

CLASS : IX ENGLISH LITERATURE WORKSHEET FIRST TERM

EXTRACTS:

I. 'I knew my student passed with flying colours'.

A. My student refers to

- (i) The computer students
- (ii) Sudha Murty
- (iii) The grandmother
- (iv) The grandmother's friends.

B. Two qualities of the students that describe her the best are

- (i) Polite, gentle
- (ii) Diligent, hardworking
- (iii) Kind affectionate
- (iv) Prudent, emphatic.

II. "The once iron muscles slacked on the rangy frame. Secretly, Marcy cried as she watched the big man's grin fade away.

A. Chuck stared at the ceiling for hours because

- (i) He was thoughtful
- (ii) His left side was completely paralysed
- (iii) He and his dog wanted to sit peacefully.
- (iv) He had no desire to live.

B. 'The once iron muscles slacked means

- (i) The muscles were no more tight
- (ii) The muscles were less active
- (iii) The grip loosened
- (iv) The muscles wrinkled

C. Marcy cried secretly because

- (i) Duke jumped and hit chuck above the belt.
- (ii) She was sad
- (iii) She didn't want Hooper to feel sad
- (iv) She couldn't face Hooper

III. 'And here and there a foamy flake upon me, as I travel, with many a silvery water break above the golden gravel.'

A. Foamy flake and golden gravel are examples of which literary device-

- (i) Pun
- (ii) Simile
- (iii) Onomatopoeia

- (iv) Alliteration
- B. Identify the rhyme scheme
 - (i) ab cd
 - (ii) aa bb
 - (iii) ab ab
 - (iv) ab cb
- C. Whom does the brook draw along?
 - (i) Blossoms
 - (ii) Grayling
 - (iii) Golden gravel and foamy flake
 - (iv) All the above.
- IV. 'I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance, among my skimming swallows.' I make the netted sunbeams dance against my sandy shallows.
 - a. Which line in the verse, tells us that the brook is not deep?
 - b. Explain the poetic device used in the first line.
 - c. Why is the sunbeam netted?
 - d. What do skimming swallows mean?
- V. 'And both that morning equally lay – In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day. Yet knowing how way leads on to way. I doubted if I should ever come back.'
 - A. What does 'the first' refer to
 - (i) The leaves
 - (ii) The morning
 - (iii) The undergrowth
 - (iv) The more travelled road
 - B. Why did the author doubt he would ever come back?
 - (i) He would become lazy
 - (ii) One road would lead to another
 - (iii) He would be contented with his choice
 - (iv) He would soon forget about the other road.
 - C. How were the two roads similar?
 - (i) Same in size and direction
 - (ii) Smooth and grassy
 - (iii) Morning equally lay
 - (iv) None of the above
- VI. 'Or is it some more humble lay, familiar matter of today? Some natural sorrow, loss or pain that has been and may be again?'
 - a. What does 'it' refer to?
 - b. Can the poet guess what the solitary reaper is singing? Give two reasons for your answer.

c. Justify the title of the poem.

VII. But still as wilder blew the wind. And as the night grew drearer. Adown the glen rode armed man, Their trampling sounded nearer.

A. Who are the armed men and who are they chasing

- (i) They are the chief's men chasing him
- (ii) Highway robbers chasing the girl
- (iii) The lord's men chasing his daughter
- (iv) The lord's men chasing the chieftain

B. Are the armed men successful in their pursuit?

- (i) Yes, they are able to overpower them.
- (ii) No, they couldn't find them
- (iii) Yes, they found them
- (iv) No, they had already left the shore.

C. The work in the above verse that means _____ is

- (i) Adown (ii) glen (iii) trampling (iv) drearer

VIII. "But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool".

A. Why is Juliette disappointed?

- (i) She is unable to get a role of cook in films
- (ii) Her maid is leaving as she has got a role in the films
- (iii) She is unable to buy a suitable buyer for her villa
- (iv) Gaston is offering a very low price for the villa.

B. Why does she call herself a fool?

- (i) She has decided to sell her villa
- (ii) She had bought the villa for more than it was worth.
- (iii) There are no buyers for the villa
- (iv) The villa was too close to the film studios

Answer the given questions in 30 – 40 words.

1. What would Krishtakka do after hearing what happened next in Kashi yatra?
2. Who was Gordon Doule? What did Chuck tell him?
3. The brook appears to be a symbol of life. Compare its flow with the different stages of life.
4. In the poem 'The Road not taken', what does the road symbolize? Have you ever come across such a dilemma, Explain?
5. Why does the poet feel that the song would not come to an end?

6. How did the chief of Ulva's Isle, convince the boatman to ferry them?
7. How did the maid express her concern for Juliet?

