

XII English

MODEL ACTIVITY SHEET

(Practice Paper)



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Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

SECTION I : PROSE

[Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary, Mind Mapping]

Que.1 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below:

(12)

"When shall I get at him?" he asked, clenching his fist.

"In the next world," answered the astrologer. "He died four months ago in a far-off town. You will never see any more of him." The other groaned on hearing it. The astrologer proceeded:

"Guru Nayak—"

"You know my name!" the other said, taken aback.

"As I know all other things. Guru Nayak, listen carefully to what I have to say. Your village is two days' journey due north of this town. Take the next train and be gone. I see once again great danger to your life if you go from home." He took out a pinch of sacred ash and held it to him. "Rub it on your forehead and go home. Never travel southward again, and you will live to be a hundred."

"Why should I leave home again?" the other said reflectively. "I was only going away now and then to look for him and to choke out his life if I met him." He shook his head regretfully. "He has escaped my hands. I hope at least he died as he deserved." "Yes," said the astrologer. "He was crushed under a lorry." The other looked gratified to hear it.

The place was deserted by the time the astrologer picked up his articles and put them into his bag. The green shaft was also gone, leaving the place in darkness and silence. The stranger had gone off into the night, after giving the astrologer a handful of coins.

It was nearly midnight when the astrologer reached home. His wife was waiting for him at the door and demanded an explanation. He flung the coins at her and said "Count them. One man gave all that."

"Twelve and a half annas," she said, counting. She was overjoyed. "I can buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow. The child has been asking for sweets for so many days now. I will prepare some nice stuff for her."

"The swine has cheated me! He promised me a rupee," said the astrologer. She looked up at him. "You look worried. What is wrong?"

"Nothing."

After dinner, sitting on the pyol, he told her “Do you know a great load is gone from me today? I thought I had the blood of a man on my hands all these years. That was the reason why I ran away from home, settled here, and married you. He is alive.”

She gasped. “You tried to kill him!”

“Yes, in our village, when I was a silly youngster. We drank, gambled, and quarrelled badly one day - why think of it now? Time to sleep,” he said, yawning, and stretched himself on the pyol.

A1. State if the given statements are True or False. (2)

- i) The astrologer killed a man when he was youngster.
- ii) The astrologer’s wife was waiting for him.
- iii) Guru Nayak gave the astrologer a rupee what he promised.
- iv) The astrologer told his wife the true reason why he ran away from home.

A2. Complete the given web. (2)

	Facts about stranger occurred in the extract	

A3. The astrologer was a shrewd person. Explain with some details from the extract. (2)

A4. The astrologer gets the sympathy of the readers in the end. Express your opinion in 30 words. (2)

A5. Do as directed. (2)

- 1) “When shall I get at him?” he asked, clenching his first.
(Choose the correct alternative to change the sentence into indirect speech)
 - i) Clenching his fist, he asked that when he would get at him.
 - ii) Clenching his fist, he asked when he should get at him.
 - iii) Clenching his fist, he asked when he would get at him.
 - iv) Clenching his fist, he asked when would he get at him.
- 2) I can buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow.
(Choose the correct alternative using modal auxiliary to show ‘Definity’)
 - i) I would buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow.
 - ii) I will buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow.
 - iii) I could buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow.
 - iv) I must buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow.

A6. Pick out the antonyms of the following words from the passage. (2)

- (i) light (ii) noise (iii) few (iv) dead

(B) Language Study :

B1. Do as directed/ Transformation of the sentences.

- 1) Ask me and I will help you. (1)
 (Choose the correct alternative to transform the sentence into a complex sentence)
 - a) If you ask me, I would help you.
 - b) If you ask me, I should help you.
 - c) If you ask me, I will help you.
 - d) If you don't ask me, I will help you.

- 2) Some thugs tried to snatch her gold chain. (1)
 (Choose the correct alternative to Frame a wh-question to get the underlined answer)
 - a) What some thugs tried to snatch?
 - b) What did some thugs tried to snatch?
 - c) What some thugs snatch?
 - d) What did some thugs try to snatch?

