

ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS VIII

I HAVE A DREAM

Q1.WHO DELIVERED THIS SPEECH AND WHERE?

Ans. Martin Luther King delivered this speech on 28th August 1963 at the Lincoln memorial in Washington D.C.

Q2.WHAT WAS THE LONG NIGHT IN CAPTIVITY?

Ans. The long night in captivity was the period during which the Negroes did not have equal rights in America, that was till the signing of The Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Q3.WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF THE NEGRO EVEN AFTER HUNDRED YEARS OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION?

Ans. According to Martin Luther King, even after a hundred years after the Emancipation proclamation, the African Americans or the Negroes continued to face poverty and discrimination. They lived in ghettos of penury while the rest of the nation marched to prosperity.

Q4.WHAT IS THE PROMISSORY NOTE?

Ans. The promissory note refers to the document of Declaration of Independence in America, which said "All men are equal" and thus promised to treat all Americans on an equal footing.

Q5.EXPLAIN THE SWELTERING HEAT OF NEGRO'S LEGITIMATE DISCONTENT SHALL NOT PASS UNTIL THERE IS AN INVIGORATING AUTUMN OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY?

Ans. Martin Luther King means to say that "the sweltering summer of Negro's discontent " i.e.the angst and dissent of the African Americans shall not pass until and unless there is "an invigorating autumn" meaning thereby that the discontent could only be removed if they were granted freedom and equality and the words of the Emancipation proclamation could be obeyed in letter and in spirit.

Q6.WHY DOES THE SPEAKER SAY "I HAVE A DREAM" REPEATEDLY?

Ans. The speaker, Martin Luther King says the words "I have a dream " repeatedly because he wants to emphasise that freedom and equality to status and opportunity, access to health and good education were still a dream for the African Americans however they were determined to turn this longstanding dream into a beautiful reality now.

Q7.SUM UP THE DREAM MADE BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE WELFARE OF THE COLOURED CITIZENS.

Ans. The speaker, Martin Luther King had a beautiful dream for his fellow African Americans.

He dreamt of them being granted freedom and equality not only in letter but also in spirit.

He envisioned them to be free from poverty and discrimination and be able to share the prosperity and progress of fellow Americans.

He wanted all forms of racism to disappear, all schisms between the Blacks and the whites bridged and he dreamt America to be a nation where each one of them would not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.

Q8.HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT THE SPEAKER'S DREAM HAS BEEN FULFILLED TO A GREAT EXTENT AND YET A LOT REMAINS TO BE DONE?

Ans. Ever since the gallant endeavour of Martin Luther King, America has indeed taken huge strides towards fulfilling his beautiful dream. Not only do the African Americans have the right to vote in every state of America but they also have chartered a course to socio economic development.

Barack Obama , the 45th President of U.S.A. was an African American and others from the community as Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell have held the august office of the secretary of state.

However even today, voting is along racial lines, during the Trump era there were many incidents of police brutality on the blacks as the George Floyd moment.

Thus though a major part of Dr King's dream has been fulfilled yet a lot more needs to be done in order to transform United States of America into United Colours of America.

GIVE MEANINGS AND MAKE SENTENCES WITH:

1. SEGREGATION: DISCRIMINATION

In South Africa a policy of apartheid was followed which segregated blacks from whites.

2. EMANCIPATION : FREEDOM

Women need emancipation from old archaic laws.

3.MANACLES :CHAINS

The blacks have to break the manacles of poverty and injustice.

4.HEIR :INHERITOR

The eldest son was normally the heir to the father's throne.

5. BANKRUPT: WITHOUT FUNDS

The tycoon turned bankrupt due to sudden loss in business.

6.INVIGORATING :

ENERGISING

After the heat and dust , a chilled cold drink was invigorating indeed.

7.TRANQUILITY :PEACE

In the far flung hill stations there is absolute peace and tranquility.

8.WHIRLWINDS OF REVOLT : A NUMBER OF REVOLTS

Dissatisfaction often leads to a whirlwind of revolts.

9.FOUNDATIONS OF OUR NATION : BASIC PRINCIPLES OF A COUNTRY

Peace and non violence are the foundations of our nation.

10.REDEMPTIVE :SAVING SOMEONE FROM EVIL

Love and forgiveness have redemptive powers.

11. OASIS OF FREEDOM: A PLACE OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE

Its high time that we made India an oasis of freedom and safety for its women.