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### PREFACE

Dear Well-Wishers,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Indeed, we are overjoyed to unveil this myriad mix of literary ecstasies by our very own dear budding poets and authors.

It is the watering and consistent care of this little root that our souvenir was, by our able gardeners, students of English Department, that has led us to the growth of this simple root into a mighty tree

Robert frost in his nostalgia said, "Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less travelled and that has made all the difference" .

Yes. The Meston College of Education has bestowed the student community with courage, confidence and clarity of thought to choose a new, different path.

It always seems impossible until it's done. The publication of this souvenir has made us realize the possibility of making the impossible possible.

I extend my gratitude to our Principal, Management, Staff and Students for their steadfast support.

Dear Students,

"To read and write is what we preach, kindling every little soul within our reach" My best wishes for a learning filled life now and beyond.

Dr. (Mrs.) C.Sherine

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ENGLISH



N.Devakumari

- About 4000 words are added to the dictionary each year.
- The original name for butterfly was Flutter by.
- The word "Lol" was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2011.
- The word "Good bye" originally comes from an Old English phrase meaning "God be with you".
- 11% of the entire English language is just the letter "E".
- A pangram sentence is the one that contains every letter in the language.

For example: "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog".

- SWIMS will be SWIMS even when turned upside down.
- The longest English word that can be spelled without repeating any letters is
- "Uncopyrightable".

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Food, clothing, and shelter are generally addressed as the basics needs of any human being. But the list does not stop there. There are few more needs responsible for binding individuals. For the existence of a society, primitive or modern; the need to communicate has always been there, using signs and symbols. Communication started to develop and today there are numerous languages that are in use. Though there are a number of languages English language is considered as the global language.

At present, English is just like a door that opens up to endless opportunities. It made crossing borders much easier. Indians learn English as the second language and so the influence of mother tongue while speaking a foreign language is unavoidable.

Indian English is in no way lesser than British or American English. All these are just the variants of the same language that is based on the geographical distinction. As long as the language is grammatically correct and is able to vocalise the thoughts and ideas and helps with the communication, it serves the purpose.

k.Dom Dinesh Kumar



## UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY IN DARJEELING

I am just back from a holiday trip to Darjeeling along with two of my friends. It was a two day trip and it was an unforgettable experience with the combination of beauty and nature. During our stay, we visited the famous points of Darjeeling, which is considered to be the panoramic.

We visited the three Buddhist monasteries. When I saw the statue of Gauthama Buddha it was a wonderful experience as I could come closer with the Buddhist culture, the symbol of love. The Ganges Maiya and the Rock garden park were the replica of the famous Niagara falls. It was so lovely that we spent the whole day there. We went to visit the Tiger Hills, which is the ideal place to catch the glimpse of the famous snow covered peak of the Kanchanjunga mountain. We were quite lucky that we got a glimpse of it. The other two friends of mine were so happy that they began to dance with joy. These were the memories I treasure and it still lingers in my heart whenever I think of them.

I feel Darjeeling is an ideal place to visit because it not only makes us familiar with the Buddhist pilgrimage but also gives an idea about the beauties of nature, which is so fascinating and unique in all aspects.

M.ROSHENI



# HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE

"Happiness is a choice, not an achievement; nothing will make you happy, until you decide to be happy".

Happiness has certain set of habits that create peace in everyone's life. We have to apply these habits in our own life situations when needed.

These are some important criteria mentioned below, apart from that I would be listing out the main points,

- Treat everyone with kindness
- Regard your problems as challenge
- Dream big
- Speak well with others
- Avoid making excuses
- Surround yourself with positive people
- Don't compare yourself with others
- Eat well
- Be honest

Your life is unique so don't measure your worth by comparing yourself to those around you.

"Be yourself because an original is worth more than a copy"

Choose your friends, who are very optimistic and as happy as you are,

"Surround yourself with people who give you positive thoughts. Do not mind the negative ones.

Go ahead and dream big, as you'll be more likely to accomplish your goals.

"They say I dream too big, I say they think too small"

Telling the truth boosts your mental health and allows others to build trust in you.

"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will always get you the right ones"

Happiness is by choice, not by chance. So, be happy and spread your happiness to others.

