

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

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Standard X
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(Sample Questions - 40 marks)

I. Read the following excerpt from 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and answer the questions that follow. (5 x 1 = 5)

A moment later I was occupying the vacant chair beside them. Haltingly he told me that this had been their first visit to America. It was not entirely a holiday trip. They had been making a tour of the New England states, inspecting many of the summer recreational camps for young people there. Afterwards, they had visited settlement houses in New York and other cities to study the methods employed in dealing with cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth.

There was in his voice and manner, indeed in his whole personality, a genuine enthusiasm that was disarming. I found myself liking him instinctively. Questioning him further, I learnt that he and his wife had been active for the past 15 years in the field of youth welfare. He was by profession, a solicitor, but in addition to his practice at the courts, found time to act as director of a charitable organisation devoted to the care of boys and girls, mostly from city slums, who had fallen under the ban of the law.

1. 'I found myself liking him instinctively.' Who liked whom?
2. What did Cronin learn about the man after questioning him further?
3. Why was it not entirely a holiday trip?
4. Why had they visited settlement houses in New York and other cities?
5. Find out a word that means 'a lawyer who prepares legal documents'.

II. Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions given below. (4 x 1 = 4)

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.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

6. 'What man has made of man'. Comment on the meaning of this line.
7. What does fair works of Nature mean?
8. Pick out an instance of personification from these lines.
9. What is the rhyme scheme followed in these stanzas.

10. Read the following lines from the poem 'Ballad of Father' and prepare an appreciation considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (4)

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'

He knelt, and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep;
And the moth-hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.

Questions 11 to 15. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about a paragraph. (3 x 5 = 15)

11. The boy in the story narrates to one of his friends the wonderful experiences he had in the banyan tree. Prepare the likely narrative.

(Hints: friendship with the grey squirrel - fig season - fond of reading books - fight between the cobra and the mongoose - role of the crow and the myna - grey squirrel and white rat)

12. Dr A J Cronin, after meeting Mr John, in the ship, writes his diary. What may be the possible diary entry? Write it down.

13. Satyajit Ray was to shoot the scene in which Goopy and Bagha meet the tiger. When Mr Thorat opened the door of the cage, the tiger emerged with a loud roar and charged straight at the villagers. You are a newspaper reporter and were present at the scene. Prepare the likely news report.

14. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was very thrilled to see the three baby white squirrels. He wrote a letter to his friend expressing his happiness. Write the likely letter.

15. Prepare the character sketch of the doctor in the story 'The snake and the Mirror'.

(Hints: young doctor - just set up medical practice - lived in rented house - simple life - admirer of beauty - unmarried - bothered about physique - man of humour - believes in God - snake coiled his left arm - mind active - not as bold as he claimed - ran to his friend's house)

16. Complete the following passage using the appropriate phrasal verbs from the brackets. (4 x 1 = 4)

(set in, set off, taken aback, taken off, got up)

We ___(a)___ early in the morning and ___(b)___ to the shooting location. There were a lot of people. When the cover of the cage on the lorry was ___(c)___ we were terribly ___(d)___ seeing two tigers instead of one.

17. There are a few errors in the passage given below. Edit them. (3 x 1 = 3)

I went back into a (a) room and sat down on the chair. I opened the box beneeth (b) the table and took out a book, *The Materia Medica*. I opened it at the table on when (c) stood the lamp and a large mirror; a small comb lay beside the mirror.

18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

(5 x 1 = 5)

The prevention of smallpox by means of vaccination was discovered by an English doctor named Edward Jenner. One day he was in a chemist's shop; when a country girl came in for advice. In course of conversation, small pox was mentioned and the girl said: 'I can't take that disease, for I've had cow pox'. Jenner was still a student attending a medical school, but the girl's remark set him thinking: Could there be any truth in the belief that a person who had cow pox was safe against small pox?

For twenty years he patiently went on making experiments with a view to discovering a way of preventing small pox. He therefore said that people should be given a mild form of cow pox by means of vaccination. So great was his faith in his discovery that he first vaccinated his own son.

- a. Who was Edward Jenner?
- b. Why did the girl come to Jenner?
- c. Why did Jenner vaccinate his own son first?
- d. Why did he discover the vaccination?
- e. Give a suitable title for the passage.