



Grade: XI

Subject: English

Empower 1

Practice Worksheet

Date:

Syllabus:

Hornbill(Prose): Ch 1- The Portrait of a Lady, Ch 2- We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together, Ch-3 Discovering Tut: the Saga Continues, Ch 4- Landscape of the Soul, Ch 5- The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role

Poetry: A Photograph , The Laburnum Top, The Voice of the Rain

Snapshot(Supplementary Reader): Ch 1- The Summer of Beautiful White Horse, Ch 2- The Address Ch 3- Ranga's Marriage, Ch 4-Albert Einstein At School, Ch 5 Mother's Day

Integrated Grammar: Editing, Omission , Fill in the Blanks , Reordering the words

Writing Task: Business Letter, Formal Letter (Editor), Notice Writing, Article Writing, Note Making
Reading Comprehension Passage

Q1.(a) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Food delivery is a segment with innumerable market opportunities and is considered as a profitable segment to invest at the moment. Zomato, an online restaurant directory and food ordering company, has decided to spruce up its delivery process by seizing the opportunity of the growing food delivery segment. It has made strategic investments in Gurgaon-based Pickingo, and Mumbai-based Grab. Grab, a food logistics firm, was founded by Jignesh Patel, Nishant Vora and Pratish Sanghvi in 2012. Oliphans Capital has invested \$1 million in the company along with an independent investor Haresh Chawla. Pickingo is a B-2-B on-demand hyperlocal start up. It raised \$1.3 million from Orios Venture partners headed by Rehan Yar Khan. Both these companies are providers of hyper local delivery service. Zomato's investment will enable restaurants to provide last-mile delivery including dine-in-only restaurant that don't otherwise deliver. Apart from these companies, Zomato has also partnered with digital commerce focused logistics venture, Delhivery. The partnership with Zomato has enabled Delhivery to enter the hyperlocal delivery segment. Deepinder Goyal, Founder and CEO of Zomato, says, "We have unequivocally the largest restaurant base in India and we will work closely with Pickingo, Grab, and Delhivery to improve the last-mile delivery experience for users placing orders online on Zomato. So far, restaurants have been delivering on their own, but with this partnership, we will also be able to target restaurants across the country that doesn't otherwise deliver. We are also launching our online ordering service in Dubai, Australia, and South Africa. Along similar lines, we are also in conversation with hyper local logistics firms in other countries to ensure that we are able to provide a seamless and quality experience to our users there." Rahul Gill, Co-founder and CEO of Pickingo, says "This investment will not just infuse funds into the company but will also allow us to scale rapidly with Zomato's online ordering business, while also leveraging Zomato's strong relationship with restaurants across the country. We have already started working together to deliver from selected restaurants in New Delhi, and we look forward to taking this partnership further." According to Pratish Sanghvi, Co-founder and Director of Grab, "last-mile logistics is a challenge for most merchants across India, especially restaurants, and the company views this investment as a great opportunity to solve this problem using technology along with Zomato. Zomato is making strides to move from being a search and discovery portal to a platform offering technology that helps merchants connect more effectively with customers with the launch of online ordering, cashless payments, soon to be launched table reservations, and a point of sale system." Sahil Barua, Founder & CEO of Delhi very, says "The food-tech space in India is heating up, and we're excited about this partnership with Zomato. Delivery logistics for restaurants have always been a challenge, and we believe the technology-first approach will help simplify operations for them, as well as enrich customer experiences." Over the past years, Zomato has expanded its reach into global markets. It has acquired nine more companies with the aim of expanding its market in the restaurant search space. One such company is Urban spoon, which has helped Zomato to occupy a dominant position in overseas market in Australia, Canada and the United States.

Based on your reading answer the following questions:

- (a) _____ is the founder and CEO of Zomato.
- (b) What does Zomato aim to achieve by making the investments in delivery service?
- (c) The partnership with Zomato has enabled _____ to enter the hyperlocal delivery segment.
- (d) How Pickingo has benefited from Zomato's investment in it?
- (e) According to Pratish Sanghvi _____ is a challenge for most merchants across India.
- (e) Give the meanings of the words given below, as used in the passage.
 - a. unequivocal
 - b. infuse

Q1.(b) Read the passage carefully.

(1) Fashion is a force—a powerful force of constantly altering patterns of change and growth. Its constant movement affects the fate of the designers and manufacturers, who distribute it and of course, the lives of the consumers, who follow what it dictates. All of its facets taken together add up to a multimillion dollar industry. Fashion today means mega bucks.

(2) Fashion is also a science. It involves known facts and basic principles, and its actions and reaction can be predicted as these are based on those facts and principles. Fashion is one of those distinct and unique trades that is highly dependent on the environment and the changes that are continuously taking place in it.

(3) For one to make it to the top in the fashion business and stay there, one has to continue to discover and innovate to fulfil the needs and wants of the customers. For this, most of the top designers such as Yves Saint Laurent, Karl Lagerfeld, Claiborne, etc., all rely upon their creativity backed by years of invaluable experience. In this line of work, instinct and intuition, play a very major role.

(4) As the power of fashion to influence our lives grows, a number of misconceptions about it continue to abound. The most common of these is that the designers and the retailers dictate what the fashion will be, and force their fancies on the helpless consumers. In reality it is the consumers themselves, who dictate what the fashions will be, by either accepting or rejecting the styles and trends that are offered. They are truly, as one 'fashion guru' once said, "Variety vultures."

