

BRAIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

English Revision Sheet

Class: VIII

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Literature

Q.1. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

a. *The worm, aware of his intent,
Harangued him thus right eloquent:
"Did you admire my lamp," quoth he,
"As much as I your minstrelsy,
You would abhor to do me wrong,
As much as I to spoil your song,
For 'twas the self-same power divine
Taught you to sing, and me to shine.*

- (i) What does the Glow-worm's response reflect?
- (ii) What is the primary tone of the Glow-worm's speech in this stanza?
- a) Fearful and submissive
b) Persuasive and logical
c) Angry and confrontational
d) Humble and apologetic
- (iii) Pen down one poetic device used in the above stanza.

b. *The Rocket was very damp, so he took a long time to burn. At last, however, the fire caught him. 'Now I am going off!' he cried, and he made himself very stiff and straight. I know I shall go much higher than the stars, much higher than the moon, much higher than the sun. In fact, I shall go so high that —*

' Fizz! Fizz! Fizz! and he went straight up into the air.

'Delightful!' he cried; I shall go on like this for ever.

What a success I am!'

But nobody saw him. Not even the boys. They were fast asleep.

- (i) What does the Rocket's statement, "I shall go on like this for ever," indicate about his character?
- a) His inflated sense of invincibility and self-importance
b) His belief in his unique purpose despite external indifference
c) His fear of losing relevance once his moment is over
d) His longing to outshine moon and stars.
- (ii) What is ironic about the Rocket declaring himself a success?
- (iii) What theme does Wilde convey through the Rocket's failure to be noticed?

Q.2. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words.

- a. In '*The Nightingale and the Glow-worm*,' how does the Glow-worm justify its existence and persuade the Nightingale to spare its life?

- b. Analyse how Vera's imaginative storytelling in 'The Open Window' contributes to creating an unexpected twist in the plot.
- c. What does the podcast Journey to the Sundarbans intimate about Royal Bengal tigers.
- d. In 'The Way Through the Woods', how does Kipling use the imagery of the vanished road to evoke a sense of mystery?
- e. Assess the role of the printing press as described in 'From Storytelling to Film-making,' and explain its impact on storytelling.
- f. How does George Bernard Shaw use humour and satire in 'A Comedy of Manners' to critique societal norms?

Q.3. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words.

- a. "Each creature serves a purpose, and harmony lies in understanding this truth." Using this perspective, discuss how the contrasting traits of the Nightingale and the Glow-worm in 'The Nightingale and the Glow-worm' emphasize the poem's moral about mutual respect and coexistence.
- b. In 'A Remarkable Rocket,' how does Oscar Wilde use satire to expose the flaws of arrogance and the need for humility? Quote example for the same.
- c. Explore the philosophical message in 'The Human Seasons'. How does Keats use metaphors to portray the inevitability of life's progression?
- d. In The Way Through the Woods, analyze how Kipling contrasts the past and present to highlight the themes of loss and change.

Grammar

Q1. Change the voice of the following sentences.

- i) Let the dish be made by you.
- ii) Taruna is throwing a bachelorette party for her friend.
- iii) Sachin had been ignored by Ishika badly.
- iv) The class monitor scolded the class when the teacher was out.

Q2. Convert the sentences into indirect speech:

- i) Tarun said, "I had done my entire task."
- ii) I told my friends, "I will be planting a new plant in the park tomorrow."
- iii) Mahesh said, "Do you have any objection to my proposal?"
- iv) Lalita said to Mona, "Concentrate on your studies if you want to pass."

Q3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the bracket.

- i) Reema and Manju _____ buying clothes online. (prefers/prefer)
- ii) None of these ladies _____ up when it comes to traditional parties. (shows/show)
- iii) Whether Ranjan or Dimple _____ responsible for the accident. (was/were)
- iv) The number of children attending the party _____. (is/are)

Q4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate conjunctions.

- i) You won't succeed _____ you put in the necessary effort.
- ii) The debate was _____ engaging _____ thought-provoking.
- iii) The teacher was strict, _____ the students admired her.
- iv) _____ she was unprepared, she managed to give an impressive presentation.

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs out of the verbs given in the brackets.

- i) They debated the topic _____ (fierce), refusing to back down from their positions.
- ii) The project was completed _____ (efficient) despite limited resources.
- iii) He approached the problem _____ (methodical) to ensure accuracy.
- iv) Aksh is a (trouble) child. He can't stay at one place for too long.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with articles.

As she approached _____ entrance, she noticed _____ unusual carving on _____ stone wall. It depicted _____ figure holding _____ mysterious object. She carefully examined _____ area, knowing she was about to uncover _____ secret that had remained hidden for centuries.

Writing Skills

Q1. Write a debate for or against the motion on the topic, 'Are fitness apps and gadgets creating unnecessary pressure on people?' in about 120-150 words.

Q2. Write a speech on the topic, 'The Benefits of Learning Multiple Languages' in about 120-150 words.