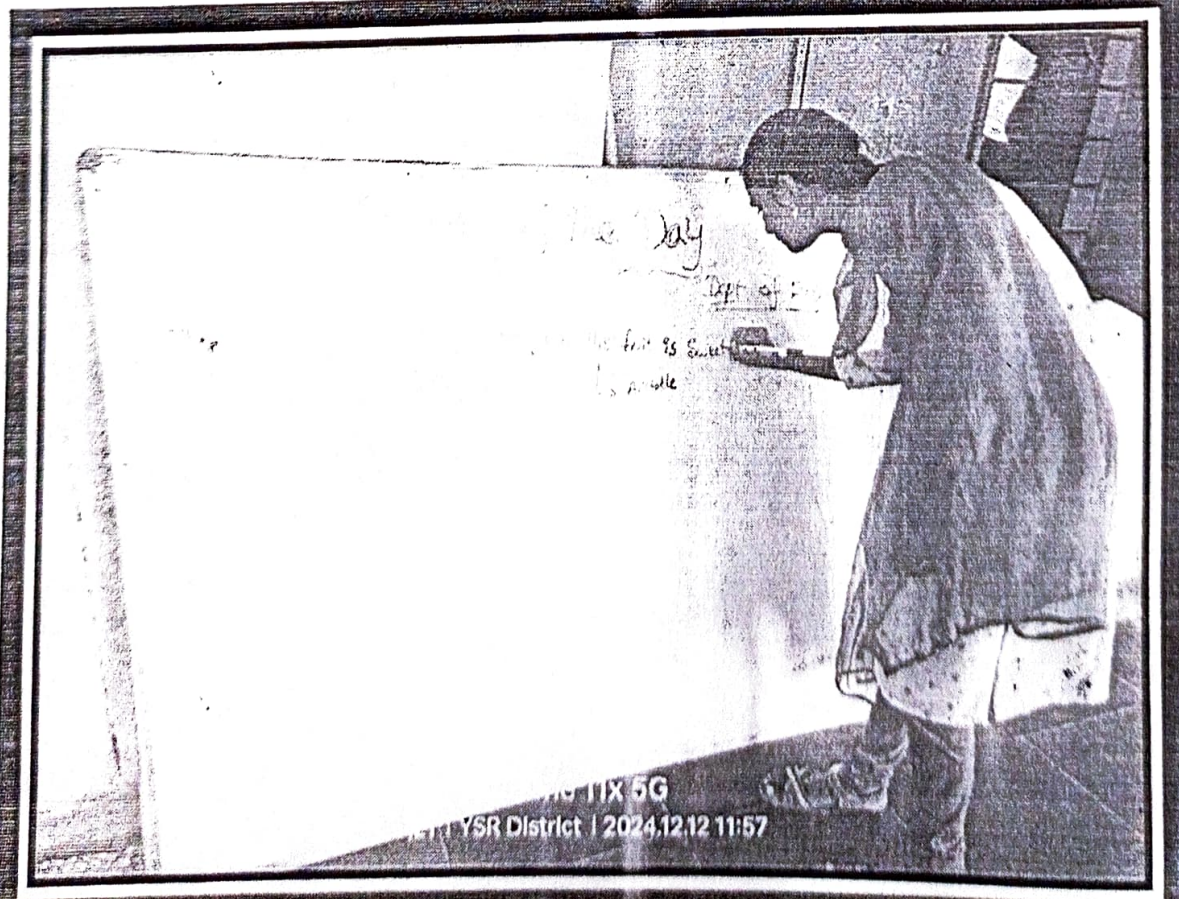
A farmer takes pains and toils hard in ploughing, tilling and harvesting the crops and after that he gains something in return. In the same manner, if a student wants to stand at the top of his university he has to bear pains first. He should devote most of his time in studying hard and in making excellent notes, then nobody can prevent him in gaining that position that is why it is well said that No pains, no gains.

14. HEALTH IS WEALTH

This is a very famous proverb and warns the man's health is more than wealth. We can buy many things with wealth but its purchasing power is limited. It cannot purchase happiness, comfort and luxuries do not necessarily make a man happy. A man realizes the value of health only when he has lost it. A weak or sick man cannot enjoy the pleasures of life. Health increases efficiently and ensures long life.

