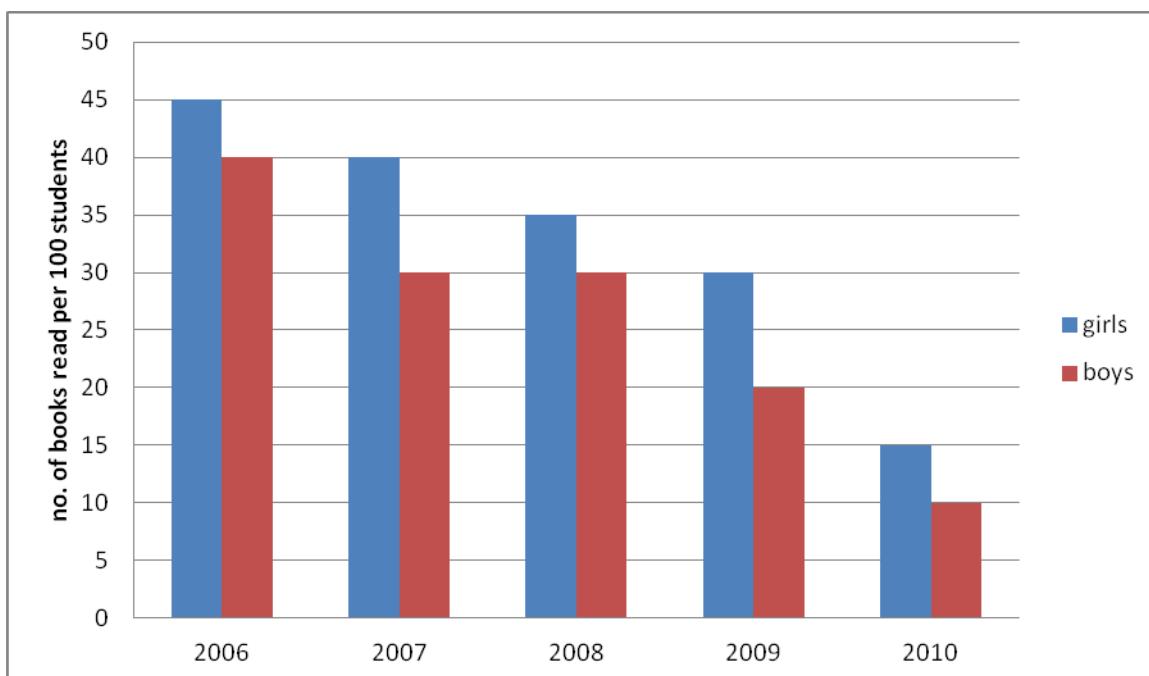


## **ACADEMIC YEAR , 2013 - 2014**

### **ENGLISH WORKSHEET ( CLASS X ) – SECOND TERM**

#### **SHORT WRITING TASKS**

1. Your school is planning a 5-day trip to Jaipur, the Pink City. It is for the students of classes IX and X. As the cultural secretary of the school, put up a notice in 50 words informing students about the trip.
2. You are Reena. You received a phone call from Mr.Khanna, your father's friend. He wanted to talk to your father about an important meeting scheduled for the next day. Since your father was not at home, you decided to leave a message for him as you were also going out. Write the message in about 50 words.
3. You are Nisha/Nitin. You recently visited the hill station of Shimla. It was wonderful being amidst the mountains. You enjoyed trekking and the long walks. Something that disturbed you was the degradation of environment as a result of too much plastic strewn all over the place. After coming back, you decided to write your feelings in a diary. Write the diary entry in about 50 words.
4. Given below are some notes on the life and works of Robert Frost. Write a brief biographical sketch based on these notes.  
Name: Robert Lee Frost  
Birth: March 26, 1874 ( San Francisco, California )  
Education: Graduation from Lawrence High School in 1892  
First Poem: My Butterfly- An Elegy  
Famous Works: North of Boston, Mending Wall, New Hampshire, West Running Brook, Nothing Gold can stay, A Masque of Reason  
Honour: 4 Pulitzer Prizes, 40 Honorary Degrees  
Language used: Simple/ Colloquial  
Death: January 29, 1963
5. You are Rani/Ravi. As Secretary of the 'Literary Club' of your school, you have been asked to write a paragraph on the importance of reading. The following histogram clearly states how irrelevant reading has become for the present generation. Taking ideas from the histogram, write the paragraph in about 100 words.



6. Write a short description of your mother in 100 words.  
Include: her height, how she looks, her age, what she does, what kind of dresses she wears, etc.
7. You are undecided as to the stream you will choose in class XI. You ask your father for advice.  
Write the conversation between the two of you in 80-100 words.

### LONG WRITING TASKS

1. A report published in a daily read:

Mobile phone users could be victims of diseases like cancer, ear problems, tumours and could even die of radiation. Users could well suffer from heart ailments as well.

Sangita/ Shekhar read the report and decided to write a letter to the Editor of a popular daily expressing her/his views on increased human dependence on technology. Using your own ideas and the ideas taken from the unit 'Science', write the letter in about 120 words.

