

**EXERCISE No. 14**

It is not ungenerous and superficial to blame our educational system. It is true, as educators such as Bernard Iddings Bell have pointed out, that on the whole our primary schools no longer really teach the child certain basic skills---how to read, write, speak, listen, and figure---the non possession of which works against the development of attention. It is true, as Bell says that many of our primary schools, through the system of mass-promotion place a premium on mental laziness. It is true also that many of our high schools proceed on the make-the-work-interesting to the student theory which hardly conduces to the development of the intellect. Finally, it is true that the college, therefore, is forced to neglect its true function --- which is to produce mentally mature leaders --- in favour of performing belatedly and therefor, inefficiently, the elementary educational duties that are properly the province of the primary and secondary schools.

**Questions :**

1. What are the two defects in primary school ducation ?
2. Why does high school education not develop the intellect ?
3. What is the true function of a college ?
4. What does the writer mean by "a premium on mental laziness"?
5. Suggest a suitable heading for the passage ?

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### A(1)

There are two defects in primary school education. Firstly, primary schools no longer really teach the child basic skills such as how to read, write, speak, listen and figure. Secondly, many of our primary schools, through the system of mass-promotion place a premium on mental laziness.

### A(2)

The high school education does not develop the intellect. Because, many of our <sup>high</sup> schools proceed on the make-the-work-interesting to the student theory which hardly conduces to the development of the intellect.

### A(3)

The true function of college is to produce mentally mature leaders. However, college neglect its true function.



A(4)

The "a premium on mental laziness" means that the primary schools no longer really teach the child basic skills. And through the system of mass-promotion place a lazy student in.

A(5)

Suitable title for a passage is  
The Worst Education System.