



Class: 11ABC

**Sociology
Assignment**

Date:

Assignment I

Importance of Culture

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Culture is one of the most important aspects of any society. “As the soil, however rich it may be cannot be productive without cultivation, so the mind without culture can never produce good fruit.”

Culture describes the many ways in which human beings express themselves for the purposes of uniting with others, forming a group, defining an identity, and even for distinguishing themselves as unique. Cultural expression is highly sensual in that human beings often create activities, practices, symbols, and so on that can be easily consumed by our senses.

Some people have a great concern for the preservation of culture, and they fear that their cultural values and traditions are at risk of getting lost among the mix of new and different ideas. However, as global cultures become increasingly in contact, the fear that one’s culture will be loss can be easily avoided with the practice of Intercultural Dialogue. With advancements in information and communication technologies, we are faced with the responsibility to learn from each other with dignity, show mutual-respect for our differences and similarities, and begin to experience ourselves from a diversity of perspectives and viewpoints, not just our own.

1. “As the soil, however rich it may be..... without culture can never produce good fruit.” Explain this quote in your own words.

2. Think outside your ‘cultural box’ and write about any incident you have read about or experienced in the summer vacation which shows the difference between different cultures.

3. Describe something very important to you. It could be a value, such as respect or honesty. It could be a person, such as a parent, brother, sister, or friend. It could be a goal, such as representing school in a tournament or it could be a hobby.

3. Give an example of intercultural dialogue or discussion or exchange between two countries or people (eg. you and your friend from another country or between any two people) or groups which will show the exchange of cultures or intermingling of cultures.

Assignment II

Analyse and write a report of about 150 words on any one of the under mentioned current topics:

1. Repeal of Section 377 of IPC - Decriminalising homosexuality-What are the implications on our society?
2. The Menace of Begging in Delhi-NCR - Draw up an action plan involving government, NGOs and the public.
3. Reservation for women in Parliament and State Legislatures - Do we need it? What is the relevance?