

ENGLISH WORKSHEET (SECTION A AND SECTION B)
CLASS IX

SECTION—A (READING)

Q1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

*The grass so little has to do, —
A sphere of simple green,
With only butterflies to brood,
And bees to entertain,*

*And stir all day to pretty tunes
The breezes fetch along,
And hold the sunshine in its lap
And bow to everything;*

*And thread the dewes all night, like pearls,
And make itself so fine, —
A duchess were too common
For such a noticing.*

*And even when it dies, to pass
In odors so divine,
As lowly spices gone to sleep,
Or amulets of pine.*

*And then to dwell in sovereign barns,
And dream the days away, —
The grass so little has to do,
I wish I were the hay!*

1. What does the speaker of the poem say the grass does with sunshine?
 - a. Holds it in its lap
 - b. Threads it all night
 - c. Stirs it
 - d. Bows to it
2. What does the grass do at night?
 - a. Entertain the bees
 - b. Hold the sunshine in its lap
 - c. Thread the dewes like pearls
 - d. Bow to everything
3. What do the breezes bring to the grasses?
 - a. Thread
 - b. Pearls
 - c. Pretty tunes
 - d. Bees to entertain
4. To what does the speaker compare the odor of dead grasses?
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Butterflies
 - c. Spheres of simple green
 - d. Spices gone to sleep
5. Why does the speaker probably compare the dewes to pearls?
 - a. Because both are small and round
 - b. Because both can be found in barns

- c. Because both can be worn
- d. Because both are green

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In India, no section of the community seems to miss an opportunity to go on strike. Almost every day we read in the newspapers of someone or the other going on strike, quite often for the flimsiest reason one can imagine. Strike is a legitimate weapon of workers to get better pay, shorter hours of work and better working conditions when all other methods have failed. But to resort to strike because some action has been taken on an erring colleague or because some headstrong subordinate was not treated with respect, is meaningless. Unfortunately in India the tendency to go on strike seems to be fairly widespread not only among workers but also among others. The taxi-drivers go on strike if the police ask them to fix meters, students go on strike because they feel the question is too stiff for them to answer slum dwellers go on strike because they have been asked to move into new tenements built for them.

- a. In India, according to the author, people go on strike on _____
- b. According to the author, strike should be resorted to when _____
- c. According to the author, when an erring worker is pulled up by the authority his colleagues should _____
- d. Slum dwellers go on strike if _____
- e. The word in the passage that means very weak / trivial is _____

Q3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -

All HUMAN beings want to be successful. But 90 percent can't. Why does this happen? What are the factors responsible for these failures? And like every other person, do you also blame others for your incapability? The fact is that you are responsible for your failures. To escape this, one unnecessarily blames one's luck, people and circumstances. Here are the three keys to success.

The first key is patience as without patience one cannot succeed. "Those who are impatient are the most unsuccessful people," says John Ruskin. Our daily routine tests our patience, which in turn leads to depression. This upsets our relationships and we think we are facing objections and restrictions. An ordinary person loses patience within seconds. If you can remain patient for just 20-30 minutes, you'll be successful. Again, self-confidence is one of the most important secrets of success. Due to unfavourable circumstances, commands and responses, we lose confidence and become victims of depression and tension. A single negative response can transmit a string of negative feelings into our thinking process and mentally disturb us. Self-confidence can help us overcome all obstacles. Besides it can freshen up our minds.

It often happens that we don't take any initiatives. We either depend on others or leave it to destiny. But if we make an effort, we can succeed in completing majority of the tasks. What others do in ten years, we can do in six and that is no mean achievement.