An unhealthy man is a burden to himself and to society in which he lives. He has no control over his temper. He gets upset over petty things. He is unfit for every hard work. He cannot digest what he eats. His life is miserable. The real wealth is health. We may have millions of rupees but if we do not maintain good health of what use this money is to us. We cannot enjoy anything Rich man generally suffers from a number of diseases which do not allow him to enjoy the delicious dishes. If we do not keep good health we cannot enjoy a journey to pleasant places. If a man has weak eyesight the whole world is dull and bleak to him.

Thus the prosperity of our nation also indirectly depends upon the health of the people. One can hardly differ with this view that it is a real wealth as it keeps the mental balance of a man. We find a healthy mind in a healthy body.



THE BEST PRACTICES OF DEPT.OF ENGLISH

1. **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**: Motivating every student writing a proverb or an idiom or an anecdote at the entrance of the notice board every day which helps every student to enter with a positive and pondering with an insight.

2. **PREPARATION & SUPPLY OF STUDY MATERIAL :**

- The Dept. of English Prepared Study material for I and II year General English and Communication and Soft Skills Papers.
- The material was prepared in a lucid and simple style. It is a Student Friendly material with model question papers with answers, exercises on grammar with answers.
- The study material prepared by the department is supplied to the students through Whatsapp groups.





Ulysses (Poem) - Alfred Lord Tennyson

Summary:

“Ulysses” is a renowned poem by the Victorian poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892), written in 1833 and published in 1842 in his second volume of poetry. The poem is a dramatic monologue and the lines are in blank verse. Ulysses, the Greek hero from Homer’s *Odyssey*, (Ulysses, and the Latin form of the Greek name Odysseus) reflects on his past adventures, expressing a longing for exploration and a desire for a meaningful future.

“Ulysses” the legendary Greek hero and lover of adventure even at his old age. He took part in Trojan War for 10 years. He is the king of Ithaca. He came home after war for 20 years to his native town and reunions with his wife Penelope. He expresses his discontent with ruling as king of Ithaca and desires to continue traveling.. He declares that staying in one place is like rusting instead of shining. He reminisces about his past adventures and feels restless staying in one place. Ulysses believes in the pursuit of knowledge and novelty, likening it to following a fading star. He entrusts his kingdom to his son Telemachus and encourages his sailors to embark on one last voyage. Despite their age, Ulysses and his crew aspire to achieve greatness and explore new horizons, symbolized by sailing “beyond the sunset.” The poem concludes with a resolute declaration of their determination to strive, seek, find, and never yield. Tennyson’s use of iambic pentameter and literary devices enhances the poem’s power and appeal, conveying the themes of aging, duty, the human spirit, optimism and the persistent pursuit of knowledge and adventure.

Comment: *Ulysses summary tells us about the search for adventure in human beings that makes their livès worthy living rather than to rest and to rust.*

Q) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures? (Or) List the responsibilities and roles Ulysses assigns to his son Telemachus, while he was away? What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

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Ulysses now speaks to an unidentified audience concerning his son Telemachus, who will act as his successor while the great hero resumes his travels. He feels that his son is more suitable for governing Ithaca. So he desires to hand over his scepter and kingdom to his son Telemachus. He believes in him that he would perform all his duties well and be a wise ruler. He expects his son to possess patience, prudence, dedication and devotion to the Gods. As a father, he wishes his son would do his work blamelessly. These are the roles and responsibilities Ulysses assigns to his son Telemachus, while he is away.

Ulysses is a great lover of adventure even at his old age like him, his companion sailors too love adventure. He declares that although he and they are old, they still have the potential to do something noble and honourable before “The long day wanes”. He encourages them to make use of their old age because “This is not too late to seek new world.” He praises his companions that they have faced both thunder and sunshine with a smile. They are united by their undying spirit of adventure. Though, death would end everything, Ulysses urges his companions to join him and sail beyond the sunset. He inspires them by saying that they may have grown old and weak physically but their spirit is young and daunted. His call is an inspiration for all those who seek true knowledge and stills to lead a meaningful life. Thus Ulysses' clarion call inspired his sailors very much and encourages them to start their adventure.

The Best Investment I Ever Made **- By A.J. Cronin**

Q) Wrote the Story "The Best Investment I Ever Made" in brief, showing the values it upholds (Or) How did the three witnesses help the young man? Why did they do so?

