

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)

EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF PARLIAMENTARY INTERPRETER GRADE – II IN
LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

ORATION TEST

20.02.2016

Speak in English for 3 minutes on anyone of the following topics:

1. Skill Development: Challenges and Opportunities
2. Health for All by 2020: Is it achievable?
3. Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward
4. Inclusive Development and Inclusive Growth in an Era of Globalisation
5. Controlling Pollution in Cities: What needs to be done?
6. Should we introduce Right to Recall in our political system?
7. Human Trafficking: A World-wide Menace

भारत की संसद
(संयुक्त भर्ती प्रकोष्ठ)

लोक सभा सचिवालय में संसदीय भाषान्तरकार ग्रेड दो के पद की भर्ती

20 फरवरी, 2016

वक्तृता परीक्षा

निम्नलिखित में से किसी एक विषय पर हिन्दी में तीन मिनट के लिए बोलिए:

1. आतंकवाद विश्व के समक्ष एक कठिन चुनौती है।
2. आर्थिक सुधार की दिशा में भारत सरकार के कदम सराहनीय हैं।
3. इंटरनेट का किशोर बच्चों पर प्रभाव।
4. समाज की तरक्की में पर्यावरण का योगदान।
5. स्मार्ट सिटी की सोच देश को आधुनिक बनाएगी।
6. सर्वधर्म संभाव – इस देश की मूल भावना है।
7. स्त्री-शिक्षा के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ी है।

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01.04.2016

PAPER-I : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS, GENERAL ENGLISH AND GENERAL HINDI

INSTRUCTIONS: (i) Write your Roll No. at the appropriate column on the answer sheets. (ii) Put 'X' mark only in the correct Box like this (X). No marks will be given for responses outside the Box. Use blue or black ball pen only to mark your response. (iii) In case you want to change your response to any question, fully blacken the first response like this and (X) mark in the correct Box. (iv) There will not be negative marking.

Time : 75 Minutes

Marks : 150

PART - A : General Knowledge and Current Affairs

1. The recognition to the symbol of the political parties is given by?
(A) The President (B) The Prime Minister (C) The Chief Justice (D) The Election Commission
2. Shaktiman was in the news recently. Who or what is Shaktiman?
(A) A robot with feelings (B) A bird (C) A human who lifted 450 kg weight at once (D) A horse
3. Name the political party which has contested the General Elections with the same election symbol from Independence till date (A) Indian National Congress (B) Communist Party of India
(C) Bharatiya Janata Party (D) Communist Party Marxist
4. Which one union territory has more seats in Lok Sabha than all the other union territories combined? (A) Pondicherry (B) Delhi (C) Chandigarh (D) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
5. Which day is observed as Human Rights Day?
(A) October 8 (B) December 10 (C) November 14 (D) November 26
6. The Lok Sabha is also known as?
(A) Council of States (B) The Upper House (C) The House of the People (D) Parliament
7. In India, the Yarlung Zangbo river is known as?
(A) Yamuna (B) Ganga (C) Brahmaputra (D) Mahanadi
8. Name the tennis star who was in the news recently for doping allegations
(A) Sania Mirza (B) Maria Sharapova (C) Venus Williams (D) Nomura Kate
9. Who is the captain of the Bangladesh Cricket Team for the current T 20 cricket tournament started in March 2016? (A) Mahammadullah (B) Shakib Al Hassan (C) Taskin Ahmed (D) Mashrafe Mortaza
10. For which of the following disciplines Nobel Prize is not awarded? (A) Physics and Chemistry
(B) Physiology or Medicine (C) Literature, Peace and Economics (D) Music and Dance
11. Ecology deals with? (A) Birds (B) Cell formation (C) Relation between organisms and their environment (D) Study of the echo of the voice
12. In India, highest rainfall is reported at?
(A) Churu, Rajasthan (B) Mawsynram, Meghalaya (C) Namchi, Sikkim (D) Chamba, HP
13. World's first oil paintings have been found in which of the following countries?
(A) India (B) Pakistan (C) Afghanistan (D) Iran
14. The chairman of the Rajya Sabha is (A) the President of India (B) the Vice President of India
(C) the Prime Minister of India (D) the Chief Justice of India
15. The private sector oil refinery in India is at?
(A) Vadodara (B) Jamnagar (C) Gandhinagar (D) Surat
16. Gopal Krishna Gokhale was associated with
(A) Brahma Samaj (B) Servants of India Society (C) Tatvabodhini Sabha (D) Atmiya Sabha
17. Which State of India has a separate Constitution?
(A) Jammu and Kashmir (B) Himachal Pradesh (C) Arunachal Pradesh (D) Andhra Pradesh
18. Which team emerged champion of the Hockey India League 2016?
(A) Kalinga Lancers (B) Jaypee Punjab Warriors (C) Delhi Waveriders (D) Dabang Mumbai
19. Name the recipient of the Bharat Ratna award 2015
(A) Babu Jagjivan Ram (B) Morarji Desai (C) Atal Behari Vajpayee (D) Chaudhary Charan Singh
20. Who is the current Chief Justice of India?
(A) H L Dattu (B) T S Thakur (C) Anil R Dave (D) Dipak Misra
21. Who is the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha at present?
(A) Sonia Gandhi (B) Amit Shah (C) Mallikarjun Khadge (D) Ghulam Nabi Azad

