

CLASS –X

English

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1. Match the solutions for exercises given in previous homework on Direct and Indirect (Reported) speech.

A She said that Gaurav was arriving there that day.

B They said that they were going to cinema.

C He said that it might rain today.

D Rahul said that his master was writing letters.

E The policeman enquired where we were going.

F The teacher said that India became free in 1947.

G Hari asked Arun where all his papers were.

H She requested him to put his ironed clothes in the cupboard.

I Deepa asked Rina to stop shouting.

J Rita asked me what I wished to buy.

2 Read the passage given below and answer the related questions for one mark each.

Passage 1

(8 Marks)

Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Bullet Train in India

Quite recently India laid the foundation stone for one of its most sought after projects – running a Bullet Train. It was very well considered as a dream project of the Honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. Entire India felt proud of having its first ever bullet train scheduled to run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, a distance of 508 km, in about 2 hours 35 minutes. In his own words, “To grow, one needs to expand one’s dreams and decide one’s strength to achieve that. It’s the New India which has to fly high”. “Bullet Train is a project that will provide pace to development. Along with new technology, it will also bring results faster”, he added.

According to Achal Khare, the Managing Director of the National High Speed Rail Corporation, the project would be completed by December 2023.

It all began with the Prime Minister’s ambitious dream of having a high speed train in India that cuts the travel time and yet remains an economical option to go from one city to another. The technology of this High Speed Rail, also known as HSR, was influenced by Japan, which runs a network of bullet trains in their country on Shikasen technology, making many cities well connected to others. According to reports, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered to provide US\$ 12 billion of soft loans to build India’s first Bullet Train. The loan was offered at an interest rate of 0.1 per cent per year with repayment over 50 years and a moratorium for the first 15 years. The Japanese Government will be bearing 80 per cent of the total project cost whereas the increase in cost estimate has to be borne by both India and Japan.

The reason this deal between India and Japan is considered path-breaking is that there is currently no financial institution in India that could provide such a huge funding to be repaid over as long time as 50 years.

(325 Words)

Questions

1. The foundation stone for which project in India was laid recently?
2. How much time will the bullet train take to run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad?
3. What two benefits will the bullet train bring, according to PM Modi?
4. By what time is the project expected to be completed?
5. What was the Prime Minister’s ambitious dream?
6. Where is the technology for the bullet train coming from?
7. What are the details of the loan offered for this project by Japan?
8. Why is this deal between India and Japan considered as path-breaking?

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