

St. Thomas School
WORKSHEET -1
Subject – English, Class –IX
SECTION – A READING

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

SMALL DEEDS LEAD TO BIG CHANCES

Small improvements can lead to big chances. A few flowers can change the look of a room. The efficiency of a factory, for instance, depends upon an infinite number of operations, performed properly from day to day.

Abraham Maslow, the well-known psychologist, mentioned with admiration the case of a young man who spent several years in Mexico digging deep wells to provide clean drinking water to the villages. He managed to dig only three wells, and had to spend enormous amount of time teaching the villagers to use pure water in place of contaminated water. There may have been only three wells but they gave the engineer a great feeling of achievement.

Charles Darwin has shown that, given enough time, small and gradual causes can produce large and radical changes. His last book was in fact on earthworms. He was preoccupied with the theme for forty years. He had shown that on every acre of the Chall, hills near Down, worms brought up eighteen tons of earth annually. What a stupendous achievement for the small and insignificant earthworm!

Even the dullest of men was a million times more expensive and productive than the earthworm. If men were to work in unison like the earthworms, there would be a paradise on earth in not too distant a future.

- a. How did the young man feel after he had dug three wells in the village?
- b. Why is man called more creative and productive than the earthworm?
- c. Write the adjective of 'proficiency'.
- d. Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'having no limit'.

SECTION – B WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q.2 Write an article on "How to avoid poly bags to keep the environment clean". Suggest ways in which you can make your earth more environment friendly.

Q.3. Complete the following sentences by converting the given dialogue into reported speech:

Rahul : Why are you upset?

Ravi : My mother is angry with me.

Rahul : What did you do to make her angry?

Ravi : I went to my friend's place without taking her permission.

Rahul asked Ravi (a) _____. Ravi replied that (b) _____ with him. Rahul further asked Ravi (c) _____. Ravi answered (d) _____.

Q.4. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correct word on your answer script:

	Incorrect	Correct
It can surprise many people that	(a) _____	_____
the thing like worry can be a killer.	(b) _____	_____
It have been proved by all medical researches	(c) _____	_____
that worry is a major cause for heart ailments,	(d) _____	_____
blood pressure and many other diseases.		

SECTION- C LITERATURE

Q.5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions:

Now in memory comes my mother,

As she used in years agone,

To regard the darling dreamers

Ere she left them till the dawn:

- What is the poet reminded of at this time?
- Who in particular does he remember?
- Who are the darling dreamers?
- What is the mood of the poet in these lines?

Q.6. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

- Why was Einstein's mother not in favour of his marriage with Mileva Maric?
- What is the central idea of the story of the 'Happy Prince'?