

2014

FIRST TERM WORKSHEET
CLASS X -ENGLISH

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Note; - The paper is divided into four sections.

Section A	Reading comprehension	15 Marks
Section B	Writing	20 Marks
Section C	Grammar	15 Marks
Section D	Literature	30 Marks

General Instruction – All questions are compulsory.

Marks are indicated against each question.

1. Read the following passage carefully: [8 marks)

1. It is simple: when we buy a product, we check its manufacturing or expiry date. But we rarely check the ingredients. For example, most shampoos and soap contain the chemical sodium lauryl sulfate(SLS) which is carcinogenic, most toothpastes have very high sugar content, deodorants contain aerosols which deplete the ozone layer and harm the skin, and washing soaps clog drains and do not degrade easily. In short, almost all 'washing and cleaning' agents, including toothpastes, contain surfactants (like SLES or SLS) and other harmful chemicals that contribute to carbon emissions during their manufacture.

2. So using a herbal hair wash powder or a shampoo that has no SLS will keep your hair and you healthier. Substitute ayurvedic tooth powders for toothpastes. If you are inclined, you can make your own washing soap at home for use in a washing machine, which is far more eco friendly than the readymade detergents(recipes are available on the Net). And always remember if you are eating something that your grandmother or mother cannot make at home then you are inviting trouble.

Each time you buy and eat fast food, plastic packets are being used without being recycled.

3. Similarly, there is an indiscriminate use of electronic products: each member of the family has his own laptop, music player, mobile phone and sometimes, even separate T.V set. True it has become a necessity today to possess these gadgets, but there is a way of using them efficiently. Turn off appliances when they are not in use. If you are downloading a movie, do it when you are awake and can switch off the computer and the internet once it is done. This will not only save power, but will also make your appliances make work efficiently.

4. Mobile phones take up much more battery power when they are in vibration mode than when the ringtone is on. Keep brightness to a minimum and switch off your Bluetooth at times when you are not sharing files. After charging the phones switch off the charger. Overcharging means a wastage of electricity and it also impairs the life of appliance be it iPod, mobile phones or laptops.

5. You can also reduce carbon footprints by using public transport. I do not deny that our country's transport system is not the best. Yet, bus services are decent and cheap, especially in comparison with the soaring fuel prices. Travelling by suburban railway or using buses has a charm of its own. It saves you from road rage and is also an interesting way to meet various people. Right from the flower seller who strings her flowers on the train to the school boy who jumps off from a moving bus, the public transport exposes you to a plethora of people whom you can observe while reducing your carbon footprint.

6. It would be unfair to demand that each teenager be perfect and environmentally conscious all the time. A few indulgences ought to be allowed. But a few changes here and there can go a long way in saving the environment and your money. You will be also be opting for a healthy lifestyle.

7. Do not accept anything at face value: an advertisement on T.V is not made with the intention of informing you about the truth of any product. The sole purpose of an advertisement is to sell you the product. Be aware of what you buy and do your bit to reduce your carbon footprint!

Read the questions given below and write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

A. Fill in the blanks with suitable words. (4 marks)

1. Deodorants contain.....

2.....contain SLS.

3. SLS is

4. Almost all washing and cleaning agents, including toothpastes contain.....

B. Answer the following questions briefly (2 marks)

1. What kind of shampoos should one use and why?

2. Why is it important to turn off appliances when we are not using them?

C.Find words in the passage which mean the same as those given: (2 marks)

1. To damage or spoil (para-4)

2.variety (para-5)

2.Read the following passage carefully: (7 marks)

Swami Vivekananda held Pavhari Baba of Ghaziapur in high esteem. He knew the yogi personally. While in Ghaziapur, Swamiji heard that once a thief entered into Baba's hut to rob him of his few belongings. As the thief was about to leave with the stolen goods, the yogi woke up. This frightened the thief and he threw down everything and started running away. Pavhari Baba promptly picked up the things and followed the thief. Finally, after a hot chase, he found the thief and begged him to accept the goods. "All these are yours, brother," Baba told the thief, who stared at him in disbelief.

Years later during his wanderings in the Himalayas Swamiji one day noticed a sadhu of luminous appearance. After some conversation Swamiji became convinced that the sadhu was of a high order. But he was astonished when the latter said "I was the thief who attempted to steal from the saint." The monk continued his confession. When Pavhari Baba handed me everything that belonged to him with a smile and addressed me as "Brother", I realized what a crime I had committed and how mean I was! From that moment I gave up my evil pursuit of material wealth and engaged myself in search of spiritual wealth. His story deeply impressed Swamiji who later used to say: sinners are potential saints.