- 3) Samidha is the smartest girls in our class. (1)
 (Choose the correct alternative to make the given sentence negative.)
 - a) Samidha is not the most stupid girl is our class.
 - b) Samidha is the most not stupid girl in our class.
 - c) No other girl in our class is so smart as Samidha.
 - d) No other girl in our class is as smartest as Samidha.

B2. Spot the error and rewrite the correct sentence: (1)

The sun always set in the West.

Que.2 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (12)

Man developed various ways for communication through the exchange of information, ideas and knowledge. IT has changed the face of India due the rapid progress in the field of Printing, Electronics, Telecommunication, Education, Entertainment, Medicine, etc.

India has acquired a foremost position in the map of the IT world. India's progress in this sector is quick and influential, providing the economy a boost. Indian service sector, mainly due to IT has emerged as the most growing base of economy. The use of information technology in governance, company, management, banking, advertising, entertainment, insurance, education, medical, engineering, and industrial fields is increasing day by day. Indian software services have great demands in the world. Exports of software have earned India foreign currency in a big amount. Investors are attracted to invest in the IT sector. There is a flow of FDI in this sector giving India required capital to develop its economy.

Indian Institutes of Information Technology have prepared expert technicians for whom a demand exists in the world market. Software engineers in India have provided services to the whole world.

This progress of Information Technology sector in India has helped Indian economic growth. Due to this importance of IT sector, Indian government is making policies to help it grow by providing infrastructure to it. Favourable and liberal policies have been prepared to attract to foreign companies to establish their base in India.

Indian government has established 'Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in this direction. IITs play a role for this progress. From 15th August 2000, the Information Technology Act has been implemented. E-commerce and other services have been given legal back-force by this act.

Yet projects of establishing info-cities are under implementation by Hyderabad, other such projects are under consideration.

Government can make policies to provide economic benefits to investors in this field. Necessary infrastructure can be provided. Administrative and legal procedural complexities should be reduced, and limitations and regulations should be liberalized.

A1. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct information from the extract. (2)

- i) The use of information technology is increasing day by day in the field_____.
- ii) A flow of FDI in information technology has given India_____.
- iii) Software engineers in India have provided_____.
- iv) Government can make policies to provide_____.

A2. Identify false statements and rewrite correcting them. (2)

- i) A flow of FDI in the field of information technology has increased the capital of India.
- ii) The progress of India has not been influenced by IT sector.
- iii) In the map of the IT world India has no scope.
- iv) IIT's technicians have no demand in the world market.

A3. Indian government need to provide economic benefits to investors in I.T. Justify your answer. (2)

A4. Information Technology in education has been beneficial. Express your opinion. (2)

A5. Do as directed. (2)

- 1) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential providing the economy a boost.

(Choose the correct alternative to rewrite the sentence using 'infinitive verb' of the underlined word.)

- i) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential to providing the economy a boost.
- ii) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential to provide the economy a boost.
- iii) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential provide the economy a boost.
- iv) India's progress in this sector is quick and influential for to provide the economy a boost.

- 2) IT has changed the face of India.

(Choose the correct alternative to change the sentence into passive voice)

- i) IT has been changed the face of India.
- ii) The face of India has been being changed by IT.
- iii) The face of India have been changed by IT.
- iv) The face of India has been changed by IT.

A6. Give one word for the following from the extract. (2)

- i) come into view
- ii) a person skilled in the technique
- iii) commercial transactions electronically conducted on the internet
- iv) medium of exchange

(B) Summary Writing : (3)

Prepare summary of the extract given in Q.2(A). Give it a suitable title. You may use the following points.

Information technology _ role in the progress of India _ use in various fields _ great demand _ Indian economic growth _ policies _ raise investments in the field.

(C) Mind Mapping : (3)

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/thoughts/concepts to illustrate/develop on the topic, 'Importance of English Language'.

SECTION II : POETRY

[Comprehension and Appreciation]

Que.3 (A) Read the extract and complete the activities given below: (10)

WEAVERS, weaving at break of day,
 Why do you weave a garment so gay? . . .
 Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,
 We weave the robes of a new-born child.