1. The two essential qualities that people should have to get the success in life are:

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- a. Knowledge and Power
 - b. Courage and Responsible
 - c. Objections and Restrictions
 - d. Patience and Self confidence
2. The author holds each individual responsible for his failure in life. But each individual blames two factors responsible for his failure. They are:
- a. Objections and Restrictions
 - b. Secrets and Success
 - c. Luck and Circumstances
 - d. Capability and Incapability
3. The two problems that people experience after their failure are:
- a. Depression and Tension

- b. Patience and Self confidence
 - c. Fear and Confidence
 - d. Self control and Self confidence
4. Write the word from the passage which has similar meaning.
a thing that obstructs progress
- a. Initiative
 - b. Obstacle
 - c. Objection
 - d. Victim
5. Write the antonym of the word diffidence.
- a. Confidence
 - b. Failure
 - c. Depression
 - d. Destiny

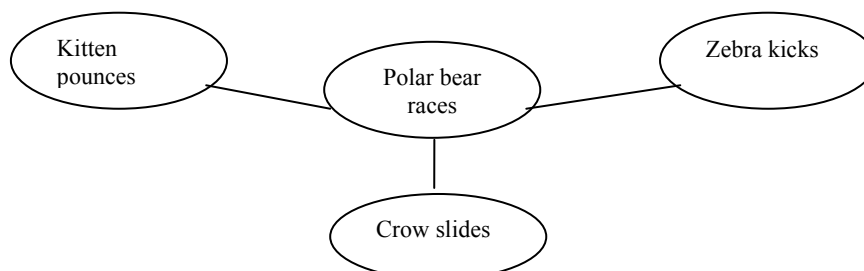
Q4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

In a drive way in Mississippi, a border collie greets its owner with a tennis ball in its jaws, drops the ball at his feet, and prepares to run after it at top speed. In a bedroom in Vermont, a kitten suddenly pounces on the moving pencil of a student trying to finish her homework. On an icy bank in Colorado, a crow loses its footing, skids down and then flies back up to try the slide again. On a plain in Africa, zebra colts buck and kick for no obvious reason. In Atlantic waters of New England, a humpback whale does back flips near a whale-watching vessel. In New Zealand, a Kea parrot somersaults and swings on a tree branch. On an ice floe in the Canadian Arctic, two young polar bears race toward each other as if to attack—but instead, embrace and tumble through the snow. Here's one thing all these different animals have in common: they all like to play-- in different ways.

It is safe to say that many mammals and birds actually do play; if what we mean by “play” is that they engage in some activity for the sake of having what we call “fun.” On the other hand, it is worth noting that many animals do *not* play.

Snakes, sharks and snails, for example, seem to have no sense of fun at all. Other animals do things that may look amusing to us but are probably not experienced as amusement by them. When hermit crabs duck in and out of holes on the beach, then scuttle across the sand side ways, they may look to us like a comic dance troupe playing hide-and-seek, but in fact they're only travelling, hunting, and trying to stay safe.

1. According to the article, which animal plays by doing back flips?
 - a. A crow.
 - b. A border collie.
 - c. A humpback whale.
 - d. A zebra.
2. The article says that for animals, *play* is
 - a. Activity for the sake of having what people call “fun”.
 - b. Activity that looks funny to people.
 - c. Any energetic activity.
 - d. Running, flying and kicking.
3. According to the passage, what do a snake and a shark have in common?
 - a. Both like to play.
 - b. Neither plays.
 - c. Both are dangerous.
 - d. Both swim in the sea.
4. The web shows details that support the main idea of the first paragraph.



Which of the following states the main idea?

- a. Animals are different.
- b. Different animals have things in common.
- c. Different animals have nothing in common.
- d. Different animals play in different ways.

5. Which of the following best sums up the author's points about hermit crabs?

- a. They know how to dance.
- b. They are not actually playful.
- c. They are as playful as puppies.
- d. They are playing hide- and -seek.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q.1. Given below is a profile of Charlie Chaplin. Write a short biographical sketch of the actor/ director Charlie Chaplin. (80words)

1889: Born on April 16, a South London Slum, parents stage singer.

1914: Reaches Hollywood (USA) great fame as an actor.

