

ENG-II L.1- Mother Tongue

Q.1. Word Meanings :-

1 ac/know/ledge	accept
2 at stake	at risk
3 clai/med	declared
4 con/verse	speak; chat
5 cour/tier	king's ad/visor; minister
6 crest/fallen	dis/appoint/ed
7 flu/ent/ly	effortlessly
8 hu/mo/rous	funny
9 ho/nour	good name
10 in ses/sion	meeting of the court
11 irri/tated	an/noyed
12 lux/uri/ous	comfortable and ex/pen/sive
13 res/pec/tive	own
14 sneak/ed	crept in quiet/ly
15 sump/tu/ous	splendid
16 su/pe/rior	higher (in rank or knowledge)
17 swa/tted	hit with a sharp blow





Q.2. Fill in the blanks :-

1. Akbar was the greatest mughal emperor of India.
2. Birbal was a courtier.
3. Birbal became Akbar's most trusted friend and advisor.
4. Birbal was famous for his wit and great wisdom.
5. Akbar has been addressed as your majesty and your highness.
6. The Pandit was thoroughly crestfallen and quiet.

Q-3. Answer in one word :-

1. Who was the greatest mughal emperor of India?
A. Akbar
2. Who was the most trusted friend of Akbar?
A. Birbal
3. Who visited the court and claimed to know all languages?
A. A pandit
4. How was the Pandit?
A. Proud
5. What sound the Pandit made while snoring?
A. Khaaa---- Khaaa-----
6. Did the Pandit realize his mistake ?
A. Yes

Q-4. Complete the sentences:-

1. The Pandit claimed to know – a number of languages.
2. Everyone in court was – most impressed.
3. Akbar accepted – the challenge.
4. Pandit was fast asleep – on a luxurious bed.
5. The Pandit swatted – at his ear.



Q-5. Make the sentences :-

1. Humorous – I like to read humorous stories which make me laugh.
2. Luxurious – The palace rooms were luxurious and looked beautiful.
3. Sneaked – We sneaked to the kitchen to have a midnight snack.
4. Proud – My mother is very proud of my paintings.
5. Languages – I know two languages – Hindi and English.



Q-6. Answer the following :-

1. Who visited Emperor Akbar's court one day?

A- A learned Pandit visited the court of Emperor Akbar one day.

2. What did he say and brag about ?

A- The Pandit said that he knew many languages and bragged of being able to speak fluently in different languages.

3. Why did Emperor Akbar reward the Pandit?

A- Emperor Akbar rewarded the Pandit because everyone was most impressed by his knowledge of many languages.

4. How did the Pandit react when Birbal gave the correct answer?

A. The Pandit looked disappointed as he lost the challenge when Birbal gave him the correct answer.

5. What did Birbal say next that made the Pandit realize his mistake?

A. Birbal said that if the knowledge one has makes one proud then that knowledge is of no use.

6. What had Birbal proved to the Emperor and others?

A. Birbal had proved to the Emperor and others that a man may know many languages but in times of difficulty he will only speak in his mother tongue.
