



<b>Grade :IX</b>	<b>Subject: ENGLISH</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Name :</b>	<b>Practice Worksheet EMPOWER-II</b>	<b>Syllabus(Entire Book) BOOK: MOMENTS &amp; BEEHIVE GRAMMAR: Editing &amp; Omissions Active &amp; Passive, Reported Speech Story Writing Article Writing Notice Writing Speech Diary Entry Formal and Informal Letter Bio-Sketch.</b>

## SECTION A- READING

**Q1. Read the given passage carefully.**

1. At Hardwar, the first thing that hits the eye, is the presence of the Ganga. It certainly appears to be a big river. But look around and away from the water and the second thing that will strike the eye, is the amount of constructions on the riverside and the ghats. There are bridges, pillars, staircases that seem to lead to nowhere in particular and some of them even seem to stick out of the river water for no discernible reason! The third thing is the ads for vests and briefs. It seems almost mandatory, like a dip in the river.

2. To take a dip in the river hang on to the chains that have been fixed to the stairs, duck and pray that the slush beneath your feet does not make you lose your balance. That is the holy dip taken by 98% of visitors, in a nutshell.

3. But I am one of the two percent who travel further upriver and camp on white beaches. I go to sleep in a tent listening to the tinkle of the river. Next morning, along with a few other campers, we prepare to hand over our lives to rubber dinghies, paddle muscles and river guides, in a bid to enjoy the white water rafting sport on the Ganga. White water rafting one of the most religious and extreme sports around, specially when you encounter one of the rapids on the course. Then it seems the river wants to convey a message. She does not respect you too much and seems to tell you that she has complete power over you.

**Read the questions given below and answer them accordingly:**

- (a) What are the things that you notice one you turn away from the sight of the river Ganges at Hardwar?
- (b) Why are chains fixed to the stairs?
- (c) How do 98% of visitors take a dip in the Holy Ganges?
- (d) “Seems to tell you that she has complete power over you” – Explain the phrase in detail
- (e) Which word in the passage means “*visible or noticeable*”

**Q (2) Read the passage carefully:**

Nobody knows why we sleep, but we all need to. There are no rules about how much sleep is necessary but the average adult sleeps for 7 hours. About 8% of adults are happy with 5 hours or less and 4% want 10 hours or more. Babies need between 14 to 18 hours whereas the elderly need less than they did when young but often take a nap during the day. If you miss a couple of hours of sleep, no harm is done. You may feel tired and irritable the next day but the body soon makes up for the loss. If you try to stay awake night after night however, you soon begin to behave strangely. You lose the ability to concentrate and your judgment is impaired. You begin to imagine strange things and your behavior becomes deranged. There are a number of causes for sleeplessness - worry, depression, illness & pain, noise and light room temperature etc.

**Read the questions given below and answer appropriately.**

- a. How much sleep does an average adult need?
- b. What happens if you stay awake night after night?
- c. What according to the passage are the causes of sleeplessness?
- d. Find out the word in the passage that means the same as: “*to become mad*”

### **SECTION B-(WRITING & GRAMMAR)**

**Q.3.** You have recently attended a Crafts Mela in Ahmedabad. There were stalls selling crafts from all over India. There were food stalls, too, selling food from different states. Write a *letter in about 120 words* to your friend describing the Crafts Mela and your experience. Tell him/her why such Fairs and Events are useful. You are Sudha / Sudhanshu of 25, Shivam Park, Vastral. (*You may include: - • How many stalls you visited. • Type of handicrafts they were selling. • Various food stalls and what you ate / liked/ disliked. • Crowd.*)

**Q 4.** You wish to express your views in an *Inter House Speech Contest* that you are to take part in. The topic of the *Speech Contest* is, ‘Violent Video Games should be banned’. Write your views in a minimum of 150 words. You are Arun / Aruna of Holy Christ Public School, Gwalior.

**Q5.** You are Ronit / Ronita, Cultural Captain of Students' Council of Sacred Heart School, Jamshedpur. The school has invited Prof. M. Reddy, an eminent Scientist from I.I.T Kanpur to deliver a lecture on ‘Nuclear Science for the students of XI & XII Science. **Draft a notice** supplying suitable information and details of the programme within 50 words.