22. In which year Ashok Mehta Committee was appointed to review the working of Panchayati Raj institutions? (A) 1956 (B) 1977 (C) 1984 (D) 1993
23. The theory of Evolution was given by? (A) Darwin (B) Einstein (C) Newton (D) Mendel
24. Name the Bollywood Actor associated with the Oscars recently (A) Deepika Padukone (B) Priyanka Chopra (C) Katrina Kaif (D) Sonam Kapoor
25. Who administers the oath to the Prime Minister of India? (A) The President (B) The Chief Justice of India (C) The Vice President (D) The Chief Election Commissioner
26. Name the canal that was blocked during the recent agitation by a section of the community in Haryana (A) Mainak (B) Munak (C) Manuk (D) Makun
27. Which is correct order of solar system starting from the Sun? (A) Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune (B) Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus (C) Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus (D) Mercury, Venus, Earth, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune
28. What is the minimum age to be the President of India? (A) 25 (B) 30 (C) 35 (D) 40
29. Wisden rankings are given for which sport? (A) Hockey (B) Football (C) Cricket (D) Table Tennis
30. Which is the host country for the world cricket T 20 being played since March 2016? (A) Pakistan (B) Sri Lanka (C) India (D) Bangladesh
31. In humans, the sex of a child is determined by (A) Chromosomes of Father (B) Rh factor of Parents (C) Chromosomes of mother (D) Blood group of Father
32. Who is the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs in India? (A) Sh. Murlī Manohar Joshi (B) Sh. Venkaiah Naidu (C) Sh. Rajnath Singh (D) Sh. Arun Jaitley
33. Which of the following is a renewable source of energy? (A) Coal (B) CNG (C) Wood (D) Solar Energy
34. Which one of the following describes best the concept of Nirvana in Buddhism? (A) The extinction of the flame of desire (B) The complete annihilation of self (C) A state of bliss and rest (D) A mental stage beyond all comprehension
35. Francols Hollande, the Chief Guest at the 2016 Republic Day parade is from? (A) Switzerland (B) Germany (C) France (D) Netherlands
36. With which game is the Wimbledon Trophy associated? (A) Football (B) Badminton (C) Table Tennis (D) Lawn Tennis
37. Tropic of Cancer passes through which city of India? (A) Gwalior (B) Jhansi (C) Bhopal (D) Bilaspur
38. Name the IPL winner 2015 (A) Kolkata Knight Riders (B) Kings XI Punjab (C) Mumbai Indians (D) Chennai Super Kings
39. The most abundant element in the earth's crust is? (A) Oxygen (B) Nitrogen (C) Copper (D) Brass
40. Name the largest temple in the world (A) Angkor Wat (B) Akshardham (C) Borobudur (D) ISCKON temple
41. Architects of the Constitution of India were heavily inspired by the Constitution of (A) USA (B) England (C) France (D) Canada
42. How many bones are there in the human body? (A) 106 (B) 206 (C) 306 (D) 204
43. Nobel Prize was awarded to which Indian in 2015 (A) Kailash Satyarthi (B) Ram Jethmalani (C) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar (D) Megha Patkar
44. Swami Vivekanand's birthday was celebrated recently as (A) National Saints day (B) International Saints day (C) National Youth Day (D) National Renaissance Day
45. Which of the following is not an operating system? (A) DOS (B) JAVA (C) Windows NT (D) UNIX
46. The Constitution of India came into effect in (A) 1947 (B) 1948 (C) 1949 (D) 1950
47. According to the IRCTC survey, which railway station has been named the cleanest in India? (A) Surat railway station (B) New Delhi railway station (C) Rajkot railway station (D) Bilaspur railway station
48. Exercise Iron Fist 2016 was conducted by the Indian Air Force in which State? (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala (C) West Bengal (D) Rajasthan
49. The first-ever World Sufi Forum (WSF) has been hosted by which city of India? (A) New Delhi (B) Hyderabad (C) Lucknow (D) Kanpur
50. The Chakra in the Indian National Flag has how many spokes? (A) 18 (B) 22 (C) 24 (D) 28

