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Subject - English Language

Chapter - 22 Transformation of Sentences.

Good morning students

Today we will take up the topic 'Transformation of Sentences' as a part of your English Language assignment. This topic has been taken from your book titled 'Collins English Grammar and Composition'. In your previous classes you have done sentences and their types. Here you will learn how to convert sentences.

Students, now pay attention as we are going to discuss the topic Transformation of Sentences. In our previous lessons we have done sentences and types of sentences based on their meaning as well as based on their structure.

So now all of you must be knowing that based on ^{their} meaning the sentences are of four types i.e. assertive, interrogative, imperative and exclamatory. In this lesson we will learn that how to change sentences from one type to another type without changing their meanings. So conversion of sentences from one type to another type without changing the meaning is called the transformation.

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Example

- I admit that you have done your best.
(Affirmative)
- I do not deny that you have done your best.
(Negative)

In this example you can see that how we can change one type of sentence into another without changing its meaning.

Students, there are different ways in which we can transform a sentence. Let us start

* Interchanging Affirmative and Negative Sentences -

There are three ways to change an affirmative sentence to a negative sentence.

- i. We can use a word of opposite meaning after a negative word or we can use double negatives.

Example -

- I shall always remember this kindness of yours. (Affirmative)
- I shall never forget this kindness of yours. (negative)

- ii. We can also transform a sentence by converting it into a negative interrogative sentence. We have to make other necessary changes in the sentence.

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Example

- You yourself wanted this transfer. (Affirmative)
- Didn't you yourself want this transfer? (Negative)

So, here you can see that by making the sentence both negative and interrogative we can change affirmative to negative without changing its meaning.

iii) We can also convert by replacing the word 'only' with 'none but'.

Example

- Only a beast could be so cruel. (Affirmative)
- None but a beast could be so cruel. (Negative)

Students, let us take a break to check your understanding of the topic. After listening to the questions carefully, you to write your answers.

- Q1. Name the types of sentences based on their meaning.
- Q2. What is transformation of Sentences?
- Q3. Convert these affirmative sentences in the negative sentences.
 - i) She has proved true to her word.

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ii. Only the brave deserve the fair.

iii. The beauty of this scene is beyond description.

- Students, break is over we will discuss the answers-

A1. Assertive (affirmative, negative), Interrogative, Imperative, exclamatory

A2. Conversion of sentences from one type to another without changing their meaning

A3. i. Hasn't she proved true to her word?

ii. None but the brave deserve the fair.

iii. The beauty of this scene cannot be described.

Students, now we will continue with the topic -

We have learnt about the conversion of affirmative and negative sentences now we will learn about -

★ Interchanging Assertive and Interrogative Sentences -

- Students, only those sentences in which the interrogative form has been used for the sake of emphasis can be changed into assertive form.

- An affirmative question implies a negative statement, a negative question implies an affirmative statement.

Examples -

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- i - Ramu is an honest man. (Assertive)
Isn't Ramu an honest man? (Interrogative)
- ii. Who can believe her story? (Interrogative)
- Nobody can believe her story. (Assertive)
- iii. Is this the way to treat our aged parents? (Interrogative)
- This is not the way to treat our aged parents. (Assertive)

★ Interchanging Exclamatory and Assertive Sentences

- Students, as we know that exclamatory sentences are spoken under the impact of a strong emotion, they have a word order slightly different from that of an assertive sentence. They often begin with how, what, o that, if only, alas etc. So while changing an exclamatory sentence into an assertive sentence, use the normal order of an assertive sentence.
- We can also add some suggestive of the original emotion.

Examples -

- i - What a hilarious comedy! (exclamatory)
- It is really hilarious comedy. (assertive)
- ii - How confidently she answered every question! (exclamatory)

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