

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, RUBY PARK, KOLKATA
REVISION WORKSHEET - CLASS 7

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. Day after day for five long years, coachman Ali came to the post office early every morning and sat on the bench outside, awaiting his turn to be called to receive the letter that never came. He would often be the object of ridicule of the postmaster and the other people who assembled there but he never minded. It was his faith and tolerance that made him swallow all his insults.

2. Ali, a retired hunter, had just one child, Miriam. Five years ago, Miriam had been married to a soldier, who was posted at a remote station in Punjab. He had not heard from her since then. So he came to the post office everyday, expecting a letter from his daughter. Ali's daily ritual ended one day, when he fell ill. On his last visit to the post office, he gave a few golden guineas to one of the postmen, Lakshmi Das, with the request that Miriam's letter, whenever it came, should be put on his grave.

3. Finally the letter did arrive. In the meanwhile the postmaster's daughter, who lived far away in another town, fell ill. For days, there was no news of her. The anxious father was full of remorse. Tortured by the thought of his own misdeeds he sat by the charcoal sigri and waited impatiently for the news of his own daughter. Now he understood the pain and suffering of Ali. He immediately made up his mind to go and hand over the letter to Ali, himself so that it would give him some relief from his guilt feeling .

4. That evening, at five o' clock, there was a knock at the door. It was Ali. The postmaster immediately handed over Miriam's letter. The poor father's joy knew no end. With tears in his eyes, he held the letter to his bosom as if it was his beloved daughter, Miriam. The sight was so touching that the postmaster also broke down.

5. Next day, when Lakshmi Das came to find out the matter, he was absolutely stupefied. He informed the postmaster that Ali had died three months ago. He also told the baffled postmaster of Ali's last wish.

6. The postmaster was certain that Ali had come to him and that he had seen tears in his eyes. He also found later that the letter was still lying at the door. The same evening he and Lakshmi Das went to Ali's grave and placed the letter on it without further delay.

a. Answer the following :

- i. Why did Ali go to the post office everyday ?
- ii. What did Ali do on his last visit to the post office ?
- iii. Why was the postmaster filled with remorse ?
- iv. What information did Lakshmi Das convey to the postmaster and what did they do in the end ?

b. Find words from the passage that mean :

- i. mockery (para 1) –
- ii. formal procedure (para 2) –
- iii. repentance / regret (para 3) –
- iv. confused (para 5) –

c. Choose an appropriate option :

- i. Ali stopped visiting the post office one day because –
 - a. he had lost his faith
 - b. he felt insulted as everyone made fun of him
 - c. he fell sick
 - d. the postmaster did not allow him
- ii. The person who sat by the charcoal sigri was –
 - a. Ali
 - b. the postmaster
 - c. Lakshmi Das
 - c. Miriam

- iii. When Miriam's letter finally arrived, Ali was –
- a. hunting in the forest
 - b. waiting at the post office
 - c. in his house
 - d. in his grave

d. Complete the sentence :

Ali did not hear from his daughter since her marriage because.....

2. Read the poem carefully and complete the given summary :

The Daffodils

I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: –
A Poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company !
I gazed – and gazed – but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude ;
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.

--- by William Wordsworth.

Write your answers in the answer script against the correct blank number :

One day while wandering alone like **a.** _____, the poet William Wordsworth, came across a **b.** _____ beside a lake. The flowers were dancing in the breeze and they resembled the **c.** _____ on the milky way. They stretched in a never ending line along the bay and tossed their heads as if they were **d.** _____. They seemed to be more excited than the **e.** _____ that danced beside them. The poet couldn't help being happy in such a sprightly company. He kept gazing and gazing but hardly thought about **f.** _____ that the sight had brought to him. He realized it later when he lay **g.** _____ in his leisure or when he was lost in thoughts as they flashed upon his mind's eye and filled **h.** _____ .

3. You are Ashish / Avantika of 24 Old Gate Road, Kolkata - 5. In not more than 120 words, write a letter to the Editor, The Telegraph, 6 Prafulla Sarkar Street, Kolkata - 1, drawing attention of the authorities to the insanitary condition of the city bazaars.

