

St. Mary's School, Dwarka
Holiday Homework
Class XI
Subject: English
Week 2
Worksheet 2

1. Read the following passage carefully.

Unhappiness and discontent do not spring only from poverty. Man is a strange creature, fundamentally different from other animals. He has wide horizons, invincible hopes, creative energies and spiritual powers. If they are left undeveloped and unsatisfied, he may have all the comforts which wealth can give, but will still feel that life is not worthwhile. The great humanist writers, Shaw and Wells, Arnold Bennett and Galsworthy, who are regarded as the prophets of the dawn, expose the foibles, inconsistencies and weaknesses of modern life, but they ignore the deeper currents and sometimes misinterpret them. At any rate, they give nothing in their place. In the void left by the removal of tradition, morality and religion, vague sentiments of race and power are put in. The modern mind is shaped by Rousseau's 'Social Contract', Marx's 'Capital', Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' and Spengler's 'The Decline of the West'. The outward chaos and confusion of our life reflect the confusion of our hearts and minds. Plato said that, "constitutions are nothing but the reflections in the outside world of the values which prevail in men's minds." There must be a change in the ideals we cherish, in the values we adopt, before we can give social expression to them. We help to secure the future only to the extent to which we ourselves are changed. What is missing in our age is the soul; there is nothing wrong with the body. We suffer from sickness of spirit. We must discover our roots in the eternal and regain faith in the transcendent truth which will order life, discipline discordant elements, and bring unity and purpose into it. If not, when the floods come and the winds blow and beat upon our house, it will fall.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the questions that follow: (0.5x5=2.5)

(a) According to the author, in what respect is man different from other animals?

- i. in power of speech and action
- ii. in hopes, creative energies and spiritual powers
- iii. in the instinct of gregariousness
- iv. in money and material

(b) The author implies that the humanist writers have ignored _____.

- i. the spiritual side of life
- ii. cultural progress
- iii. material welfare
- iv. commerce and trade

(c) What are religion and morality being replaced with?

- 1. trade and commerce
- 2. art and literature
- 3. vague sentiments of race and power

- i. 1 only
- ii. 2 only

- iii. 3 only
- iv. 1 and 2

(d) What is missing in our age?

- i. money and material
- ii. poverty and hunger
- iii. intellectual development
- iv. spiritual elevation

(e) The author implies that if the soul is not regained _____.

- i. the earth would be flooded and all species will be extinct
- ii. the earth will overturn and humanity will be annihilated
- iii. even our material progress will be jeopardised
- iv. the society will be ruined, thereby leaving the world to flora and fauna

2. You are Geeta, the Secretary of Loreto Convent School, Delhi Cantt. Your school's Literary Association is going to organise an event 'Book-a-thon' for the students of classes IX-XII. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the same and inviting them to participate in it. Include all the necessary details.

(2)

3. As an educated citizen you are pained to see the physical health of youngsters deteriorating due to an unhealthy lifestyle. Make a poster reflecting your concern.

(2)

4. Choose the most suitable option to complete the following conversations.

(0.5X5=2.5)

(a) Stan: Where did you live when you were younger?

Bill: My grandparents basically _____ because both my parents worked really hard.

- i. brought me up
- ii. sent me to
- iii. moved me into
- iv. took me out

(b) Peggy: I love this tune, it's awesome.

Sammy: I've never _____ rock music because I prefer pop and disco.

- i. turned into
- ii. was up to
- iii. headed over
- iv. been into

(c) Student: This equation seems very easy to me. Have I got it wrong?

Teacher: No, you're _____. It's quite simple once you understand it.

- i. pimple up
- ii. spot on
- iii. mark down
- iv. dot in

(d) Mother: Are you going out later?

Daughter: I haven't ____ yet but I think I might.

- i. minded
- ii. made up
- iii. decided
- iv. had a choice

(e) James: That doesn't look very appetizing.

Dwaine: If ____ hadn't played football for so long, my dinner wouldn't be cold now.

- i. only I
- ii. I wish
- iii. I just
- iv. had I

5. Describe Megan's daily routine in the kitchen by filling in the blanks with the correct form the words from the given options. (0.5x5=2.5)

Megan (a) ____ materials like water, sugar, tea, milk, fruits, vegetables, food grains, etc. in her kitchen daily. She (b) ____ the skin of fruits like banana, oranges, apples, etc. before serving them. She (c) ____ useful components from useless ones. She separates pebbles from grains that get mixed during the harvesting. So, she (d) ____ on the principle that separation of substances (e) ____ necessary to get useful components.

(a)

- i. use
- ii. uses
- iii. does use
- iv. will use

(b)

- i. peels
- ii. peeled
- iii. is peeling
- iv. shall peel

(c)

- i. segregates
- ii. segregated
- iii. segregate
- iv. has segregated

(d)

- i. work
- ii. works
- iii. is working
- iv. has worked

(e)

- i. be
- ii. was
- iii. been
- iv. is

6. Read the following snippets and answer the questions that follow.

(0.5x5=2.5)

(a) In a writing career that spanned more than half a century, Agatha Christie wrote 79 novel and short stories.

