



NEW AL WUROOD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, JEDDAH
WORKSHEET
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Class: IX

English

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

I was a below average student. Both in schools and colleges, rarely my teachers knew me by name. I don't think I was a dunce; just that I didn't have an academic bent of mind. Since failures were more a habit than an exception, a below par performance never disturbed me. Neither were my teachers proud of me nor did I make my parents feel proud of me.

2. Of course, my parents being noble-hearted, never gave up on me. They never put me down in the presence of others. In fact, to shield me, they always projected a positive image of me to the world. 3. In 1984, while pursuing my graduation in mathematics, I had failed in one of the subjects in my fourth semester. I already had three arrears. For the first time, hearing about my failure, I saw tears in my father's eyes. This was my first experience of seeing my father cry. I couldn't handle his crying. To withdraw myself I escaped to the terrace of my apartment. I suffered a fear like I have never known before. I was trembling. I never wanted my parents to ever cry again because of my failures. But, I was scared. "Was it too late to begin in life," I doubted. I was already over 18, just about 50% marks in my four semesters, 4 arrears to clear and

3 regular papers to face in my fifth semester, no talent, no special abilities, never won a prize in my life, not a single certificate... I truly wanted to make it very big in life, if not for my sake, just to make up for all that I had put my parents through. My thoughts were haunting me, "Rajan, you don't have any taste of success. You just don't know what it is to succeed." With tears flooding, I cried, "Can I still make it big in life or have I missed the bus?"

4. My neighbour, Vijayaraghavan, who learnt about the sobbing of my soul, casually said, "Rajan, the harder you press the spring the faster it will bounce back. So what if your life has been pressed by failures for 18 years. Decide to bounce back and bounce back big in life. Even God will not stop you." Bounce back I did! I bounced back big to clear all the 7 papers in first class and ever since I smile at my failures.

5. After all what is resilience the number : To get up one more time than you have fallen. I do not remember of times life has pushed me down, but every time I have bounced back big, for, I can hear the message lingering from within me even louder, "The harder you press the spring the faster it will bounce back. Bounce back and bounce back big." 6. Ever since, I have given enough opportunities for my parents to cry... cry they do, glad they have a son in me.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following:

- (a) The author was a below average student because he _____. (b) His failures and poor performance made his teachers and parents _____. (c) The author couldn't bear _____.
(d) At the age of 18, the author felt a deep sense of fear and wondered whether _____. (e) After being inspired by his neighbour, he _____. (f) The message given by the author is _____.

Find words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following:

- (a) ability to recover quickly (para 5) _____
(b) difficult to forget (para 3) _____
(c) protect (para 2) _____
(d) to stay on (para 5) _____

Writing

1. a. Overuse of the computer makes children lose out on outdoor games which are essential for developing a healthy body and a healthy mind. Taking ideas from the Unit 'Children', together with your own ideas write an article in about 150 words on the topic 'Children and Computer Addiction'.

OR

b. Namita feels greatly depressed at the growing generation gap between her and her son Sanjay who studies in Class IX in a school 200 miles off her residence and lives in hostel there. She feels that she had sent him for making his career but the outcome has been saddening. She decides to write her diary about this. Write this diary page in 100-120 words.

2. Complete the following story in about 200-250 words.

a. Yesterday I was going to school. On the way I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car was coming at full speed from the other side.

OR

b. Develop a story with the help of the following outlines in 200-250 words. Also provide a suitable title to it.

Young man – travelling by a train – holds a briefcase – befriends a fellow traveler – train stops at a station – goes to bring some eatables – returns – briefcase not seen

Grammar

1. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. 4 Marks

Fossil fuels (a) _____ increasingly becoming expensive due to (b) _____ scarcity of fuel and the (c) _____ in demand. In addition (d) _____ this the environmental (e) _____ social impact (f) _____ the consumption of fossil fuels are (g) _____ of serious concern. The impact of (h) _____ these include air pollution, global warming and depletion of natural resources.

