

UNIT-6 A – MY CHILDHOOD

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evolution = development

PSLV = Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

configuration = the equipment and programmes

indigenous = native

pursuit = The act of looking for something

honorary = given as an honour

coveted = desired

island town = a town surrounded by water

erstwhile = former or in the past

despite these disadvantages

though there were these disadvantages

possess = have

innate = inborn; natural

generosity = willing to spend money; kind

ideal = perfect

helpmate = a helpful companion or partner,

especially one's husband or wife

rather = used to mean 'fairly' or 'to some degree', often when you are disappointed, surprised

undistinguished = not very attractive

ancestral = connected with ancestors

fairly = to some extent but not very

pucca = of very good quality

austere = simple; plain; strict

inessential = unimportant

break out (Phrasal verb) = start suddenly

erupt = start suddenly

fetch = to be sold for particular amount of money

princely sum = not a very large amount of money

anna = 1/16 of a rupee

trace = find out

isolated = far away from others

allied forces = countries that support one another in a war

state of emergency = a situation of national danger or disaster in which a government suspends normal constitutional procedures in order to regain control.

casualty = someone or something that suffers as a result of a particular event or situation

suspension = the act of stopping something officially for a period of time

wage = money you earn that is paid according to the number of hours, days, or weeks that you work

surge = a sudden increase of a strong feeling

inherited = derived genetically from one's parents or ancestors

socioeconomic = based on a combination of social and economic conditions

figures of authority = people who can influence others positively

orthodox = traditional

upbringing = the way that your parents care for you and teach you to behave when you are growing up (పెంపకం)

priesthood = the job or position of being a priest

pilgrim = a person who travels to a holy place for religious reasons

catering = the activity of providing and serving food and drinks at parties, meetings etc for money

ceremony = a public or religious occasion

idol = a statue that is worshipped as a god

The Prophet = Muhammad, who founded the religion of Islam

sacred thread = holy thread

stomach (verb) = accept / digest / tolerate

in accordance with something = according to a rule or system

utterly = completely

downcast = sad or upset

weep = cry

lasting (adjective) = strong and continuing for a long time

respective = belonging or relating separately to each of the people or things already mentioned

summon = to order someone to come to a place

communal intolerance = not being able to bear or endure beliefs of other communities

regret = feel sorry about

conviction = strong opinion and belief

rigid = very strict

segregation = the act or policy of separating people of different races, religions or sexes and treating them in a different way

conservative = opposed to great or sudden social change; showing that you prefer traditional styles and values

rebel = someone who opposes or fights against people in authority

varying = different

mingle = mix

on (a) par with somebody / something

as good, bad, important, etc. as somebody/something else

horrified = frightened/afraid

dine (verb) = to eat dinner

ritual = something that you do regularly and in the same way each time

perturbed = worried

confront = deal with

imminent = certain; about to happen very soon

unprecedented = never having happened before

optimism = a feeling that good things will happen

headquarters = a place from which an organization or a military operation is controlled

seagull = a large common grey or white bird that lives near the sea

quote (verb) = to give something as an example to support what you are saying

Khalil Gibran

Lebanon-born writer and artist Khalil Gibran became known for his mystical Arabic and English works, earning fame following the 1923 publication of 'The Prophet.'

UNIT-6 B – A PLEA FOR INDIA

Plight = a difficult and sad situation

Irrespective of our region = not considering which region we belong to

Charm = dignity and self-respect

Ignore = not pay attention to

Bicker = argue about unnecessary things

Indulge = engage

A ton = a lot

Ashes = the powder that is left after a dead person's body has been

Resided = existed

Be on a high cloud = be extremely happy

Miserably = in a bad way

Rot = bad thoughts

Devote = dedicate

Pious = holy; good

Riots = violent fights

Din = a loud, unpleasant noise

Incite = to encourage somebody to do sth bad

Misled = misguide

UNIT-6-C – UNITY IN DIVERSITY IN INDIA

ethnic groups = people of different races

myriad = many different

babel = many voices talking together

veritable = positive

account for = be responsible for

common links and uniting bonds = festivals and sports

eminently desirable = extremely wanted

amidst = in the middle of

superficial = not studying sth carefully

bewildered = puzzled/confused

penetrating = going deep

insight = understanding

fertile = producing good results

strike = attract the attention of

first-hand = obtained or experienced yourself

unmistakably = in a way that is easy to recognize

consciousness = awareness

grasped = held firmly

assimilated = absorbed and accepted

mere = just

Indian history has quickened into life = Indian history has influenced the life all over the world

heir = one who receives property from an ancestor

flourished = developed

creed = religious beliefs

flow (flow-flowed-flowed) = to move or pass continuously from one place or person to another

THE ARYANS AND THE DRAVIDIANS

According to general Indian legend, the Aryans arrived in north India somewhere from Iran and southern Russia at around 1500 BC. Before the Aryans, the Dravidian people resided in India. The Aryans disregarded the local cultures. They began conquering and taking control over regions in north India and at the same time pushed the local people southwards or towards the jungles and mountains in north India. According to this historical fact the general division of Indian society is made. North Indians are Aryans and south Indians are Dravidians.

blend = combination; mixture

dialect = a form of a language which is spoken only in one area, with words or grammar that are slightly different from other forms of the same language

lingua franca = a language used between people whose main languages are different

cultural heritage = సాంస్కృతిక వారసత్వం

inheritors = heirs (వారసులు)

treasures = valuable things

sculpture = the art of making objects out of stone, wood, clay etc

sages = wise people

seers = people who can see future

piety = respect for religion and God (భక్తి)

penance = voluntary self-punishment

conquest of passions = కోరికలను జయించడం

realisation of the infinite = understanding the God and the universe

contrast = to compare to show difference

insignificant = unimportant

project (verb) = present; show; exhibit

holding of festivals = celebrating festivals

incline (verb) = get attracted

contemplation = the act of thinking deeply about something

charity = kind behaviour and sympathy towards other people

exemplify = to be a perfect example of something

shining = excellent; perfect

proficiency = ability and skill

sculpture = the art of making objects out of stone, wood, clay etc

architecture = the art of planning and designing buildings

bridge = fill

abound in/with = to have something in great numbers or quantities

virtuosity = a very high degree of skill in performing or playing

merely = just

intercourse = an exchange of ideas, feelings etc which make people or groups understand each other better

aesthetic /i:s'θetɪk/ /es'θetɪk/ = connected with beauty and art

Cosmic /'kɒzmi:k/ = connected with the universe

tragedy = a very sad event or situation, especially one that involves death

strand = one of the different parts

uphold = to support something that you think is right and make sure that it continues to exist

emulate = to do something or behave in the same way as someone else

get dazed = get puzzled

superficial = not important

quest = search

isolated = alone and away from others