

## UNIT 7 : ARTISTS

### LESSON F: READING

#### I. VOCABULARY

	Vocabulary	Phonetic transcription	Part of speech	Meaning
1.	graffiti	/grə'fi:ti/	(n)	tranh graffiti
2.	parking meter	/'pɑ:rkɪŋ 'mi:tər/	(n phr)	máy tính tiền đỗ xe
3.	kneel	/ni:l/	(v)	quỳ gối
4.	knit	/nit/	(v)	đan, móc
5.	striped	/straɪpt/	(a)	sọc, có sọc
6.	vandalism	/'vændəlɪzəm/	(n)	phá hoại, hủy hoại
7.	pavement	/'peɪvmənt/	(n)	lát đường, vỉa hè
8.	masculine	/'mæskjəlɪn/	(a)	nam tính, mạnh mẽ
9.	irritate	/'ɪrɪteɪt/	(v)	kích thích, chọc tức
10.	pedestrian	/pə'destriən/	(n/a)	người đi bộ/ vô vị
11.	dozen	/'dʌzn/	(n)	tá (nhóm 12 cái/ đơn vị)
12.	feminine	/'femɪnɪn/	(a)	nữ tính, yếu đuối
13.	criminal	/'krɪmɪnl/	(n/a)	tội phạm/ phạm tội
14.	drab	/dræb/	(a)	u ám

#### II. PRACTICE:

**Exercise 1. Choose the word or phrase - a, b, c or d -that best fits the blank space in the following passage.**

Everyone loves music, it seems. And there's little reason to wonder why. There is so much music (1) ..... from which to choose. and there is a category of music to appeal to every (2)..... The major groups of music are divided broadly into classical, popular, and jazz. Within these broad groups are many other subcategories. For example, such disparate types of music as movie soundtracks, rhythm and blues, rock, and rap all fit within the category of popular music.

Another reason that music is so (3) ..... is the variety of settings in which one can enjoy his or her (4) ..... kind of music. You can go to the church to hear great religious music, or to the concert hall to hear well-known classical music . On the other hand, you might go to the small club to listen to an up- and-coming jazz group while you enjoy a drink. A few nights later, they might go with some friends to join thousands of other people in a discotheque to hear your favorite rock band play in your city on a world tour. And, back your house or apartment, you can (5)..... while you put in a tape or CD and listen to your favorite artists again and again in your own home.

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| 1. a. convenient | b. available | c. accessible | d. required |
| 2. a. want       | b. desire    | c. interest   | d. taste    |
| 3. a. familiar   | b. popular   | c. famous     | d. cheerful |
| 4. a. favorite   | b. best      | c. ideal      | d. selected |
| 5. a. prefer     | b. appeal    | c. relax      | d. interest |

**Exercise 2. Read the passage and choose the best answer :**

At a time when the younger generation, hooked to the mobiles, TV and internet, is fast-moving away from books, Sundargarh Collector Nikhil Pasan Kalyan has taken it upon himself this particular sacred responsibility. Kalyan on Thursday launched a campaign "Sundargarh Bahi Padha" to promote reading by distributing books among the people in Sundargarh town. He reached out to the people at roadside stalls and engaged with them over cups of tea. While motivating them to read, he gifted books to them.

The district administration plans to extend the initiative to schools and villages in the coming six months with focus on improving school and public libraries, and equipping all offices and waiting rooms with books.

Further, reading sessions have been scheduled to be conducted every week at the Collector's residence campus and other places involving people of all ages including students.

"Books are the best teachers. To improve morality and openness in society, everyone has to read. They could be in any genre. Reading is the starting point," said Kalyan. Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer (CDM-PHO) Dr SK Mishra commented on the present situation: "Youths and students confine themselves to prescribed courses of study and refuse to go beyond that," he said. Undoubtedly, internet connection and electronic gadgets like computers, laptops and mobile phones provide a sea of information and ready-made knowledge but simultaneously decrease the creativity in individuals, Mishra added.

"Social media kills time, creativity and the urge to pick up a book. It may be noted that people with reading habits have lesser chances of suffering from Alzheimer's," he said. Presently, of the four Government-run public libraries in the district three are functional, albeit with few readers. Kalyan has sought collective participation to make the initiative a success.

**1. What is the main topic of the passage?**

- A. Campaign to bring book reading habit back to life.
- B. Various benefits of joining a local book club.
- C. Government effort in raising the literacy level.
- D. Warning about reading habit on the wane.

**2. According to paragraph 1, what was the ultimate intention of Nikhil Pasan Kalyan's actions?**

- A. To accumulate a good reputation as a person who truly cares about books.
- B. To make the governing bodies aware of the plight their citizens are facing.
- C. To revive the valuable habit of reading among the people of the town.
- D. To prompt other people to sell him limited books with lower prices.

**3. The word "conducted" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to**

- A. performed
- B. overseen
- C. escorted
- D. organized

**4. The word "They" in paragraph 3 refers to**

- A. Teachers
- B. Books
- C. Libraries
- D. Students.

**5. According to paragraph 4, why did the CDM-PHO Mishra mention social media?**

- A. To raise the question of whether or not the invention of social media is beneficial.
- B. To illustrate the role it plays in the youth's almost abandonment of reading habit.
- C. To compare and contrast the good aspect of books and downside of the Internet.
- D. To emphasize his standpoint as a vehement objector against modern technology.