**Q6.** Given below are some details of the famous Booker prize winner and social activist Arundhati Roy. Using these details write a short description of her for your school magazine. (**BIO –SKETCH**)

Arundhati Roy: - Famous Indian writer .Born: - 24<sup>th</sup> November 1961. Mother: - Keralite Father - Bengali .Childhood- In Aynaman in Kerala. Schooling: Corpus Christi, Kottayam & then Lawrence School, Tamilnadu. Higher Studies: - At the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi. Contribution: Written various social and environmental & political issues, 2 Screen plays and several collections of Essays. She also played the role of a village girl in the award winning movies Massey Sahib. 1997 - Won the Booker prize for her novel The God of Small Things. Now a Social activist and a freelance columnist.

**Q7.** Recently your colony has witnessed and suffered from bad smell emitting from the undisposed garbage. As secretary of the 'Residents Welfare Association'. **Write a letter** to the **Commissioner of Municipal Corporation** highlighting the problem and suggesting ways to solve the issue.

**Q8.** It was around 10 o'clock in the night. It was raining very heavily outside. I was in my room finishing off the daily assignments. Suddenly the lights went out. ----- In about 120 words **write a story** using your own ideas. You could use some of the phrases given below:-

*“jumped in fright”, “disappeared in a flash”, “screamed in terror”, “scared the daylight out of me”, “touched something eerie”.*

**Q9.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

Example – A trader asked a sailor, “Where was your father die?” was did

- a) “My father’s ship was catching in a a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) storm and he drowned at the sea. “where did his grandfathers die? “The sailor was b) \_\_\_\_\_  
again asked.
- c) “His ship were trapped in a storm c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) to and he also perished in sea.” d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) “Aren’t he afraid of the sea?” e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) The sailor retorted, “where was f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) “Where did your grandfather dead?” He also died in bed”. “Aren’t g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) you afraid to going to bed every night where yours father and grandfather died?” h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q10. Fill in the blanks with choosing the correct options from the bracket.**

Symphony Public School organized (a) \_\_\_\_\_(a, an, the , same) workshop (b) \_\_\_\_\_(on, with, by, in) drawing painting recently. Representatives (c) \_\_\_\_\_(from, with, by, in) the institute (d) \_\_\_\_\_(gave, give, has given, had given) presentations (e) \_\_\_\_\_(in, on with, by) various courses offered and tips for better painting. (f) \_\_\_\_\_(many, more, some, all) students from neighbouring schools attended (g) \_\_\_\_\_(the, a, an, that) workshop and (h) \_\_\_\_\_(learnt, has learnt, had learnt, learn) useful tips.

**Q.11. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words coming before and after that word. The first one has been done for you.**

- a) They reached the dam / nine. a) dam at nine
- b) In the morning stopped in the Garden near dam and left b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Their food in rest room c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) In the garden there several d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) beehives. The boys girls had e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) their tea and went to the dam. They the sight. f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Suddenly there lightning and g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) it began rain heavily h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q12. Complete the following paragraph by filling in each blank with an appropriate word so as to make it completely meaningful. Write the answer in your answer books against the correct blank numbers:-**

On 10th November, 1910 Leo Tolstoy suddenly decided to renounce (a) \_\_\_\_\_(his, the, a) home. He was accompanied (b) \_\_\_\_\_(by, with, to ) his daughter (c) \_\_\_\_\_(or, and, by) his doctor. He left his house (d)\_\_\_\_\_ (at, in, on) the middle of the night. He reached next day (e) \_\_\_\_\_(the, a, to ) monastery of Uptina and spent the night there writing (f) \_\_\_\_\_(a, an, the ) article. On 12th Nov he reached the convent where his sister Marie had been staying as a Nun. He (g) \_\_\_\_\_(told, asked, met) his sister that he (h) \_\_\_\_\_(will, would, may) like to live in the convent if no pressure was used.

**Q13. Read the following instructions and complete the paragraph with the correct options**

• Don't leave valuables inside your vehicles. • Don't display large sums of cash in public  
• Don't touch any unidentified object. • Don't get distracted by unknown people. • Don't take unnecessary help from unknown people. Make your city safe and secure by following certain instructions.

