

SUMMATIVE II WORKSHEET – 2011-12

CLASS VIII - ENGLISH

LITERATURE

I. Answer the following Extracts:

1. *"He wanted to lay firm foundation for that edifice".*
 - (a) Whom does he refer to?
 - (b) What does the word edifice mean?
 - (c) Why did he want to lay a firm foundation?
2. *"My pleasure of passing was reduced to half".*
 - (a) Whose pleasure was reduced to half?
 - (b) Why was the speaker's pleasure reduced to half?
 - (c) Name the lesson.
3. *"But I violently rejected the unworthy idea".*
 - (a) What was the unworthy idea?
 - (b) Why did the speaker reject it?
 - (c) Name the author?
4. *"It was so absurd".*
 - (a) What is the meaning of the word absurd?
 - (b) What was absurd?
 - (c) Name the poem.
5. *"Harry never had a childhood like me".*
 - (a) Why did Harry not have a normal childhood?
 - (b) How old was Harry?
 - (c) Name the poet?
6. *"He did not care for people, especially cricketers"*
 - (a) Whom does he refer to?
 - (b) Why did he not care for cricketers?

(c) Name the lesson.

7. *"Sunder has them"*

- (a) What did Sunder have?
- (b) Who is the speaker?
- (c) To which team did Sunder belong?

8. *"Sheroo opened the bowling for the village team"*

- (a) Who was bowled out by Sheroo?
- (b) With whom did Sheroo toss a coin?
- (c) Name the author?

9. *"Help" he shouted.*

- (a) Who shouted for help?
- (b) Why does the speaker say so?
- (c) From whom did he shout for help?

10. *"I'm the guardian of this house".*

- (a) Who is the speaker in the above line?
- (b) Who were the people living in the house?
- (c) To whom was this said?

11. *"Lovely! Just the place for me".*

- (a) Did the mosquito like the place he landed on?
- (b) Why did he like it?
- (c) Name the poet?

12. *"I've been bitten! Search the bed! "*

- (a) Who was bitten?
- (b) To whom was the order given?
- (c) What was the result of the search?

13. *"The mosquito almost died from excitement, shock and sweat".*

- (a) Why was the mosquito excited?
- (b) When did the mosquito get excited?

(c) Name the poem.

14. “ *O noble Judge! O excellent young man*”.

(a)Whom does Shylock call a noble judge?

(b)Why does he say so?

(c)Name the Lesson.

15. “*Is that the law*”.

(a)Who is the speaker in the above line?

(b)What is the law?

(c) Name the author.

16. “*I cannot find it. It is not in the bond*”

(a)What could Shylock not find in the bond?

(b)Why does Shylock not agree to Portia’s request?

(c)What was Antonio’s reaction to Shylock’s reply?

17. “*What mercy can you render him, Antonio?*”

(a)What mercy does Antonio show to Shylock?

(b)Is Shylock happy with the decision of Antonio?

II. Answer in brief:

1. Do you think the louse and her family deserved the kind of death they met with? Why?
2. Do you think the boys were right in disturbing the crocodile while basking in the soft warm sunlight? Why?
3. In the lesson ‘My Elder Brother’, how is the elder brother different from the younger brother?
4. Bassanio is the true friend of Antonio. Was it wise of Bassanio to hold Antonio in high esteem than his wife Portia? Why?

III. Write the CHARACTER SKETCH of the following:

1. Portia.
- 2.Elder brother.
- 3.Ranji.

IV. Write the summary of the poem 'The louse and the Mosquito'.

V. In the lesson 'Cricket for the Crocodile', the bank manager had a terribly frightening experience with Nakoo the crocodile. Imagine you are the bank manager, make a diary entry about your experience about the incident with the crocodile.

VI. Imagine you are the younger brother in the lesson 'My Elder Brother'. Write in two paragraphs on how you felt when your elder brother failed and you passed in the exam.