What is the meaning of the word '**spanned**' as used in the above snippet?

- i. spin over
- ii. triviality
- iii. extended over
- iv. consequence

(b) In 1961, tremors began to disturb the islanders. Then, a volcanic eruption forced the evacuation of the entire population. They were housed at a camp near Southampton.

What is the meaning of the word '**evacuation**' as used in the above snippet?

- i. voyage
- ii. mass departure
- iii. trek
- iv. expedition

(c) "The Times has had an excellent reputation for over 200 years," said its editor, who has been working for the paper since 1980, "and now we are trying our best to continue that tradition in order to produce a newspaper for the twenty-first century."

What is the meaning of the word '**tradition**' as used in the above snippet?

- i. convention
- ii. innovation
- iii. modernization
- iv. advancement

(d) I don't always agree with the opinion stated on the editorial page, but it's good to know how other people feel about items in the news.

What is the meaning of the word '**opinion**' as used in the above snippet?

- i. significance
- ii. importance
- iii. view/belief
- iv. outcome

(e) The joy of our daughter looking through the window to see the familiar surroundings covered with a blanketed of untouched white snow was so exciting that we couldn't resist the temptation to take the journey north into the mountains.

Which of the following words is **not similar** in meaning to '**temptation**'?

- i. enticement
- ii. limitation
- iii. appeal

iv. inducement

7. You are Jiya Singh, living at 4, Defence Colony, Allahabad. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily about the burden of the heavy bags that young children carry to school. Also suggest some solutions to tackle this issue. (Word limit: 120) (3)

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

(0.5x5=2.5)

(a) Butterflies are abundant _____ the Central African Republic.

(b) It _____ home to nearly 600 identified species.

(c) Many butterflies are brilliantly coloured and small _____ some are as big as saucers.

(d) Farmer Philippe _____ solace in collecting butterfly wings from his fields and turning them into works of art.

(e) His favourite hobby, since his childhood, is _____ butterflies.

(a)

- i. in
- ii. from
- iii. for
- iv. into

(b)

- i. has
- ii. is
- iii. was
- iv. are

(c)

- i. if
- ii. therefore
- iii. so
- iv. while

(d)

- i. find
- ii. to find
- iii. finding
- iv. finds

(e)

- i. catch
- ii. caught
- iii. catching
- iv. has been catching

9. Complete the following.

(0.5x 5=2.5)

(a) He said, "I like this song."

He said that _____.

(b) "Where is your sister?" she asked me.

She asked me _____.

(c) "I don't speak Italian," she said.

She said that _____.

(d) "Say hello to Jim," they said.

They asked me _____.

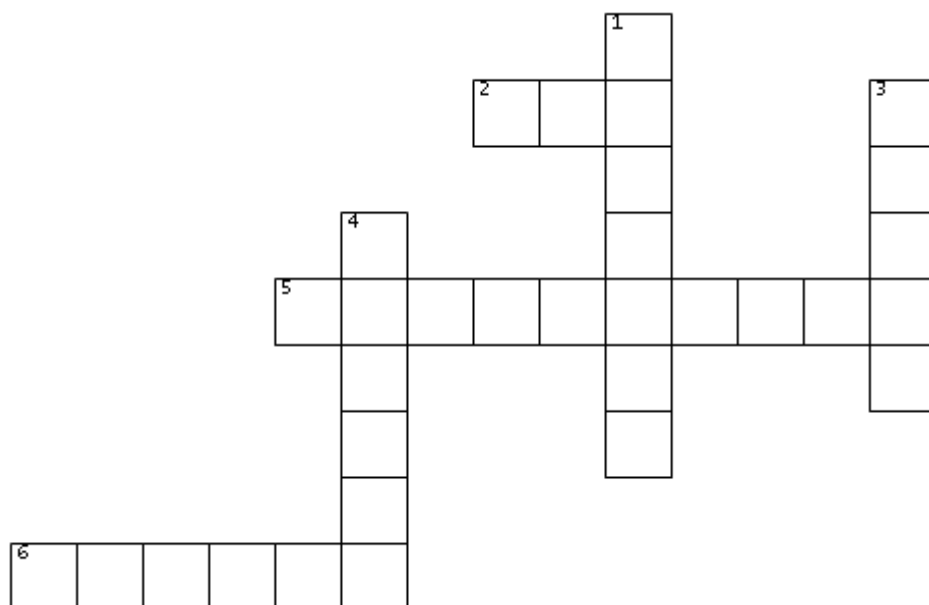
(e) She said to Mike, "Can you please lend me your book for a day?"

She requested Mike _____.

10. Complete the following puzzle using the hints given below.

(0.5x6=3)

We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together (Hornbill)



ACROSS

2. name of the young girl

5. author's ship

6. a small boat for recreation or racing, especially an open boat with a mast and sails

DOWN

1. an instrument used for measuring the angular distances between objects and especially for taking altitudes in navigation and surveying

3. American crewman

4. an international radio distress signal used by ships and aircrafts