

# ENGLISH WORKSHEET 2021-22

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

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Standard X



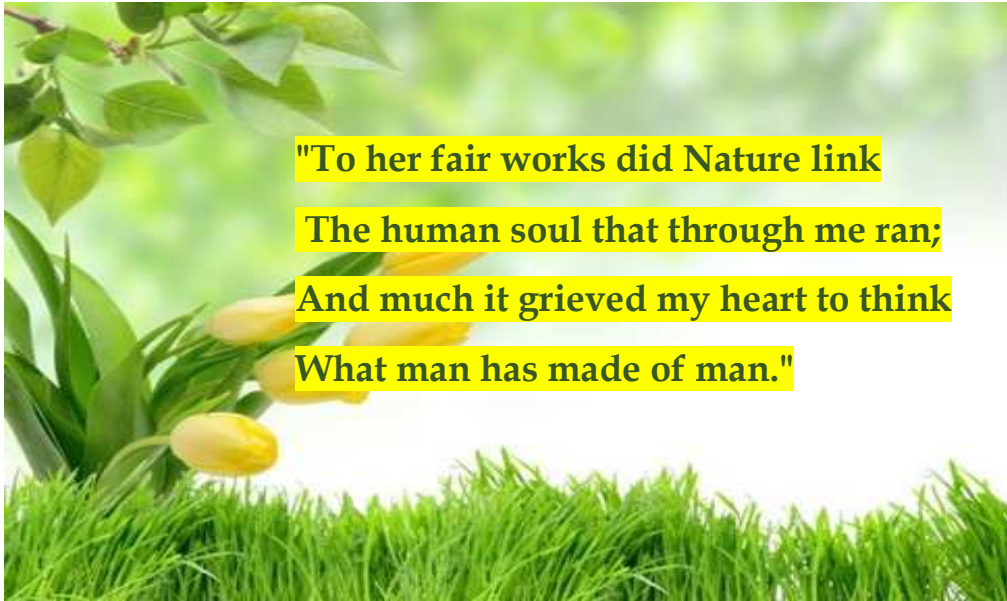
- (1) Read the following passage from the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' and answer the questions given below.



The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room. I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

1. Who is the 'I' referred to in the passage?
2. Pick out the sentence that tells about the pitiful condition of the doctor's room.
3. What are the doctor's only possessions?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'very little'.
5. Why were his earnings meagre even though he was a doctor?
6. Pick out a negative sentence from the passage.

(2) Read the lines and answer the following questions:



1. What saddens the heart of the poet?
2. What poetic device is used in the line, 'To her fair works did Nature link'?
3. Identify an instance of alliteration from the lines given above.
4. What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?
5. How does the poet associate himself with nature?
6. What is the meaning of the phrase, 'What man has made of man'?





(3) Prepare a critical appreciation of the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring'.



**Hints:** Title - Name of the poem - Poet - Theme of the poem (1<sup>st</sup> para) - Brief summary- implied meaning - (2<sup>nd</sup> para) - Figure of speech - poetic devices - Imagery - Language - contemporary relevance (3<sup>rd</sup> para) - Why I like/dislike the poem (4<sup>th</sup> para).

(4) Pick sentences from Column A and match them with the sentences in Column B.

A	B
a) He was used to such noises.	a) The wind god seemed to have taken time off.
b) The beam was full of rats. 	b) He sat like a stone image.
c) The wind was not blowing at all.	c) The sound was a familiar one.
d) He sat like a statue.	d) She had to be fat for a valid reason.
e) He would marry a fat girl for a logical reason.	e) There was a regular traffic of rats. 

(5) Suppose you got a chance to interview the Homeopath, what may be the possible questions you would ask him? Frame five such questions.



(6) 'Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out. But not really, the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!' (The Snake and the Mirror).  
Complete the soliloquy of the thief who lifted all the possessions of the Homeopath.

