



Grade X

Empower 1
Practice Worksheet

Date:

Subject: English

Syllabus:

First Flight (Prose): Ch 1- A Letter to God, Ch 2- Nelson Mandela: Long walk to freedom, Ch 3- Two Stories about Flying Part I & II, Ch 4- From the Diary of Anne Frank

Poetry: 1. Dust of Snow, 2. Fire and Ice, 3. Tiger in the Zoo, 4. How to Tell Wild Animals

Footprints without Feet: Ch 1- A Triumph of Surgery, Ch 2- The Thief's Story, Ch 3- The Midnight Visitor, Ch 4- A Question of Trust

Writing Task: Formal Letter, Notice Writing, Diary Entry, Article Writing, Report Writing

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

Reading Comprehension Passages

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A park created by a Maharaja, the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, 176 km. from Delhi and 55 km. west of Agra and the Taj Mahal, is perhaps the only habitat created by a Maharaja. Two kilometers away from Bharatpur town, the royal family of Bharatpur developed the area in the late 19th Century. The Maharaja constructed small dams for water conservation, diverted water from a nearby irrigation canal and soon thousands of water birds descended. The Maharaja, wanting to celebrate his success, invited dignitaries of British and Princely India to shoot waterfowl. The sandstone in the park records the exploitation of those days. The first recorded shoot was by Lord Curzon in 1902. In 1956, the habitat shooting reserve became a sanctuary but the shooting continued until 1964. The sanctuary was upgraded to a National Park in 1981 and renamed Keoladeo Ghana. This 29 sq. km. fresh water shallow swamp of Keoladeo Ghana with kadam, babul (*Acacia nilotica*) - ber and ficus trees has a rich aquatic vegetation, 50 species of fish, five species of amphibians, 28 species of reptiles and more than 366 species of birds (which include 32 species of birds of prey) and 27 species of animals like blackbuck, sambar, spotted deer, blue bull and 379 floral species.

The painted storks, like many other birds in Bharatpur during the monsoon, are local migrants. The highlight of the park is that it is the only known wintering area of the highly endangered central population of the Siberian cranes. Migratory birds at the park start arriving in October for wintering. That wetlands help in maintaining the freshwater flow within river systems is a known fact. In Bharatpur, the shallow aquifers of the Gangetic plain are recharged during the monsoon and from streams and wetlands in all seasons. According to a report by Wetlands International, one-third of the world's wetlands are located in Asia.

Complete the following sentences based on your reading of the passage in your own words:

- The dams for water conservation served a dual purpose for the Maharaja because.....
- The purpose of the sandstone in the park is to
- The National Park is full of
- In winter the Keoladeo Ghana is visited by the famous.....
- The word in the above paragraph that means 'growing or living in or near water' is.....
- (f) Give the meanings of the words given below, as used in the passage.
 - sanctuary
 - swamp

Q2. (a) You are Mitesh/Mita a student of Class X at Vasu Public School, Hyderabad. You have been observing the youngsters driving rashly on the roads creating problems for others to drive and also hitting elderly people and the stray cattle. Write **a letter to the editor** of a national daily to suggest ways to solve the problem and also mention the kind of action that should be taken to control such mishaps.

Q2. (b) You are the secretary of your society. Draft **a notice** for your society notice board to inform the committee members about the meeting to be conducted to discuss the issues related to the maintenance of the common garden near the society. Mention all the details related to the same in the notice.

Q3.(a) Write **an article** in about 100-120 words on “Importance of Reading Books”.

Q3.(b) You have recently attended an Annual Sports Day celebration at your school campus. Write a **report** in about 100-120 on the same.

Q3.(c) You have recently visited a museum. Make a **diary entry** to record your experience.

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

As a student, (a)_____one decides to step out of (b) _____ country for studies, it means planning (c) _____ push oneself beyond the comfort zone. It also means to live life (d)_____ an independent way. At the same time, learning to manage own finances, accommodation along with academics.

- (a) i. where ii. what iii. when
 (b) i. the ii. a iii. an
 (c) i. of ii. to iii. for
 (d) i. on ii. by iii. in

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
He was a round little man of a red face and a whole box	(a) _____	_____
of tools with dials or wires. He smiled at Nishi and gave	(b) _____	_____
her a apple, then took the system apart. Nishi had hoped	(c) _____	_____
he wouldn't knew how to put it together again, but he knew	(d) _____	_____
how to fix it and after a hour or so, there it was again,	(e) _____	_____
large and black with a big screen on which we enjoyed		
watching the cricket match.		

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
Jisha did so with a sigh. She was thinking / the old	(a) _____	_____	_____
schools they had / her grandfather's grandfather was	(b) _____	_____	_____
a little boy. All the kids / the whole neighborhood came,	(c) _____	_____	_____
laughing / shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in	(d) _____	_____	_____
the schoolroom, going home together / the end of the day.	(e) _____	_____	_____
They learned / same things, so they could help one another	(f) _____	_____	_____
with the homework and talk about it.			

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

- (i) At / twenty years/of age/ Santosh Yadav /Mt Everest/ scaled/barely
 (ii) became/ she/ the youngest / in /woman /the world/ the feat /to achieve/
 (iii) of /her/ hard work/ the culmination/ sincerity / and/ came /in 1992
 (iv) group/she/joined/ had/of/ the/ mountaineers /Aravalli

Q5. Reference to Context:

1. “On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history.”

Question:

- a. Name the chapter and the author.
 - b. Who is the speaker?
 - c. Why does the speaker say so?
 - d. Give meaning of the word “overwhelmed”.
2. He should be snarling around houses

At the jungle’s edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!

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 “terrorize”.

Q6. Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than in people?
2. “They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. “Why did the seagull’s father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?”
3. How did the rain change? What happened to Lencho’s field?
4. How does Frost present nature in this poem? The following questions may help you to think of an answer
5. Justify the title of the poem ‘How to Tell Wild Animal’.
6. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it? What did he do then?
7. What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?
8. Do you think it a significant detail in the story that Anil is a struggling writer? Does this explain his behavior in any way?
9. Anne Frank was a talkative girl. Comment.
10. Why does the narrator say, “I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota...”?