

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A. Rewrite the following sentences as per the directions given. Don't change the meaning of the sentences:

1. If Mary catches the first bus, she will be on time for the school. (Begin: Unless...)
2. He went to the library and to the bank. (Begin: Not only...)
3. You remembered to buy a loaf of bread, didn't you? (Begin: You didn't...)
4. In spite of all her efforts, Susan did not succeed. (Begin: Despite...)
5. The company launched its new product. It went bankrupt. (Begin: No sooner...)
6. She fell asleep as soon as she lay down. (Use: Hardly....when)
7. Scarcely had I reached the station when the train arrived. (Begin: As soon as...)
8. Sumita returned after she had completed her project. (Begin: When...)
9. Greg exclaimed that it was an awesome movie. (Rewrite in Direct Speech.)
10. It is too cold to have an ice cream. (Begin: It is so...)
11. His arrogance was the cause of his losing the election. (Use: arrogant)
12. The teacher said, "How many of you think the answer is correct?" (Rewrite in indirect speech)
13. Sunil is the fastest runner in the school. (End: ... as Sunil)
14. Everybody has heard about Gandhi. (Begin: Who...)
15. He will issue the cheque only when he hears from the head office. (Begin: On...)

B. Join the sentences without using 'and', 'but', or 'so':

1. Geoffrey Chaucer was born in 1340. He was the first great English poet.
2. His friend arrived. He was very pleased.
3. He wore a turban. It was made of silk
4. The child helped her mother to make breakfast. She washed the tomatoes.
5. She was so excited about her performance. She could not sleep at night.

C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words

1. The committee picked ____ the best players for the team.
2. A few boys were kept ____ after the school hours.
3. This being his first offence, he was let ____.
4. The lease of this premises has run ____.
5. The matter has been cleared ____.
6. There is always a demand ____ good tailors.
7. Shiela insists ____ wearing that dress.
8. Always be prepared ____ a surprise test.
9. I have hit ____ a good plan to get rid of him.
10. Please abide ____ the directions given.

D. In the following passage fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs in the bracket:

(0) returned

After Christopher Columbus (0) _____ (return) from his famous voyage across the Atlantic, the King of Spain (1) _____ (wish) to celebrate the great event and honour the man who (2) _____ (make) himself a hero. He (3) _____ (do) so by holding a banquet in the honour of the explorer. In the grand feast he (4) _____ (invite) many nobles. Some (5) _____ (be) jealous of the success Columbus (6) _____ (achieve). One of them (7) _____ (sit) next to him and (8) _____ (remark) that anyone can (9) _____ (take) a ship and sail on and on until he (10) _____ (reach) land.