A.J Cronin was Scottish physician and a novelist. He also worked as a medical Inspector of mines. This story narrates a touching episode from the author's early life as a doctor in London.

Once the writer (Cronin) was travelling in a ship. He meets a young people Mr. & Mrs. John. They introduce themselves and explain their work. They are involved for the transformation of the neglected adolescents from the Juvenile court and place them in a healthy company.

Cronin recollects the story how he helps a young man who stole money from office and wanted to commit suicide. Mr. John was a clerk in the office and he fell victim to a bad company like betting on horses. He store seven pounds ten shillings in the office and decided to commit suicide. The land lady, sergeant and doctor helped John to make a fresh start. The sergeant did not report the case. The land lady gave free boarding for a month. The doctor gave him seven pounds and ten shillings to repay the amount in the office. Thus Cronin says that it was the best investment he ever made in his life because the investment he made is not for gaining profit. It helped to awaken the hidden humanity.

Comment: Human service is the highest form of worship.

THE NIGHT TRAIN AT DEOLI –By Ruskin Bond

Ruskin Bond is an Indian author of British descent. “The Night Train at Deoli” is a short story which expresses the narrator’s love for a poor basket seller. He sees the poor girl at a small station on his way to Dehradun. He meets the girl only twice but she remains in his memory ever after.

In this story the author tells us that he used to spend his summer vacation at his grandmother’s house in Dehradun. To reach Dehradun he had to pass a small lonely station Deoli. On one such journey he happens to see a poor girl selling baskets at Deoli station. The girl offers to sell baskets to him. He initially refuses but later buys the basket. Her shiny black hair and troubled eyes have attracted the author. He longs to see her on his return journey. The second time when he sees her both of them are very pleased to each other. He feels like taking her with him but the poor girl refuses with dignity. The next summer author rushes to Dehradun eager to meet the girl. He deeply disappoints as he could not see the girl again. He searches and make enquiries but it ends in vain. The following summer again he hopes to see her but he comes to know that the girl has stopped coming to see the station. The author wishes to keep hoping, dreaming and waiting for the poor girl.

Comment: *The author brings the readers to a realistic world. Life is a constant process which cannot be stopped. We can only carry memories forward while life goes on.*

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE – By Abrar Moshin

Abrar Moshin is an educationist. His story Florence Nightingale is an inspiring biographical sketch of greatest English nurse and reformer. She is well-known as the lady with the lamp.

Florence Nightingale was a unique woman who rejected her comforts of human life. She dedicated herself to the selfless service of the sick and the wounded during the Crimean war. She came to British army hospital at Scutari in Turkey from Italy. She did a tremendous job and developed the condition of the hospital. She brought new feeling of hope in the patients by her dedication. While visiting patients during night she used to hold a lamp in her hand. So she is called “The Lady with the Lamp”. She found a nursing school at St. Thomas hospital in London. She was born at Florence in Italy in 1820. She wanted to serve mankind. She convinced her parents to accept her wish. She received training in Germany and France. She brought many reforms in hospitals which lacked even basic facilities. She is the organizer of modern nursing system. Florence Nightingale died in London in 1910 at ripe age of ninety.

Comment: *Florence Nightingale was an embodiment of sacrifice and compassion and her noble life will always inspire the people of the world.*

NIGHT OF THE SCORPION

By Nizzim Ezekeil

Nizzim Ezekiel was Jewish poet. He was also an actor, play wright, and critic. He received Sahitya Academic award as well as a padmasri award in 1988.

The poem reveals the superstitions that prevail in the Indian society. It also high lights the motherly love that surpasses all other affections in the world. The poem begins with the poet recalling his child hood and how his mother was stung by a scorpion. One dark rainy night the scorpion hides under a sack of rice. Soon the villagers came in large number with candles and lanterns. The peasants came like swarms of flies. They chanted the name of God to paralyze the evil one. They wanted to kill the scorpion because its movements will increase the pain and effect of poison.

The villagers were superstitious. They said that her previous birth sins would be burnt away by her suffering and pains. Her husband was rationalist. He tried to apply every powder, mixture and herbs. He poured some paraffin on the bitten toe and lightened. The flame was consuming the mother. The holy men are conducting prayers. The sting was gone away after twenty hours and the mother recovered. She thanked God for showing mercy by sparing her children from scorpion bite.

