

Dear Parents,



Session 2018-2019 is progressing quite well. We just had our 'Orientation Session' with Primary, Middle and Secondary schoolers parents and it was heartening to see your approach, co-operation and support. APS family extends gratitude for it.

A warm welcome to students who have joined our school this session. We stand committed to providing quality education to our children. The teachers follow a detailed plan of instruction that is guided by CBSE and AWES. SAMC is our pillar of strength as our teachers focus on holistic development of our students. We shall certainly continue to implement our 'Systems Approach' to support all students by using interventions to help each child make academic progress. Progress is best assured when student, parents and school are working towards same goal. It's like when every player is an active member, the team is sure to be the best and everyone is a winner. So let's strive to be all winners!

For Summer Break Assignments, practice sheets are devised to ensure revisions for coming assessment. Kindly go to the website: www.apsbinnaguri.org and follow these steps for the same

Steps to download:

- i. Browse the website→ Home page (first page of the website)
- ii. Then check the Bulletin Board→ link will be available.

OR

Home Page→ Click on 'APS News' option→ Choose Holiday Homework option from the dropdown menu.

We would also seek your co-operation to help lift up academics. We would welcome parents to offer their names for substitute facilitators/ teachers, judges for events round the year. Kindly e-mail at apsbinnaguri1@gmail.com or give your details at Front Desk.

We truly believe that an entire community is needed to empower our students to become successful citizens. I look forward to a great year and working with such an amazing community.

Awaiting your constructive suggestions.



ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL BINNAGURI
ENGLISH PRACTICE SHEET – 1 SESSION 2018-19
CLASS: X

Time: 90 Minutes

MM: 40

Date:

Duration: _____ **to** _____

1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow

A. *Now the frog puffed up with rage.*

“Brainless bird-you’re on the stage-use your wits and follow fashion.

Puff your lungs out with your passion.”

- 1) Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
- 2) Give the opposite of ‘Brainless’.
- 3) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?
- 4) Identify the poetic device used in the second line.

B. *It is pink with speckles.I have looked at it so long*

I think it is part of my heart.

But it flickers,

Faces and darkness separate us over and over.

- a) ‘Us’ in the fourth line refers to _____ and _____
- b) What is it which is pink with speckles?
- c) When does it flicker?
- d) Name the poet.

(c) *When wasteful war shall statues overturn*

And broils root out of the work of masonry,

Nor Mars his sword not war’s quick fire

The living record of your memory.

- a) Who is called wasteful? Why
- b) Why is ‘Mars’ being referred to here?
- c) What will the poet’s friend outlive?
- d) Who shall shine more and in whose comparison

2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

- a) Why didn’t the narrator go inside Lucia’s room in the hospital?
- b) Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the author refers to them as Gentlemen. Why did he do so?
- c) Draw the contrast between ‘childish’ and ‘artless’ faces and the seriousness beyond their years visible on them
- d) Why did the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans?
- e) Why didn’t the two boys disclose their problems to the author?

MRS.PACKLETIDE'S TIGER

- a) Why did Mrs. Packletide give up big-game shooting?
- b) 'We do many things, sir: Explain with reference to the context.
- c) How does Louisa Mebbin exploit the incident of killing the tiger to her greatest advantage?
- d) How did Louisa Mebbin blackmail Mrs. Packletide?
- e) Mrs. Packletide was a good shot .Discuss.

3. Answer the following questions- (40-60 words)

Ch-1

- a) Imagine yourself to be the narrator of the story, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. Write a letter to one of your friends to contribute some money to aid the treatment of Lucia
- b) 'The two boys' devotion had touched me deeply. War had not broken their spirit. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society.
- c) 'Where there is a will, there is a way.' How did the two boys prove it?
- d) Appearances are deceptive. Discuss with reference to the two boys.

CH-2

- a) Mrs . Packletide's desire became a constant trouble for her. Explain
- b) Mrs. Packletide develops extreme jealousy for Loona Bimberton. She gives vent to her feelings by writing a diary entry. As Mrs. Packletide, write the diary entry.
- c) Write a character sketch of Mrs. Packletide.
- d) What comment did Miss Mebbin make after Mrs. Packletide had fired the shot? Why did she make this comment? How did Mrs. Packletide react to this comment?

