

# Appendix I

## Texts for Listening

### Unit 1

#### An Announcement on the Radio.

Prashanth, a thirteen year old boy has been missing since last Sunday. The boy is in blue trousers and pink T-shirt. He can speak Telugu, Hindi and English. He has fair complexion. He is fond of movies. His parents are much worried about him. Whoever finds Prashanth will be rewarded. You may contact the Sub- Inspector of Police, Vidya Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram. (Mobile No. 99XXXXXX00)

### Unit 2

#### Homeless Child

No mother no father  
neither shoes nor a bed.

He lives in a street  
on pavements of a road.

He is just ten  
looks pale and thin.

He has so small a dinner  
sometimes, he dines on the smell.

And even if he is starving to death  
nobody comes to feed him.

As the sun rises and rays shoot him,  
he is exposed to child labour.

Tears start rolling down his cheeks  
there is nobody to comfort him.

And even if he is dead  
There is nobody to worry about him.

### Unit 3

#### Lal Bagh

Dear Students, now we are in Lal Bagh Garden, Bangalore. It means “ The Red Garden” in English. It is one of the famous gardens in India. It is located to South of the city centre and Bangalore’s main attraction.

Hyder Ali , the ruler of Mysore commissioned the building of the garden in 1760. His son, Tipu Sultan, completed it by importing trees and plants from

several countries. The garden has over 1,000 species of flora. The garden is spread over 240 acres. The Glass House is the main attraction in this garden, modelled on London's Crystal Palace.

Look there, you can see a 300 year old "Christmas Tree". There are many such old trees we can find in the garden. Children, look there, you can find the scientific name tag to each tree.

Now we are moving towards the Rose Garden, which is another highlight of Lal Bagh. It has almost all the species of roses available worldwide.

Now we are at the giant Electronic Quartz Flower clock built by HMT. In this garden flower shows are conducted every year to educate people about different flora and help cultivate the habit of growing plants among the public.

## Unit 4

### Message from Space

Sunitha Williams sent out warm wishes on the occasion of Diwali from the International Space Station.

"I just want to wish everybody in India and people of Indian origin around the world a "Happy Diwali". It's a wonderful festival and I am happy we are part of it up here at the International Space Station. I did bring a couple of things that have to do with India from my father, particularly a peaceful 'Om' that stays outside my crew quarters where I sleep, and the *Upanishads*. So I can read it while I am up. It is a small version (of the *Upanishads*) but it definitely brings the wisdom to us while we are here and allow us to think of the true meaning of life and what we are doing. Heartfelt feelings for the work we are doing up here and how we are doing and for our safe return back home.

## Unit 5

### Compering

Respected MEO, our beloved headmaster, dear teachers and my fellow students,

I wish you a very good morning and welcome you to the programme.

At the outset, I wish all the teachers a very happy Teacher's Day.

As we all know that 5th September is celebrated as Teacher's Day as a mark of our tributes to the contributions made by teachers to the society. It is also celebrated to commemorate the birth of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great educationist and former President of India.

Let us now start the programme with a prayer.

I invite Kamala and Vimala to offer the prayer.

Thank you, Kamala and Vimala for your wonderful prayer. To move to the next item of the programme, it is a moment of pride and honour for us to have our

Mandal Educational Officer, who is an eminent scholar as the chief guest. Now I request him to come onto the dais and grace the occasion.

Next, I would like to invite our headmaster, who is an inspiring personality, to grace the occasion. I also request him to present a bouquet to our Chief Guest.

Now, I request our MEO to say a few words on the occasion.

Thank you very much sir, for giving your inspiring words to us.

Now, you will watch a skit.

I'm sure you have liked the skit... once again, let us give them a big round of applause.

The next item is a group dance. It will be presented by Latha and her group from class IX. Hope you will enjoy it.

Wow! Fantastic, it is an excellent performance. Let us once again appreciate them by clapping.

Now, the last item of the programme is Vote of Thanks. I take this opportunity to invite Ms. Aparna to propose a vote of thanks. With that the programme has come to an end. Finally, I invite you all to have refreshments outside the hall. I thank one and all for making the event memorable and enjoyable.

## Unit 6

### The News

This is All India Radio, giving you the news. The headlines. The Government of Telangana State set to declare a new art & cultural policy. A new cultural programme to be launched to show the Government's commitment to cultural development of the state. Exhibitions and other activities to mark the new programme.

The news in detail.

The Government of Telangana State is set to declare a new art and cultural policy. The policy is expected to stress the development of arts and crafts of the state. The Chief Minister is expected to announce the policy today at Ravindra Bharati, Hyderabad.

As per the Government sources, a drive under this programme will benefit the artists of Dimsa, Burrakatha, Oggukatha and Gangireddulu. Puppet shows would be made compulsory in all the Government organized programmes, they said.

According to the Handicrafts Minister, 51 new cultural centres would be started to boost the sales of Nirmal and Pembrothi. He also stated that handloom weaving would be given due importance. Narayanpet, Pochampalli, Kothakota, Gadwala and Siricilla weavers would get interest free loans.

The headlines once again. The Government of TS all set to declare a new cultural policy.

That's the end of this news bulletin.

Have a good day!

## Unit 7

### Education of the Girl Child Is a Burden

**Speaker 1:** Respected Chairperson, honourable Judges and dear friends, I stand here to express my views for the motion, 'Education of the girl child is a burden'. I would like to state that the education of the girl child is indeed a burden. In a poor family the main concern for the head of the family is to provide food, clothing and health to all the members. Most of their resources are used for these priorities. Later, when they think of education, the first preference goes to the male child as he would be growing to be the breadwinner of the family, whereas the girl would leave the family one day. So, I feel that educating the girl child is a burden.

**Speaker 2:** Respected chairperson, honourable Judges and dear friends! My knowledgeable opponent is of the opinion that the education of the girl child is a burden. May I ask how education of the girl could be a burden when she is an equal partner in sharing the responsibilities and duties? If given a chance, she will be sharing the burden of the family at least till she gets married. So, I strongly oppose the motion.

**Speaker 1:** When my opponent feels that the girl child would leave the family one day after marriage, can't we agree that it is a waste of money to educate a girl child? Instead, the families can save the money to bear the expenses of her wedding. Yes, surely the girl can reduce the burden not by earning after education but by managing the household work. As her duty in the later part of life is to look after the family and children, she better gets practice in the same. If she is away from home for longer periods, it would be an additional burden on the family.

**Speaker 2:** My friend said, the future of the girl child is to look after the family and children. Haven't such traditional gender roles led to inequalities in the society? I strongly feel that an educated girl can render financial assistance to the father and later to the husband. My dear friend, it is education that will bring about a change in the attitude of people towards the role of women. Indeed, it is rightly said: 'If you educate a man, you educate an individual. If you educate a woman, you educate a family'.

## Unit 8

### An announcement in a School

Dear students,

I am to inform you that we are going to start an 'Enrolment Drive Programme' next week. We will go to the nearby slums in our locality for 3 days and see if there are any children who are not studying in any school. There will be 10 teams, each consisting of 6 students. I want all the students and teachers of classes VIII and IX to join this mission. Mr. Rajkumar and Ms. Christina will be joining us in our mission. They will help us in all the aspects related to the programme. Children, now those who volunteer to take the lead in teams should meet their class teachers after the lunch hour.