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Class: 7

Worksheet - 1

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Section A (Reading)

1. Read the passage and answer the following.

We have been brought up to fear insects. We regard them as unnecessary creatures that do more harm than good. Man continuously wages war on them, for they contaminate his food, carry diseases or devour his crops. They sting or bite without provocation, they fly uninvited into our rooms on summer nights, or beat against our lighted windows. We live in dread not only of unpleasant insects like spiders or wasps, but of quite harmless ones like moths. Reading about them increases our understanding without *dispelling* our fears. Knowing that the industrious ants live in a highly organized society does not prevent us from being filled with revulsion when we find hordes of them crawling over a carefully prepared picnic lunch. No matter how much we like honey, or how much we have read of the uncanny sense of direction which bees possess, we have a horror of being stung. Most of our fears are unreasonable, but they are difficult to erase. At the same time, however, insects are strangely fascinating. We enjoy reading about them, especially when we find that like the Praying Mantis, they lead perfectly horrible lives. We enjoy staring at them, entranced as they go about their business, unaware -we hope – of our presence. Who has not stood in awe at the sight of a spider *pouncing* on a fly, or a column of ants triumphantly carrying home an enormous dead beetle?

Last summer, I spent many days in the garden watching thousands of ants crawling up the trunk of my prized peach tree. The tree has grown against a warm wall on a sheltered side of the house. I am especially proud of it, not only because it has survived several severe winters, but because it occasionally produces luscious peaches. During the summer I noticed that the leaves of the tree had begun to wither. Clusters of tiny insects called Aphids were to be found on the underside of the leaves. They were visited by a large column of ants which obtained a sort of honey from them. I immediately embarked on an experiment which, even though it failed to get rid of the ants, kept me fascinated for twenty-four hours. I bound the base of the tree with sticky tape, making it impossible for the ants to reach the Aphids. The tape was so sticky that they did not dare to cross it. For a long time, I watched them scurrying around the base of the tree in bewilderment. I even went out at midnight with a torch and noted with satisfaction and surprise that the ants were still swarming around the sticky tape without being able to do anything about it. I got up early next morning to find the ants were climbing up the wall of the house and then on to the leaves of the tree. I realized sadly that I had been completely defeated by their *ingenuity*. The ants had been quick to find an answer to my thoroughly unscientific methods.

a) Three words or phrases are given below. Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answer or short phrases will be accepted.

- a. Dispelling
- b. Pouncing
- c. Ingenuity

(b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- a. What is our attitude towards insects?
- b. Why does man try to exterminate insects?
- c. Why does the writer say that knowing about insects does not make man change his attitude towards insects?
- d. What was the reason that the leaves of the tree were beginning to wither in summer?
- e. What did the writer do to prevent the ants from reaching the Aphids? Was it successful?

2. Read the passage and answer the following.

Why is it easy to form bad habits, and so hard to form good ones? The reason is plain. Our natural inclination is to take the line of least resistance. It requires at first a distinct effort to take the more of two possible courses of action. For instance, it is easier to lie in bed on a cold morning than to get up early. It is easier to tell a lie than to own up and take the punishment for a fault. It is easier to put off today's duties to tomorrow than to do them at the right time. Now a habit is formed by repetition. Every time we yield to temptation, makes it easier to yield, and harder to resist the next time. So we form the habits of laziness, lying and unpunctuality.

Happily, good habits are formed in the same way. The forming of them calls for effort and determination at first, but every time we resist temptation and do what is in the long run wise and good, we make the next struggle less severe. At last, we form a good habit which would be hard to break even if we wanted to break it. Get into the habit of early rising and you will not want to lie in bed like a lazybones. Get into the habit the truth, and you will find it really hard to tell a lie. Get into the habit of doing today's work today and you will feel uncomfortable if you have to put anything off till tomorrow.

Habit forming is very important, for character is simply a bundle of habits. If we form good habits we build up a good character, if we form bad habits we form a bad character.

A. Answer the following:

- a) What is character made of?
- b) What determines good character?
- c) Write from the passage phrases that mean:
 - i) Postpone
 - ii) With regard to the distant future
- d) What should we do when we are faced with temptation?

- e) Write from the passage any to bad habits mentioned and their corresponding good counterparts.

SECTION B (Writing & grammar)

3. Write a letter to your friend explaining your summer vacation plans.

4. Complete the story

“Marcus, it’s time for you to get up!” my mom called as she pounded on my bedroom door. I looked at the clock on my dresser. It was six in the morning, and I was very grumpy. I stayed up late writing a book report last night and I did not go to sleep until midnight. “Okay Mom, I’ll be out in a minute,” I said. I got out of my bed and took a quick shower. I got dressed and packed my books into my backpack. “Marcus, you are going to be late!” Mom yelled up the stairs. “I’m coming!” I yelled back. I hurried down the stairs. Mom handed me a banana and a bagged lunch as I walked out the door. As I was walking to the bus stop, I spotted a green piece of paper ahead of me on the sidewalk. When I reached it, I picked it up and realized that it was a twenty dollar bill! I looked around to see if any of my neighbors were outside. There was no one in sight.....

5. Punctuate correctly.

- a. Mr West said, "I am very tired".
- b. He said, "I am flying to Rome tomorrow",
- c. George said, "I have lived in this village all my life"
- d. Peter said to me "I can't go out with you because I am not feeling well".
- e. Helen said to me, "I hope you have enjoyed yourself"
- f. She said, "I have been to Paris many times"

6. Insert quotation marks.

- a. He said he will answer the phone for me.
- b. She said she printed that report 3 times.
- c. The manager said he will give us a rise.
- d. He told the employees arrive earlier.
- e. She told me write more clearly.

7. Choose the correct verb forms to fill in the blanks.

- a. The kangaroo always _____ (carry) its baby.
- b. My friend _____ (talk) a lot every day.
- c. The man _____ (drive) to the supermarket last weekend.
- d. My brothers _____ (leave) for England last week.
- e. My sisters _____ (leave) for England every year in June.
- f. The cat usually _____ (leave) its basket when it is hungry.
- g. The policeman _____ (talk) to the burglar yesterday.
- h. _____ (you /have) a test last week?

8. Identify the errors and correct the sentence.

- a. She has spoken on this topic when she was 24.
- b. Have your sister bought this bicycle last week?
- c. I worked in this office since I was 18.
- d. Did you gone to India last year?
- e. My aunty has come home two weeks before.

Section C (Literature)

9. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

“What will I do if I have a nightmare?”

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. Who is the listener?
- c. What was the replay of the listener?
- d. Why she is worried?

10. Answer any four of the following.

- a. Why do you think the little girl was scared of her father?
- b. Why did Mr. Holmes visit Mr. Wilson’s house?
- c. What does the man mean when he says “that is life”?
- d. Who tried to save the sparrow? Who did not care about it?
- e. Who set up Read Headed League? Why?

11. Answer any two of the following.

- a. What would have you done if it was you not Hira Lal who had seen a little bird trapped?
- b. Have you ever happened to change your perspective about anyone or anything?
Explain.
- c. Have you ever cheated by anyone? Describe your thoughts and feelings on learning the truth.

12. Answer any two of the following.

- a. Why do you think memories are important?
- b. What can be the advantages and disadvantages of sameness in the community?
- c. Would you like your future profession to be decided by others? Why or Why not?