4. On the basis of the given outlines, develop a readable story in not more than 150 words.

a saint sees a lion in a cage – gets sympathised – opens the cage – lion ready to kill the saint – both go to a judge – the fox – he asks the lion to show the entire incident – lion enters cage – fox shuts the cage

5. With the help of the given points write a magazine article in about 150 words on Afforestation.

growing population – establishment of industries – global warming – increase of incurable diseases – rapid soil erosion – raising awareness among common mass – saving plants

6. While returning from school you saw some young people performing street plays and doing other things in order to make people aware of the importance of literacy. Describe the incident in about 120 words.

7. Rearrange the following words to frame meaningful sentences.

- i. upon / mulberry / worms / trees / silk / feed / the / the
- ii. road / beggar / down / by / side / the / the / of / sat / the
- iii. friend's / he / more / was / welfare / in / interested / his

8. Rewrite inserting indefinite articles wherever necessary. Put a x where no article is required.

- i. What beautiful scene this is !
- ii. My cousins are coming on Saturday. I'm excited.
- iii. Everyone loves Shiv because he is honest man.
- iv. My mother received SMS from my brother just now.
- v. This is useless box. Please throw it in the dustbin.
- vi. The Eskimos make houses of snow.

9. Given below is a description of a boy called Himanshu. Complete the description by providing suitable prepositions in the blanks.

Himanshu hails (a) _____ a small town in Himachal Pradesh. From early childhood he had a deep yearning to see the world and achieve something (b) _____ life. (c) _____ graduation, he applied (d) _____ a scholarship in Manchester University. Today he heads the Department of Physics in the University (e) _____ his hometown. His family and friends are proud (f) _____ him.

10. Classify the following sentences into Subject and Predicate.

- i. My mother is a home maker.
- ii. The beggar in rags asked for food.
- iii. Once a merchant went to the fair.
- iv. Mischievous children should be punished.
- v. A hare and a tortoise were good friends.
- vi. Please thank him.

11. Rewrite as directed.

- i. The farmers lamented because a _____ of locusts spoiled the crops last evening. (*use a suitable collective noun*)
- ii. He collects old stamps. It is his hobby. (*combine using an infinitive*)
- iii. The magician took pity on the mouse. He changed it into a cat. (*combine using a participle*)
- iv. My mother wants me to learn how to ride a bicycle. (*replace the underlined part with a gerund*)
- v. The tap in the kitchen is not functioning properly. We need to call a _____. (*fill in the blank with the suitable noun*)
- vi. He is famous because he is wise. (*use the abstract noun of wise*)
- vii. The invention of the wheel is the greatest of all inventions. (*change into comparative*)
- viii. He remained cheerful. He has been wounded. (*combine with a suitable conjunction*)

12. State whether the verbs in the following sentences are used transitively or intransitively.

- i. Heat expands metals.
- ii. The car stopped abruptly.
- iii. You must speak the truth.
- iv. The birds are flying in the sky.
- v. The woodcutter felled a huge tree.

13. Answer with reference to the context.

*i) Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft lifted by the winnowing wind;*

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Who is referred to as “thee” ?
- c) How does the poet describe her?
- c) Give an example of an alliteration from the above lines.

*ii) The day returns, but nevermore
Returns the traveller to the shore,*

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) What do you think has happened to the traveller ?
- c) What does the poet convey through this poem ?

14. Answer the following questions.

- i) Why did the tiger shudder at the idea of going behind the elusive lamb? So what did it decide to do? What was the result of his decision?
- ii) Why was Grant Munro hesitant to speak about his problem to Holmes? Why did Mrs. Munro not want to tell her husband about her little girl? Why did Holmes ask Watson to whisper “Norbury” in his ears ?
- iii) Why did the accident take place? How did the author’s mother react to it? How was he rewarded for his bravery?

15. Extrapolatory questions.

- i) You are Captain. Why did your behaviour towards the tiger change abruptly? Did you really not feel what the tiger wanted to tell you day after day? How did you feel when the tiger raised his paw to threaten you ?
- ii) You are Mr. Grant Munro. Express how you felt when the entire fact was revealed.
- iii) Imagine you are the ancient sister. How did you react when your younger siblings were throwing challenges to you about your driving speed ? Also state how you felt after the accident when your youngest brother had to suffer so much because of your foolishness.