Writing task

You are Irina Mathews, President of 'Girls Association of India'. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily promoting the cause of girl child and discouraging its killing.

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4. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow-

A

And the crass cacophony

Blared out from the sumac tree

At whose foot the frog each night

Minstrelled on till morning night.

- 5) Name the poem and the poet
- 6) Where did the frog live and what was his routine every night?
- 7) Explain 'crass cacophony'.
- 8) What blared out from the sumac tree?

B

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,

Searching my reaches for what she really is.

- a) What is the change noticed in the speaker in this stanza?
- b) What is the woman doing?
- c) Explain 'searching my reaches'?
- d) Name the poet.

5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

- a) A J Cronin feels that the boys were 'childish' enough and yet they displayed seriousness far beyond their years. Elaborate.
- b) Why does the boys destination at Poleta surprise the author greatly?
- c) How were the boys useful to the author and his friend as they visited Verona?
- d) What sort of odd jobs did the boys do to earn money?
- e) Why did the author decide not to go into the hospital to visit Lucia?

MRS.PACKLETIDE'S TIGER

- a) "The incidental expenses are so heavy," she confides to enquiring friends. What is Mrs. Packletide talking about here?
- b) What did Loona Bimberton do to make Mrs. Packletidejealous? What does the author criticize here?
- c) Why did Mrs. Packletide give up big game shooting?
- d) How does Louisa Mebbin exploit the incident of killing the tiger to her greatest advantage?

e) What had Mrs. Packletide already arranged in her mind for Loona Bimberton?

6. Answer the following questions- (40-60 words)

Ch-1

- e) What are the traditional qualities of a gentleman? Why does the author say the two young boys are gentlemen too?
- f) Can appearances be deceptive? Explain with reference to Nicola and Jacopo.
- g) The author says that the two gentlemen of Verona promise hope for society. Explain.
- h) Describe Nicola and Jacopo's life, as seen by the author.

CH-2

- e) Describe in detail the money-minded nature of Miss Mebbin with examples.
- f) Imagine you are Loona Bimberton. Write a diary entry about Mrs. Packletide's successful tiger hunt.
- g) Miss Louisa Mebbin is a shrewd woman. Justify.
- h) Write three instances from the story that show Mrs. Packletide's petty and jealous nature.
- i) Mrs. Packletide's desire became a constant trouble for her. Explain.

Writing task

Write an article in about 100-120 words on 'Corruption in Public Places and institutions in India'.

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SUMMER PRACTICE SHEET 3, 2018-19
SUB: ENGLISH
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7. Write a letter to your friend describing him your experience of visiting a historical place. Also highlight the poor maintenance and non-availability of qualified guides at such places. (150-200 words)
8. You are Saurabh Srivastava, a resident of Defence Colony, Noida. Your colony is facing the severe problem of supply of inadequate and poor quality of tap water. You decide to express your views and make the authorities aware of the situation by writing a letter to the Editor of The Times. (150-200 words)
9. Everyday you come across many news related to violence and murder. And frighteningly the accused are youths. You are concerned about degrading moral values of youths. Write a diary entry sharing your views in about 150-200 words.
10. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

| | Before | Missing | After |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Life is full problems. | (a) ..... | ..... | ..... |
| One has to think work hard | (b) ..... | ..... | ..... |
| to overcome problems difficulties. | (c) ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Here I strongly feel the parents | (d) ..... | ..... | ..... |
| should develop habit of self-help | (e) ..... | ..... | ..... |
| among children. | (f) ..... | ..... | ..... |

11. Rearrange the following jumbled words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences

- i.** broke down/in front/Geeti/the entire class/heavy pain/head/in the/due to a/of
ii. we want/if/see/in everything/beauty/can/we
iii. nobody/him/likes/because/of/carelessness/his

12. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow

Other creatures loathed his voice,

But, alas, they had no choice.

