

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL , RIYADH .**

**Yearly Exam Worksheet ( 1) March 2017- 18**

**Subject: English Std: VIII**

**SECTION A ( Reading)**

**Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

**NO MEN ARE FOREIGN**

Remember no men are strange no countries foreign,  
Beneath all uniforms a single body breathes  
Like ours,the land our bruthers walk upon  
Is earth like this in which we all shall lie.  
They ,too ,aware of sun and and water,  
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starved  
Their hands are ours , and in their lines we read  
A labour not different from our own.  
Remember they have eyes like ours that wake  
Or sleep, and strength that can be won  
By love. In every land is common life  
That all can recognise and understand.

It the human earth that we defile,

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence

Of air that is everywhere our won.

Remember, no men are foreign and no countries strange.

**On the basis of reading the poem, complete the summary below by filling the blanks:**

The poet strongly believes that there is no \_\_\_\_\_ who is strange. All the people have the same \_\_\_\_\_ beneath all uniforms. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ on which we walk is the same. All the people share \_\_\_\_\_ which are gifts of nature. All prosper during \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ during war. All the people are won by \_\_\_\_\_ and if somebody incites the people to war, they themselves \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.

## **SECTION B (WRITING)**

**TOPICS COVERED:**

**FORMAL LETTER**

**POSTER**

**1. Women walk long distances to fetch water in certain parts of the country. There is not only scarcity of water but water most places is also contaminated. Using the hints given below and with your own ideas write a letter to the editor of The Hindustan Times about the scarcity of clean drinking water and suggesting ways to improve the situation.**

- Scarcity of clean drinking water
- Women travel long distances in certain areas like Rajasthan and Gujarat to fetch water
- scarcity in big cities
- linking of rivers
- awareness of clean drinking habits.

**2. It is sadly noted that the children today are suffering from obesity, hypertension, diabetes and some other serious diseases. Indoor games play a major role in spreading these diseases. Design a poster encouraging the children to play outdoor games rather than indoor games.**

## **SECTION C (GRAMMAR)**

**TOPICS COVERED**

**REPORTED SPEECH**

**CONJUNCTIONS**

**ADJECTIVES (HALF YEARLY PORTION)**

**1. Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech.**

1. The poet said ,”Sweet are the uses of adversity.”
2. David declared ,”Friends ,we are going on a picnic tomorrow.”
3. Romani said ,” I can’t take any risk now.’

4. The security guard said to me, "You should switch off your mobile phone."
5. Robin said to me, "Sister, you are late today."
6. Our teacher said, "The moon is a satellite."
7. She said to him, "Do you recognise me?"
8. He said to me, "Why did you write such a nasty letter to me?"
9. The servant said to his master, "Please pardon my fault."
10. He said, God save my son!"

## **2. Rewrite the following sentences into direct speech.**

1. He said that he is an early riser.
2. He asked me if I knew the sum.
3. The teacher advised Ganet to work hard.
4. He proposed to me that we should have some tea.
5. They said that they knew all those rules.
6. The teacher told us that India became independent in 1947.
7. My father said that he would visit him the next day at his place.
8. She told me that she goes to temple every Tuesday.
9. She said that man is mortal.
10. Rakesh said that he had been helping all of them liberally the previous year.

## **3. Read the following conversation and change it into reported speech:**

**Son :** I want fifty rupees, father.

**Father :** Are you buying some new book?

**Son** : No I'm not.

Father : Then, why do you need money?

**Son** : To go on a picnic.

The son told his father a) \_\_\_\_\_. The father asked him b) \_\_\_\_\_ . The son replied c) \_\_\_\_\_. At this the father enquired d) \_\_\_\_\_ . The son told him e) \_\_\_\_\_ .

**4 . Attendant** : Doctor, Is my husband out of danger ?

**Doctor** : He is improving but not that fast .

**Attendant** : How many days are required?

**Doctor** : It may take another two days , but have faith .

**Attendant** : Thank you doctor.

The attendant asked the doctor a) \_\_\_\_\_. The doctor replied that b) \_\_\_\_\_. Showing concern , the attendant wanted to know c) \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ for that .

**5 . Join the following sentences by using suitable conjunctions :**

1. The sun comes out. The stars disappear.
2. She is hardworking. She is intelligent.
3. Our luggage was very heavy . We took a taxi.
4. He will hear the news. He will be happy.
5. He did not come to school. He was not well.

**6 . Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions:**

1. He is doing it only \_\_\_\_\_ it is necessary.

2. He worked hard \_\_\_\_\_ he could pass.
3. They arrived \_\_\_\_\_ he was sleeping.
4. You must go \_\_\_\_\_ I will kick you out.
5. I am going to stay here \_\_\_\_\_ you come back.

## **SECTION D ( LITERATURE)**

### **TOPICS COVERED:**

#### **THE POST MASTER**

#### **MOTHER TO SON**

#### **THE LOUSE AND THE MOSQUITO**

**Read the extracts and the questions that follow:**

#### **1."Dada , will you take me to your home?"**

- a) who is the speaker?
- b) Who is referred as Dada here?
- c) why did the speaker say the above line?

#### **2. I'm not coming back.**

- a) who said to whom?
- b) where was the speaker going and why ?
- c) Name the lesson and the author.

#### **3. They had dwelt here as of right for three decades.**

- a) Whom does they refer to?

b)Where did they live for three decades?

c) Name the poem and the poet.

**4 . Seriously --- I'm not a child.**

a) Who said to whom?

b) Why did the speaker say so ?

c) What was the result of this?

**5 . And places with no carpet on the floor --- Bare.**

a)What do you mean by the above line?

b) Who said this to whom?

c) Name the poem and the poet.

**6 . And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.**

a) Whom does me refer to ?

b) What did the speaker mean here?

c) Whom are these words spoken to?

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