PART - B : GENERAL ENGLISH

I. Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words from the alternatives given below:

51. Drinking more and more exacerbated his already poor health.
(A) Improved (B) Worsened (C) Killed (D) Checked
52. Quarrelling people created a lot of cacophony and so nobody was able to hear us.
(A) Fighting (B) Hearing (C) Noise (D) Bitterness
53. The newly-weds agreed to be very frugal in their shopping because they wanted to save enough money to buy a house.
(A) Economical (B) Wasteful (C) Interested (D) Excited
54. Don't live under the fallacy that luck will do everything for you.
(A) Right belief (B) Weakness (C) Pleasure (D) Wrong belief
55. The washed and wet wheat was spread under the sun to desiccate.
(A) To dry (B) To shine (C) To pack (D) To break

II. Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words from the alternatives given below:

56. The stingy old man, despite being rich, never spent a penny on his own well-being.
(A) Miser (B) Generous (C) Careful (D) Narrow-minded
57. The student's constant and diligent efforts brought him great success.
(A) Lucky (B) Constant (C) Lazy (D) Slow
58. Encouraged by success, the soldier moved with audacity and killed the enemy.
(A) Courage (B) Boldness (C) Timidity (D) Strength
59. She had to listen to her garrulous guest for hours in courtesy.
(A) Taciturn (B) Talkative (C) Funny (D) Interesting
60. The bellicose countries finally stopped fighting.
(A) Friendly (B) Fighting (C) Peaceful (D) Hateful

III. Choose one word substitute for the following sentences/phrases:

61. Expert in fine arts (A) Creditor (B) Cosmopolitan (C) Connoisseur (D) Concentric
62. A statement which is accepted as true without proof
(A) Blasphemy (B) Axiom (C) Pedagogy (D) Autocracy
63. A fault that may be forgiven (A) Venial (B) Sinecure (C) Uxorious (D) Verbatim
64. A substance that kills germs (A) Germicide (B) Ethnocide (C) Insecticide (D) Homicide
65. An annual calendar with positions of stars
(A) Astrology (B) Amphibian (C) Almanac (D) Anthology
66. A person who remains unmoved and unaffected by other people's opinions, suggestions (A) Impervious (B) Impenetrable (C) Imperceptible (D) Imitable
67. A person who is very fond of sensuous enjoyments
(A) Epicure (B) Detenu (C) Chandelier (D) Egoist
68. An act of separation from other persons to avoid infection
(A) Sacrilege (B) Panacea (C) Plutocracy (D) Quarantine
69. A place for the sick to recover health (A) Sanatorium (B) Wardrobe (C) Utopia (D) Triennial

IV. Select the alternative that gives the correct meaning of the idiom.

70. A penny for your thoughts (A) A way of asking what someone is thinking (B) Helped in the execution of the plan (C) For a good cause (D) On an important mission
71. Ball is in your court (A) Do without the help of others (B) Give birth (C) It is up to you to make the next decision or step (D) Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information
72. To give a cold shoulder (A) To scold (B) To insult (C) To abuse (D) To ignore
73. To die in harness. (A) To die on a horse back (B) To die in the battlefield (C) To die while still working (D) To die with honour
74. To strain every nerve (A) To work very hard (B) To spend a huge amount (C) To try all tricks (D) To bribe several persons

