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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

STD-XI

HOLIDAY WORKSHEET

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. In six months, road users in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, have learned to cringe at using the car horn unnecessarily. "I feel embarrassed now when I occasionally blow the horn," said Rajaram Dangal, a hotel manager. "I feel like people are staring at me from all around." Clearly, the traffic police's slogan of "Let's be civilised, let's not use the horn" is working.
2. Making Dangal give up his instinctive action at the wheel has not been easy. Like in most old South Asian cities, horns seem a matter of life and death in Kathmandu, with its narrow, congested, pot holed roads. Pedestrians-and animals-cross the roads at will. There are no traffic lights and road dividers. And yet today, you only hear a few stray beeps on the street. Even these sound tentative and have none of the aggressive, let-me-through tone that you find in, say, Delhi.
- 3 The induction of a no-nonsense officer to head the traffic police, a ban on horns, strict vigilance, a fine of Rs 500 and threat of public ignominy have brought a degree of silence on the noisy streets. Noise pollution had reached unhealthy highs in the Nepalese capital.
4. After clamping down on honking, 15,500 people have been hauled up. Sarbendra Khanal, traffic police chief, said this was achieved despite the cops having no mechanical device to pinpoint the horn sound.
5. And yet, the quietude of sorts is holding out. "It's early days still, but I feel mindsets are changing," Khanal was optimistic. The government's intent to change the street ambience was enunciated in no less than Khanal's selection to head the traffic police soon after the announcement of the ban. What did DIG Khanal bring to the table? He has little traffic experience. Rather, the officer has a reputation as an "encounter specialist", having crushed 109 criminal outfits in the Terai.
6. It isn't difficult to extrapolate Khanal's renown as a tough cop to the willingness of the people to fall in line. Roads are dense with motorcycles since car prices are prohibitive there.
7. Reining in these weaving, wailing two wheelers was the biggest challenge for Khanal and his team. However, it isn't all baton and threats. There is a continuing awareness drive, which to date has included 9,400 roadside gatherings, 1,230 sessions with bus and truck drivers and 1,680 visits to schools and colleges. The results are there to see or rather hear. The success has proved that tough measures can be implemented.

I. Answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

1. The traffic police in Kathmandu
 - a) has linked not blowing car horns to being civilized.
 - b) made strict rules against blowing horn
 - c) has used multi-pronged strategy for controlling horn blowing by car drivers.
 - d) All of the above

- A) Nature's beauty B) Travel and exploration
C) Memory, loss, and passage of time D) School memories

