

# D A V PUBLIC SCHOOL CHANDRASEKHARPUR ENGLISH

## VALUE BASED QUESTIONS

### A SHADY PLOT

1. "You'd never guess in the world. It's the duckiest, darlingest' Ouija board and so cheap! I got it at a bargain sale. Why, what's the matter, John?"  
Why are some people crazy for new and unusual things? Is there any intrinsic or perennial value of fads in life? Narrate your reaction in 120-150 words in a diary entry.
2. Jenkins always seemed to have an uncanny knowledge as to when the landlord or the grocer was pestering me, and he dunned me for a ghost. And somehow I'd always been able to dig one up for him, so I'd begun to get a bit cocky to my ability.  
Why do people write? Do you think they are exploited by publishers? If yes, how? Respond to all these things in an e-mail to your younger brother who wants to take writing as a career.
3. "I thought you were Helen of Troy," she murmured.  
"I used to be Helen of Troy, New York," said the ghost. "And now I'll be moving along, if you'll excuse me. See you later".  
Keeping in mind the situation you have read, write an article on the topic .  
**"How to face the unexpected?"**

### PATOL BABU, FILM STAR

1. This is only the first step on the ladder, my dear better half! Yes ....the first step that would .....God willing ..... mark the rise to fame and fortune of your beloved husband!  
Motivated by Patol Babu's words, you decide to write a speech for the morning assembly of your school on the topic '**What is Important to become Rich and Famous.**'  
(Word limit: 120 – 150 words)
2. As an artist your aim should be to make the 'most of your opportunity, and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines. A play involves the work of many and it is the combined effort of many that makes a success of the play.  
Keeping in mind the advice given to Patol Babu, write an article on '**No work is Unimportant**' in about 120 -150 words.
3. At the end it was not money which would have given so much happiness as he got from palying his role well.  
Motivated by his story, you decide to write an email to your friend telling him about the value of putting in one's best in everything one does be it at work, home or play because the quality of one's work is a measure of the quality of the person himself.
4. After reading the lesson you begin to think that *practice makes man perfect*. A man becomes perfect only when he does a thing repeatedly. Tell all about it in a letter to your younger brother/sister. You may use the following points.

## VIRTUALLY TRUE

1. Read the following lines:

*“Six weeks ago, Sebastian Shultz was badly injured in a motorway accident. His condition, on arrival at the General Hospital, was described as critical though stable. Despite doctors’ hopes, the boy did not regain consciousness. His parents were informed that their son was in a coma. At a press conference, Mrs Shultz said, “The doctors were doing all they could, but in our hearts we knew we needed a miracle”.*

Keeping in view the situation described above, you decide to write an article on “How to Avoid Road Accidents, in about 120 – 150 words.

2. Read the following extract:

*“Technology was advancing every day, and Dad couldn’t resist any of the new gadgets or gizmos that came on the market. That was why we went to the Computer Fair. We came away with a virtual reality visor and glove, and a handful of the latest interactive psycho-drive games. They’re terrific. Not only do the visor and glove change what you see, but better than that, you can control the action by what you are thinking.*

After reading the passage, you begin to think of the advantages of new gadgets in the market. Write a letter to your younger brother/sister telling him / her how to make the best use of some gadgets.

3. “Dad’s nutty about computers”. Keeping in view this line, write a diary entry in 120-150 words on the craze for computers and the need to check it.

## JULIUS CAESAR

1. Read the following lines.

CAESAR : Cowards die many times before their deaths;

The valiant never taste of death but once.

Many people are full of doubts and fears. They fail to make any headway in life. Write a letter a to your younger brother advising him to shed unnecessary fears if he is to make progress in life. (Word limit 120 – 150 words)

2. Read the following extract.

CINNA Liberty! Freedom ! Tyranny is dead ! Run hence, proclaim, cry it about the streets.

CASSIUS Some to the common pulpits, and cry out

‘Liberty, freedom, and enfranchisement!’

After reading the extract you begin to think that the common people in India are not enjoying the fruits of democracy in the real sense of the term. They are still under the tyrannical hold of landlords, bureaucrats and politicians. Write a speech on the topic, **“How to achieve the ideals of True Democracy in India”** in about 120 – 150 words”.

3. Read the following lines  
CAESAR! Must prevent thee, Cimber.  
These couching and these lowly courtesies  
Might fire the blood of ordinary men,  
And turn pre-ordinance and first decree  
Into the law of children

Do you think flattery is totally useless? Write an email to your friend telling all about flattery.

4. Read the extract given below.

CALPURNIA

Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies,  
Yet now they fright me. There is one within.  
Besides the things that we have heard and seen,  
Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.  
A lioness hath whelped in the streets;  
And graves have yawn'd, and yielded up their dead;

After reading Calpurnia's speech, you realize that many people are superstitious.

Write an article on the topic "***SUPERSTITIONS ARE USELESS***" in about 120 -150 words.