(a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) has (iv) were

(b) (i) that (ii) this (iii) other (iv) the

(c) (i) rise (ii) rising (iii) raise (iv) raising

(d) (i) on (ii) in (iii) to (iv) of (e) (i) but (ii) as (iii) so (iv) and

- (f) (i) of (ii) off (iii) in (iv) with
 (g) (i) matter (ii) matters (iii) mattered (iv) mattering
 (h) (i) use (ii) uses (iii) using (iv) used to

2. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.

| | <u>Error</u> | <u>Correction</u> |
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| As a Chennaiite, I feel reassure that | e.g., reassure | reassured |
| with the Metro Rail, there seem little | (a) _____ | _____ |
| scope for traffic snarls to break out at 2013. | (b) _____ | _____ |
| But now I was very happy that | (c) _____ | _____ |
| when the Metro Rail become operational | (d) _____ | _____ |
| it was certain to be a huge success | (e) _____ | _____ |
| as the authorities has taken up all | (f) _____ | _____ |
| the roads that were navigable by other | (g) _____ | _____ |
| means. The Metro Rail is indeed the boon | (h) _____ | _____ |
| to Chennaiites. | | |

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| 2. In a country as vast of ours, keeping | e.g. of as |
| a eye on every child is a Herculean | (a) _____ |
| task. Many children are still employing | (b) _____ |
| in factories while its childhood goes unnoticed | (c) _____ |
| They washed utensils when they should | (d) _____ |
| been playing with dolls and get married | (e) _____ |
| even as they reach adolescence. Most | (f) _____ |
| children don't knew that they are | (g) _____ |
| entitled for certain right – Child Rights | (h) _____ |

3. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) enjoyable and / educative hobby/is an/bird watching
 (b) go on a bird trail /merge with the surroundings / clothes that / when you / wear dull coloured
 (c) that would /avoid any jerky / disturb a bird /or loud movements
 (d) field guide / to help you identify / take a / unfamiliar birds

4. Read the given conversation and complete the paragraph given below. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Rekha : How can you make such beautiful dolls?
 Priya : I learnt the art of doll making.

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Rekha : Where have you learnt it from?

Priya : I attended an art and craft course for 15 days.

Rekha asked Priya how _____ beautiful dolls. Priya replied that _____ doll making. Rekha wanted to know _____. Priya explained that she _____ for 15 days.

2. Mum : Have you done your good deed for the day?

Ronnie : Yes, I have. My friend was about to lose in a race, and I helped him win!

Mum : Wow! How did you do that?

Ronnie : I sent our dog after him!

Ronnie's mother asked him (a) _____ for that day. Ronnie replied in the affirmative and said that his friend was about to lose in a race and (b) _____. The mother exclaimed and wondered (c) _____. Ronnie answered that (d) _____.

Literature

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

I Wish I'd been that much more willin'

When I had more tooth there than fillin'

To pass up gobstoppers.

From respect to me choppers,

And to buy something else with me shillin'

- I Wish I'd been that much more willin'*. For what?
- What does *shillin'* refer to?
- 'To pass up gobstoppers' means _____
- What emotion does the narrator go through?

OR

'It's for us... it's for your parents. You are simply trying to make me buy a villa so that you can put your father and mother in it...'

- Whom does 'your' refer to?
- Who is the speaker and what is his tone here?
- What reason does the speaker give for not buying the villa?
- What do you understand about the speaker from this extract?

Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words.

- How did the granddaughter react to her grandmother's request to teach her to read?
- Why did the poet compare the song of the solitary reaper with those of the nightingale and the cuckoo - bird?
- Do you agree that Mrs. Al Smith is the representative of American outlook? How?
- What is described as 'last scene of all' in the poem 'The Seven Ages'? How is it described?
- Explain the metaphor 'All the world is a stage'.

- f. Why did his fellow trainees dislike Private Quelch?
- g. What kind of a boy was Harold?
- h. What are the similarities between the last and the first stages of life?
- i. In the poem 'I wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth', why did the poet laugh at her mother's false teeth? Why did she regret doing so later?
- j. When does a man feel "a world too wide for his shrunk shank"?
- k. Why was Harold's father's profession kept a secret from him ?
- l. Why did the Sargeant ask Private Quelch so many questions ?
- m. What are the acts of an infant and a school boy in The Seven Ages
- n. How did Harold come to know that his father was a boxer

Answer the following questions in 100-120 words.

- a. Harold writes a letter to his friend on the day he finds out the truth, telling him about his father's profession and expressing his pride in his achievements. Write the letter
OR
- b. What do you think are the situations that can be termed as the turning points in the Private Quelch's life?

