

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU**  
**SESSION 2020-21**  
**FOUNDATION WORKSHEET**

**CLASS- IX**

**SUBJECT—ENGLISH**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This worksheet is divided into two sections- **Section A (Reading)** and **Section B (Writing and Grammar)**.
2. The students are required to read the paragraphs given in **Section A** by carefully skimming followed by thorough reading of the passages and then answering the questions that follow according to the instructions given with them.
3. The formats required for **Section B**, writing portion, are given below with solved examples for the understanding of the students.

**SOLVED EXAMPLES WITH FORMATS**

**1. Letter to the Editor**

Sender's address:

Date:

Receiver's address:

Salutation:

Subject:

Content (in three paragraphs- 1-Introduction

2- Main idea

3- Conclusion)

Complimentary close

Name

Designation (if any)

**SOLVED EXAMPLE**

**Q. You are Radha G, member of NGO AWAAZ. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily for a public movement to clean the Yamuna river. (You must introduce yourself, describe how the people are to be blamed for polluting the river and suggest the need for installing water treatment plant to clean the river).**

Examination Hall  
ABC

23 March, 2020

The Editor  
Hindustan Times  
New Delhi

Sir

Subject: Need for people's movement for a clean Yamuna

Through the esteemed columns of your widely read newspaper I want to highlight the deteriorating condition of river Yamuna.

The city of Delhi is getting contaminated water from river Yamuna. The residents are to be blamed for this. They pollute the river with garbage, sewage and filth. The river water is full of bacteria, plastic, chemicals and other waste materials which makes it unfit for consumption. The people have been demanding a Water Treatment plant for a very long time now but the authorities have not yet responded to the repeated requests.

I request you to highlight the problem in your newspaper and arouse public interest as well as the interest of the concerned authorities. We all need to get together in order to get the plant set up in the area.

Yours Truly

Radha G  
Member AWAAZ

## 2. Article Writing

**FORMAT**  
**HEADING**  
**By line**

Content (in three paragraphs- 1-Introduction  
2- Main idea  
3- Conclusion)

### **SOLVED EXAMPLE**

**Q: By 2050, India will be amongst the countries which will face acute water shortage. You are highly alarmed and terrified of the future world without water. So, write an article on "Save water- are we doing enough?"**

## SAVE WATER- ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

By XYZ

**Paragraph 1** – Many people are living with less water than they need, whether in the world's most prosperous cities or in its bountiful agricultural heartlands.

Droughts have also become more frequent, more severe, and affecting more people around the world. As many as four billion people already live in regions that experience severe water stress for at least one month of the year. With populations rising, these stress levels will only mount.

**Paragraph 2** – Water is the precious gift of God on earth. Life exists on earth because of the availability of water. Itself being tasteless, odourless and colourless, it adds taste, colour and nice smell in the life of living beings on the Earth.

**Paragraph 3** – Here are different methods we can follow to save clean drinking water and deal with the water scarcity. Rainwater harvesting is one of the most effective and suitable method among save water techniques.

**Conclusion** – Afforestation is also a good method as it reduces surface runoff and recharges the groundwater. It promotes underground water conservation. By practising such methods we can conserve more water naturally and ensure the availability of it for future generations. We should take a pledge and make it a lifelong motto to preserve water because, "If you conserve water, it means you conserve life."

### 3. Diary Entry

#### FORMAT

Day:

Date:

Time:

Content

Name

#### SOLVED EXAMPLE

**Write a diary entry in about 100-120 words about your experience of donating blood.**

Monday

23 March, 2020

9:00 pm

Dear Diary

Today, I performed a noble deed. I mean I donated blood. My school had organized a voluntary blood donation drive. When I told my mother about the drive, she was apprehensive. She was worried that donating blood would make me weak. So, I discussed her concern with my biology teacher and she assured me that it was perfectly all right to donate blood. So, I went ahead and donated blood. I even managed to convince some of my friends to do the same. I didn't feel any weakness after donating blood. What I felt was happiness and a sense of purpose. I know the blood that I donated can even save a life. The small amount of blood that I gave away didn't make me any weaker but it could save a precious life battling a serious injury or life-threatening disease. This experience has also made me aware of the need to promote such noble campaigns. I will donate blood again after a few months. I wish everybody would do the same. Ok dear diary I am going to sleep peacefully tonight.

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#### 4. Story Writing

#### FORMAT HEADING

Content

#### SOLVED EXAMPLES

**Q: Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.**

**Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger ..."**

#### THE FALSE ALARM

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger ..." even when there was no trace of it. The villagers came running hurriedly thinking that Bunya was in danger. Bunya's mother had tears in her eyes. The villagers came ready with their safety weapons and upon reaching, they saw no tiger but just Bunya laughing on playing them. The villagers were hurt and they started swearing out of disappointment. Bunya had no realization as to what he had done and he continued laughing stealthily. A week passed by and everyone was ignoring Bunya. One fine day, his friend and he went into the woods. Just like any other day, they started doing their job while chatting with each other. Suddenly, they heard a roar nearby. The tiger was towards his friend's side of the jungle. Bunya went running to the villagers asking them for help. No one listened to him as they thought it was one of his pranks. He cried for help, but no one trusted him. He ran towards the tea vendor and told him the entire story. The tea vendor gave him the benefit of doubt and went with him. Till the time they reached there, his friend could be seen nowhere. They called out his name and looked in the woods, but it was too late. Bunya realized and accepted that it was all his mistake.