And the crass cacophony

Blared out from the sumac tree

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
b) Whose voice was loathed by the creatures?
c) What does 'cacophony' mean?
d) Why other creatures did not have any choice?

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.

Whatever I see I swallow immediately.

Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.

I am not cruel, only truthful-

The eye of a little god, four- cornered

- a) Why is the mirror called a four-cornered god?

- b) Why does the poet say that the 'mirror is not cruel'?
- c) What is the meaning of the sentence, 'I have no preconceptions'?
- d) What does the poet mean by silver and exact?

13. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each

- a) What made the narrator take interest in the boys?
- b) What all errands did Nicola and Jacopo run for their living?
- c) How does Mrs. Packletide celebrate the tiger hunt?
- d) What is your impression about Louisa Mebbin in what she does for Mrs. Packletide?
- e) How will the poet's beloved outlive monuments and time?
- f) How does the poet glorify the power of poetry?
- g) Why does the mirror say that the wall has become a part of its heart?
- h) The Post Office became a place of pilgrimage for Ali. How?

14. Answer in detail

- a) The postmaster regrets the way he treated Ali. He was full of remorse. Words once spoken and actions once done can never be reverted. Elaborate.
- b) The gentlemen-like qualities and devotion of the two orphaned boys radiate a positivity which gives new hope for humanity. Elaborate the values which are found in the story, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.
- c) 'In the world of art, it is not enough to have first talent, you also need to know how to exploit it successfully'. Comment on this statement with reference to the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale.'

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SUMMER PRACTICE SHEET4, 2018-19
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15. Your cousin wants to take to rock climbing and mountaineering. Write a letter to him/her to compliment him/her on the decision and also advise what he/she should do to learn it. Try to offer all possible help. (150-200 words)
16. Recently you read a report on increasing stress level among the younger generation and you are very disturbed with the scenario. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern and also about some measures which can be adopted by the youth to overcome stress. (150-200 words)
17. You are Naresh. You happened to go to Agra in a crowded bus on a hot summer day. Record your experience in the form of a diary entry. (150-200 words)
18. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

Before Missing After

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| From very early times, India had been famous spices, | (a) |
| textiles, jewellery pearls. The Arabs were | (b) |
| among the first to come India for trade. | (c) |
| Later, the Portuguese, the Dutch, French | (d) |
| and the English followed. They fought themselves | (e) |
| to control trade. The English the most powerful. | (f) |
| They traded the English East India Company. | (g) |
| The company bought goods India at cheaper rates | (h) |
| and sold them abroad at high prices. | |

19. Rearrange the following jumbled words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences

- i. this knowledge/to/the movement/he applied/of/light and sound.
- ii. Put into/as the/at low/baby can/he is/as soon/water/toddle/tide.

20. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow

*But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmear'd with sluttish time.*

- e) Who is 'you' here?
- f) What does 'these contents' refer to?
- g) Which word in the extract is the synonym of 'tarnished'?
- h) What does the phrase 'sluttish time' mean?

*It is pink with speckles. I have lookedd at it so long
I think it is a part of my heart. But it flickers.
Face and darkness separate us over and over.*

- e) What is pink with speckles?
- f) Who is 'I' here?
- g) Why does 'it' flicker?
- h) What does the word 'us' refer to?

21. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each

- i) Why is the frog's joy both sweet and bitter?
- j) The frog claims to be the best trainer in the field of music. Do you agree? Justify your answer.
- k) What purpose do the statues and monuments serve?
- l) What kind of life did Ali lead as a young man?
- m) Why did Mrs. Packletide want to kill a tiger?
- n) How did Nicola and Jacopo face the hardships of life?
- o) What happened when a nightingale came and sang, sitting on the sumac tree?
- p) Why does the mirror say, "I am not cruel"?

22. Answer in detail

- d) Write about the values on the lesson of love, faith and trust that you have learnt from the two young boys.
- e) Do you think that the nightingale should also be blamed for her tragic end? What values you draw from the story?
- f) The woman in the story doesn't want to accept reality and runs away from it. Can we run away from reality? Can the escape be any good?