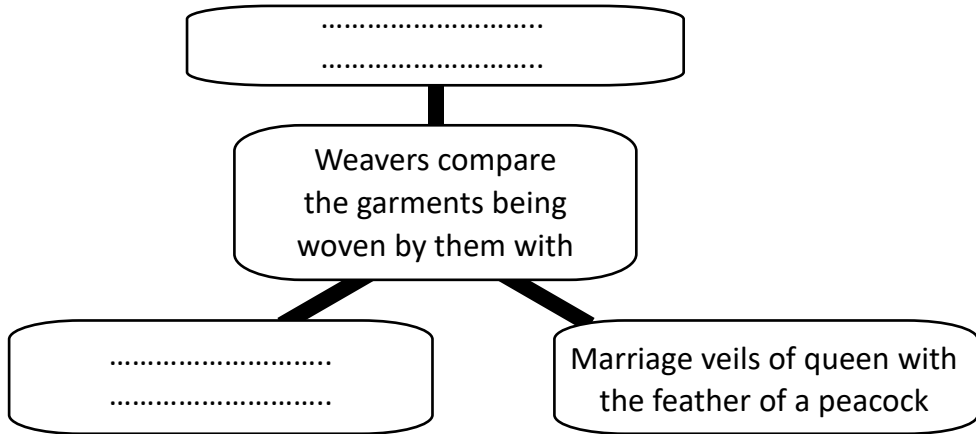
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
 Why do you weave a garment so bright? . . .
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
 We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
 What do you weave in the moonlight chill? . . .
 White as a feather and white as a cloud,
 We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

A1. Match the column 'A' with 'B': (2)

A	B
a) early morning	i. moonlight chill
b) late in the evening	ii. solemn and still
c) cold night	iii. break of day
d) serious and calm	iv. fall of night

A2. Complete the following web about what weavers compare the garments being woven by them. (2)



A3. Express your views about the present conditions of viewers. (2)

A4. Find rhyme scheme in the first and second stanza and write down the rhyming pairs of words of the first and second stanza from the given extract. (2)

A5. Compose four lines on 'Clothes'. (2)

(B) Appreciation : (4)

Read the given extract and write the appreciation of the given poem based on the following aspects.

- About the poet and the title
- The theme
- Poetic style, Language, poetic devices.
- Special feature
- Values
- Your opinion about the poem

My father travels on the late evening train
 Standing among silent commuters in the yellow light
 Suburbs slide past his unseeing eyes
 His shirt and pants are soggy and his black raincoat
 Stained with mud and his bag stuffed with books
 Is falling apart. His eyes dimmed by age
 fade homeward through the humid monsoon night.
 Now I can see him getting off the train
 Like a word dropped from a long sentence.
 He hurries across the length of the grey platform,
 Crosses the railway line, enters the lane,
 His chappals are sticky with mud, but he hurries onward.

Home again, I see him drinking weak tea,
 Eating a stale chapati, reading a book.
 He goes into the toilet to contemplate
 Man's estrangement from a man-made world.

Coming out he trembles at the sink,
The cold water running over his brown hands,
A few droplets cling to the greying hairs on his wrists.
His sullen children have often refused to share
Jokes and secrets with him. He will now go to sleep
Listening to the static on the radio, dreaming
Of his ancestors and grandchildren, thinking
Of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass.

SECTION III : WRITING SKILLS

Q.4. Complete the activities as per instructions given below:

(A) Attempt any ONE of the following :

(4)

(1) Drafting Virtual Message :

Imagine, you have to leave early from home for your final match of football. Draft a message in about 100/150 words, to convey the same to your friend. Give your own reasons to support your message.

OR

(2) Statement of Purpose :

There are limited vacancies for getting admission to a well-known acting and drama academy in Mumbai. Acting is your passion and you always wanted to pursue career in acting and drama. Prepare a '**statement of purpose**' in about 100 to 150 words, which will help you to join the academy.

