

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU**  
**ASSIGNMENT**  
**2019-20**

**CLASS: X**

**MONTH: APRIL**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Syllabus for the Month**

**First Flight:** A Letter to God, Nelson Mandela, Two Stories About Flying,  
Dust of Snow, Fire and Ice

**Footprints:** A Triumph of Surgery

**Writing:** Diary Entry, Letter of Inquiry

**Grammar:** Reported speech, Editing/omissions

**SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)**

**Q1:** You are John/Jennifer, the in charge of tour and excursion club of Unique Public High School, Agra. During the summer break, you are planning to organize a tour to a place of historical importance. Write a letter to the India Travel and Tour Agency, Agra, enquiring about the charges, facilities and all other necessary details.

**Q2:** In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. (0.5x8=4)

**Before    Word    After**

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|---|-------|-------|-------|
| a) After the death of Aurangzeb AD 1707,        | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b) his successors unable to hold the Mughal     | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c) Empire together. When Aurangzeb died, three  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| d) sons fought for throne. Bahadur Shah         | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| e) defeated his brothers ascended the           | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| f) throne in AD 1707. He took name of Shah      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| g) Alam. Alam's reign saw the growing power the | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| h) Marathas and Rajputs.                        | _____ | _____ | _____ |

**SECTION C (LITERATURE)**

**Q1:** Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

*Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.*

- (a) What do people think about the ending of the world?
- (b) What is the poet's opinion?
- (c) What does 'desire' mean here?
- (d) Which poetic device is used in this stanza? Give example.

**Q2. On basis of your understanding of the text, answer the questions that follow:-**

- a) What did Nelson Mandela pledge when he was sworn in as the President?
- b) How did the pilot make his way out of the black clouds?
- c) Mrs. Pumphrey says, "This is a triumph of surgery." Why did she say so? Did she know what Vicki's ailment was?
- d) What did Lencho hope for after his crop was destroyed? Did it happen?
- e) On seeing the letter, the postman laughed heartily but the postmaster became serious, why?