

CHINMAYA INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT – Dec 2008 Class 5 and 6



Dear Children,

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A SHORT STORY

Chandan was a boy studying in class 5 and belonged to an affluent family. He had his own room and had all comforts of life, like his own TV, music player, story books, etc. Overlooking the widow in his room across the street there lived another family in a small rented house. The father of that family, Balveer, ran a bicycle repair shop in the house and the family survived on his meager earnings. Every day when Chandan passed the bicycle repair shop in his car to go to his school, he saw Balveer's son, Tanush who was of the same age as Chandan working in the bicycle shop. Tanush used to smile at Chandan. But his look had expressions of despair, poverty and helplessness. Chandan wondered if Tanush ever went to school and felt sorry for him. Chandan later learnt from his mother that Tanush stopped going to school because of poverty when he was studying in class four.



Chandan thought of helping Tanush in some way. So he started saving from his monthly allowance of pocket money. Finally he managed to purchase two books for Tanush – one story book and another, a general knowledge book. One Sunday, Chandan went to Tanush's house and presented the books to him. Tanush was moved by Chandan's kind gesture. In turn, Tanush presented Chandan with two of his five new born kittens. Chandan and Tanush thus became best friends having learnt that sharing in life brings everlasting joy.

1. Read the story and identify words that mean
 - a. Depression
 - b. Insufficient
 - c. Wealthy
 - d. Action
 - e. Grant

2. Make a drawing / collage / painting depicting the aspect of sacrifice and service.
3. Assume that you are given Rs.2000 a month as pocket money. List the various ways in which you would spend the money. You can make a table as given below:

Details	Amount (in Rs.)
Movies	
Snacks	
Video CDs	
Audio CDs	
Books	
Any other (please list)	

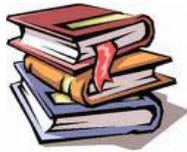
4. If you were to sacrifice any of your expenditure and save some money for donating to the under-privileged, under which category listed above would you save money? How much? What would be its percentage out of the total pocket money that you received?
5. Talk to your parents and express your willingness to sacrifice any one of your holiday expenditure and thus save some money.
 - a. Identify a social service organization in your locality and find out their requirements.
 - b. Use the money saved, to meet their requirements and present them a “best wishes” greeting card made by you. Attach a copy of the same to your holiday assignment.
 - c. Write an essay of 2 pages reflecting your experience your efforts of saving and helping the ones who are not as fortunate as yourself.

Instructions to the students

1. *The assignment must be written in A4 sheets.*
2. *Computer printouts are not accepted – assignments should be handwritten.*
3. *Appropriate photographs and pictures can be included.*
4. *Plastic folders should be avoided. Design your own folder of A4 size using materials like chart paper or cloth or jute etc. Extraordinary fancy decorations are not encouraged.*
5. *This assignment is to be handed over to your class teacher after you come back from the vacation.*

Criteria for evaluation of the assignment

1. *Content and originality*
2. *Research*
3. *Presentation (not decoration)*
4. *Appropriateness of diagrams, pictures and photographs.*



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1. The following passage describes an incident from the life of Mahatma Gandhiji. Read it carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Gandhiji went from city to city, village to village collecting funds to start an organization known as Charkha Sangh. Through this organization, he wanted to teach the villagers, the skill of spinning, thus providing them work and livelihood. During one of his tours he addressed a meeting in Orissa. After his speech a poor old woman got up. She was bent with age, her hair was grey and her clothes were in tatters. The volunteers tried to stop her, but she fought her way to the place where Gandhiji was sitting. "I must see him," she insisted and going up to Gandhiji touched his feet. Then from the folds of her sari she brought out a copper coin and placed it at his feet. Gandhiji picked up the copper coin and put it away carefully. The Charkha Sangh funds were under the charge of Jamnalal Bajaj. He asked Gandhiji for the coin but Gandhiji refused. "I keep cheques worth thousands of rupees for the Charkha Sangh," Jamnalal Bajaj said laughingly "yet you won't trust me with a copper coin." "This copper coin is worth much more than those thousands," Gandhiji said.

- a. Talk to your grand parents and gather information about the device named "Charkha" stated in the passage above and write at least 10 lines about it.
- b. The poor woman showed an extraordinary spirit of service by donating a copper coin to Mahatma Gandhiji. Write at least ten ideas by which school children of your age can serve to help the lives of underprivileged and downtrodden citizens of India.
- c. Why did Gandhiji feel that the copper coin was worth much more than thousands of Rupees?

2. The following is the URL of the Government of India website give statistics of 2001 census. Go through the data given in the website and answer the questions that follow:

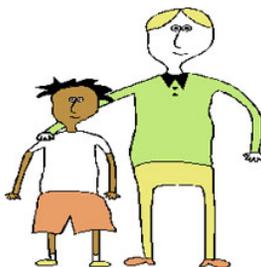
http://www.censusindia.gov.in/Census_Data_2001/India_at_glance/literates1.aspx

- Name the state with the highest literacy rate. What is the male literacy rate and female literacy rate of this state?
- Bihar is seen as the state with the lowest literacy rate. Discuss with your parents and list at least 5 reasons for its low literacy rate.
- “In general, the literacy rate of males is less than the literacy rate of the females” – Is this statement true or false? Justify with the help of data given in the website.

3. **“Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living” - Albert Einstein**

As a part of vacation assignment, visit an orphanage and serve for an overall duration of minimum three hours. Choose any one of the activity listed below:

- Teaching of a skill to a child
- Interacting with orphan children
- Arrange an educational video show
- Any other activity



After completing the activity, write a three page essay describing your experience. Include photographs if necessary.

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