**Five College Mentored Hindi Study Guide 69**

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**Materials**

* Jain,Advanced Hindi Grammar (AG), Chapter 8 pp. 74-79 (Participial Constructions, Part 1)
* Jain, Intermediate Hindi Reader (IR), Chapter 5 pp. 50-51 (महर्षि वाल्मीकि)

**Assignments for Independent Study**

* The महर्षि वाल्मीकि story in IR, Chapter 5, pp. 50-51
  + Read the story and try to understand the main idea and some details.
  + Now read the story again and find answers to the comprehension questions.
  + Identify the themes and cultural assumptions of the story.
    - If any of them seem interesting or puzzling to you, bring them up in the conversation session
  + Look up the *Ramayana* and Valmiki online to learn about the importance of this literary epic and author in Indian culture.
* Read through the entire glossary list for this reading on pp. 56-59.
* For all the words marked with \* in the glossary list:
  + Make Flashcards and review the vocabulary repeatedly.
  + Make sure you can translate the words from English to Hindi and vice versa.
  + Practice spelling each word correctly.
  + Practice using new words in your own sentences.
* Study the use of participial constructions in AG, Chapter 9, pp. 74-76.
* Do half of the sentences in each of the exercises: 1-6, pp. 77-79.
  + Show your answers to these exercises to your mentor in your tutorial.

**Homework to Hand In at the Tutorial**

* + - Write out answers to the following reading comprehension questions in Hindi, based on the story. Use complete sentences.
  + What did Valmiki do to feed his family before he met the sages?
  + What does Valmiki demand that the seven sages hand over to him?
  + What question does Valmiki ask his family that makes him change his ways when he hears the response?
  + Why can’t Valmiki say the name of Ram at first?
  + Why does Valmiki receive the name “Valmiki”?
  + What event inspires Valmiki to start composing the Ramayana?
    - Write a summary of the story in your own words in Hindi. At least five sentences.
    - Write out Hindi equivalents of English sentences in AG Chapter 9, exercise 7, pp. 79.

**Conversation Session Preparation Guide**

* Be prepared to create your own sentences using imperfective participial + ही and perfective participial with बिना / बग़ैर.
* Be prepared to answer any comprehension questions based on the reading महर्षि वाल्मीकि.
* Be prepared to tell what you have learned on your own about महर्षि वाल्मीकि.
* Be prepared to discuss the *Ramayana* and its importance in Indian society.