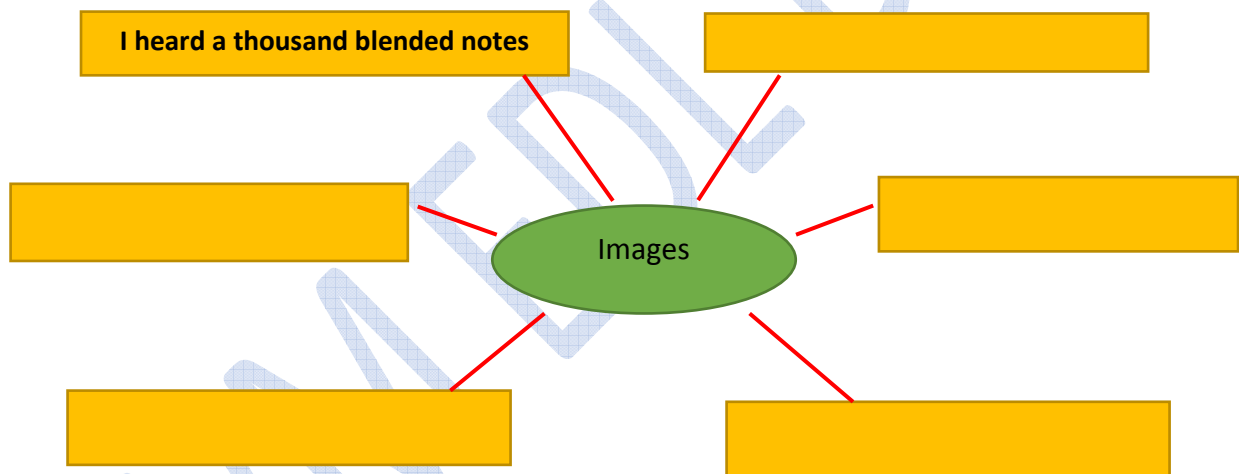
A **soliloquy** is an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud, especially by a character.



Oh! What do I see? Somebody is still awake at the dead of night. Be cautious. A dim light. The windows are open. Ah! The doors too. Making my job easy. Let me slither into the room.  
 Nobody here? A lucky night indeed.

I could lift everything from here. Wait, let me check. A suitcase. As expected, there is some cash in it, .....(a).....rupees. What else? Some .....(b).....and .....(c)..... What kind of a man he would be! Poor fellow! What is hung up there? A .....(d)....., a white shirt and a vest. The fool has not cleaned it for a long time. It's not so white. I shall leave it for him. On the table I could see a large .....(e)....., a .....(f)..... and a kerosene lamp. A book? What a big book this is! May be useful for somebody. Let me take it with me. Thank you, my friend.

(7) In the poem, 'Lines Written in Early Spring', the poet uses words to make pictures. Word pictures created by poets are called **images**. Can you pick out images from the poem? Complete the following word web selecting appropriate images from the poem.



