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**WORKSHEET ON READING PASSAGES**

**I. Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. YOU say that our government is inefficient. YOU say that our laws are too old. YOU say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage. YOU say that the phones don't work, the railways are a joke, the airline is the worst in the world and mails never reach their destinations. YOU say, say and say.
2. What do you do about it? Take a person on his way to Finland. Give him a name – YOURS. Give him a face – YOURS. YOU walk out of the airport and you are at your international best. In Finland, you don't throw cigarette butts on the roads. YOU are as proud of their Underground Links as they are. YOU come back to the parking lot to punch your parking ticket, if you have overstayed in a restaurant or a shopping mall, irrespective of your status or identity. In Finland, you don't say anything, DO YOU?
3. YOU wouldn't dare to eat in public during Ramadan in Dubai. YOU would not dare to go out without your head covered in Jeddah. YOU would not dare to speed beyond 55 mph (88 kmph) in Washington and then tell the traffic cop, "Do you know who I am? I am so and so's son YOU wouldn't chuck an empty coconut shell anywhere other than the garbage pail on the beaches in Australia and New Zealand. Why don't YOU spit betel on the streets of Tokyo? We are still talking of the same YOU.
4. YOU, who can respect and follow a foreign system in other countries but cannot in your own. YOU, who will throw papers and cigarettes on the road, the moment you touch Indian ground. If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country, why cannot you be the same here in India?
5. Once in an interview, the famous ex-municipal commissioner of Bombay Mr. Tinaikar had a point to make, "Rich people's dogs are walked on the streets to leave their affluent droppings all over the place," he said. "And then the same people turn around to criticize and blame the authorities for inefficiency and dirty pavements. What do they expect the officers to do? Go down with a broom every time their dog feels the pressure in his bowels? In America, every dog owner has to clean up after his pet has done the job. The same is in Japan. Will Indian citizens do that here?" He's right.

**A. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.**

**1. How do we blame our government?**

- (a) It does not work
- (b) It is inefficient
- (c) It is useless
- (d) It does not do anything

**2. Finland is proud of**

- (a) Its cleanliness
- (b) Its parking system
- (c) Its links
- (d) Its roads

**3. What wouldn't you dare to?**

- (a) To eat in public during Ramadan in Dubai
- (b) To spit betel on road in Tokyo
- (c) To throw garbage on road in Australia
- (d) All of these

**4. Who was Mr. Tinaikar?**

- (a) Municipal commissioner of Bombay
- (b) Ex-municipal commissioner of Bombay
- (c) Commissioner of Bombay
- (d) Ex-municipal commissioner of Maharashtra

**5. In which country/countries a dog owner cleans/clean his dog's droppings on the roads?**

- (a) England
- (b) America
- (c) India
- (d) Japan

**B. Answer the following questions briefly.**

1. What are the negative remarks we make about our country?
2. How does an Indian behave in Finland?
3. List two deeds an Indian would not dare to do while traveling abroad.
4. What is our attitude when we are in our own country?
5. Who criticize the government for dirty pavement?

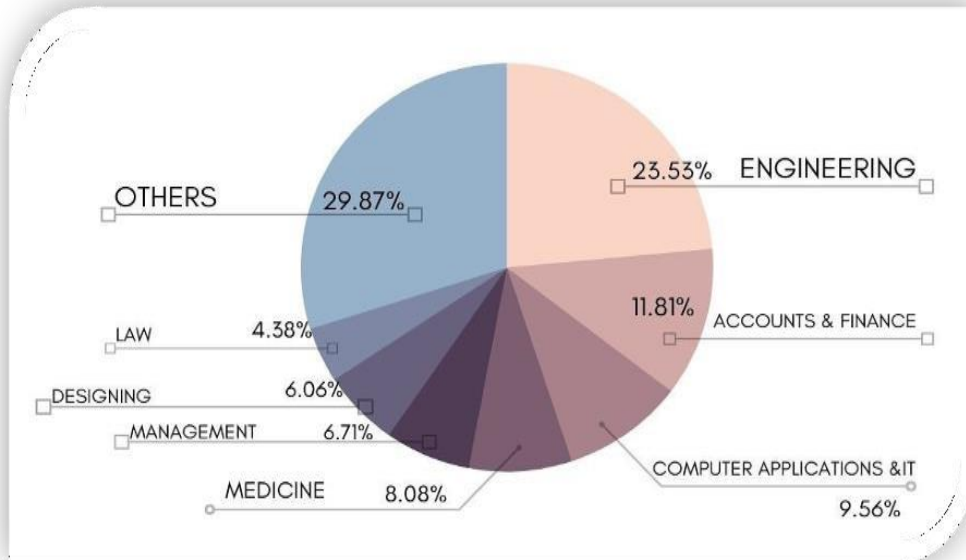
**C. Find a word from the passage**

1. Which means 'throw' (para 3)
2. Which means 'prosperous or rich' (para 5)

**II. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.**

(1) The average age of India will be just 27 in 2020, which means that much of the country will comprise young students and youth. But even now with the clock ticking, the unemployment crisis is raging the country. The main reason behind this

problem is that there is a huge number of youths passing out from schools and colleges every year unaware of the many new career options and job roles being added to various industries. And a recent survey by Mindler, an online career-counselling platform, has proved that the majority of Indian students are aware of just seven career paths, even though there are 250 career options that can be pursued in India -- most new and in-demand.



(2) "Our research on over 10,000 students across India suggests an alarming ignorance of the career options available to students today," said Prateek Bhargava, founder, and CEO of Mindler, who has recently launched a platform for career counselling in tier II and tier III cities across India.

This shocking lack of awareness among Indian students regarding their future career options can spell a death knell for the economic bonus that could have come to India due to its demographic dividend- the time period where its population is young and earning.

(3) Since children constantly interact with the environment around them, "effective career planning would thus need to take into account all the stakeholders in which parents and teachers are the most important, given the time they spend with the child and the impact they have," Bhargava says.

(4) Thus, if parents and teachers can build their own awareness regarding new career options coming up, then they can be a very helpful part in their child's career decisions rather than being one of those parents who push their child into one of the most common careers simply because they are unable to understand which area would be the perfect fit for their child.

(5) Parents need to remember that shaping a student's profile with the right set of activities in sync with their strength, capability and dreams is the way forward, Bhargava stresses. "Children feel much more confident in choosing a particular

career when they are supported by their parents. Thus, parents play a vital role in this entire process," he says.

**Answer the following questions, based on given passage.**

(i) Which important issues does the passage throw light upon?

(ii) According to Fig. 1, ..... is the least popular career option among students.

(iii) State TRUE or FALSE.

(iv) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statement 1: Indian youth is facing unemployment crisis.

Statement 2: Teachers push students into common career options.

a) Statement 1 is true, but Statement 2 is false.

b) Statement 1 is false, but Statement 2 is true.

c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.

d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.

(v) What was the conclusion of the survey conducted by Mindler?

(vi) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word.

*Every child is unique. Hence, his/ her.....should always be taken into consideration when deciding on a future career.*

(vii) A Suitable Title for this passage would be .....

a) India's Economic Downfall

b) Smart Career Planning: Need of the Hour

c) Achieve Your Goals with Mindler

d) India's Obsession with Engineering

(viii) How do parents play a vital role in their child's career selection?