

MARIGOLD PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOLIDAY HOMEWORK
CLASS-XI
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Q1. Read the novel 'THE CANTERVILLE GHOST' and write the summary.

Q2 .Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Life on our planet earth began with the sea; it is the birth place of life on the earth. The earth is the only planet of the solar system so far known which contains plenty of water and this water has made our earth colourful, pulsating with life of a vast variety.
2. At present sea occupies about 70 per cent of the earth's surface. In the southern hemisphere it occupies more area than that in the northern. About 97 per cent of the total water on the surface of the earth is found in the seas and the remaining three percent, which is generally fresh, in lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.
3. Sea has given food and shelter to countless creatures. It is a potential source of protein. In 1900 the world population was only 150 crore(1500 million), now it is more than 560 crore and it is increasing at a very fast rate. As a result, there is terrible hunger in many parts of the world. In Africa, Asia and South America, millions of people do not get enough to eat. Many die of malnutrition. Sea, if used scientifically and judiciously, can meet most of our demands.
4. Plankton or algae mostly constitutes the plant life. Some are tiny microbes which cannot be seen with the naked eye but they are found in abundance in the sea.
5. These marine plankton form the basis of the entire sea life. Like plant plankton there are also animal plankton, the smallest living creatures of the sea. These animal plankton feed on plant plankton and small fish. Thus, there is an unbroken chain of life in the sea. Arctic and Antarctic seas abound in plankton and algae and so in fish also. Blue whales, the largest living creatures of the world, are also found here in great number.
6. Some countries have developed sea farming to a great extent. The Japanese and the Hawaiians relish eating sea plants but it is not so in other countries though some use them to feed their cattle or as manure in their fields. The fact is that sea plants contain rich nutrients not found in other vegetarian food. It is good that even in our country some scientists have developed some recipes for curries, jams etc. to be made from algae.
7. But we must remember one thing that sea is not to be exploited indiscriminately. For example, man in his greed has hunted whales and some other sea creatures so recklessly that some of their species have either become extinct or are on the verge of extinction. Now nations of the world have realised their folly and have taken some joint decisions. For example, one such decision is that the size of the holes in fishing nets should be big enough to let baby fish escape through. Otherwise, killing of large quantities of very young fish would have an adverse effect on the fish population. In the same way another decision is for the protection of blue whales.

I. Answer the following questions choosing the most appropriate options:

1. write out the correct option:

- (a) sky is the birth place of life on the earth.
- (b) Moon is the birth place of life on the earth.
- (c) sea is the birth place of life on the earth.
- (d) Land is the birth place of life on the earth.

2. Plankton or algae mostly constitutes _____.

- (a) the wild life
- (b) the human life
- (c) the sea life
- (d) the plant life

3. The size of the holes in fishing nets should be big enough to let _____.

- (a) big fish stay in
- (b) water flow out
- (c) baby fish escape through
- (d) more fish water enter

4. Sea plants contain rich nutrients not found in _____

- (a) other plants
- (b) other vegetarian food
- (c) non-vegetarian food
- (d) milk and milk products

5. Antonym of 'plenty' is _____.

- (a) little
- (b) inadequate
- (c) scarcity
- (d) minimal

II. Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Why is our earth more colourful and full of life than the other planets of the solar system?
- (b) Mention any two uses of sea.
- (c) How is man responsible for the extinction of some species of sea creatures.
- (d) Find the word from the passage which means the same:
Wisely (para 3)

Q3 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows:

Effective speaking depends on effective listening. It takes energy to concentrate on hearing and to concentrate on understanding what has been heard. Incompetent listeners fails in a number of ways. First, they may drift. Their attention drifts from what the speakers is saying. Second, they may counter. They find counter arguments to whatever a speaker may be saying.

Third, they complete. Then, they filter. They exclude from their understanding those parts of the message which do not readily fit with their own frame of reference. Finally they react. They let personal feelings about speaker or subject override the significance of the message which is being sent.

What can a listener do to be more effective. The first key to effective listening is the art of concentration. If a listener positively wishes to concentrate on receiving a message his chances of success are high.

It may need determination. Some speakers are difficult to follow, either because of voice problems, or because of the form in which they send a message. There is then a particular need for the determination of a listener to concentrate on what is being said.

Concentration is helped by alertness. Mental alertness is helped by physical alertness. It is not simply physical fitness, but also positioning of the body, the limbs and the head. Some people also find it helpful to their concentration if they hold the head slightly to one side. One useful way for achieving this is intensive note-taking, by trying to capture the critical headings and sub-headings the speaker is referring to.

Note-taking has been recommended as an aid to the listener. It also helps the speaker. It gives him confidence when he sees that listeners are sufficiently interested to take notes; the patterns of eye-contact when the note-taker looks up can be very positive; and the speaker's timing is aided- he can see when a note-taker is writing hard and can then make effective use of pauses.

Posture too is important. Consider the impact made by a less competent listener who pauses his chair backwards and slouches. An upright posture helps a listener's concentration. At the same time it is seen by the speaker to be a positive feature amongst his listeners. Effective listening skills have an impact on both the listener and the speaker.

(a) On the basis of your reading the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings.

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

Q4 (a). You are the Secretary of the History club of Vidya Mandir school. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words, informing students of a proposed visit to some important historical sites in your city.

(b) Your school is organizing a fete to collect funds for charity. Only school students are eligible to put stalls. As a Head Boy/Head Girl of your school, draft a notice in not more than 50 words to be put up announcing sale of stalls giving all necessary details.

Q5 You are Naresh/Neetu. Recently you came across a newspaper report on the burning of a young woman as her parents could not meet the dowry demands. You feel that even after 65 years of independence we have not really progressed as a nation. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, expressing your views and also giving suggestions to improve the status of women in Indian Society.

(b) You are Shamim Ansari of Valsad, Gujarat. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, Ahmedabad, about the misuse and poor maintenance of the public park in your area.

Q6 You are Anita/ Rajan. You have attended a workshop on Creative Writing for students. Many well known writers who attended the workshop interacted with the students and encouraged them. Write a report on this in about 150-200 words.

Q7 .You are Subodh , head boy of the school. Your school is celebrating 'Save Electricity Week'. You have been required to deliver a short speech on save electricity. Write a speech stressing the importance of saving electricity and making some practical suggestion for students.

Q8 You are Vinod/ Vimla. You are worried about the hike in the prices of essential commodities like gas, pulses, vegetables, etc. Write an article on this in about 150-200 words for publication in a local daily, suggesting certain steps to curb price hikes.

Q9 (a) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Thousands of people had killed in the earthquake (a) _____
In Gujarat last year. Many villages destroyed (b) _____
Completely. Now new houses being built for the (c) _____
Homeless. So far ten builders have arrested for (d) _____
Making unsafe houses. It hoped that very (e) _____
Soon life will made normal for the people there. (f) _____

(b). See here, Mr Allison, give me the break, (a) _____
Won't you. I've got to get a story or an editor will (b) _____
Fire me. Please do tell me anything about yourself. (c) _____
How did you happen to get into that work? (d) _____
Do you have some family? Please (e) _____
Do give me a answer...well, if you won't (f) _____
Talk , I'll write mine own story, but you (g) _____
May not like all of the story you'll read. (h) _____
You have few minutes left to consider my offer. (i) _____
I'll return after visiting the warden.