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WINTER VACATION HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Q1. PORTFOLIO

Q2. REVISE ALL THE CHAPTERS

Q3. Diary entry for a travelogue

I. The text you read is a travelogue where the author, Vikram Seth, talks about his visit to two sacred places in Kathmandu.

Imagine that you were with Vikram Seth on his visit to Pashupatinath temple, and you were noting down all that you saw and did there, so that you could write a travelogue later.

Q4. Here is your diary entry when you visited Agra. Read the points and try to write a travelogue describing your visit to Agra and the Taj Mahal. You may add more details.

January 2003 – rise before dawn – take the Shatabdi Express at 6.15 a.m. from Delhi – meet a newly-married couple on train – talk about Himachal Pradesh – get off the train – enter the once-grand city, Agra – twisted alleys – traffic dense – rickshaws, cars, people – vendors selling religious artifacts, plastic toys, spices and sweets – go to the Taj Mahal – constructed entirely of white marble – magical quality – colour changes with varying of light and shadow – marble with gemstones inside – reflection of the Taj Mahal in the pond – school-children, tourists – tourist guides following people

Q5. Imagine you are Gerrard. Tell your friend what happened when the Intruder broke into your house. [Clues : Describe (i) the intruder – his appearance, the way he spoke, his plan, his movements, etc., (ii) how you outwitted him.]

Q6. How does the poet imagine her to be, after death? Does he think of her as a person living in a very happy state (a 'heaven')? Or does he see her now as a part of nature? In which lines of the poem do you find your answer? (A slumber did my spirit seal)

Q7. Write down the summary of the poem " A slumber did my spirit seal" ?