

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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Standard X
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(Sample Questions - 40 marks)

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

He opened the door of the cage. The instant the door opened with a clang, our tiger emerged with a loud roar and charged straight at the villagers gathered behind the camera. The crowd, consisting of about a hundred and fifty people, melted away as if by magic. After that great burst of energy, the tiger calmed down quickly. Like an obedient child, it walked over to the spot we had chosen, paced about quietly as it was required to do, and then ambled back to the trainer.

Even the camera behaved this time, which we realised two days later, when we returned to Calcutta and saw the scenes we had shot.

1. What happened when the door of the cage was opened? 1
2. How many people were there in the location? 1
3. What did Ray realise when he returned to Calcutta after two days? 1
4. Pick out the word that means 'to walk at a slow, relaxed speed'. 1
5. 'He opened the door of the cage.'
- Begin the sentence with 'The door.....' 1

II. Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions given below.

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. Pick out the visual image from the first stanza. 1
7. Pick out an example of personification in the given lines. 1
8. What seemed to be a thrill of pleasure? 1
9. Why do the budding twigs spread out their fan? 1

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

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

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

Questions 11 to 14. Answer any two of the following questions in about a paragraph. (2 x 5 = 10)

- 11. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school assembly on the topic 'Causes of Maladjustment and delinquency among youths'.**
- 12. The best investment in life is not money but values. Substantiate this view based on the reading of the story 'The Best Investment I ever Made' and prepare a write-up.**
- 13. The boy witnessed the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. The boy attempted a diary entry of the same. Write the likely diary entry.**
- 14. Suppose you are a reporter of a daily. You were in the village Notun Gram to watch the shooting of the film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'. You witnessed the tiger jumping out of the cage and rushing towards the people. You too were scared. You decided to prepare a news report describing the incidents that happened in the shooting location. Prepare the likely news report.**

15. Edit the following passage.

(3 x 1 = 3)

If the wire was enough thin, (a) perhaps it would remain invisible to the camera. But it was likely that the hairs (b) on the tiger's neck will (c) be flattened by the wire, which would give the whole thing away.

16. Fill in with suitable phrasal verbs from those given in brackets. (4 x 1 = 4)

As the first shooting at Notun Gram failed Ray ___(a)___ to re-shoot the scene. He ___(b)___ his decision to Mr Thorat. Thorat ___(c)___ a suggestion that he would bring another tiger. Then with all the arrangements the shooting team ___(d)___ to Boral.

(put forward, made up his mind, set out, put across)

17. After the young man was brought back to life, A J Cronin asked him the reason for attempting suicide. Complete the conversation between them suitably.

(5 x 1 = 5)

Cronin: Mr John, where are your parents?

John: My parents are no more.

Cronin: _____(a)_____?

John: I am working as a clerk in a solicitor's office

Cronin: _____(b)_____?

John: No, I don't have any friends here.

Cronin: Then, what prompted you to commit suicide?

John: I fell in bad company, engaged in pleasures beyond my means and fell in debt.

Cronin: Then what happened?

John: I stole a sum of money from the office safe.

Cronin: How much money did you steal?

John: _____(c)_____?

Cronin: It is a paltry sum, ___(d)___?

You had better _____(e)_____.

John: Ok Sir. I will try to start a new life.

Questions 18 – 22. Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once Emperor Akbar asked a very strange question. The courtiers were seen dumb founded on his question. Akbar glanced at his courtiers in search of an answer. It was at this moment that Birbal entered the court. Birbal who knew the nature of the Emperor quickly grasped the situation and asked, 'May I know the question so that I can try for an answer'.

Akbar said, 'How many crows are there in this city?'

Without even a moment's thought, Birbal replied, 'There are fifty thousand five hundred and eighty nine crows, my lord.'

'How can you be so sure?' asked Akbar.

Birbal said, 'Make your men count, My Lord. If you find more crows it means some have come to visit their relatives here. If you find less it means some have gone to visit their relatives elsewhere.'

Akbar was very much pleased by Birbal's quick wit.

18. What was the strange question that Akbar asked? 1
19. Pick out the sentence that tells the courtiers did not know the answer. 1
20. 'Emperor Akbar asked a strange question.' Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'A strange question'. 1
21. What answer did Birbal give to make sure that there were fifty thousand five hundred and eighty nine crows in the city? 1
22. What was Akbar's response to Birbal's answer? 1