

WORKSHEET ENGLISH – FIRST TERM EXAM

CLASS IX 2017-18

Short questions

HOW I TAUGHT MY GRANDMOTHER TO READ

1. What made Triveni a popular writer?
2. What decision did the 62 year old grandmother take?
3. How did the grandmother pass with flying colours?
4. Why did the grandmother touch the feet of her granddaughter?
5. What is the message that Sudha Murty wishes to give her readers?

A DOG NAMED DUKE

1. How did the terrible accident take place and what was Hooper's condition after the accident?
2. Why was the staff of the local branch office of the company amazed by Hooper's visit?
3. What was the tribute to Duke and who had sent it?
4. Justify the title *A Dog Named Duke*?
5. How did the pair set their daily goals and achieve them?

THE BROOK

1. How does the brook narrates its own journey of life?
2. Describe the various moments of the brook during its journey?
3. The Brook is a source of life. Give two examples.
4. What is a refrain? What effect does it create in 'The Brook' by Tennyson?

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

1. What is the main dilemma of the poet?
2. Did the poet repent for making his choice?
3. Why has the poet's choice 'made all difference' in his life?
4. Why did the poet leave the first road?

VILLA FOR SALE

1. Why was Juliet annoyed every time she passed the '*Villa for Sale*' sign?
2. How does Juliette present her villa for sale to Mr and Mrs Gaston?
3. Why is Mrs Al Smith interested in buying Juliette's villa?
4. Why does Mr Gaston shows promptness in buying the villa which he had criticized so much a while ago?
5. Justify the title '*Villa for Sale*'.

Long answer type questions

1. "For learning there is no age bar", says the grandmother. How do these words express the anguish and hope of the illiterate adults? How can these words of the Grandmother be a message of hope for the *adult education* in India?
2. Describe Hooper's life before and after the terrible accident. Describe at least two changes that came in his life after the accident.
3. The Brook appears to be a source and symbol for life. Pick out examples of parallelism between life of humans and the brook highlighting the contrast between the transitory existence of man and the eternal existence of the brook.
4. What is the dilemma of the poet in "The Road Not Taken"? How does he resolve this dilemma? Had you been in place of the poet, have chosen the same road as chosen by the poet?
5. Give a character sketch of Mr Gaston highlighting the main traits of his character.

GRAMMAR

PASSIVE VOICE

1. Given below are the instructions for making soup. Use these to complete the blanks in the paragraph that follows.

- Mix the soup powder with 750ml of water without allowing it to form lumps.
- Pour the mixture into a heavy bottomed vessel.
- Bring it to boil stirring continuously.
- Simmer the soup for five minutes.
- Pour the soup into soup bowls and serve hot.

The soup powder packet is opened and the contents (a)..... with 750 ml of water without allowing it to form lumps. The mixture (b)..... into a heavy bottomed vessel. It is stirred continuously and (c)..... boil. The soup(d)..... on a slow flame for five minutes. Finally after the soup is ready, it is (e).....

2. Below you can see a set of instructions for making cake. Complete the following paragraph which describes how cakes are made.

- Take 2 cups of flour, 2 tablespoons of sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 ½ teaspoons of baking powder, 4 table spoons of margarine and a cup of milk.
- Stir flour, sugar, salt and baking powder.
- Add margarine.
- Add milk.
- Mix well until batter is quite stiff.
- Spread batter in cake pan.
- Bake at 325degree centigrade until golden colour.

Two cups of flour, two table spoons of sugar, half teaspoon of salt, two and a half teaspoons of baking powder, four table spoons of margarine and a cup of milk are taken. Then salt, baking powder and sugar (a) _____ together. Margarine (b) _____. Then, milk (c)

_____ and the ingredients (d) _____ well until the batter is quite stiff. Finally, the batter(e) _____ in a cake pan and baked at 325 degree centigrade until it is golden in colour. Thus a delicious cake is baked.

3. Below you can see a set of instructions for making a cup of coffee. Imagine that you have to follow this procedure. Complete the following paragraph.

- Take one cup of milk.
- Pour it into the kettle and keep it on the gas stove to boil.
- Take one empty cup and put one teaspoonful instant coffee powder into it.
- Then, add the required quantity of sugar to it
- When the milk starts boiling, pour it into the cup containing sugar and coffee powder.
- Stir the coffee and serve it hot.

One cup of milk (a) _____ poured in to the kettle and (b) _____ stove to boil. An empty cup (c) _____ and one teaspoonful of instant coffee powder is put in to it. Then, the required quantity of (d) _____. When the milk starts boiling (e) _____ in to the cup containing sugar and coffee powder. After doing so, the coffee (f) _____ and is (g) _____.

4. Below you can see a set of instructions for making popcorn. Use these to complete the blanks in the paragraph that follows.

- Place a pan on a gas stove
- Melt a small amount of butter
- Add salt, pinch to turmeric
- Add corn to above ingredients
- Cover the pan with a lid
- Toss the corn till “popping” sound reduces
- Serve in a large bowl while still warm

At first a pan is placed on a gas stove. A small amount of butter (a) _____ in it. Then salt and a pinch of butter (b) _____ in it. Immediately corn (c) _____ to the above ingredients. The pan is covered with a lid. The corn in the pan (d) _____ till the popping sound reduces. The popcorn (e) _____ in a large bowl while still warm.

