A STUDY ON (A Ph.D STUDY)

"A LINGUISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE WRITING SKILL OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ENGLISH COMPOSITION"

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QUESTIONNAIRE

PART – I

Socio-Economic Background

Name :  
Age :  
Degree / year of study :  
Name of the College :  
Permanent address :  

Father  
Parents' occupation :  
Parents' education :  
Medium of instruction at school :  

Mother  

English □  Tamil □  Others □
PART - II

LINGUISTIC PERFORMANCE

I.  LETTER WRITING

Write a letter to a bookseller ordering some books for your personal reading

(or)

Write a letter to the Readers’ Digest Association Limited, New Delhi, seeking information regarding subscription for their monthly journal.

II.  DEVELOP THE GIVEN HINTS INTO AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY AS TOLD BY A RIVER.

Title: A River

River as spring in mountains; or from a glacier; mountain torrent; rocky bed; water-falls; tributaries; swollen when snow melts; reaches plains; slow steady river; cultivated fields on banks; irrigation canals taken off; passes villages and small towns; flows through a big town; pollution of waters; boats and ships; fall into sea at big port; etc.

III.  DIALOGUE WRITING

Imagine two friends engaged in a discussion about their hobbies. Write a dialogue in about 10 lines.
IV. JOB APPLICATION

Draft an application in response to the following advertisement.

The Hindu: Dated 28.10.2004
Applications are invited for, the post of Secretary for a firm, from undergraduate degree holders with first class, higher typewriting and sound knowledge in shorthand.
Knowledge of computers is preferable. Send your bio-data to:
The Hindu,
P.O.Box No: 44444,
Coimbatore-46.

V. Assume that you are the chairperson of your college and draft a letter to a VIP with the programme schedule for inviting him to address a function in your college.

VI. Read the following passage and write a similar one using the clues given for the questions under the passage

Christmas falls on 25th December every year. It is celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ. Christians dress themselves in a grand manner and go to church to offer their prayers to the Lord. They share their joy with their friends of other religions too. Such festivals help us to live in harmony and honour other religions.

1. When is Deepavali celebrated?
2. Why is it celebrated?
3. What do the Hindus do on the festival day?
4. Who do they share their joy with?
5. How do such festivals help us?