

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL DAMMAM
TERM - II WORKSHEET
ENGLISH (CLASS -IX)

REACH FOR THE TOP

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

1. A marriage as early as that was the last thing on her mind. She threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education. She left home and got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi. When her parents refused to pay for her education, she politely informed them of her plans to earn money by working part time to pay her school fees. Her parents then agreed to pay for her education.

- (i). What is meant by “a marriage as early as that”?
- (ii) What did her parents want Santosh to do?
- (iii). What did Santosh do to avoid her parents’ demands?
- (iv). What light does this throw on Santosh’s character?

2. However, the rapid ascent in a fiercely competitive world began nine years before with a level of sacrifice few children would be prepared to endure. Little Maria had not yet celebrated her tenth birthday when she was packed off to train in the United States. That trip to Florida with her father Yuri launched her on the path to success and stardom. But it also required a heart-wrenching two-year separation from her mother Yelena. The latter was compelled to stay back in Siberia because of visa restrictions. The nine-year-old girl had already learnt an important lesson in life — that tennis excellence would only come at a price.

- (i) What does the phrase “rapid ascent” mean?
- (ii) What had taken place nine years before?
- (iii) What sacrifice did Maria make?
- (iv). What did Maria learn from this?

II. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 40-50 WORDS:

- 1. When did Santosh get an opportunity to scale Mt. Everest?
- 2. What is something disarming about Maria Sharapova?
- 3. As a climber, what qualities was Santosh Yadav gifted with?
- 4. At the age of nine years, what lesson had Sharapova learnt?
- 5. How did Santosh’s seniors and fellow climbers appreciate her?

III. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 120 WORDS

1. Write a brief character sketch of Santosh Yadav.
2. How did Santosh carve her own destiny? Or “If I chose a correct and a rational path, the others around me had to change, not me”, said Santosh Yadav. How does her life justify her words?
3. Describe Maria Sharapova’s rapid ascent to number one position in tennis. What do you learn from her life?

KATHMANDU

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

A corpse is being cremated on its banks; washerwomen are at their work and children bathe. From a balcony a basket of flowers and leaves, old offerings now wilted, is dropped into the river. A small shrine half protrudes from the stone platform on the river bank. When it emerges fully the goddess inside will escape and the evil period of the Kaliyug will end on earth.

- (i) Which river is being talked about here?
- (ii) What is being dropped into the river? And from where?
- (iii) How does the author indicate the water of the river is polluted here?
- (iv) Which temple is being talked about here and where is it located?

II. I find it difficult to tear myself away from the square. Flute music always does this to me : it is at once the most universal and most particular of sounds. There is no culture that does not have its flute-the reed neh, the recorder, the Japanese shakuhachi, the deep bansuri of Hindustani classical music, the clear or breathy flutes of South America, the high-pitched Chinese flutes. Each has its specific fingering and compass. It weaves its own associations.

- (i) What does the author find difficult?
- (ii) What does the author mention here?
 - (a) Five types of flutes
 - (b) Six types of musical instruments
 - (c) Two types of pianos

- (d) A type of drum
- (iii) What is the quality of Chinese flutes?
- (iv) Different countries' flutes are different in terms of and
- (v) What is the impact of the music of the flute on Vikram Seth?

II. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 40-50 WORDS

1. What activities are observed by the writer on the banks of the Bagmati river?
2. What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug?
3. The writer says, "All this I wash down with Coca-Cola". What does 'all this' refer to?
4. How is the flute player's way of selling flutes different from that of the other hawkers around?
5. Listening to the music of the flute in the square, the author is reminded of various kinds of flutes. Which kinds does he describe?
6. Why did the policeman stop the Westerners wearing saffron-colored clothes from entering the Pashupatinath temple?

III. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 120 WORDS

1. Compare and contrast the atmosphere in and around the Baudhnath stupa with that in the Pashupatinath Temple.
2. How does the author describe Kathmandu's busiest streets?

IF I WERE YOU

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW

Intruder: Listen, this gun's no toy. I can hurt you without killing you, and still get my answers.

Gerrard: Of course, if you put it like that, I'll be glad to assist you. I do possess a car, and it's in the garage round the corner.

Intruder: That's better. Do people often come out here?

Gerrard: Very rarely. Surprisingly few people take the trouble to visit me. There's the baker and yourself.

Intruder: I happen to know that you never see trades people.

- (i) Where is Gerrard's car?
- (ii) Who comes to visit Gerrard generally?
- (iii) How does the intruder threaten Gerrard?
- (iv) How can you say that the intruder is a criminal?

II. Gerrard: You seem to have taken a considerable amount of trouble. Since you know so much about me, won't you say something about yourself? You have been so modest.