Comment: The poem shows Indian motherhood which includes love, affection, sacrifice and devotion towards their children.

An Astrologer's Day by R.K Narayan

R.K Narayan was one of the big Indo Anglian trios along with Mulkraj Anand and Raja Rao. He won the Sahitya Academy award in 1994. His story An Astrologers' Day is a thriller story which describes a day in the life of an ordinary but fake astrologer.

The story begins with description of astrologer who sits under a tamarind tree of town hall road and sells prophecies to the guillible people. He finally decorates his place with shells, mystic astrological charts, palmyra writing etc... He has sacred ash on his forehead. His dress and saffron turban show him as a wise astrologer. One day, he meets Guru Nayak during the evening time. Guru Nayak demands a satisfactory answer from the astrologer. Guru Nayak promises to pay one rupee to the astrologer. The astrologer tells various facts to him about the past incident. Gurunayak Does not recognize the astrologer in the evening time. The astrologer understood that Guru nayak was searching for him as he was the man who tried to kill him. So astrologer wisely informed Guru Nayk that he would meet the enemy in the next world as he had died four months ago in a far-off town. The astrologer felt happy as Guru Nayak was alive. He lived many years away from his village due to the fear of murder. He told his wife that a great load was gone from him that day. Guru Nayak gave handful of coins to the astrologer as his search came to an end.

Comment: *The story presents how the astrologer is successful in hypocrisy and being selfish to save himself from a typical situation in his life.*

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost

Robert Frost is regarded as one of the greatest poets of America. His poems are simple but possess emotional and philosophical quality. Once the poet happened to stop by woods while riding on his horse. It was a snowy evening. The woods were filled up with snow. His friend (The owner of the woods) could not see him stopping by the woods.

The horse thought his action queer where there was no farm house to take shelter. It gave a shake of its harness bells to make its matter to understand his mistake. The poet could hear only the sound of the wind and falling snow. The poet wanted to enjoy the beauty of nature but he had many promises to fulfill before he attained everlasting sleep namely death.

The last lines of the poem....

“ The woods are lovely dark and deep

But I have promises to keep

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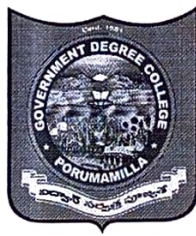
And miles to go before I sleep” are noted by our first Prime Minister of India Mr. Jawaharlal.

Comment: The poem shows a conflict between love of beauty and sense of duty.



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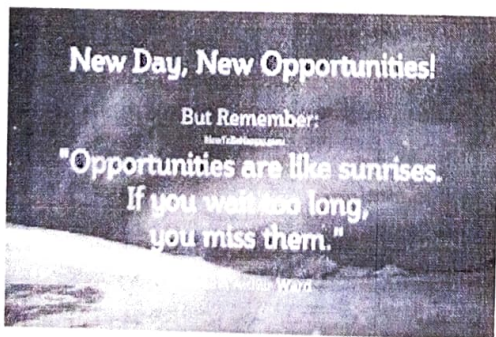
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This proverb is taken from Shakespeare's play "As you like it". For those who work sincerely, there is always good future. In the beginning when we work for something there may be many problems or difficulties. We may face several hardships; there may be tests and trials. But if we continue honestly, sincerely we will be successful. Finally sincere students should always work hard like ants while pursuing the studies. The pandavas in the Mahabharata story bore all the hardships with patience. Ultimately victory favoured them. So we should remember that bearer is not the sufferer all the times. A day comes when his hard work yields him happiness and comfort.

5. WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

This proverb states that if one really wants to do something, one will find a way to succeed. Dedication and determination are the keys to success. If men do not possess a will power, they cannot solve any problem. Hesitant people cannot achieve anything. Nothing is impossible to a person who has an iron will and stability of mind. Will power is nothing but a person's mental power which directs this thoughts and actions. It is the control exercised over one's impulses and one's feelings. It is the quality or the degree of the will power in a person that determines his character. In other words, will power plays a key role in man's success.

The lives of Napoleon, the French general, Sudha chandran, Tamil dancer and Demosthenes, the Greek orator explain the truth of this saying.

6. HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

In man's life, what remains till the end is upright and honest behavior. Dishonest and foul means may prove advantageous for a short period. Honesty is the noblest of all virtues. An honest man is the noblest piece of god. He is an object-lesson to all. He is worshipped and respected by all people. Honesty gives a sense of satisfaction which no amount of money can give.

Honesty is a way of life by which we can cast great spell on our fellow beings. The lives of great men such as M.K.Gandhi, Mother Terisa and Ambedkar show how they remain the best roll-models to all. Their lives are marked by honesty, selfless sacrifice and nobility of thinking. Hence it is right to say that honesty is the best policy.

7. A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND IN NEED.

This proverb states that a true friend is he who comes to our rescue in times of need. Bacon said, "Prosperity brings friends and adversity tests them." So a true friend is he who stays with us when we are in trouble. Friends are everywhere but true friends are very rare. Once we lose our wealth and position, false friends will desert us. True friendship can be judged in times of need and crisis. So we should not trust those who pretend to be sincere and bosom friends. We should keep ourselves away from such false friends. The friendship of Karna and Suyodhana, of Antonio and Bassanio, of India and Russia prove how a true friend is of immense.

8. AN EMPTY VESSEL MAKES MUCH NOISE (or) BARKING DOGS SELDOM BITE

It is a fact that men of action prove their worth without making any fuss. Foolish persons are the most talkative or noisy. They talk more and act less. It is said "Actions speak louder than words Men of action do not waste their time and energies in useless talk". They concentrate on their goals and only think of how to achieve them. They are like full vessels which remain silent and stable. Still waters run deep. In the same way, men of action appear calm and cool but with their depth. A water snake jumps up and down and makes a lot of noise and show but it is never harmful. But a cobra which is silent is always dangerous. In our life, we see how men bark like dogs which remain at a distance and cannot bite. Silent dogs prove fatal as they attack us when the occasion demands.

9. SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE

The moral of a story "Hare and Tortoise." Whenever we read the story we find the tortoise is a very slow creature but even then it left behind a hare in a race. It is an advice for those who are very slow in deeds and actions. As it is an unbelievable fact that a tortoise can defeat a hare but it is true that a constant action is always completed. Some people start their work with enthusiasm and vigour but after sometime they become over confident and they sleep like hare. By that's why they cannot achieve their goal as they do not put in constant efforts.

In the same manner, who a student who is very intelligent but when he is over confident and does not study regularly he is sure to be beaten by his other classmates who are not intelligent but are regular in their studies even though they are slow. A business man who faces many difficulties in the beginning and does not lose heart and goes on doing his constant efforts gets the success in the world if he is regular in performing duties. Life is also like a race the people who run towards their goal continuously can win the race even though their race may be slow.

10. A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS (STICKY SUBSTANCE)

Everyone is familiar to this proverb. Its literal meaning is that a stone which is all the time stumbling from one place to another never gets moss (or) sponge on it. It remains the same without any progressive change. This proverb tells us that a person who is not firm in his ideas cannot achieve fame (or) success in his life. A fickle - minded person who has no object before him cannot succeed. If a determined person always pays his attention to his aim then he can earn name and fame. For example, a business man once starts his business of one thing and after sometime he shifts to another and another and so on then how can he show his talents in a special sphere? If he wants to earn fame he should constantly stick to one business. When a person abides by his business he acquires efficiency through experience. He learns many things from personal and others experiences. One should never change one's mind after starting his profession (or) job. This is also true for the students. As a student has to prepare all the subjects properly to get through the examination he should start with one subject after its thorough study he should take another subject and so on. If he begins one subject and then another and without it's preparation starts another one, the result is that he cannot prepare an of the subjects and gets very low marks in each subject and something cannot get through the examination even. Thus the proverb tells us that fickle-mindedness is very harmful in any sphere of life.

11. FAILURES ARE THE STEPPING STONE TO THE SUCCESS

Life is a long journey one has to face many ups and downs while going through the way. One can meet several obstacles on the way but one should not be dis-heartened sometimes one gets success and sometimes failures. When a person meets failures he makes a concept in his mind that he can never get success in his life again. He does not know at that time that this is the only stepping stone through which he can reach to the success. Failures in our lives are very important because they give us new lesson every time. We learn many things these failures make us bold and encourage us to get the success. As people become disappointed and they leave the hope of getting the success. It is not fair for them.

