



## Overall Questions

In this section you are supposed to answer questions based on the whole lesson. Before attempting to answer the questions, read the full lesson once again to refresh your understanding of the lesson.

**7.3.5. Answer the following questions in about 40 words.**

1. What was the condition of religious harmony in Rameswaram?

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 .....

2. How did Sivasubramaniya Iyer try to break social barriers in Rameswaram?

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 .....

3. Why Luxman Sastry did take immediate and strong action against the new teacher?

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 .....

## 7.4 Enrich your Word Power

While going through the lessons, you must have come across many new words. Here are some of them in jumbled form.

**7.4.1. Write them correctly in the given space.**

a. intane

\_\_\_\_\_

b. negrotsyei

\_\_\_\_\_

c. tereaus

\_\_\_\_\_

d. pdire

\_\_\_\_\_

e. alemotion

\_\_\_\_\_

f. thodoxor \_\_\_\_\_

g. mornde \_\_\_\_\_

h. motere \_\_\_\_\_



#### 7.4.2. Now use the above correct words to fill in the blanks below.

I live in a very ..... area. It lacks ..... facilities. Most of the people are still ....., but their hearts are full of ..... They have ..... wisdom. They are very simple but highly ..... . My parents keep me away from bad companions, which is a matter of ..... for them.

#### 7.5 Be familiar with structures

Grammar is an essential feature of any language. Exercises in this section are on Subject- Verb Agreement. Use them according to the rules of English Grammar.

##### Subject-verb Agreement

Study these sentences:

- (a) I was eight years old.
- (b) All necessities were provided for, in terms of food, medicine and clothes.

In the sentence (a) we observe that the singular 'was' agrees with the singular subject 'I'. Similarly, in the sentence (b) plural verb 'were' agrees with the plural subject 'All necessities'.

Thus it is clear that verbs and their subjects must agree in their number.

Let's take another example:





(a) Raju is a student

Raju	Subject	} Singular
is	Verb	

(b) Indians are very hospitable.

Indians	Subject	} Plural
are	Verb	

### 7.5.1. Choose the appropriate form of verbs to fill in the blanks.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ sweetly. (sing/sings)
2. The school \_\_\_\_\_ near a hospital. (is/are)
3. A dog \_\_\_\_\_ faster than a goat. (runs/run)
4. The people \_\_\_\_\_ cold water in summer. (drink/drinks)
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ to school every day. (go/goes)
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ in India. (lives/live)

Now study these sentences:

(a) Either she or I am to do it.

(b) Neither you nor he is to blame.

You observe that both the sentences are joined by 'either..... or', neither.....nor, and the verbs agree to the subjects near to it.

For example:

I am.....

He is.....

### 7.5.2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs

1. Neither you nor I \_\_\_\_\_ foolish. (are/am)
2. Neither you nor she \_\_\_\_\_ present in the meeting. (was/were)

3. Either you or I \_\_\_\_\_ to complete it. (am/are)  
 4. Either I or she \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Delhi. (am/is)



● **We always use Singular Verb with these:**

*Either, neither, each, many a, one of*

Examples: Each boy is present in the class.

Neither of the two teams is strong.

● **We always use plural verb with these:**

*Some, many, both, few, a few, very few*

Examples : Many of them are present.

A few people have helping attitude.

Both of them were afraid.

● **We always use singular Verb with these:**

*everyone, everybody, anyone, anybody, someone, somebody, no one, none and nobody*

Example : Nobody is ready to help him.

Somebody is knocking at the door.

Everybody has a dream.

Now, observe these sentences carefully:

- A number of passengers are in the bus.
- The number of passengers is 40.

You observe that 'a number of' takes a plural verbs that is 'are' while 'the number of' takes a Singular verb that is 'is'.

**7.5.3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs choosing from the brackets.**

- Many a man ..... applied for this job. (has/have)
- Many people ..... orthodox even today. (is/are)
- Very few women in the society .....ambitious. (are/is)





4. A number of players ..... playing in the field. (was/were)
5. The number of students in the class.....32. (is/are)
6. Some one.....to see you. (want/wants)
7. The cattle ..... grazing in the field. (are/is)
8. The news about his death ..... not correct. (is/are)

### Conversation.

Study the conversation between husband and wife.

**Husband** : Today I have invited Mr. Khanna on dinner.

**Wife** : Ok. What should I prepare? Is he a veg. or nonveg?

**Husband** : He is a pure vegetarian

**Wife** : I think he'll like green vegetables, plain chapati and curd.

**Husband** : Yes, it will do.

Mr. Khanna has already taken the meal. Now he wants to praise the dish and thank his hosts for their hospitality. Prepare a dialogue between the couple and Mr. Khanna with the help of clues given in the box.

thank you, invitation, dish, very delicious, very tasty, nice flavour, very good cook, hospitality, o.k. bye

### 7.5 Be a skilful writer

Perhaps everybody remembers the incidents of his childhood. It is a very nice period in a person's life. It is the stage that shapes the future grown up person.

Try to write about an incident of your childhood days. Add comments as to how you view that incident now.