S.MONISHA



## MY LIFE IN COLLEGE DAYS

Walking down the memory lane, thinking about my college days sends a nostalgic feeling down my spine. College life is meant to be the most exciting time with my friends and lecturers. The entire experience is unforgettable.

My college days were probably the best days of my life. My friends and I were a crazy group.

I still vividly remember my first day in college. I was so excited meeting new people. College felt like an unchaining, since I was far away from my home it was my first time being separated from them.

It was a bit difficult at first to be with people I never knew. I did not know how I should behave to fit in. But eventually, everything went smoothly. I met wonderful friends who are still my best buddies until now. Every time we would plan to meet but it never happened. We will never fail to recall how we were in college and how we were moulded to be what we are today.

College days are to be bethought forever.

- S.VIDHYABHARATHI



## TO BE WISE

Do what you think to do  
Decide what you need to do  
Deny what you need not do  
Don't defy good things to do.

Learn what you need to know  
Teach all what you know  
Listen always what you don't know  
Discard what you need not know

Don't think you always have a choice  
Deeply think that everything is a chance  
Grasp each and every chance you get  
Make most of it.

Set your destination  
Sure! You will reach it.



G. VENKATESAN

## UNGRATEFUL WORLD

One night, just before the shopkeeper was about to close the shop, a dog came into the shop.

There was a bag in its mouth. The bag had a list of items to be bought and money. The shopkeeper took the money and kept the items in the bag.

Immediately, the dog picked up the bag of items and left. The shopkeeper was surprised and went behind the dog to see who the owner was.

The dog waited at the bus stop. After sometime, a bus came and the dog got into the bus. As soon as the conductor came, it moved forward to show his neck belt which had money and the address as well. The conductor took the money and put the ticket in his neck belt again.

When it reached the destination, the dog went to the front and wagged his tail indicating that he wanted to get down. The moment the bus stopped, it got down. The shopkeeper was still following it.

The dog knocked the door of a house with its legs. Its owner came from inside and beat it with a stick.

The shocked shopkeeper asked him, "Why are you beating the dog?", to which the owner replied, "He disturbed my sleep. It could have taken the keys with it."

This is the truth of life. There is no end to the expectations people have from you. The moment you go wrong, they start pointing at our mistakes. All the good done in the past is forgotten. Any small mistake committed then gets magnified. This is the nature of this material world.



**K. ANGELINA REBECCA**

## IDENTIFY THE AUTHORS



WILLIAM WORDSWORTH



JANE AUSTIN



SAMUEL TAYLOR COLDRIDGE



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



JOHN MILTON



JOHN KEATS

HEPZIBA



## TO MY TEACHER

I came into your class  
To learn and to grow  
But, What touched me most,  
The love you showed  
Helping us through our problems  
And making them all so clear,  
You were always ready and eager  
To have a new day of fun



R. ANAND KUMAR

NARASIMMAN



## SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ENGLISH

English is the official language of sky! It does not matter which country they are from all pilots speak English on international flights.

The word 'Checkmate' in chess comes from the persian phrase 'Shah mate' meaning "the king is helpless"

Queueing is the only word with five consecutive vowels (five vowels in a row)

The word 'Alphabet' comes from the first two letter Greek alpha, beta

The dot over the 'i' and 'j' is called as 'Superscript dot.'

# LOVE

Love, the word itself evokes various thoughts and feelings. Each one of us, would relate ourselves to the word in a very different way. This difference is all because of the various emotions and feelings attached to it. For some, the word brings joy, for a few it would remind something sad. It remains a pool of excitement, disappointment, romance, sentiment, longing, craving and a lot more. The word love, purifies anything and make things more dignified.

Removing the word Love from English would leave the language users in a very delicate position as they would not know any word that can give an equivalent meaning. They should hunt for different words to be used in different contexts and that job would turn hectic. This clearly shows how a single four letter word has gone into the roots of English language and has become a part of life and also gives a clear picture of the vacuum that would be left without 'Love'.

"LOVE SUFFERS LONG AND IS KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY"

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Positive attitude leads to success and happiness. Positivity makes life easier to overcome worries and negative feelings.

With a positive attitude you see the bright side of life and expect the best to happen. It is certainly a state of mind that is well worth developing.

If you have positive attitude it will help you to achieve great heights. It will make you feel inspired. It gives you the power not to give up; it makes you believe in yourself and in your abilities.