Intruder: I could tell you plenty. You think you're smart, but I'm the top of the class round here.

Gerrard: And where precisely have you got? It didn't require a great brain to break into my little cottage.

Intruder: When you know why I've broken into your little cottage. you'll be surprised, and it won't be a pleasant surprise.

- (i) Why has the intruder taken the trouble?
- (ii) How, according to the intruder, has he got there?
- (iii) What pleasant surprise is being talked about here?
- (iv) What is the plan of the intruder?

II. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 40-50 WORDS

1. What did Gerrard tell the Intruder about his life?
2. What crime had the intruder committed?
3. Briefly describe Gerrard's appearance.
4. What sort of a person is the intruder? Give examples to illustrate.
5. How did Gerrard convince the Intruder that he was also wanted by the police?
6. Why did the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wanted to take on?

III. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ABOUT 120 WORDS

1. Gerrard talks pleasantly with the intruder. Was he really pleased to see the criminal?.
2. The intruder is boastful. He threatens Gerrard, "I'll make you crawl" Was he able to carry out his threat? What happened to him?
3. The best way to deal with a crisis is not to lose your calm. Discuss this statement with reference to the behaviour of Gerrard in the play.

NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

EXTRACT-BASED QUESTIONS

**I. "They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd."**

- i. What is the significance of the phrase "aware of sun and air and water"?
- a. It emphasizes that all humans share basic needs for survival

- b. It suggests that only certain people are aware of nature
 - c. It highlights the importance of war over nature
 - d. It implies that some people live in constant conflict with nature
- ii. What does the poet mean by peaceful harvest?
- iii. What is the poetic device in "war's long winter starv'd"?
 - a. Simile
 - b. Apostrophe
 - c. Alliteration
 - d. Enjambment
- iv. In these lines, what is the poet's attitude toward war?
 - a. War is necessary for survival
 - b. War causes unnecessary suffering and deprivation
 - c. War leads to victory and abundance
 - d. War has no effect on people's basic needs

**2. *"Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own."***

- i. What is the significance of the phrase "Their hands are ours"?
- ii. What does the phrase "in their lines we read" imply?
 - a. The hands of others can be read like a book
 - b. The physical labor of others reflects the same struggles we face
 - c. People's lines (perhaps referring to palmistry) reveal their destinies
 - d. Our understanding of others comes from their written language
- iii. What is the poet suggesting about the nature of labour in the line "A labour not different from our own"?
 - a. All human labor is unique to each individual
 - b. There is no commonality in the work that people do across different lands
 - c. The work done by others is essentially the same as the work we do ourselves
 - d. Only certain types of labor are valuable
- iv. What is the poetic device in "Their hands are ours"?
 - a. Metaphor

- b. Alliteration
- c. Consonance
- d. Assonance

II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What effect does the repetition of the word "remember" have in the poem?
2. How is innocence outraged? How does it affect our life and surroundings?
3. "We are told to hate our brothers". How does it affect us?

III. LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Justify the title of the poem "No Men are Foreign"?
2. According to the poet, all men are our brothers. How?

ON KILLING A TREE

I. EXTRACT-BASED QUESTIONS

- 1. It takes much time to kill a tree
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,**

- i. Why does the poet emphasize that killing a tree is not "a simple jab of the knife"?
- ii. Why is the task of killing a tree difficult?
 - a. It has deep roots that feed on earth.
 - b. It has shallow roots.
 - c. Its roots are aerial.
 - d. Its roots have swallowed everything.
- iii. The meaning of 'jab' is:
 - a. scraping
 - b. sudden, rough cut
 - c. vaccination
 - d. precise blow
- iv. What does the poet mean by saying that the tree has "grown slowly consuming the earth"?
 - a. The tree is a symbol of greed, taking more than it needs
 - b. The tree slowly takes root and becomes an integral part of the environment

- c. The tree's roots are destroying the earth
- d. The tree grows rapidly at the cost of the earth's resources

2. ***So hack and chop
But this alone won't do it.
Not so much pain will do it.
The bleeding bark will heal
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs,
Miniature boughs
Which if unchecked will expand again
To former size.***

i. The poet strangely talks of pain because

- a. he wants to stress that even pain will not kill a tree
- b. a tree does not feel any pain.
- c. a tree is a stubborn being
- d. causing pain will make a tree rebound

ii. The meaning of bleeding bark is

- a. the flowing of sap is equated with human blood
- b. the 'injured' bark will heal with time
- c. the sap flows when a tree is jabbed or hacked
- d. the jabbing and subsequent flowing of the sap have been personified

iii. 'Green twigs' and 'miniature boughs' represent:

- a. new signs of life
- b. resilience of a tree
- c. the tree tries to revive itself before it dies
- d. both 'a' and 'b'.

