

**WORKSHEET 2 (SA-2) CLASS- VIII****GROUP-3 TAGORE****Section-A (Reading) 10 marks**

Que. 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions: (6 Marks)

Students tend to lose their pencils, break them without thinking, and find all sorts of non-writing uses for them. The pencil in your hand is one of the most remarkable and useful tools in the world. A man named Friedrich Staedtler invented the modern “lead” pencil in about 1622 in Germany. He was the first person to mass-produce them. Staedtler did not use lead, and there is no lead in your pencil. However, some pencils did use lead until the early twentieth century. Lead will make a mark, but it is toxic and not safe to use either in the hands or around the face and mouth where many pencils sometimes stray. Staedtler used black graphite, a soft form of carbon. Graphite is still used today. It is mixed with clay and wax and heated to high temperatures. The modern pencil is a superb piece of technology. The pencil is less messy than ink, can be easily erased, and makes clear, dark, smooth, and smudge-free lines. The modern pencil can produce a continuous line twenty-two miles long. That’s a distance of 116,160 foot-long rulers laid end to end. Enjoy your pencil. For a few cents each, it is a remarkable bargain.

- a) Mention three improper ways in which students make use of pencils 1
- b) Lead is rarely used to make pencils. Why so? 1
- c) Of what material are pencils made of? 1
- d) Why can we consider the modern pencil to be a superb piece of technology? 1
- e) The modern pencil can produce something fantastic. What is it? 1
- f) Find the words in the passage that means the following: 1
  - i) Poisonous
  - ii) Removed something completely

Que.2. Read the following passage and answer the following questions. (4 Marks)

All round development is the true aim of education. it should train not only the head but, also the hands and the heart. But our present system of education has miserably failed to achieve this aim. It suffers from many grave defects.

The present system of education was founded by British for their own convenience. Lord Macaulay was the father and the founder of this system. He wanted to produce clerks to help the British in running their administration. Today the English have gone but the same old system of education still continues. We are free but we are still slavishly following the system evolved by the British.

This system of education has many defects. It must be changed and overhauled. The greatest defect in our present system of education is that it is too theoretical.

An educated man has only bookish knowledge. He knows nothing about practical things. He finds that his education has not made him fit to do any useful work for his society.

- a) What is the true aim of education?
- b) What was Lord Macaulay's aim?
- c) What is the biggest defect in our present system of education?
- d) What does an educated man find?

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