EDITING

The following passages have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number.

| | Incorrect | Correct |
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| 1. Wealth is acquired on two ways, one in birth, second through knowledge. | a) _____ | _____ |
| The main purpose of education is for acquire knowledge that prepared you to face life and helped to build your character. | b) _____ | _____ |
| Knowledge will be used to make money but it cannot really been purchased by money. | c) _____ | _____ |
| | d) _____ | _____ |
| | e) _____ | _____ |
| | f) _____ | _____ |
| | g) _____ | _____ |
| | h) _____ | _____ |
| 2. There are various entry points to India but most foreigners land of Delhi and a good portion in them head too the main bazaar which is India's craziest street. It is situated close among the Delhi Railway station. It is packed of foreigners with all over the world. | a) _____ | _____ |
| Frequent power cuts along with growling in generators are a common phenomenon. | b) _____ | _____ |
| | c) _____ | _____ |
| | d) _____ | _____ |
| | e) _____ | _____ |
| | f) _____ | _____ |
| | g) _____ | _____ |
| | h) _____ | _____ |
| | I) _____ | _____ |
| 3. Once, an ant which has come to drink at a stream fell in the water and was carried away by the swift current. It was in great danger for drowning. A dove, perch on a nearby tree | a) _____ | _____ |
| | b) _____ | _____ |
| | c) _____ | _____ |
| | d) _____ | _____ |

saw the ant's danger and dropped a leaf into the water.

The ant climbed onto these and was carried to safety. Sometimes after this a hunter, creeping through the bushes, saw a dove asleep, and took a careful aim for the gun.

- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____
- i) _____

4. Life was not as it seems to be.

It is full of up and downs. The grass always look greener on the other side. We have a habit to grumbling. We are ever satisfied. We make our lives misery by expecting too much from anyone. That is what we face disappointment. So never expect nothing and be happy.

was is

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

5. The giant whale are very harmless animals. Their head is about one-third the size of a huge body and in it sweep great quantities of tiny fish and sea-weed. Inside the mouth there is no teeth but a arrangement of thin bones which catch the food; so the whale sucks down an endless meal as it move. These food is stored in the whale's body as a layer in fat.

whale whales

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

GAP FILLING

1. Millions of people (a) _____ trouble getting enough sleep. Recent research links lack (b) _____ sleep to health problems ranging (c) _____ hypertension to weight gain. You may have (d) _____ medication. You can learn how to stay (e) _____ from caffeine and nicotine. You're probably wise not to eat too big a meal a couple of hours (f) _____ bed time.

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| a) i)has | ii) have | iii) are | iv) is |
| b) i)of | ii)from | iii)with | iv) in |
| c) i)with | ii) in | iii) from | iv) as |
| d) i)try | ii)aimed | iii)trying | iv)tried |
| e) i)away | ii)near | iii)close | iv)beside |
| f) i)at | ii)after | iii)before | iv)during |

Q2. It was a rainy day. Traffic (a) busy on the road. A (b) hit a car badly in the market. Five commuters were badly injured while one person(c)..... on the spot. The injured persons (d) to the nearest hospital. The local people were of great help.

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| a) i) will be | ii) was | iii) is | iv) has been |
| b) i) speeding bus | ii) speeded bus | iii) speed bus | iv) sped up bus |
| c) i) was died | ii) had died | iii) died | iv) is died |
| d) i) had been taken | ii) are taken | iii) were taken | iv) will be taken |

OMISSION

In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

1. The television has always very controversial. always been very
 While the positive aspects the electronic
 media innumerable, their negative
 impact children cannot be denied. a).....
 For new piece of information that a b).....
 child learns the Discovery or National Geographic c).....
 channel, are also unrealistic stunt d).....
 shows parents dislike. Computers and TV e).....
 have students to lose interest in studies. f).....
 g).....
 h).....

2. A donkey is a strong animal. It carry It can carry
 heavy loads long distances. It will a).....
 eat almost anything. However, in spite its b).....
 great usefulness its patient hard work, c).....
 a donkey is badly treated most countries. d).....

A stupid, foolish person sometimes called a donkey an ass. This is quite unfair to a donkey it has as much sense as a horse or cow or a camel.

- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

3. In U.S, drivers have a certain tendency to polite. They drive slowly and allow lot of space between vehicles A pedestrian respected most amongst road users in California. When I walked the street in this city, I felt Moses because the sea of traffic simply opened make way for me. I on the top of the world.

In the U.S

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....

4. There is no doubt that fish as food very good for us. Not only it contain proteins, important vitamins and minerals such as calcium and iron, but it also low in fat and calories. In white fish, fat content can be as low as 1% or 2%, and average serving provides at least one third of the daily recommended amount niacin, which is vital healthy skin. It is fish that contains omega 3 fatty acids which thought to lower the risk of heart disease. Shellfish are also low in fat a good source of protein, calcium and iron.

food is very

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....
- d).....
- e).....
- f).....
- g).....
- h).....
- i).....

LONG READING TEXT

1. The novel is full of amusing incidents. Choose one of them, and describe the incident briefly, bringing out the humour clearly.
2. Describe briefly how the writer went about the job of packing and with what result. What was the contribution of Harris and George to the task of packing?
3. Give an account of Harris' visit to the maze at Hampton Court and getting lost there.
4. In the story of the cheeses, describe the following:
 - (i) How does the horse react when the wind carried a whiff from the cheese to his nostrils. Who is able to restrain him and how?
 - (ii) What are the different ways in which Tom tries to get rid of the cheeses?
5. Montmorency is portrayed almost as the fourth member of the group. What does the writer say about him?
6. Describe the mess that three men created while packing things?
7. What do you know about George in the story, "Three Men In a Boat"?
8. Jerome felt that he was a hospital in himself. Why did he make this observation?
9. How far was the holiday beneficial in helping the three friends unwind the de-stress. Discuss.
10. Write about Harris' experience in the maze at Hampton court Palace.