No valuables (a) \_\_\_\_\_inside the vehicles. While withdrawing or carrying cash, it b) \_\_\_\_\_in public. If we find some unidentified object lying in the market, it (c) \_\_\_\_\_. In case help is offered to us by unknown people, we (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Options :- a) ( i) are left (iii) may be left (ii) should be left (iv) must be left b) ( i) should not be displayed (iii) are to be displayed (ii) are displayed (iv) must be displayed c) ( i) is not touched (iii) should not be touched (ii)is not to be touched (iv) must not be touched d) ( i) should not get distracted (iii) have to be distracted (ii) are not be distracted (iv) must not get distracted**

**Q14. Read the following conversation carefully. Complete the report given below with the most appropriate options.**

Mother -> Dear, have you finished your work?

Daughter-> Yes, Mom.

Mother-> Are you free now?

Daughter -> Yes mom, do you want me to do something?

Mother -> Yes, Can you help me in the kitchen for something?

Speaking to her daughter affectionately, mother (a) \_\_\_\_\_ her work. The daughter (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The mother (c) \_\_\_\_\_ free then. The daughter replied affectionately that she was free and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ do something. The mother asked her if she could help her in the kitchen for some time.

**Options:-** a) (i) *told her that she had finished.* (ii) *asked that she had finished.* (iii) *asked if she had finished.* (iv) *told I have finished.*

b) (i) *said yes mom.* (ii) *replied in affirmative.* (iii) *told that she had* (iv) *told I had finished.*

c) (i) *asked her if she was* (ii) *told that she was* (iii) *enquired that she was* (iv) *inquired whether she was*

d) (i) *asked if she wanted her to* (ii) *asked that she wanted her to* (iii) *told that she wanted her to* (iv) *Asked you wanted me to*

**Q15.** Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

(a) uppermost/soil/layer/is/earth/the/of/the

(b) it/plants/which/supports/food/provide/all living things/to/planet/on/this

(c) soil/thus/foundation/earth/life/on/of/is/the/all

### SECTION –D LITERATURE

**Q16.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,*

*And sorry I could not travel both*

*And be one traveler,*

*long I stood and looked down one as far as I could*

*To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

- Where did the road diverge?
- How many roads were there before the speaker?
- Write the noun form of 'diverge'.
- What was the speaker looking for in one path?

**Q17.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

*The previous year, Albert's parents had moved to Milan, and left their son with relatives. After prolonged discussion, Einstein got his wish to continue his education in German speaking Switzerland, in a city which was more liberal than Munich. Einstein was highly gifted in mathematics and interested in physics, and after finishing school, he decided to study at a university in Zurich. But science wasn't the only thing that appealed to the dashing young man with the walrus moustache.*

- a. Where did Einstein want to continue his education?
- b. What were his favourite subjects?
- c. Write the word from the above passage which is opposite in meaning to short.
- d. Where did Albert decide to study after school?

**Q18. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each.**

- a. How did Evelyn's deafness come to light?
- b. When did the doctor feel like a foolish, weak person? Why? Write your answer in the context of The Snake and the Mirror.
- c. Why do countries engage in wars and to what effect? Write your answer in the context of poem No Men Are Foreign.
- d. What type of life did Mahendra lead?
- e. Why does Zan break down in tears after the fire?
- f. How did Sergei react when the beggar lied about his identity?

**Q19. Answer the following question in about 80-100 words**

- a. Can the company of an animal give undiluted pleasure to a human being? Give some examples from the story.
- b. Holy rivers are polluted by human beings. What according to you pollutes a holy river? Comment with reference to Bagmati river in Kathmandu.
- c. When the child got lost in the fair a stranger helped him and tried to solve his problem, what do you feel about the behavior of the stranger?
- d. Write the character-sketch of Behrman.
- e. If Lushkoff was not a willing worker then why did he agree to chop the wood for Sergei?

**Q20. Long Answer Questions:**

- a. Compare and contrast the atmosphere in and around the Baudhnath Shrine with the Pashupatinath temple.

**OR**

What makes you feel that the mother is more attached to Bruno than the other members of the family? Give reasons.

- b. Describe how Prashant reached his village after the super cyclone

**OR**

In the lesson, “**A House is Not a Home**”, the author thinks differently. But the actions of the school-mates change the author’s understanding of life and people and comfort him emotionally. Mention at least two actions.

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