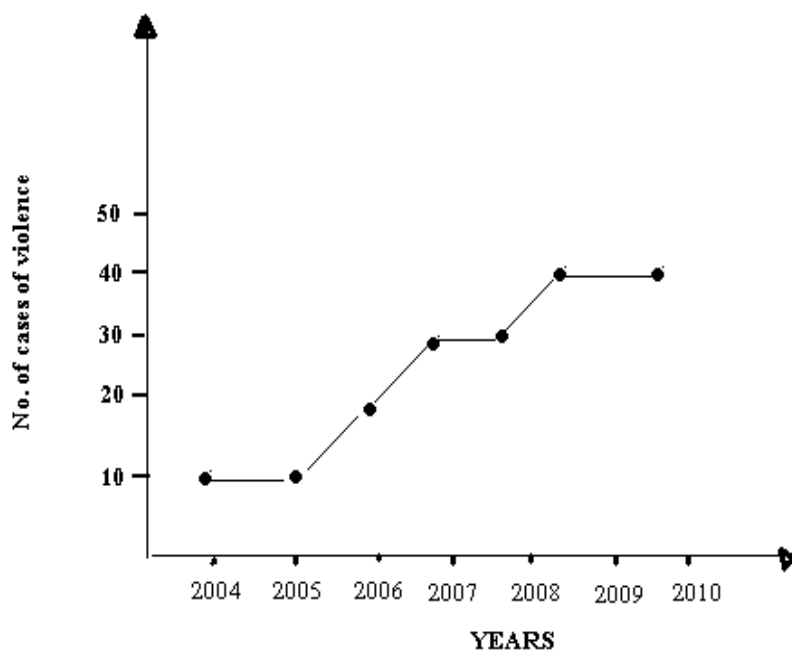
1931-40: Popular films-“City Lights”, “Modern Times”
“The Great Director presented.

1951: Leaves USA for Europe.

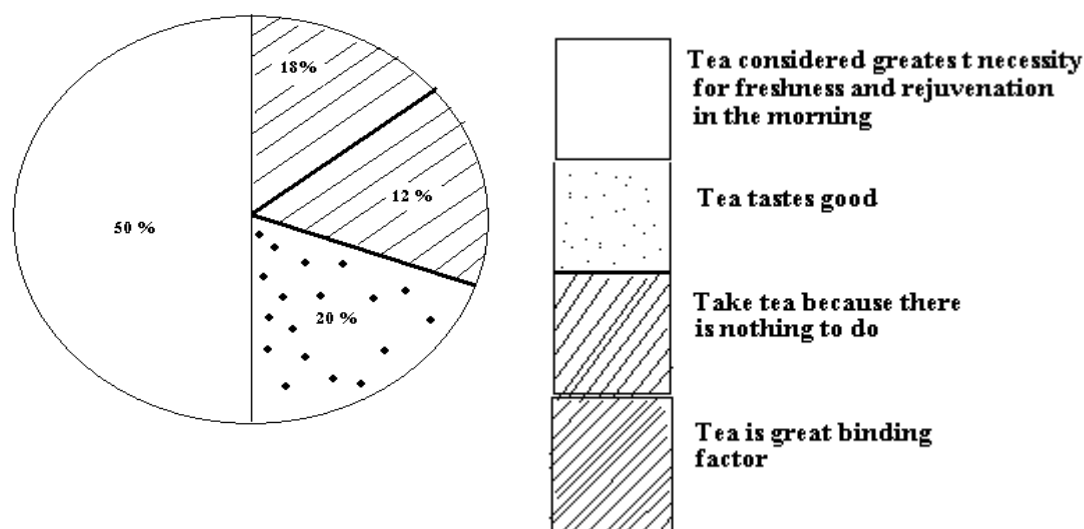
1975: Splendid contribution in cinematic art knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

1977: Settles in Switzerland, dies.

Q.2 Write a short paragraph about the increase in violence and social unrest in your area.



Q3. Shashi Bhardwaj conducted a survey regarding drinking tea, among her classmates. Observe the data given below and write a report in 80 words.



Q4. Give below is a profile of Mr. Jagan the school clerk. Write a short sketch of Mr. Jagan, taking help of the clues given below.