On a spiritual journey as one goes along there are so many things one learns and each is an experience. For Swamiji it was the beginning of his journey. One of the most important things on this path is humility and acceptance. Swami Vivekananda was an epitome of all this. For him India was the home of spirituality. According to him India is the bedrock of civilization with rich past, a culture that we all Indians should be proud of and a tradition that goes to thousands of years.

Read the questions given and mark the option you consider the most appropriate.

(1).The thief was frightened because.....

a. he felt guilty.

b.it was dark

c.he saw a snake

d.the yogi woke up.

2.the thief realized what a crime he had committed and how mean he was when.....

a.he realized his mistake

b.Pavhari Baba handed to him everything that belonged to him with a smile and addressed him as 'brother'

c.he was punished for the crime.

d.he was forgiven for the crime.

3.Swami Vivekanada became convinced that the sadhu was of a high order after.....

a.he conversed with the yogi

b.he meditated with the yogi

c.he met the yogi

d.he heard about the yogi's story.

4.Swami Vivekanada believed.....

a.sinners should be forgiven

b.sinners are potential saints.

c.sinners should be punished.

d.sinners should be killed.

5.Pavhari Baba caught the thief and.....

a.punished him

b.forgave him.

c.begged him to accept the goods.

d.gave him shelter to stay.

6.Pavhari Baba called the thief a.....

a.sinner

b.saint

c.sadhu

d.brother

7.The thief stared at the yogi in disbelief because.....

a.he said,"All these are yours,brother"

b.he said,"You will be punished."

c.he said,"You are going to die."

d.he said,"You should pay for everything you've stolen."

Section B: WRITING

15 Marks

Q3.A seminar on 'Renewable Energy Resources' is going to be held at the IIT campus. A team of four students from your school will be taking part in the seminar. Put up a notice in 50 words in the Science Wing of the school for students of classes IX and X informing them about the event. You are President of the Science Society of your school. (3 Marks)

Q4.Read the telephonic conversation given below

Aarushi: Hello, I am Aarushi, can I talk to Seema?

Rohan: Hello A arushi, I am Rohan, this side, Seema's brother. Seema is not at home.She has gone to meet her friend Sonali who has come back from the U.S.

Aarushi: Ok! I called to ask her if she would come to meet our favourite teacher who has come here for a few days.I plan to go in the evening. Will you please inform her and also ask her to call me once she is back?

Rohan: Yes, sure I will

Now Rohan is going out and will be back late in the night so he decides to leave a message for his sister.Write the message in about 50 words. (3 marks)

Q.5.The IPL Cricket has not only thrown open new avenues for cricketers but it is enjoyed by the public as well.The cricket crazy people of India watch these with passion.You are Nandita/Roshan ,a class X student.You however feel it is a sheer waste of money.You decide to share your views through an e-mail with your friend Rajat who is a fan of the game.Write the e-mail in about 120 words. (3 marks)

Q6.Given below are some notes on the life, works and achievements of Robert Frost. Write a brief biographical sketch based on these notes (5 marks)

Name: Robert Lee Frost

Birth: March 26, 1874 (San Francisco, California)

Education: Graduation from Lawrence High School in 1892

First poem: M Butterfly-An Elegy (sold in 1894)

Famous Works: North of Boston

Mending a wall

New Hampshire

West Running Brook

Nothing Gold Can Stay

A Masque Of Reason

Honour: Four Pulitzer Prizes

40 Honorary degrees

Language used: Simple/Colloquial

Death: January 29, 1963

Q7. Rekha read about the following news report about the tendency among children to stay away from any physical activity. She decided to make use of the information to write an article for her school magazine. Write the article for her in not more than 120 words using your own ideas. (6 marks)

Couch Potatoes

The teachers and parents have expressed their disappointment about the children of today being nothing but couch potatoes. Very seldom do you find them outside their houses, playing their one time favourite outdoor games like hide and seek, cricket, etc.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (15 marks)

Q8: Complete the following passage by filling the correct form of the word. Choose the correct option from those given below. (1/2 x 6 = 3 Marks)

A spiritual teacher (a) at a king's palace. None of the guards tried to (b) him as he entered and (c) his way to the place where the king (d) "what do you want?" asked the king. "I (e) like a place to sleep in this inn," (f) the teacher.