Answer in detail (6 mark) (120 words)

1. Mrs. Alsmith told Gaston, 'you ought to learn how to do business'. Gaston replied, 'we are learning now, we are practicing'. Who is the smarter of the two and why?
2. Lord Ullini's was an angry father but later all his wrath changes into wailing. Describe the change in his attitude.
3. The poet listened to the Solitary Reaper's song motionless and still. What does it tell us about the song and the listener?
4. 'I doubted if I should ever come back'. What made the poet feel so?
5. Describe the journey of the brook from the haunts of cool and fern to the brimming river.
6. Give the character sketch of Marcy. Give reasons to show that she was a strong woman. How did she express her love for her dog?
7. You are the grand daughter. You are happy that your grand mother has become a literate. Write your feelings in your diary.

Gulliver's Travel

1. Gulliver called the man who made a box for him 'a most ingenious artist'. Describe in detail the wooden chamber he made for Gulliver.
2. The king of Brobdignag, in spite of ruling an isolated kingdom, is wise, humane, peace loving man. Comment.
3. Do you find anything similar in the beginning of Part I and Part II. Describe the similarities and state what they tell you about the book.

WRITING TASKS

1. Read the following telephonic conversation between Sudha and her neighbour's brother Arun who lives in Kalka. Sudha is leaving for her college and will not be able to meet her neighbour. Sudha leaves a message for him. Write this message not using more than 50 words.

Arun: Is it 27390625

Sudha: Yes, May I know who is speaking

Arun: Mr. R.K. Mittal is your neighbour. I am his brother Arun from Kalka. Will you please pass on my message to him.

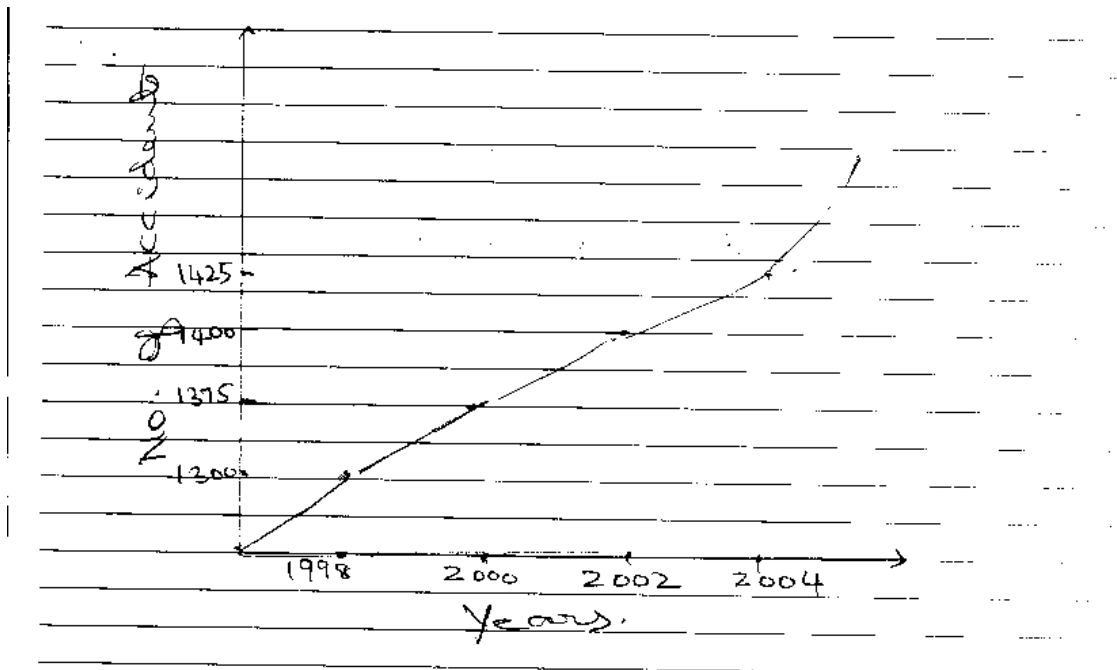
Sudha: Most Gladly

Arun: Tomorrow, I am coming to Delhi by the Himalayan Queen. Please ask my brother to come to the railway station with a car. I am coming with heavy luggage. Don't be late.

Sudha: I will deliver your message to him.

Arun: Thanks a lot.

2. You are pushpak. As secretary of the Social Service League of your School you have a organized cultural benefit show in aid of mentally handicapped children of your city. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your School notice board giving necessary information about the programme.
3. You are Arun / Anita. You are concerned about the increase in road accident in the metropolitan cities of India. Interpret the data given below and using your own ideas, write a letter to the newspaper 'The Chronicle'.



4. You had planned to go abroad for higher studies, but you have changed your idea as you are enjoying your studies here, education has finally become stress free. Send an e-mail to your uncle about the new education policy. Give your views also.

Hints

1. Semester system
2. Continuous Comprehensive evaluation

3. Class 9 – sample papers
4. Class 10 – no board
5. Overall development
6. More job opportunities.