(iv) The meaning of the last two lines is that

- a. every tree that is cut slowly grows again
- b. a tree will regain its earlier size if not hacked again
- c. trees never die
- d. trees hound human being like spirits

(v) Identify the figure of speech in 'The bleeding bark will heal'.

- a. alliteration
- b. personification
- c. assonance
- d. both 'a' and 'b'

II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of the poem On Killing a Tree?
2. How will the "bleeding bark" heal?
3. How does the poet's use of personification affect the way we perceive the tree in the poem?

III. LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. In what ways does the poet convey the violence involved in killing a tree in the poem 'On Killing a Tree'?
2. In the poem 'On Killing a Tree', what role does nature play in the poem, and how is it contrasted with human action?

A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRIT SEAL

1. *A slumber did my spirit seal-
I had no human fears.
She seemed a thing that could not feel
The touch of earthly years.*

- i. Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
- ii. Who does 'she' refer to?
- iii. What is the meaning of the phrase "The touch of earthly years"?
 - a. The woman is unaffected by the passage of time and aging.
 - b. The woman is sensitive to the changes brought by time.
 - c. The woman is experiencing emotional distress.
 - d. The woman has lived many years and is wise.

- iv. What are human fears?

2. *No motion has she now, no force –
She neither hears nor sees,*

*Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees.*

- i. What happened to the poet's beloved?
- ii. In the line "Rolled round in earth's diurnal course," what does "diurnal course" refer to?
 - a. The natural cycles of life and death.
 - b. The constant movement of the earth around the sun, implying time's passage.
 - c. The endless struggles of the human soul.
 - d. The movement of the stars in the sky.
- iii. What is poetic device in the line "No motion has she now, no force"?
 - a. Assonance
 - b. Personification
 - c. Simile
 - d. Apostrophe
- iv. What is the relationship between the woman and nature in this passage?

II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. How did Lucy's death affect the poet? What does it reveal about his attitude towards her?
2. Why has the poet referred to death as "slumber"? Why has it sealed his spirit?

III. LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Write an analysis of the poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'.

THE LAST LEAF

READ THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

A. "She was looking out of the window and counting — counting backward. 'Twelve,' she said, and a little later, 'eleven'; and then 'ten', and 'nine'; and then 'eight' and 'seven', almost together."

- i. Who is 'she' in the extract, and what is she counting?
- ii. Why is she counting backward?
- iii. How does this counting reflect her state of mind?

iv. What role does this moment play in the development of the story?

B. "It's the last one," said Johnsy. "I thought it would surely fall during the night. I heard the wind. It will fall today, and I shall die at the same time."

i. Why does Johnsy think she will die when the last leaf falls?

ii. What does the 'last one' refer to in the extract?

iii. How does Johnsy's belief reflect her state of mind?

II.SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Q1. How did Sue try to revive Johnsy's interest in things around her?

Q2..What led to Behrman's unfortunate death? **Or** Why did Behrman spend a night out in the storm and rain?

Q3. Who was Behrman? Why did Sue share her worry with him?

III. LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Q1.The Last Leaf^o is a story of supreme sacrifice by a wretched drunken artist. Comment

Q2.Justify the title of the story 'The Last Leaf'.**Or** how why the story is entitled 'The Last Leaf'?

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

A. "The outpouring of emotions from my schoolmates astonished me. They had taken the responsibility of helping me in ways I couldn't have imagined."

i. How did the narrator's schoolmates support him after the fire?

ii. What impact did their kindness have on the narrator?

iii. How does this moment highlight the theme of community support?

iv. What lesson does the narrator learn from this experience?

B "My cat had been my constant companion and was so attached to me that she would sit on my papers while I did my homework."

i. What role does the cat play in the narrator's life?

- ii. How does the loss of the cat affect the narrator emotionally?
- iii. What does the cat symbolize in the context of the story?
- iv. How does the return of the cat bring closure to the narrator?.

II.SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- 1.The cat and the author are very fond of each other. How has this been shown in the story?
- 2.Why does the narrator say, “I was suffering loss, big time”?
- 3.In what condition does the author go to school after the fire incident?

III.LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

- 1.What actions of the schoolmates change the author’s understanding of life and people, and comfort him emotionally? How does his loneliness vanish and how does he start participating in life?
2. Zan’s life, one month after the fire incident, was happier than his earlier life. Discuss a few reasons for this change.

THE BEGGAR

A.“I am happy that my words have taken effect,’ he said. ‘If you remember what I said to you, and how angry I was, you can thank me for not letting you fall completely to ruin.’”