(a) (i) has arrived (ii) was arrived

(iii)arrived (iv)arrives

(b)(i)stop (ii)stopping

(iii)have stopped (iv)had stop

(c)(i)was making (ii)made

(iii)is making (iv)has made

(d)(i)was seated (ii)is seated

(iii)has seated (iv)were seated

(e)(i)would (ii)will

(iii)should (iv)can

(f)(i)will reply (ii)shall reply

(iii)should reply (iv)replied

Q9.Fill in the blanks with the corect form of verbs.Write the answers in your answer sheet by choosing the correct option from those given below against the correct blank number.Do not copy the whole sentence. (1/2x6=3 marks)

(a).....punishment to a child or an adult for (b).....something wrong never serves a good purpose.The child should be made (c).....that he (d).....something wrong but with loveand compassion.If we punish the children,they rather than becoming good individuals and(e).....their conduct ,becomes cynical .I feel ridiculing the children(f).....as it can lead to disastrous outcomes.

(a)(i)Given (ii)Giving

(iii)Gives (iv)Gave

(b)(i)doing (ii)do

(iii)done (iv)realized

(c)(i) realizing (ii)realized

(iii) to realize (iv)have realized

(d) (i) is doing (ii) has done

(iii)will do (iv)had done

(e) (i) improved (ii) improves

(iii)is improving (iv) improving

(f)(i)should be avoided

(ii)are avoiding

(iii)have avoided

(iv)can be avoided.

Q10. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. (1x3=3 marks)

- (a) the seat of/since the/metabolism/liver is/and detoxification,/been/in ayurveda/given/has/a special place/it
- (b) processing and filtering/liver performs/including the/many roles/of medications/the
- (c) silymarin/in milk thistle/an active ingredient/stimulates/liver cell regeneration.

Q10.The following passage has not been edited.There is an error in each line.Underline the error and write the correct word in the space provided. (1/2x6=3marks)

Incorrect Correct

- (a) Yoga in Sanskrit mean union
- (b) The union will be of the mind
- (c) Body and soul. Yoga is the good way
- (d) to lead a healthy life. It helped one
- (e) to be flexible and fit. People at
- (f) different age groups could practice yoga.

Q11.Read the following conversation between Vinod and Dadi. Fill in the blanks with correct phrases. Do not copy the whole sentences. (1x3=3marks)

Vinod:Dadi,do you enjoy watching football on T.V?

Dadi:Yes! And I enjoy cricket too.

Vinod: You don't watch those Saas-Bahu sagas in the afternoon.

Dadi: I hate those emotional dramas.

Vinod asked his Dadi(a).....Dadi replied(b).....Vinod further asked his Dadi(c).....To this his Dadi replied that she hated those emotional dramas.

Section D : Literature (30 Marks)

Q 12 A: Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (3 Marks)

(a) Now the nightingale, inspired

Flushed with confidence, and fired

With both art and adoration,

Sang - and was a huge sensation.

(i) What inspired the nightingale to sing?

- a) The appreciation of the audience
- b) The frog's censure
- c) The frog's praise and appreciation
- d) The fact that it was in Bingle Bog

(ii) Explain '*fired*
With both art and adoration'

- a) The nightingale was unhappy because the frog had sharply rebuked her
- b) The nightingale was filled with adoration for the frog who was a great artist
- c) The frog was filled with admiration and adoration for the melodious song of the nightingale
- d) The nightingale was elated because the frog and the public had appreciated her singing.

(iii) The poetic device used in the above lines is

- a) simile
- b) personification
- c) alliteration
- d) metaphor

12 B:She'll come fast enough after her share of what grandfather's left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can't tell.

(i) Who speaks these words and about whom?

- a) Mrs Slater about Victoria
- b) Victoria about Mrs Jordan

OR

Why did Mrs. Packletide decide to kill a tiger? What else did she plan? What trait of her character do these actions highlight?

15. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words:

5 mark

Why did Mrs. Van Daan call Anne a spoiled child while they all were taking dinner? How did Mr. Frank interrupt her?

OR

How did Miss Sullivan overcome the deficiency of a deaf child like the narrator?

16. Answer any one of the following in about 120-150 words:

5 mark

Draw a character sketch of Mrs. Van Daan.

OR

Describe the nature of the narrator before Miss. Sullivan came into her life. What changes took place in her nature after she spent a few days with Miss. Sullivan?