

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, RIYADH, KSA**

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II, 2012 – 2013**

**ENGLISH, STD – VIII WORK SHEET**

Read the following poem carefully :-

Helping other in Real Kindness

1. To feel for others and to do righteous acts of help to living creatures is indeed real kindness. If one can stop a heart from breaking, if one can ease the aching in one's life or cool one's pain, he has not lived in vain.
2. To come, helping others is matter of faith. An elderly stranger went to a hospital in Peter Brough. New Hampshire and performed countless tasks. Sweeping, dusting, building ramps, removing limit from the place where clothes are washed etc. for four months. He never revealed his identity. Only after he had left the place, the hospital staff realized that he was former Vice President of the Peninsular Rail Road, a private railway company in the USA.
3. All along the route of the funeral procession of Lord Shaftesbury, a well known social reformer of England, stood groups of people (whom he had helped in one way or the other) to pay homage to him. Thousands of people hailing from all classes of society held a loft banners with the words that he had helped them in their hour of suffering substances of this type are many.
4. In India, Saints and sages throughout the ages have preached the gospel of service to the sick and the suffering, the distressed and the downtrodden. In every town in India, there are a few sympathizers to the suffering who pay the tuition fees of poor students, give them books and stationary, pay substance allowances to needy, widows and arrange their daughter's marriages, give blankets in winter and umbrellas in monsoons. Added to them are many persons who have given up their everything for the service of humanity and join service organization.

**Complete the following:-**

1. According to the authors, real kindness is (i) ----- and (ii) -----
2. The life of a person is not in vain if -----
3. The hospital staff could identify the elderly gentleman -----

4. Groups of people paid their homage to Lord Shaftesbury because -----  
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5. In India, saint and sages have rendered their service to  
(a) ----- and (ii) -----
6. In India everywhere there are people who help other by (i) -----  
-----, (ii) -----, (iii) -----.

II) Find words from the above passage which have the same meaning as the following:-

- a) Virtuous, holy (para 1)
- b) a group of people (para 3)
- c) delivered sermons (para 4)
- d) troubled, afflicted (para 4)

### Literature

Topics covered :-

1. Geography lesson
2. My elder brother
3. The louse and the mosquito

Read the following extracts and answer the questions:-

1. *From that height it was not clear why*  
a) What was not clear from that height  
b) Why was it not clear  
c) Name the poem and the poet.
2. *When the jet rose six miles high, it was clear that the Faith was round and that it had more sea than land.*  
a) What did the poet notice when the jet rose six miles high.  
b) What were the other things poet noticed which were illogical and were not easy to understand ?
3. *"You have got to wear and your own eyes nothing and night and use every once of energy, then perhaps you will learn the subject."*  
a) Who spoke these words and to whom ?  
b) Which subject is being referred in the above lines.  
c) What is the intention of the speaker ?

4. "I was thoroughly ashamed by this new approach of his "
  - a) What is the 'new approach' referred in the above line ?
  - b) Why was the speaker ashamed ?
  - c) Name the lesson and the author.
5. "As a result, even the little, I used to study earlier because my brother ceased."
  - a) Who is the speaker ?
  - b) Give the meaning of ceased ?
  - c) Why does the speaker make such a comment ?
6. 'Who may you be, lady louse ?  
I'm the guardian of this house.'
  - a) Who is the speaker ?
  - b) What is referred as "this house" ?
  - c) Name 'the poem and the poet.'
7. "You, I fear would cause all these  
I can't rise my family."
  - a) Who spoke these words and to whom ?
  - b) What are the 'three causes' referred by the speaker ?
  - c) Give the meaning of the second line in the extract.
8. "Keep your state advice."
  - a) Who is the speaker ?
  - b) Give the meaning of state advice
  - c) What is the state advice mentioned by the speaker ?

#### Writing Tasks:-

- I. Biography (based on hints given)
  - II. Formal letter (letter to the edition of a news paper)
  - III. News paper article
- 1) Here is some information about Bollywood super star Amitabh Bachchan.  
Read the information and write a biography.  
Date of Birth : 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1942 Allahabad, India  
Nick Name : Pratiksha 10<sup>th</sup> Road, J.V.P.D. Scheme Mumbai – 400049  
Height : 6' – 2" (1.88 m)  
Education – Master of Arts  
Debut Film – Saat Hindustani

Film awards:-

Film Face Award

Best Actor Critics for 'Aks'

Best supporting Actor for 'Mahabatein'

Best supporting Actor for 'Anand'

Best supporting Actor for 'Veer-Zaara'

Best Actor for 'Hum'

Best Actor for 'Don'

Super star of the millennium

National film awards, India.