2. You are Rachit/Rachita, a student of class X. Your school recently celebrated its Annual Day. Write a letter to your friend in Chennai describing the function.
3. You are Rohini. You recently visited the National Museum at New Delhi. Write an e-mail to your friend Susan who is in the US about what you saw in the museum in about 120 words.
4. Rekha read the following news report about the tendency among children to stay away from any sort of physical activity. She decided to make use of the information to write an article for her school magazine. As Rekha, write the article in about 120 words using your own ideas.

### 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, Football etc.

5. You are Shweta/Sameer, the president of the environmental club of your school. 3<sup>rd</sup> May is Earth Day and you have to give a speech in the morning assembly on the importance of trees in reducing pollution. Using ideas from the unit 'Environment' and your own ideas, write the speech in about 120 words.
6. Your school is conducting an inter-school debate competition and the topic is 'Visual Media- A Replacement to Print Media'. Write both sides of the debate in about 120 words.
7. Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 120 words.  
Sometimes I think my friend has strange powers. Everytime he/she is around .....
8. You are Vinay Mehta, a student reporter of your school newsletter- The Mirror. You have been asked to cover the 'Literary Fest' organized by the Reader's Club of your school. Write the report in about 120 words.

### **LITERATURE**

#### **Short answer type questions:**

1. Why did the ghosts organize 'The Writer's Inspiration Bureau'? What was their mode of working?
2. Describe how the ghost appeared and how did she look like?
3. How did Patol Babu earn his living all through these years?
4. How did Sosanko try to console Patol Babu?
5. What were the contents of the real e-mail sent by the real Sebastian?
6. How was Michael able to finally rescue Sebastian?
7. Bring out the irony in the poem 'Ozymandias'.
8. Describe the statue of Ozymandias as seen by the ancient traveller.
9. What was the terrible deed done by the Ancient Mariner? What do you think prompted him to do so?
10. What was the effect of the storm on the ship?
11. Why does the poet regret throwing the log at the snake?
12. How does the poet describe the scenery and the weather when he saw the snake?

13. What predictions does Mark Antony make, when he is left alone with Caesar's body, regarding the future events in Rome?
14. What are the conditions imposed by the conspirators before allowing Antony to speak at Caesar's funeral?

**Long answer type / Value-based questions:**

1. "I had chased inspiration in vain for months." The writer was looking for inspiration to write his stories which he got from Helen, the ghost. We all need inspiration to motivate us to achieve something in life. Where do you derive inspiration from and how has this helped you?
2. Imagine yourself to be Lavinia. Write your side of the story in the form of a diary entry.
3. Through the character of Patol Babu, the author has portrayed that personal satisfaction is more important than financial rewards. Write your views on this statement with reference to the story.
4. What was Patol Babu's reaction on seeing his dialogue? What was the advice that changed his mind regarding the role and how did he perform in the end?
5. Computer games are causing a lot of harm to a child's psychological, physical and social life. Elaborate on this statement expressing your views.
6. As Michael write an article to be published in a sci-fi magazine under the heading 'Virtual World – A Reality', describing the adventures you and Sebastian had experienced in the virtual world.
7. Power fades with time. Discuss citing examples from 'Ozymandias'
8. Write a paragraph about the supernatural elements in the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.
9. What are the conflicting emotions the poet goes through on seeing the snake and how do they influence his actions?
10. Antony was a true friend of Caesar. Write a short paragraph on the topic, 'True friends are a blessing.'

**Extracts:**

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. "We're going on strike!"
  - (a) Who is the speaker here?
  - (b) Who does 'we' refer to?
  - (c) why are 'they' going on strike?
2. "That's odd..... the man hadn't been paid yet."
  - (a) Who is the 'man' here?
  - (b) What was odd?
  - (c) Why had he not waited?
3. "They ended up at the Computer Fair. And we bought them."
  - (a) What does 'they' refer to?
  - (b) How had 'they' landed there?
  - (c) Who had bought 'them'?

4. 'The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed'
  - (a) What does 'them' refer to?
  - (b) Whose hand mocked 'them'?
  - (c) Whose heart fed 'them'?
5. 'It is an ancient Mariner,  
And he stoppeth one of three.  
'By thy long grey beard and  
grey glittering eye, How wherefore  
stopp'st thou me?'
  - (a) Whom does the Ancient Mariner stop?
  - (b) Why does he stop the 'one'?
  - (c) What is the significance of the Mariner's appearance?
6. 'And I thought of the albatross  
And I wished he would come back, my snake.'
  - (a) Why was the poet reminded of the albatross?
  - (b) Why did he want the snake to return?
  - (c) What is the poetic device used here?
7. 'What mean you, Caesar? Think you to walk forth?  
You shall not stir out of your house today.'
  - (a) Who is the speaker here?
  - (b) What does the speaker want Caesar to do?
  - (c) What does the speaker fear? Why?

**Long Reading Text / Novel**

1. Draw a character sketch of Helen Keller.
2. What was the controversy surrounding Helen's story, 'The Frost King'?
3. Describe Anne Sullivan's role in educating Helen Keller.
4. How did Helen feel while she visited the World's Fair with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell?
5. What difficulties did Helen face in her progress at the Cambridge School?
6. Who was Mr. Keith? How did he help her prepare for Radcliffe College?
7. Name any three writers and their works that were liked by Helen.
8. How does Helen enjoy the beauty of nature and what does she learn from it?
9. Describe Helen's experience at the theatre.
10. Why does Helen say that 'college was not quite the lyceum she had imagined'?