V. Choose the correctly spelt word from the set of four in the following:

75. (A) Persue (B) Parsue (C) Persou (D) Pursue
76. (A) Vacuum (B) Vaccuum (C) Vacumm (D) Vaccum
77. (A) Forfiet (B) Forfeit (C) Forefeit (D) Fourfit
78. (A) Idiosyncrasy (B) idiosincrazy (C) Idiosyncrasy (D) Ideosyncrasy
79. (A) Manoeuvar (B) Manouwer (C) Maneuver (D) Manuver
80. (A) Bureaucracy (B) Buroucrazy (C) Bureaucrasy (D) Beuraucracy
81. (A) Carnivorus (B) Carnivoures (C) Carnivoreus (D) Carnivorous
82. (A) Ligitimate (B) Legitimate (C) Legetimate (D) Legitemate
83. (A) Commission (B) Commisson (C) Commision (D) Comission
84. (A) Recommand (B) Recommend (C) Reccomend (D) Recomend
85. (A) Priveledge (B) Privilage (C) Privilege (D) Privelege

VI. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms/verb phrases:

86. She _____ the railway station before the train came.
(A) have reach (B) had reached (C) has reached (D) reached
87. Have you _____ my instructions?
(A) carried out (B) carries out (C) had carried out (D) has carried out
88. The candidate has a wide range of experience, _____ worked in technical, production and marketing positions.
(A) having (B) has (C) having had (D) had
89. The fund is _____ companies that have high growth potential.
(A) look for (B) looked for (C) looking for (D) looks for
90. When I visited her she _____ bed-ridden for six months.
(A) was (B) has been (C) had been (D) were

VII. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

91. _____ the picture, I can see a woman.
(A) of (B) in (C) on (D) at
92. You should explain this _____ them.
(A) to (B) at (C) with (D) for
93. His behaviour does not accord _____ his principles.
(A) by (B) with (C) at (D) in
94. I no longer count him _____ my friends.
(A) among (B) between (C) of (D) on
95. This material is different _____ that.
(A) to (B) with (C) from (D) of

VIII. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and mark it.

96. (A) Because of the Internet, (B) working at jobs (C) at home (D) have become much more common.
97. (A) Work as quick (B) as you (C) can but (D) as carefully as possible when you take the test.
98. (A) Do you think (B) they will (C) except our plan (D) without an argument?
99. (A) They had went to the lake (B) without me (C) by the time (D) I got there.
100. (A) Symptoms of this illness that warrant a doctor visit (B) includes fever, (C) vomiting, and diarrhoea, as well as the (D) loss of appetite.

निर्देश: निम्न लोकोक्ति-मुहावरों का सही अर्थ चिह्नित कीजिए।

112. एक तो करेला आप तीता दूजा नीम चढ़ा-

क. बुरे का और बुरे से संग होना। ख. एक बुरा तो दूसरा उससे भी बुरा।

ग. बुरे व्यक्ति की बुरी संतान घ. बुरे का अच्छे से संग होना।

113. गुड़ खाये गुलगुलों से परहेज-

क. नकली परहेज ख. असली परहेज ग. गुड़ खाना घ. गुलगुले से परहेज

114. छाती पर मूँग दलना-

क. दुखी को सताना ख. विजय प्राप्त करना ग. कठिन कार्य करना घ. बहुत तंग करना

115. खाक छानना-

क. मिट्टी टटोलना ख. भटकना ग. मुश्किल कार्य घ. बात का मजा खराब करना

निर्देश: नीचे दिये गये चार वैकल्पिक वर्तनियों में से सही वर्तनी वाले शब्द का चयन करें।

116. क. उपरियुक्त ख. उपरोक्त ग. उपरयुक्त घ. उपर्युक्त
117. क. अध्यात्मिक ख. अध्यात्मिक ग. अधयात्मिक घ. आध्यात्मिक
118. क. परिदर्शन ख. परदर्शन ग. प्रदर्शन घ. प्रदर्शन
119. क. अतिशयुक्ति ख. अतीशयोक्ति ग. अतीशयोक्ती घ. अतिशयोक्ति

निर्देश: सही सन्धिविच्छेद का चयन करें।

120. क. दिक्+अम्बर ख. दिग+अम्बर ग. दिग्+अम्बर घ. दिक्+अम्बर
121. क. दृग+अंचल ख. दृग+चल ग. दृगं+अंचल घ. दृक्+अंचल
122. क. हिम+आच्छादित ख. हिमा+आच्छादित ग. हिम+आच्छादित घ. हिमा+आच्छादित
123. क. शरत्+चन्द्र ख. शरत+चन्द्र ग. शरत्+चन्द्र घ. शरत+चन्द्र

