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Tamil - Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade: _____

Instructions: Answer each question in the space provided. All foreign-language words in this worksheet are written in Roman letters (transliteration). Say each new word aloud before you write it.

1. Explain in your own words: How does Tamil show respect through pronouns and verb endings? Give one informal and one formal example of the same sentence.

2. Case endings: Fill in the correct ending: (a) Naan veettil ____ (from) vandhen. (b) Pusthagam mesai ____ (on) irukku. (c) Naan amma ____ (with) pesinen - I spoke with mother.

3. Past tense: Rewrite each sentence in the past tense. (a) Naan pallikku poren. (b) Aval pusthagam padikkiral.

4. Future tense: Rewrite each sentence in the future tense. (a) Naan pallikku poren. (b) Avan saappadu saappidugiran.

5. Translate to Tamil (romanized): (a) Yesterday I went to the market. (b) Tomorrow we will play cricket.

6. Write 5 sentences: Write five sentences in Tamil (romanized) about your family. Use at least two case endings and one adjective.

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7. Short paragraph: Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) in Tamil (romanized) describing your daily routine, from morning to night.

8. Complex sentences: Join each pair with the connector in parentheses. (a) Naan pallikku ponen. Naan pusthagam padithen. (yenendral = because) (b) Nee vandha. Naanga vilaiyaaduvom. (oruvellai = if)

9. Shopping dialogue: Write a short Tamil (romanized) dialogue (4 lines) between a shopkeeper and a customer buying fruit. Include a price question and a polite thank-you.

10. Culture: In your own words, explain one difference between formal and informal Tamil speech. Give one example of each.

ANSWER KEY - For Teacher/Parent Use

1. Tamil uses 'neenga' + plural-style endings for respect vs 'nee' for peers. Example informal: Nee enga pore? Formal: Neenga enga poreenga?
2. (a) irundhu (veettilirundhu); (b) meel; (c) oda (amma-voda).
3. (a) Naan pallikku ponen. (b) Aval pusthagam padithaal.
4. (a) Naan pallikku poven. (b) Avan saappadu saappiduvaa.
5. (a) Neytru naan kadai-kku ponen. (b) Naalai naanga cricket vilaiyaaduvom.
6. Scored by teacher/parent: five Tamil sentences, two case endings, one adjective, correct verb endings.
7. Scored by teacher/parent: 5-6 sentences, clear time order, correct present-tense endings.
8. (a) Naan pallikku ponen yenendral naan pusthagam padikka vendum. (b) Oruvellai nee vandha, naanga vilaiyaaduvom.
9. Scored by teacher/parent: 4 lines, price question (Evvalavu?), polite thank-you (Nandri).
10. Formal speech uses 'neenga' and plural verb endings; informal uses 'nee'. Example formal: Neenga eppadi irukkeenga? Informal: Nee eppadi irukka?