OR

(3) Group Discussion :

Imagine that you have recently discussed with your friends on '**Addiction of Mobile Games**', write the same discussion in the form of dialogues that you have experienced. Write suitable dialogues for each participant giving his/her opinion on the given topic.

(B) Attempt any ONE of the following :

(4)

(1) E-Mail :

Draft an E-mail in a proper format to be sent to a famous and distinguished player in order to invite him/her for the "Annual Sports Day" programme organized by the college authorities and to be held at your junior college campus. Give complete programme schedule and details about the event.

OR

(2) Report Writing :

Your college recently organized an awareness programme on "**Clean Environment Drive**". Write a report in about 100-150 words, adding all information and the overall happenings of this event.

OR

(3) Interview :

Imagine, you have to conduct an interview of a distinguished personality in the field of sports. With the help of the given table and points draft questions on the given fields associated with the personality.

(Do not change the sequence of the questions)

Name of the interviewee (distinguished personality)	
Area of Success/Reputation	
Date/Venue/Time	
Duration of Interview	
Questions	
Question based on	
1) Student life	
2) Early Interest	
3) Idols	
4) Primary training	
5) Opportunity	
6) Accomplishments	
7) Target/Goals	
8) Suggestion	

(C) Attempt any ONE of the following :

(4)

(1) Speech :

Prepare a short speech in about 120 words to be delivered before your class on 'Blood Donation Camp.' You can use the following points.

- Blood Donation - noble cause.
- Importance of Blood Donation Camp.
- Day, date, venue of the camp.
- Suggestions and concluding the speech.

OR

(2) Compering :

Imagine that you are a compere of 'Reading Day Programme' at your college to celebrate 'The World Book Day'. Prepare a script for the same with the help of following points.

- Introduction.
- Importance of the Day.
- Reading for pleasure and profit.
- Speech by your principal.
- Different activities and felicitation of winners.
- Vote of thanks.

OR

(3) Expansion of an Idea:

Expand the following idea with the help of the points given below: (100-150 words)

'Friend in need is a friend indeed'.

- Meaning of True Friend.
- Real share and care.
- Helpful, happy, inspiring, devotional.
- Importance and need.

(D) Attempt any ONE of the following :

(4)

(1) Review :

Write a review of the film that you remember you've watched and can't forget easily. Give details about the movie using following supporting points.

- Title of the film.
- The star cast and production house (if you remember).
- The gist of the plot.

OR

(2) Blog Writing :

Write a 'Blog' in a proper format on 'Safety Measures during Covid 19 Pandemic', with the help of the following points. (100-150 words).

- Need and Purpose
- Safety equipment and use
- Safety action plan
- Advice / Suggestion / Guidance.

OR

(3) Appeal :

Prepare an 'Appeal' on the topic 'Laughter Club' with the help of the following points. (100-150 words)

- Headline
- Main body (an appeal)
- Venue and time
- Slogan
- Signature line

SECTION IV : LITERARY GENRE - NOVEL

Q.5 (A). Answer the following questions :

(1) Match the column 'A' with 'B':

(2)

A	B
a) Theme	i. philosophical statement, a central idea
b) Plot	ii. the struggle in between opposite forces
c) Conflict	iii. techniques of the narration
d) Language, style	iv. course of the events

(2) Fill in the blanks by choosing correct alternative.

(2)

- i) English word 'Novel' is derived from the Italian word
(Novella, Novelle, Novellus)
- ii) The first Indian English novel 'Rajmohan's wife' was written by
(Mulkraj Anand, R. K. Narayan, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya)

(B) Answer the following questions in about 50 words :

(4)

- (1) Fernman brought a comic relief in the Students' Council Programme. Explain.
- (2) Give a brief character sketch of Denham.

(C) Answer the following questions in about 50 words :

(4)

- (1) Write the central idea of the given extract of the novel, 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.
- (2) 'Justice is done in the end'. Explain with reference to 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.

(D) Answer the following questions in about 50 words :

(4)

- (1) Explain by citing references from 'The Sign of Four' the ways the series of actions move from London to India.
- (2) Narrate the case of Miss Morstan in your words.



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