

9th class worksheet 22

Learning Outcome 9.1

Listens to excerpts, dialogues, poems, news, speeches, commentaries of sports and games, debates on TV and radio and expresses opinions about them

Activity 23: Listening to Speeches

According to the speaker the feeling whenever I do something good, I feel happy. A righteous act is usually seen as a humane thing to do.

“Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world.” – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Activity 23.1:

After watching the video, answer the questions.

1. Who is the speaker here?

Answer: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

2. What is the best thing a human being can take off?

Answer: A righteous act is usually seen as a humane thing to do.

3. According to the speaker, when do you feel happy?

Answer: According to the speaker the feeling whenever I do something good, I feel happy.

4. What happens when there is righteousness in the heart?

Answer: When there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character.

Activity 23.2:

Read the statements given below and if the statement is true write T and if the statement is false write F in the bracket.

1. When there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. [T]

2. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the nation. [F]

3. When there is harmony in the home, there is order on the nation. [T]

4. When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world. [T]

5. The feeling whenever I do something good, I feel unhappy. [F]

Activity 23.3:

Read the words given below and find the meanings referring the dictionary.

character	Personality, charisma
nation	Country, state
harmony	Coordination, coherence
inspire	Stimulate, motivate
righteousness	Honesty, justice
economy	Budget, low-cost

Activity 23.4:

Listen to motivational speeches of the great personalities Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda.

Speech by Swami Vivekananda:

(Speech delivered by Swami Vivekananda on September 11, 1893, at the first World's Parliament of Religions on the site of the present-day Art Institute)

Sisters and Brothers of America,

It fills my heart with joy unspeakable to rise in response to the warm and cordial welcome which you have given us. I thank you in the name of the most ancient order of monks in the world, I thank you in the name of the mother of religions, and I thank you in the name of millions and millions of Hindu people of all classes and sects.

My thanks, also, to some of the speakers on this platform who, referring to the delegates from the Orient, have told you that these men from far-off nations may well claim the honor of bearing to different lands the idea of toleration. I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth. I am proud to tell you that we have gathered in our bosom the purest remnant of the Israelites, who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the very year in which their holy temple was shattered to pieces by Roman tyranny. I am proud to belong to the religion which has sheltered and is still fostering the remnant of the grand Zoroastrian nation. I will quote to you, brethren, a few lines from a hymn which I remember to have repeated from my earliest boyhood, which is every day repeated by millions of human beings: "As the different streams having their sources in different paths which men take through different tendencies, various though they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee."

The present convention, which is one of the most august assemblies ever held, is in itself a vindication, a declaration to the world of the wonderful doctrine preached in the Gita: "Whosoever comes to Me, through whatsoever form, I reach him; all men are struggling through paths which in the end lead to me." Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism, have long possessed this beautiful earth. They have filled the earth with violence, drenched it often and often with human blood, destroyed civilization and

sent whole nations to despair. Had it not been for these horrible demons, human society would be far more advanced than it is now. But their time is come; and I fervently hope that the bell that tolled this morning in honor of this convention may be the death-knell of all fanaticism, of all persecutions with the sword or with the pen, and of all uncharitable feelings between persons wending their way to the same goal.

Mahatma Gandhi:

(Mahatma Gandhi delivered a memorable speech on the eve of Dandi on the 11th of March 1930.)

In all probability this will be my last speech to you. Even if the Government allow me to march tomorrow morning, this will be my last speech on the sacred banks of the Sabarmati. Possibly these may be the last words of my life here.

I have already told you yesterday what I had to say. Today I shall confine myself to what you should do after my companions and I are arrested. The programme of the march to Jalalpur must be fulfilled as originally settled. The enlistment of the volunteers for this purpose should be confined to Gujarat only. From what I have been and heard during the last fortnight, I am inclined to believe that the stream of civil resisters will flow unbroken.

But let there be not a semblance of breach of peace even after all of us have been arrested. We have resolved to utilize all our resources in the pursuit of an exclusively nonviolent struggle. Let no one commit a wrong in anger. This is my hope and prayer. I wish these words of mine reached every nook and corner of the land.

My task shall be done if I perish and so do my comrades. It will then be for the Working Committee of the Congress to show you the way and it will be up to you to follow its lead. So long as I have reached Jalalpur, let nothing be done in contravention to the authority vested in me by the Congress. But once I am arrested, the whole responsibility shifts to the Congress. No one who believes in non-violence, as a creed, need, therefore, sit still.....