

CLASS NOTES	
CLASS - II	TOPIC- Unseen Passages
SUBJECT- ENGLISH	

**Note – This class note is for developing reading skills. The student must attempt it independently. Do not write the passage in your notebook. Read it carefully and note down the answers only in your English notebook.**

### **UNSEEN PASSAGE 1**

Holi is known as the festival of colours. It is celebrated on a full moon day in the month of Phalgun (February/March) every year. This festival is celebrated with happiness and fun. Holi begins with the ‘Holika Dahan’, in which a bonfire is lit. People pray and dance around it. The next day, people play with colours using water guns and balloons filled with coloured water. The festival of Holi marks the victory of good over evil.

**Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks-**

- Holi is a festival of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. lights      b. colours      c. harvest      d. water
- It is a symbol of good over \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. evil      b. right      c. worst      d. moon
- Children play with \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. crackers      b. water guns      c. rangolis      d. Phalgun
- People pray and dance around a \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. moon      b. temple      c. bonfire      d. playground
- When Holi is celebrated the Moon looks \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. square      b. half      c. round      d. black .

## **UNSEEN PASSAGE 2**

**Gandhi Jayanti is a national festival. It is celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October every year. It is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of the father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi. He was a great freedom fighter and a great leader. He was a follower of truth and non-violence. Schools, banks and offices remain shut as a mark of respect to him on this day.**

**Select the right option to fill in the blanks.**

- 1. Gandhiji was a strong follower of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
i. violence      ii. truth      iii. non – violence  
iv. both ii and iii
  
- 2. Gandhiji was born on \_\_\_\_\_.**  
i. 2<sup>nd</sup> November,1869      ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> December,1869  
iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> October,1869      iv.12<sup>nd</sup> September ,1869
  
- 3. Gandhiji was a \_\_\_\_\_.**  
i. freedom fighter      ii. engineer      iii. social reformer  
iv. both i and iii
  
- 4. He was known as the \_\_\_\_\_.**  
i. father of two countries      ii. father of Bharat      iii. father of  
nation      iv. none
  
- 5. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated by \_\_\_\_\_**  
(i) only shopkeepers      (ii) only children      (iii) All  
Indians      (iv) only freedom fighters