

# ENGLISH WORKSHEET

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

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Standard X  
ENGLISH

(Sample Questions - 40 marks)

**I. Read the following excerpt from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions that follow. (5 x 1 = 5)**

In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock into its branches, the red-bottomed bulbul, cheerful and greedy; gossiping rosy-pastors; and parrots and crows, squabbling with each other all the time. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place on the road.

Halfway up the tree I had built a small platform on which I would often spend the afternoons when it wasn't too hot. I could read there, propping myself up against the bole of the tree with cushions taken from the drawing room. Treasure Island, Huckleberry Finn, The Mowgli Stories, and the Novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott made up my bag of very mixed reading.

1. What happens in the banyan tree during the fig season?
2. Which bird is cheerful and greedy?
3. How did the boy build the platform?
4. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'a minor fight or argument'.
5. What all books made up the boy's bag for very mixed reading?

**II. Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions given below. (5 x 1 = 5)**

The birds around me hopped and played,

Their thoughts I cannot measure:-

But the least motion which they made

It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

6. Identify the line that tells that the birds are thrilled.
7. 'Their thoughts I cannot measure.' Whose thoughts are referred to here?
8. What does the poet understand about the least motion of birds?
9. 'The budding twigs spread out their fan.' What is the figure of speech in this line?
10. Identify the rhyme scheme of the first stanza.

**11. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare an appreciation considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (5)**

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sat reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man?

**Questions 12 to 16. Answer any three of the following questions in about a paragraph. (5 x 3 = 15)**

**12. The English Club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Conservation of Nature' in connection with 'World Environment Day'. Prepare a notice for the seminar.**

**13. The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' writes in his diary about the terrifying experience he had with the snake. Prepare the likely diary entry.**

**14. Ray and his friends visited the Bharat Circus in Calcutta to hire a tiger for shooting his movie 'Goopy Gyne Bhagna Byne'. He spoke to the manager of the circus company. What would be their conversation? Attempt a conversation between Ray and the manager.**

**15. Given below are some events from the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. Arrange them in the sequential order and write a paragraph.**

- Suddenly he heard a dull thud sound.
- The doctor got up from the chair and ran to his friend's house.
- He was tempted to look at the mirror on the table.
- No sooner had he turned than a fat snake landed on his shoulder and coiled round his left arm.
- At last, the snake unwound itself from the doctor's arm and moved towards the mirror.
- The doctor sat down on a chair and started to read.
- He sat there holding his breath.

**16. Prepare a profile of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer using the hints given below.**

Birth: January 19, 1908. Thalayolaparamb, Vaikom

Occupation: Novelist, Short Story Writer

Known as: Beypore Sultan

Works: Balyakalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal

Awards: Padma Sri (1982), Kerala State Award for Best Film Story (1989), Vallathol Award, Muttathu Varkey Award (1993)

Death: July 5, 1994. Beypore, Kozhikode

**17. There are a few errors in the passage given below. Edit the passage. (4 x 1 = 4)**

Another lovely thought struck me. I would got (a) married to a woman doctor which (b) had plenty of money and a good medical practice. She had to be fat, for a valid reason. If I made some mistake silly (c) and needed to run away, she wouldn't be able to ran (d) after me.

**18. Given below is the list of flights arriving at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport Terminal 2. Study the list and answer the questions given below.**

SCHEDULED TIME OF ARRIVAL	ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL	FLIGHT NO.	COMPANY	ORIGIN	STATUS
21:45	21:45	FZ 8973	FLY DUBAI	DUBAI	ARRIVED
23:10	23:55	IX 1540	AIR INDIA	DUBAI	DELAYED
23:40	23:40	6E 8448	INDIGO	DOHA	SCHEDULED
00:30	00:30	G9 0441	AIR ARABIA	SHARJAH	SCHEDULED
02:25	02:25	QR 0506	QATAR AIRWAYS	DOHA	SCHEDULED
03:10	03:00	IX 1548	AIR INDIA	ABU DHABI	SCHEDULED

- One of the flights in the above list is delayed. Give the flight number.
- Which flight company operates the flight from Sharjah?
- The estimated time of arrival of Flight No. QR 0506.
- One of the flights in the above list is arriving early. Which company owns the flight?
- Where does Indigo Flight No. 6E 8448 fly from?