This is very true for the business man, students and nations. If they get failed once they should not lose heart. On the other hand they must try again and again to get success. They should learn through the failures. They should observe the mistakes which led them to failure. Wise people are never afraid of these obstacles and they make the best use of these failures and one day they reach to the heights of glory. Life is woven with failures and successes. For the courageous people these failures become the stepping stone to get the success which give them joys and delight in return.

12. A BIRD IN HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH

This proverb warns us against running after bigger fortunes leaving the opportunities in hand. A person who is not satisfied with a bird which has already been caught and ease in hand but runs after the other birds which are in bush out of greed. Will not obtain anything. It is unwise to run after false promises and hopes leaving opportunities in hand. It proves to be disappointing because in this way neither he can make use of that opportunity which is in his hand nor he can utilize the other ones. It is very disgusting for him.

Man has unlimited desires and he wants to fulfill most of them. He forgets at that moment that he cannot avail all the chances at a time. As a result he loses both what is already in his hand and the other. That's why one should aspire for higher goals only after making the maximum use of opportunities available. One should not act like the dog in the story 'Greedy dog'. A dog was crossing a stream with a bone in its mouth. Suddenly he looked into the water and saw his own reflection. He thought that it was another dog with a bone in his mouth and he wanted to smash snatch the bone. As soon as he opened his mouth the bone fell down in the water. In this way due to this he lost the one which was possession. This tells us that we should care what is with us and should not run after false promises and hopes.

13. NO PAINS, NO GAINS

This is a very famous proverb with a deep sense. It is a fact that those who cannot take pains in life cannot be successful in life. The people who want to sit idle and do not work hard cannot gain anything in their life. As no prey can enter the mouth of sleeping lion so also one has to bear pains only then one can get profit in return of one's pains.