- 2) Write an article on the 'Aim of Education' to the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi. You are Anooj or Anooja living in Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi (word limit : 200 words)

Hints:-

Harmonious development of all facilities, not passing exams – development of minds – enriches mind.

Present education – failure in solving bread problem – developing talent – no root in our culture and tradition – students – imitate – no knowledge of practical things – present generation should be educated – make better citizens.

System should be evaluated and overhauled – should be treated as means to attain desired objectives.

- 3) Imagine you are Manich/ Manisher living in 23/c, D Block, Gagan Apartments, M.G.Road Shahpur – 4400005. Every day on your way to school and back, you find many big trees either totally dried up or on the verge of withering away due to the pavement being too closed to the roots of these trees. As a keen lover of trees, you write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper. The Diar, expressing your anguish at this chocking of trees due to indiscriminate building of pavements and suggest ways in which one can save the trees.

Hints:-

- 1) Trees need mud to let water percolate into the ground.
- 2) Tiling & cementing of road side have ensured the slow but sure death of trees.
- 3) Trees, shrubs and grass reduce levels of air pollution, dust and noise.
- 4) Existing files on the pavements should be dug up
- 5) Local residents can act as environmental police or watch dogs to save precious trees in their area.

## GRAMMAR

### Topics covered

1. Direct and Indirect speech
2. Subject – verb concord

#### I. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech :-

1. Ram said, “ I am very busy now.”
2. He said, ‘I have passed the examination.’
3. The policeman said to us, ‘where are you going’ ?
4. ‘Do you really come from China ? said the prince.
5. He said, ‘what a lazy boy you are ! How badly have you done your work !
6. He said to his wife, ‘I saw that blind beggar long ago.’
7. The trade union leader said to the workers, ‘Let us call off this strike.’
8. ‘Go down to the bazaar. Bring me some oil and a lump of ice,’ ordered his master.
9. He asked his friend, ‘you are alright, aren’t you ?’
10. He says, ‘I am glad to be here this evening.’

#### Change the following sentences to direct speech :-

1. Reena said she was getting late for school and had no time for breakfast.
2. Mother told Anuj that he would be late for the school if he did not hurry.’
3. Mother told Hari that he was a good boy.
4. He said that he had gone to cinema the previous day.
5. The rebel begged the kind to pardon his fault.

#### Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph given in reported speech:-

1. Sanju : I have lost my lucky bat with which I made all my runs. Tomorrow we are playing a Delhi school and I will be act for a duck.  
Father: You can still make all the runs you want.  
Sanju: What do you mean ?  
It is the batsman and not the bat that matters. What you need is confidence not a bat.
2. Mother: I have washed the car for you today.  
Daughter: Thank you, Mam.  
Mother : Now do not drive fast, dear.  
Daughter: I need to, as I have to blow dry the car.

- II) Complete the following paragraph with correct forms of verbs given in the brackets:-

Pollution ----- (mean) anything that ----- (pollute). Our rivers ----- (be) polluted with filthy waste from factories. Exhaust fumes from motor vehicles ----- (pollute) the air we breathe. Polluted water ----- (cause) water-borne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea. These ----- (be) also dangers from chemical pollution, from radio-active wastes and other wastes from homes, factories, hospitals and laboratories and from other foreign matter that ----- (keep) on poisoning the atmosphere surrounding the earth on which we ----- (live) and ----- (breathe).

In the more Industrial centres, the dangers of pollution ----- (be) increasing day by day with the chimneys releasing dark smoke and coal – dust into the atmosphere and the drains getting choked with poisonous and chemical wastes. Pollution control ----- (be), therefore a ‘must’ if we ----- (want) to avoid diseases and lead a healthy and happy life.

- 2) Select the correct form of the verb shown in brackets in each sentence and write in the blanks given:-

1. All that glitters ----- (is/are) not gold.
  2. The quality of mangoes ----- (was/were) not good.
  3. The great poet and novelist ----- (is/are) dead.
  4. Three-fourths of the house ----- (was/were) burnt to ashes.
  5. Not one of these five boys ----- (was/were) present there.
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