

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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Standard X
ENGLISH

(Sample Questions - 40 marks)

I. Read the following passage from the memoir 'Project Tiger' and answer the questions that follow.

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood, when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called *Birds*. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the filmmaker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens.

1. What is the peculiarity of the animals used in Hollywood films? 1
2. Name the film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. 1
3. Why did Hitchcock need a variety of birds for his film? 1
4. What did Hitchcock do to get the ravens for his film? 1
5. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'almost'. 1

II. Read the lines from 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions given below.

And is the poor man dead? he cried.
'He died an hour ago'.
The old priest Peter Gilligan
In grief swayed to and from.

When you were gone, he turned and died,
As merry as a bird.
The old priest Peter Gilligan
He knelt him at that word.

6. What happened to the poor man? 1
7. Why did Father Gilligan kneel at that word? 1
8. Give an instance of simile from the above lines. 1
9. What is the rhyme scheme followed in the first stanza. 1

10. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare an appreciation considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (4)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate 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 11 to 15. Answer any three of the following questions in about a paragraph. (3 x 5 = 15)

11. Satyajit Ray writes a letter to Mr Thorat expressing his gratitude for helping his team to shoot the scenes with the tiger from the Bharat Circus. How would be the likely letter?
12. Can love and good deeds convert a man into a fresh and good being? What is your opinion? Prepare a write-up based on your reading the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made'.
13. 29. The boy in the story 'Adventures in A Banyan Tree' is a keen observer and admirer of nature. Prepare the character sketch of the boy.
14. After the young man was resuscitated, the Sergeant, the doctor and the landlady had a conversation about how they can bring back the young man back to life. Prepare the likely conversation among the trio in not less than 5 exchanges.

15. Prepare a profile of W B Yeats, an Irish poet of the 20th century, using the hints given below.

Full Name : William Butler Yeats
Born : June 13, 1865
Place of birth : Sandy Mount, Ireland
Awards : Noble Prize for 'Inspired Poetry'
Works : The Tower (1928) The Winding Stair and Other Poems 1929
Died : January 28, 1939, France

16. Complete the following passage using the appropriate phrasal verbs from the brackets. (3 x 1 = 3)

Dr Cronin ___(a)___ a young man while he was walking on the deck of a ship. The man wanted to ___(b)___ something to Cronin. Usually the doctor didn't like the shipboard contacts. So he deliberately ___(c)___ from the young man.

(put up with, put across, went through, turned away, came across)

17. Complete the following conversation suitably. (4 x 1 = 4)

Friend: You look frightened, ___(a)___?

Doctor: Yes, I am.

Friend: _____(b)_____

Doctor: A snake fell from the roof of my room and landed on my shoulder.

Friend: Oh! _____(c)_____

Doctor: No. It didn't do anything.

Friend: What? It didn't bite you?

Doctor: If I had moved a little, _____(d)_____

Friend: Then you had better move to another house.

Doctor: Yea, I'm thinking of finding a new house.

Questions 18 to 22. Given table are the details of passengers who arrived in Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in various flights on 16 January 2021. Study it and answer the questions that follow.

FLIGHT NO.	MALE	FEMALE	TRANSGENDER	INFANT	TOTAL
QR 0700	62	55	0	2	119
IX 1584	76	37	0	4	117
SG 9749	101	81	0	3	185
IX 1540	58	50	0	9	117
G9 0441	76	39	0	0	115
FZ 8973	90	41	1	5	137
6E 8448	39	60	0	2	101

- 18.** Which flight arrived with maximum number of passengers?
- 19.** How many female passengers arrived in Flight No. FZ 8973?
- 20.** In which flight did the female passengers outnumber men in number?
- 21.** Which flight arrived with maximum number of infants?
- 22.** Which flight did the transgender passenger arrive?