Types of imagery

**Visual**  
 Describes what we see

**Auditory**  
 Describes what we hear

**Olfactory**  
 Describes what we smell



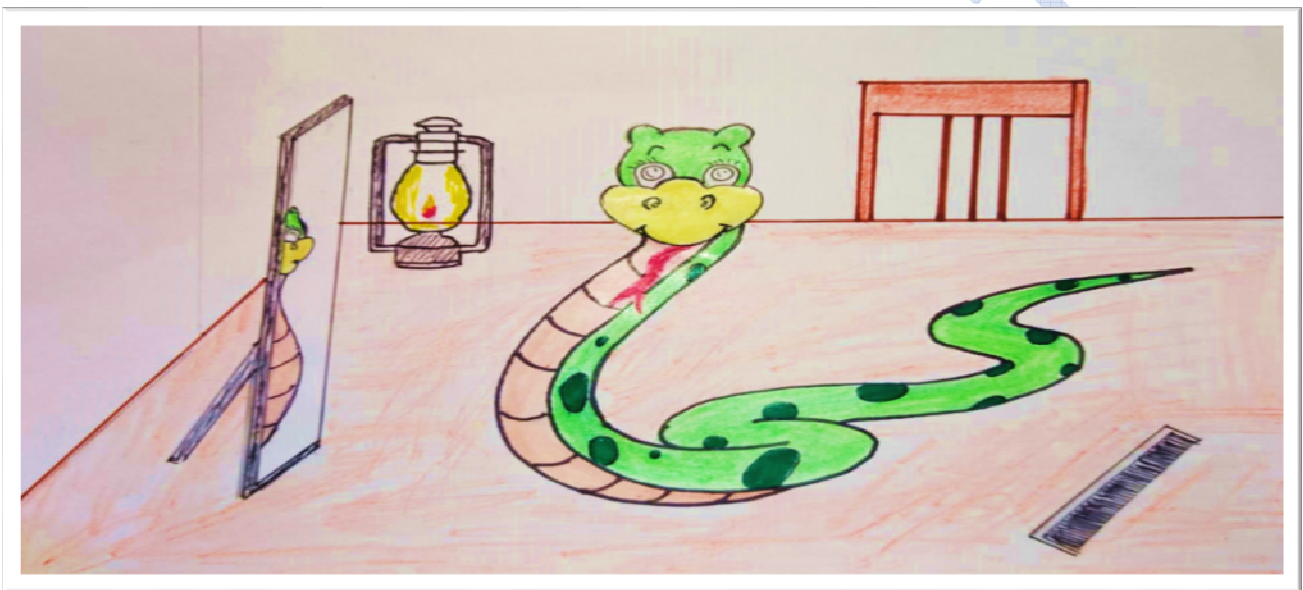
**Tactile**  
 Describes what we touch or feel

**Gustatory**  
 Describes what we taste

**(8) There are a few errors in the passage given below. They are given in bold letters. Edit the passage.**

'The Snake and the Mirror' is a short story about a doctor **whom** (a) had only recently commenced his practice. He was a bachelor and was living **on** (b) a small rented house. One hot summer night, he **has** (c) meals at the restaurant and returned home. He lighted the lamp and **settles** (d) on the chair. There was a mirror on the table and he often **looking** (e) at the mirror to admire his beauty.

**(9) Given below is the conversation between the doctor and one of his friends in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. Complete the conversation suitably.**



Friend: You look shocked, -----(a)-----?

Doctor: Yes, I had an unwelcome guest last night at home.

Friend: -----(b)-----?

Doctor: You won't believe, it was a snake, a big one.

Friend: Where did you find it - by the door or on the window sill?

Doctor: Not anywhere there. It landed right on my shoulder.

Friend: -----(c)-----?

Doctor: Fortunately, it didn't bite me! If I had moved, -----(d)-----

Friend: -----(e)-----?

Doctor: I ran for my life and came back only the next day.

(10) Imagine that the doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' writes a complaint letter to the police about the theft occurred in his home.

**Hints:** Homeopath - stays alone - old house - plenty of rats - cobra fell - ran for life - door open - returned next morning - all belongings looted - decided to file a complaint - take steps - get the lost belongings back

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11/8/2021

To  
The Managing Director  
Titanium Ltd  
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sub: Application for sick leave.

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I am writing this application to bring to your kind notice that I am down with high fever and stomach infection. My doctor advised me to take rest for three days.

I humbly request you to grant me leave for three days. I will be available on call if needed. The doctor's report is also attached sir.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

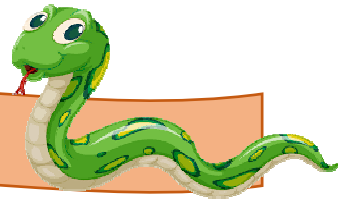
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Here is an example.



(11) Supply the missing words to the following passage:



(on, to, about, of, from)

It was a hot summer night \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ ten o' clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ my room. I heard a noise \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_ above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box \_\_\_(d)\_\_\_ matches and lighted the kerosene lamp \_\_\_(e)\_\_\_ the table.

(12) Read the conversation and fill in the blanks below:

Friend: Doctor, Is your wife very fat?

Doctor: My wife is a thin reedy person with the gift of a sprinter.

The doctor's friend asked him \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_.

The doctor replied \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_.