(5) The second misconception is that fashion acts as an influence on women only. Men today, are as much influenced by and, responsive to fashion, as women. In point of fact, the male fashion industry has been growing at a dizzying rate. Yes, there was a time when menswear was not exactly worth talking about. It was staid and unimaginative. But that does not mean that men did not dress-up according to the latest trends of the day.

(6) There were changes in Western dressing that followed the dictates of the designers and the fashionable elite trend-setters. These gave the fashion world the drainpipes in the '60s, the popular safaris in the '70s, the denims in the '80s and the ethnic wear that has caught on these days.

(7) Fashion today is more lifestyle oriented and quite practical. The modern male and female want to dress differently for office and leisure. Designers are becoming more daring, the women as well as the menfolk have a wide choice. There are different designs for every moment of a busy social schedule—from work, lunch to afternoon tea, cocktails, dinner and gala banquets.

(8) Lastly, fashion is the force that causes women to raise and lower their skirt length, straighten or fizz their hair and change from sportswear to dressy clothes. Fashion is, also that force that influences men to grow or shave off their moustaches and beards, choose wide or narrow ties and lapels and change from casual jeans into three piece suits and tuxedo. It is indeed this dynamic and varied force that adds spice and colour to our life.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.

(b) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words.

Q2. (a) You are Tarun/Tisha, a resident of 86, New Lilly Society, Gwalior. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' to share the problem faced by the society members during festival time and about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area during festivals. Suggest ways to resolve the problem.

Q2. (b) You have recently ordered for the new dresses from the Pretty Apparels showroom and are disappointed to receive a couple of defective dresses. Write a complaint letter and mention the important details to resolve the matter.

Q3.(a) You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of St. Thomas School. Draft **a notice** for your school notice board to inform the students about the Christmas carnival to be organized in your school. Mention all the details related to the event in the notice.

Q3.(b) Write **an article** in about 150 words on "Importance of learning culinary art".

Q4. (a) Choose the appropriate option and fill in the blanks:

Mahendra also (a)_____ an amazing capacity to (b)_____ vegetables and cooking ingredients, seemingly out of nowhere, in the middle of a desolate landscape with no shops visible (c)_____ miles around. He would miraculously conjure up the (d)_____ delicious dishes made with fresh vegetables within an hour of arriving at the zinc-sheet shelter at the new workplace.

- (a) i. has ii. have iii. had
 (b) i. produced ii. production iii. produce
 (c) i. of ii. for iii. from
 (d) i. more ii. much iii. most

Q4. (b) There is an error in each line of the given paragraph. Rectify the error and write the incorrect word along with the correct word in your answer sheet.

	Incorrect	Correct
The prince crossed the river, and see the lanterns hanging on	(a) _____	_____
the roof of the hutment. At last he comes to the poor woman's	(b) _____	_____
house and looked in. The boy was tossing feverishly in his	(c) _____	_____
bed, and the mother had fell asleep, she was so tired.	(d) _____	_____
He peeped from the door, and laid a great ruby on the table beside the	(e) _____	_____
woman's thimble. Than he stalked gently round the bed, fanning the	(f) _____	_____
boy's forehead with his hand. "How cool I feel!" said the boy, "I must be getting better;" and he sank into a delicious slumber.		

Q4. (c) In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line (/). Write the missing word along with the word that come before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet.

	Before	Missing	After
I was thinking about this the last time we went en famille / a big trip.	(a) _____	_____	_____
It was at Easter, and we were flying / England for a week. When we	(b) _____	_____	_____
arrived / Logan Airport in Boston and were checking in, I suddenly	(c) _____	_____	_____
remembered that I / recently joined British Airways' frequent flyer	(d) _____	_____	_____
programme. I / remembered that I had put the card in the carry-on	(e) _____	_____	_____
bag / was hanging around my neck. And here's where the trouble started.	(f) _____	_____	_____

Q4. (d) Reorder the words and frame meaningful sentences.

- (i) Arunachal Pradesh /is/ Bamboo/ an/ of/ integral /part of /the life/ the people /of
 (ii) the state /are/seventy/of/ species / found/ bamboo /in
 (iii) It /and/ is/for/ houses /constructing/crafting/making/ decorations/furniture/used

Q5. Reference to Context: (any 2)

1. "It's out there in front of us."

Question:

- a. Name the chapter and the author.
 - b. Who is the speaker?
 - c. Why does the speaker say so?
 - d. What is the speaker point at in the above lines?
2. Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up
Of chitterings, and a tremor of wings, and trillings —
The whole tree trembles and thrills.

Question:

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
 - b. Who is the speaker?
 - c. Why does the speaker say so?
 - d. Give meaning of the word "sleek".
3. "The mummy is in very bad condition because of what Carter did in the 1920s."

Question:

- a. Name the chapter and the author.
- b. Who has been referred to here?
- c. Why does the speaker say so?
- d. What does the speaker mean by the word "chatterbox"?

Q6. Answer the following questions:

1. Khushwant Singh describes his grandmother like the winter landscape in the mountains. Explain.
2. Why did the head teacher at the Munich School expel Albert?
3. The poet's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?
4. Write a short note on Garoglanian tribe as described in the story.
5. Explain the concept of shanshui.
6. "Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea" Explain the given line with reference to the poem.
7. What did the villagers do when Ranga returned to the village after pursuing his higher studies in the city?
8. Draw the character sketch of uncle Khosrove.
9. Why does the author aver that the growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society?
10. What did the narrator think when she saw her mother's belongings at Mrs. Dorling's house?