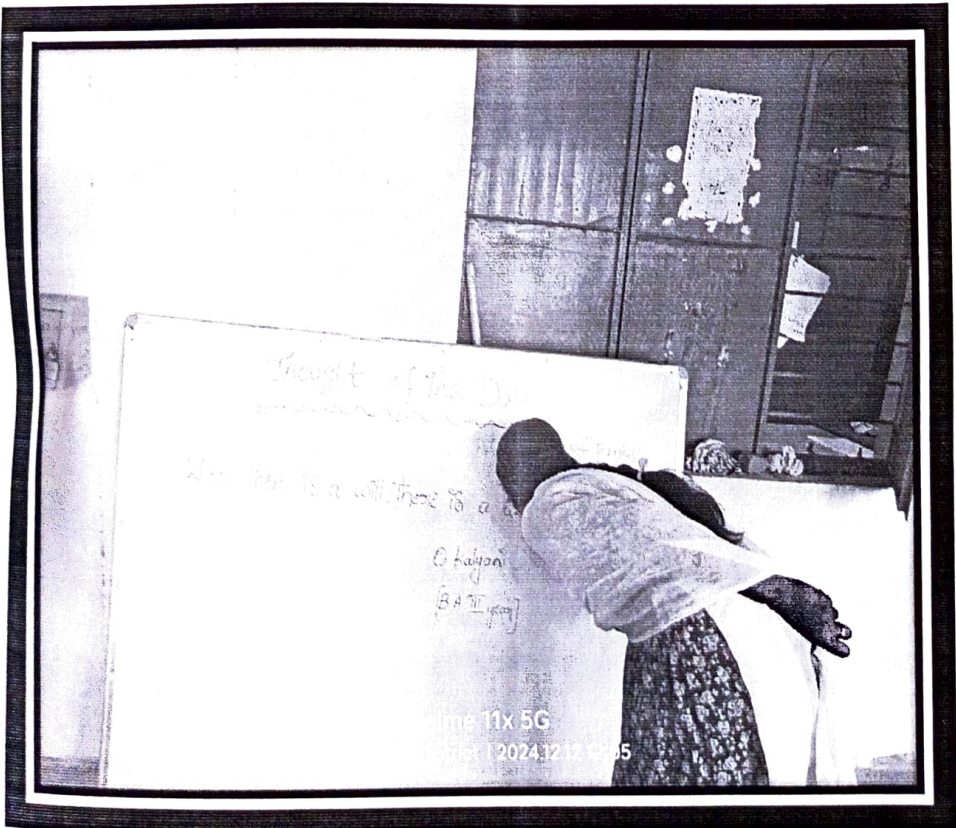
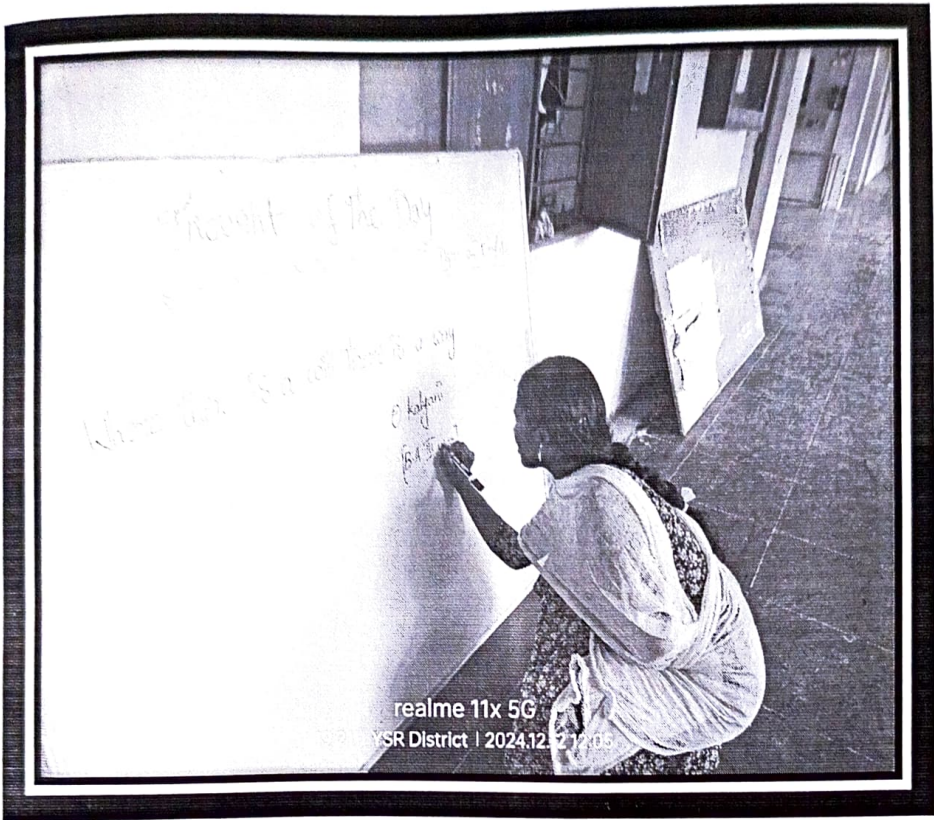
A farmer takes pains and toils hard in ploughing, tilling and harvesting the crops and after that he gains something in return. In the same manner, if a student wants to stand at the top of his university he has to bear pains first. He should devote most of his time in studying hard and in making excellent notes, then nobody can prevent him in gaining that position that is why it is well said that No pains, no gains.

14. HEALTH IS WEALTH

This is a very famous proverb and warns the man's health is more than wealth. We can buy many things with wealth but its purchasing power is limited. It cannot purchase happiness, comfort and luxuries do not necessarily make a man happy. A man realizes the value of health only when he has lost it. A weak or sick man cannot enjoy the pleasures of life. Health increases efficiently and ensures long life.

An unhealthy man is a burden to himself and to society in which he lives. He has no control over his temper. He get's upset over petty things. He is unfit for every hard work. He cannot digest what he eats. His life is miserable. The real wealth is health. We may have millions of rupees but if we do not maintain good health of what use this money is to us. We cannot enjoy anything Rich man generally suffers from a number of diseases which do not allow him to enjoy the delicious dishes. If we do not keep good health we cannot enjoy a journey to pleasant places. If a man has weak eyesight the whole world is dull and bleak to him.

Thus the prosperity of our nation also indirectly depends upon the health of the people. One can hardly differ with this view that it is a real wealth as it keeps the mental balance of a man. We find a healthy mind in a healthy body.



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