- Age- 45 years
- Height/ weight-5ft, thin
- Family-2 sons, 1 daughter
- Education-high school
- His likes/dislikes-plays volleyball, very organized
- Reasons for being liked- neat, never shouts at children, very helping and caring.

Q5. You were travelling from Delhi to Varanasi in a reserved compartment. Sometime during the night; one of your co-passengers stole your suitcase and got off the train at some station. You soon realized that you had lost your suitcase. At Lucknow station you reported the matter to the railway police. You gave the police a description of the co-passenger whom you suspected of being the luggage lifter. Taking ideas from the unit 'People'. Write a description of the person as you would give it to the police.

Q6. You are Arjun/ Athira, the Head Boy of Vidya Public School. An Air force officer has agreed to conduct an orientation camp in your school for those interested in joining the Air Force after school. Put up a notice informing the students of the programme and encouraging them to participate. Write the notice in not more than 50 words and put the notice in a box.

Q7. Read the following conversation between Raj and Mona, Dilip's sister. Since Mona won't be at home to convey the message to her brother, Dilip, she writes a note for him. Read the conversation and write Mona's message, in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

Raj : Can I talk to Dilip? I am Raj, his friend.

Mona : Hello! I am Mona, Dilip's sister. He has gone out. Anything urgent, then you can give the message.

Raj : Dilip and I were to go for the matinee show of 'Three Idiots' today. but I've just now received a phone call that my aunt has met with an accident. I'm rushing to the hospital. Please can you ask Dilip to dispose off my ticket?

Mona: Don't worry! You proceed to the hospital. I will convey your message to Dilip.

Raj : I'm leaving in just couple of minutes, thanks! Bye.

Mona : Bye! Take care. Will call you later.

Q8. Complete the following dialogue in about 80 words.

Jeena : You look very slim and fit. Have you joined a gym? Are you going for the workouts?

Raji : No, not really! But I have recently started going for a morning walk.

Jeena : You must be getting up very early. Don't you feel tired?

Raji : Initially I found it difficult to manage the time, but gradually I formed a routine _____

Jeena : _____

Raji : _____

Jeena : _____

Q9. Read the following notes from the note-pad of Mr. K.K Jaganathan, Principal of Spring Valley School, Sonepat. He instructs his assistant to send an E-mail on his behalf of Mrs. Sunil Suri, Vice-Principal of the school. Use the information from the notepad, draft the E-mail.

- Request- attend urgent meeting
- Meeting in my office-10 AM today
- Agenda-planning for excursion to Nainital
- Duration-2 weeks-summer vacation.
- Inform- class teachers of XI and XII std

Q 10. Children never involve themselves in any activity except for watching television and playing computer games. As a parent, write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper asking them to play a pivotal role in changing this attitude of children by playing their active involvement and giving it wide publicity. (refer to the MCB. Unit Children)

Q 11. You are Satish studying in Kendra Vidyalaya, Panaji, Goa. Write a letter to your friend persuading him to visit Goa. Include the following points of attraction.

- Basilica
- Flora and fauna- biodiversity- magnificent coastline
- Rivers- Tourist destination

Q12. You are Manu. You visited 'The Green Garden's resort' during the holidays. Write an article for your school magazine about why the place attracted you. Include the following points.

- Accessibility
- Reasonable Charges
- Hygienic surroundings
- Scenic beauty
- Facilities available

Q 13. *One night a thief entered your room. Write a story that begins with 'I was dumbfounded seeing the monster like figure'.....*

Q14. Ramya has read an article in a magazine which speaks in favour of being a vegetarian. Below are the points she noted while reading. Use this information to complete her article in 150 words.

- Less susceptible to ageing and diseases.
- Stronger immune system.

- Lower cholesterol level.
- Lower blood pressure levels.
- Lower rates of cancers and heart attacks.

Q15. Special amenities are required in your rented house. You have to write a letter to your land lord asking him to under take the repair work immediately. With the help of these points write the letter in not more than 150 words.

- Roof leaking
- Wall plaster came out
- Window panes broken
- Floor has pot holes
- Switches Loose
- Urgent attention required