A positive attitude leads to happiness and Success and changes your whole life.

"One positive thought in the morning  
Will make your day successful."



S. MONICA



M. NIVETHITHA



## BORN TO WIN

Your abilities and you are immense,  
Commence it without any negligence,  
Always start with patience,  
At any time don't give up confidence



B. SHANMUGAM

Continue your goal with perseverance,  
At times you will be remarked by your excellence,  
Look forward to step into success,  
Failures suppress.

Talented People fail to work hard,  
While hard working people practice their talents,  
Dissolve your threats,  
Work endlessly to improve your strengths

You must have the will,  
That, "I can, I will",  
Remember your abilities and you are immense,  
So commence your goal without any negligence.

## THE LITTLE PLANT

In the heart of a seed,  
Buried deep so deep,

A tiny plant  
Lay fast asleep  
"wake" said the sunshine  
"And creep to the light"  
"wake," said the voice  
of the rain drops bright

The little plant heard  
And it rose to see,  
what the wonderful  
outside world would be!

B. DEEPIKHA



## FIND OUT THE PROVERB

CUP



SLIP



SLIP



SLIP



SLIP



LIP

ANSWER: Many a slip between the Cup and the Lip.

The word "Startling" is the only nine letter word in English where you can remove one letter at a time to create another word.



R. GOKULRAJ

S T A R T L I N G

S T A R T I N G

S T A R I N G

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## DON'T GIVE UP

DON'T GIVE UP AND DON'T GIVE IN  
IT'S ALL IN THE LORD'S HANDS  
NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE FACING  
HE IS THE ONE WHO CAN  
IN ANY SITUATION  
HIS GRACE CAN TURN IT AROUND  
SO YOU CAN BE VICTORIOUS  
AS HIS LOVE DOES ABOUND.  
THE BEGINNING AND THE END HE KNOWS  
AND ALL THAT'S IN BETWEEN  
SO PUT YOUR TOTAL TRUST IN HIM  
TO HIM IT'S ALL FORSEEN.  
HE KNOWS YOUR STRUGGLES  
HE KNOWS YOUR PAIN,

YOUR HARDSHIP AND YOUR  
SORROWS  
HE WILL HELP YOU TO  
CONQUER.  
SO DON'T GIVE UP AND  
DON'T GIVE IN  
DON'T QUIT BEFORE  
IT'S TIME  
GOD'S GRACE WILL GIVE  
YOU POWER  
TO MAKE IT TO THE FINISH  
LINE  
IN HIS WAY  
IN HIS TIME AND  
IN HIS STYLE!!!



J.T. AUGUSTIN JEBAKUMAR

## A GOOD CHARACTER



D. RUTH JEMIMA

A good character is like a precious jewel. A good character is more important than wealth. It is the key to success in life.

You must start building up your character when you are young.

A good character is to be built up over a period of years. It must be built up step by step.

Good habits become good characters. We must learn good habits when we are young. We must practice them every day. By and by they become our daily habits. Rising early, having a bath, dressing quickly and neatly, learning our lessons regularly and eating in a proper way are all good habits.

What do we mean when we say that a boy or a girl has a good character? We mean to say that the boy or girl has good principles and follows good rules. Such a boy or girl will grow up and win the hearts of everyone.

Above all pray to God, ask him to bless and help us to have a good and strong character. Remember that God sees us wherever we may be, whatever we may be and whatever we may do. God will bless us if we implant good characters.

## COMPANIONSHIP

When I am down and O my soul so weary  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be  
When I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until you come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
And I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be.



JYOTHI CALEB

## WHY THEY PUT ON A MASK

A young executive with poor self-esteem was promoted but he could not reconcile himself to his new office and position. There was a knock at his door. To show how important and busy he was, he picked up the phone and then asked the visitor to come in. As the man waited for the executive, the executive kept talking on the phone, nodding and saying, "no problem, I can handle that." After a few minutes he hung up and asked the visitor what he could do for him. The man replied, "Sir, I'm here to connect your phone."



R. FLORANTHINE MATHIVADHANE

### WORDS OF GREAT AUTHORS

All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players.

-William Shakespeare

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

-John Milton

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever: its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness."

-John Keats



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