- i. What words of Sergei had an effect on Lushkoff?
- ii. How did Sergei’s actions influence Lushkoff ’s life?
- iii. What does this reveal about Sergei’s character?
- iv. How does this reflect the story’s theme of redemption?

II.SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- 1.The beggar was a liar. What two lies did he tell Sergei?
- 2.Where did Sergei send Lushkoff? What advice did he give him?
- 3.How did Sergei come to remember that he had met the beggar before?

III.LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. During their conversation, Lushkoff reveals that Sergei's cook, Olga, is responsible for the positive change in him. How has Olga saved Lushkoff? Or What values did Olga exhibit while saving the life of Lushkoff?

2. How was Lushkoff, the beggar different from Lushkoff, the notary?

GRAMMAR

I Choose the correct option

1) Direct Speech: "I saw Sarah yesterday," Tom said.

- a) Tom said he had seen Sarah the previous day .
- b) Tom said he sees Sarah the previous day.
- c) Tom said has seen Sarah Yesterday
- d) None of the above

2) Direct Speech: "We will travel to Paris next week," they said.

- a) They said they will travel to Paris next week.
- b) They said they would travel to Paris the following week.
- c) The said they will travel to Paris the following week.
- d) They said they are travelling to Paris next week.

3) Direct speech: "I am watching a movie right now," he said.

- a) He said that he was watching a movie right now.
- b) He said that he is watching a movie right now.
- c) He said that he was watching a movie at that moment.
- d) He said that he watches a movie right then.

4) Direct speech: "Can you meet me at the park?" he asked.

- a) He asked if I can meet him at the park.
- b) He asked whether I could meet him at the park.
- c) He asked if I meet him at the park.
- d) He asked whether I meet him at the park.

5) Direct speech: Susan reassured me, "I can come tonight".

- a) Susan told me I could come that night.
- b) Susan told me she could come that night.
- c) Susan told me she could come tomorrow evening.
- d) None of these.

II. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a customer and the bank officer:

Customer: "I want to open a savings account.

Bank officer: "Do you have all the required documents with you?"

The customer said that he wanted to open a savings account, and the bank officer asked _____

- A) if he had all the required documents with him.
- B) he had all the required documents with him
- C) if he has all the documents with him
- D) if he had documents which are required

III. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between a customer and the shopkeeper:

2. Customer: "How much is this shirt?"

Shopkeeper: "It's \$20."

_____, and the shopkeeper said it was \$20.

- A) The customer asked how much the shirt would be
- B) The customer asked how much was the shirt
- C) The customer asked the price of the shirt
- D) The customer asked how much the shirt was

IV Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows.

PATENT : I want to see the doctor. I am very sick.

RECEPTIONIST : I am sorry. The doctor is very busy. You'll have to wait for at least one hour.

A patient went to his doctor's clinic and told the receptionist (a) _____ the receptionist (b) _____ She further added that (c) _____

2. Kokila : Maitryee ! My new dress is very pretty.

Maitryee : Will you show it to me?

Kokila : I will show it to you tomorrow when you come to my house.

Kokila told her friend Maitryee that (a) _____. Maitryee asked her if (b) _____. She replied, that she would love to show it to her (c) _____.

3. Amit: Can you lend me your Physics book?

Sunil: Yes, but only for one day. Will you be able to return it to me tomorrow?

Amit: Definitely, Thanks.

Amit asked Sunil (a) _____. Sunil replied in the affirmative but told him (b) _____. He then asked him (c) _____. Amit replied that he would definitely return it to him. He also thanked him.

V. Report the following line from the news report:

1. "The government will increase funding for healthcare next year," the minister said.

2. "We are investigating the cause of the fire," the fire chief stated.

3. "The team has won five consecutive matches," the coach announced."

STORY WRITING (Writing Skills)

Q1. Write a short story in 120 words, with the help of the cues given below in the box. Give a suitable title to the story.

Going to Mumbai by train to attend the marriage of a friend got stuck in a traffic jam reached the railway station late boarded a wrong train realised after two hours now you

Q2 Write a short story in about 150-200 words based on the following cues. Give a suitable title to your story.

A young boy named Arjun...Living in a small village ...Loves to help ..., a storm hits the village..helps an elderly woman ...praises Arjun's bravery.....remains humble and continues helping..

Complete the story in 120 words which begins as the following. Give a suitable title to your story

1. There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate
2. The green alien got down from his oval spaceship eagerly and looked around but could not see anything. The ship had created a dense dust cloud on the ground as it landed and this was now making visibility difficult. The alien got down.....
3. It was Mohini's first day at the new school. She was feeling very nervous. She stood in a corner and watched the students who were laughing and talking excitedly. When she saw four senior students advancing towards her, she

