



QUESTION BANK- **PHRASES AND CLAUSES**

Class: XI

Subject: ENGLISH

A **phrase** is a group of words that makes some sense, but not complete sense. Phrases usually begin with prepositions. A phrase will never have a finite verb. However, it may contain non-finite verbs like infinitives, gerunds or participles.

A **clause** is a group of words that makes complete sense. A clause has a subject and a predicate of its own. A clause will always have a finite verb. It may also contain an infinitive, gerund or participle.

**I. CHOOSE WHETHER THE HIGHLIGHTED PART IS A PHRASE OR A CLAUSE.**

1. **Faced with so many problems**, I decided to get professional help.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

2. **She arrived to work on time** in spite of leaving home so late.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

3. Before taking any medicine, **I always speak to my doctor**.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

4. Mark has lived outside of his country **for 14 years**.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

5. In the morning **it's best to get up early**.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

6. **Having always been keen on caring for people**, Susan decided to become a nurse.

- A. Phrase
- B. Clause

7. They were annoyed by the baby crying so loudly.

A. Phrase

B. Clause

8. Although injured, John managed to crawl to safety.

A. Phrase

B. Clause

9. I will be running for President.

A. Phrase

B. Clause

10. I like the person with the green shirt.

A. Phrase

B. Clause

**II. CHOOSE WHETHER THE HIGHLIGHTED PART IS AN INDEPENDENT CLAUSE OR DEPENDENT CLAUSE.**

1. I will be so upset if she decides not to visit me.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

2. While I enjoy eating any type of food, my friend will only eat vegetarian.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

3. Please let me know when you arrive.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

4. Although I know he's a famous actor, I can't remember his name.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

5. My sister, who is in the police force, has always been very outgoing and confident.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

6. **I believe** that he shouldn't have been elected Mayor.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

7. After you have finished your work, **we can head out for dinner.**

A. Independent

B. Dependent

8. **Because they are accountable to the public,** they must act appropriately.

A. Independent

B. Dependent

9. **The car** that has been stolen **was parked in front of his house.**

A. Independent

B. Dependent

10. I'll be leaving my job soon **as I'm close to retirement.**

A. Independent

B. Dependent

**III. IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES, UNDERLINE THE DEPENDENT CLAUSE AND THE SUBORDINATING WORDS.**

1. I said no to the party because I had some pending work.
2. I could have passed brilliantly if I had studied properly.
3. After I complete my assignment, I'll get the offer for work.
4. They were playing video games while he was sleeping.
5. Her project would have been brilliant if she would have written the stats.

**ANSWERS**

1. 'Because' is the subordinating word for the dependent clause 'because I had some pending work.'
2. 'If' is the subordinating word for the dependent clause 'if I had studied properly.'
3. 'After' is the subordinating word for the dependent clause 'after I complete my assignment.'
4. 'While' is the subordinating word for the dependent clause 'while he was sleeping.'
5. 'If' is the subordinating word for the dependent clause 'if she would have written the stats.'

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