निर्देश: नीचे दिये गये विकल्पों में से सही शब्द चुनिए।

124. वह वस्तु जो नाशवान हो-
क. नश्वर ख. शाश्वत ग. अमर घ. अलौकिक
125. जो दूसरों के सहारे पर जीवित रहे-
क. परावलम्बी ख. पराश्रित ग. परापजीवी घ. पराधीन
126. आयु में बड़ा व्यक्ति-
क. कनिष्ठ ख. वरिष्ठ ग. ज्येष्ठ घ. पूजनीय
127. युयुत्सु-
क. दूसरों को हँसाने वाला ख. युद्ध करने का इच्छुक ग. लड़ाई में शहीद हो जाने वाला घ. सदा अमर रहने वाला

निर्देश: नीचे दिये गये विकल्पों में से सही का चयन कीजिए।

128. "अनुज" शब्द को स्त्रीलिंग बनाने के लिये किस प्रत्यय का प्रयोग किया जाएगा-
क. इक ख. ईय ग. आ घ. ई
129. "संस्कार" शब्द में किस उपसर्ग का प्रयोग हुआ है क. सम् ख. सन् ग. सन्स घ. सन्स
130. "कनिष्ठ" शब्द में प्रयुक्त प्रत्यय है- क. इष्ठ ख. इष्ट ग. ष्ट घ. ष्ट
131. कृदन्त प्रत्यय किन शब्दों के साथ जुड़ते हैं- क. संज्ञा ख. सर्वनाम ग. विशेषण घ. क्रिया

निर्देश: निम्नलिखित शब्दों के समास बताइए।

132. "पंचवटी" में कौन सा समास है? क. द्विगु ख. बहुब्रीहि ग. तत्पुरुष घ. कर्मधारय
133. "नरोत्तम" में कौन सा समास है? क. कर्मधारय ख. तत्पुरुष ग. अव्ययीभाव घ. द्वन्द्व
134. "यथाशक्ति" का सही विग्रह बताइए -
क. जैसी शक्ति ख. जितनी शक्ति ग. शक्ति के अनुसार घ. यथा जो शक्ति
135. विशेषण और विशेष्य के योग से कौन सा समास बनता है?
क. द्विगु ख. द्वन्द्व ग. कर्मधारय घ. तत्पुरुष

निर्देश: निम्नलिखित दिये गये विकल्पों में से सही का चयन कीजिए।

136. य, र, ल, व किस वर्ग के व्यंजन हैं? क. तालव्य ख. ऊष्म ग. अन्तस्थ घ. ओष्ठ्य
137. इनमें से संयुक्त व्यंजन कौन सा है? क. ढ ख. ज ग. ड घ. इ

निर्देश: निम्न में से सही विकल्प का चयन कीजिए।

138. "परीक्षा" शब्द निम्नलिखित में से किस वर्ग में आता है?
क. तत्सम ख. तदभव ग. देशज घ. विदेशज
139. "विभावरी" किस प्रकार का शब्द है? क. तत्सम ख. तदभव ग. देशज घ. विदेशज
140. निम्न में से रूढ़ शब्द कौन सा है? क. मलयज ख. जलज ग. पंकज घ. वैभव
141. निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा शब्द विशेषण है? क. सच्चा ख. शीतलता ग. नम्रता घ. मिठास

निर्देश: वाक्य में रिक्त स्थान की पूर्ति कीजिए-

142. विज्ञान ने ऐश्वर्य के साधन सुलभ करा दिये हैं, परन्तु संवेदनशीलता दिन-प्रति-दिन --- होती जा रही है।
क. दुर्गम ख. दुर्लभ ग. विलम्ब घ. अलभ्य
143. रवीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर का नाम साँस्कृतिक एवं --- जगत में सदा अविस्मरणीय रहेगा।
क. दर्शन ख. संगीत ग. साहित्यिक घ. चित्रकला

निर्देश: दिये गये विकल्पों में से सही का चयन कीजिए।

144. वाक्य के घटक होते हैं-
क. उद्देश्य और विधेय ख. कर्ता और क्रिया ग. कर्म और क्रिया घ. कर्म और विशेषण

