Lesson 11

I Have a Dream (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Q.1: What was the cause of Negroes' discontentment? [BISE Lhr. 2014]

Ans. The cause of Negroes' discontentment was inequality, injustice, discrimination, oppression, lack of brotherhood and racial segregation in America.

Q.2: What are the qualities of the veterans of creative suffering? [BISE Lhr. 2014, 2013]

Ans. They are left battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. They continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Q.3: What is the dream of Martin Luther King Jr.? [BISE Lhr. 2015]

Ans. The dream of Martin Luther King Jr. is that there will be equality, justice, and brotherhood in the society. He also has a dream that people will be judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin.

Q.4: What should be the faith of Negroes? [BISE Lhr. 2011]

Ans. The faith of the Negroes should be that unearned suffering is redemptive. They should continue their quest for freedom knowing that they will be free one day and enjoy equal rights.

Q.5: What was the necessity of pleading the case of the Negroes' freedom?

Ans. The necessity of pleading the case of the Negroes' freedom was the injustice, inequality, brutality, persecution, oppression, lack of brotherhood and racial segregation that they faced in America.

Q.6: What should the criterion of judgment for a person? [BISE Lhr. 2016]

Ans. The criterion of judgment for a person should not be the color of his/her skin but the content of his/her character.

Q.7: Do the Negroes enjoy liberty in all the parts of their country?

Ans. No, the Negroes do not enjoy liberty in all the parts of their country. They face many trials and tribulations, injustice, inequality, brutality, persecution, oppression, and racial discrimination.

Q.8: From which part of the country did the Negroes gather there?

Ans. The Negroes gathered there from Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and the slums and ghettos of the northern cities.

Q.9: Write down the song in your own words.

Ans. It is a song in praise of one's country. My country is a sweet land of liberty. I sing for this land where my forefathers died. It is a land of the pilgrim's pride and let the freedom ring from every mountain side.

Q.10: What is the effect of the repetition of words?

Ans. The repetition of words makes the speech effective and emphatic.

Q.11: What are the services of Martin Luther King Jr. for the Negroes? [BISE Lhr. 2018]

Ans. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader of the Negroes. He struggled for their equal rights in America.