निर्देश: दिये गये विकल्पों में से सही विकल्प चुनिए-

145. "पदमावत" किसकी रचना है? क. नाभादास ख. केशवदास ग. तुलसीदास घ. जायसी
146. "सुहाग के नूपुर" के रचयिता हैं- क. निराला ख. मोहन राकेश ग. अमृतलाल नागर घ. प्रेमचन्द
147. आचार्य रामचन्द्र शुक्ल के निबन्ध-संग्रह का नाम है-
क. चिन्तामणि ख. झरना ग. आँसू घ. कामायनी
148. को नहीं जानत है जग में, कपि संकट मोचन नाम तिहारो- यह किस छन्द में है?
क. शालिनी ख. दोहा ग. मत्तगयंद घ. कुंडली
149. सही विकल्प चुनिए-
क. वह दण्ड देने योग्य है। ख. वह दण्ड के योग्य है। ग. वह दण्ड लेने योग्य है। घ. वह दण्ड पाने योग्य है।
150. सत्संग करो, सदाचारी बनो।
क. इच्छावाचक वाक्य ख. आलावाचक वाक्य ग. विधिवाचक वाक्य घ. संकेतवाचक वाक्य

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PAPER-II: TRANSLATION FROM ENGLISH TO HINDI AND HINDI TO ENGLISH

INSTRUCTIONS: This paper is in two parts. Part A: Translation from English to Hindi and Part B: Translation from Hindi to English. Please attempt both the parts on separate answer sheets.

Time : 2 hours

Marks : 100 + 100

PART A: Translation from English to Hindi

(100 marks)

Translate the following into Hindi.

The term 'clairvoyance' basically means perception that is extrasensory. The perception can be on an object, person, location or physical event. Only a few gifted persons have this ability and they often come to rescue those who are in distress. Human knowledge may not be always adequate to solve all problems and hence, people turn to those who have the power to "predict" the outcome or unfold the mechanism through which a certain result can be obtained.

Through deep contemplation one is able to connect with higher realities which shape the world and life. As the mind converges with higher consciousness, as it transcends to a higher plane, there emerges clarity.

Those with this potential come from every religious sect, so it is not as though it is specific to any religion or sect. At times eye witnesses narrate that just before clairvoyance begins there is a struggle: the person who experiences clairvoyance seems to be undergoing pain; it is as if some invisible entity is trying to enter his body, mind and his entire existence. Ramakrishna in a certain context, in order to describe spiritual transcendentalism, said that it is as if an elephant is trying to enter a tiny hut. Out of kindness the higher reality is not able to remain indifferent to human suffering and, thus, tries to reach us. At the same time, it is not so simple or easy to accommodate that higher reality within this finite space and capacity. So the struggle is understandable.

Of course spiritual trance can also take place without possibility of answering any specific question. This state was often experienced by Ramakrishna. Many Sufis too enjoy this state of bliss. When Ramakrishna was suffering from cancer, a knowledgeable person suggested to him to focus his attention, when in trance, on his injury so that he may be cured. Dissatisfiedly he had replied to him that in trance a person goes much beyond one's suffering, one's existence. Where is the mind left to be brought down to focus on the spot that causes agony?

Poet Wordsworth is said to have experienced spiritual trance, particularly during his encounters with daffodils. Two remarkable lines appear in the poem: 'I gazed - and gazed - but little thought' and later, 'They flash upon the inward eye'. The poet seems to have been completely engrossed in beauty and subsequently beauty seems to have captured his mind in totality. A similar expression appears in a poem in Tagore's Gitanjali: the poet would like to 'die into the deathless' as he looks for the perfect pearl of the formless in the ocean of forms.

In some classical forms of dance the dancer performs certain movements which arise from the ground and ultimately end with a posture and mudra, representing bliss. It suggests that entire existence has the capacity to travel far beyond what is considered to be ordinary. But that super state of unusualness can be attained only from the ocean of mundane stuff. This conveys the integrity that lies among all aspects of the creation: the all-inclusiveness.

No god or goddess can take away human sufferings and woes. But spiritual trance can be attained to overcome suffering. It is not an escape chute, but an art that helps to discover life beyond pleasure and pain, beyond the stereotypes. That art can be practised in a scientific way. Every step can be rationalized but the ultimate state can never be expressed in words.