## 5. Descriptive Paragraph

### FORMAT HEADING

Content

### SOLVED EXAMPLE

**Q. Look at the following visual and describe the famous personality.**



**Mother Teresa**

Mother Teresa had an impressive personality. She had a wrinkled, loving face with fair complexion. She had a small built. She was very frail and thin. She was 87 years old when she died. She always wore a smile on her face and had immense sympathy for the poor people. Her educational qualification was basic schooling. She had good knowledge of English language. Mother Teresa was not just a woman; she was an institution in herself. She was very conscientious in doing her work. She served the people of the slums in whatever way she could. She taught the poor children the Bengali alphabet. She opened a dispensary and a home for the dying destitutes lying unclaimed on the road sides. She gave love and cared to the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who felt unwanted in the society.

## **WORKSHEET:**

### **SECTION A (READING)**

#### **Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow**

1. Breathing is important for two reasons. It is the only means to supply our bodies and its various organs with oxygen which is vital for our survival. The second function of breathing is that it is one means to get rid of waste products and toxins from the body.

2. Oxygen is the most vital nutrient for our bodies. It is essential for the integrity of the brain, nerves, glands and internal organs. We can do without food for weeks and without water for days, but without oxygen, we will die within a few minutes. If the brain does not get proper supply of this essential nutrient, it will result in the degradation of all vital organs in the body.

3. The brain requires more oxygen than any other organ. If it does not get enough, the result is mental sluggishness, negative thoughts and depression and, eventually, vision and hearing decline. Old people and those whose arteries are clogged often become senile and vague because oxygen to the brain is reduced. They get irritated very quickly.

4. Poor oxygen supply affects all parts of the body. The oxygen supply is reduced to all parts of the body as we get older due to poor lifestyle. Many people need reading glasses and suffer hearing decline in old age.

5. When an acute circulation blockage deprives the heart of oxygen, a heart attack is the result. If this occurs to the brain, the result is a stroke.

6. For a long time, lack of oxygen has been considered a major cause of cancer. Even as far back as 1947, work done in Germany showed that when oxygen was withdrawn, normal body cells could turn into cancer cells.

7. Similar research has been done with disease. It showed that lack of oxygen is a major cause of heart disease, stroke and cancer. The work done at Baylor University in the USA has shown that you can reverse arterial disease in monkeys by infusing oxygen into the diseased arteries.

8. Thus, oxygen is very critical to our well-being, and any effort to increase the supply of oxygen to our body and especially to the brain will pay rich dividends. Yogis realized the vital importance of an adequate oxygen supply thousands of years ago. They developed and perfected various breathing techniques. These breathing exercises are particularly important for people who have sedentary jobs and spend most of the day in offices. Their brains are oxygen starved and their bodies are just 'getting by'. They feel tired, nervous and irritable and are not very productive. On top of that, they sleep badly at night, so they get a bad start to the next day continuing the cycle. This situation also lowers their immune system, making them susceptible to catching colds, flu and other 'bugs'.

**1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words.**

- (a) What is the significance of breathing?
- (b) Why is oxygen important?
- (c) What is the harmful effect of lack of oxygen?
- (d) What did yogis do, when they realized the importance of oxygen? For whom it is beneficial?

**1.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following.**

(a) In para 3, the word which means 'lethargic' is :\_\_\_\_\_

- (i) clogged      (ii) sluggish
- (iii) discard      (iv) decline

(b) In para 8, the word which means sufficient is \_\_\_\_\_

(c) In para 3, the word opposite in meaning to 'clear/ certain' is \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) enough      (ii) negative
- (iii) clogged      (iv) vague

(d) In para 8 the word opposite in meaning to 'insufficient' is \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta took office as East Timor's new prime minister on Monday, a move aimed at ending weeks of political turmoil in Asia's newest nation. President Xanana Gusmao swore in Ramos- Horta under the watchful gaze of rifle-carrying Australian commandos heading a 2,500-strong international peace-keeping force in East Timor. The two men, architects of independence from the Indonesian rule, then put their signatures to paper to cement the appointment. Ramos- Horta, dressed in a dark suit and no tie, took his oath in the president's office alongwith his two new deputy premiers. During his inauguration speech, made in a hall with unpainted concrete ceilings and bare plywood walls, he promised to send more funds to the poor and maintain security. "The focus has to be on security so that our people, our fathers and mothers and the poor can return to their homes," said Ramos-Horta, 56, who spent years abroad as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia. He told a news conference later on Monday that his cabinet would be sworn in and start work this week. "We will work very hard," he said, promising to cooperate with the World Bank to speed up development in rural areas.

2. East Timor descended into chaos nearly three months ago when the then premier Mari Alkatiri dismissed about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army when they protested about discrimination. Gusmao named Ramos-Horta premier on Saturday, around two weeks after

Alkatiri stepped down after being broadly blamed for recent crisis in the tiny Pacific nation. When rival army and police factions fought, the violence turned into arson and looting that ended only with the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers. At least 20 people died and 100,000 became homeless in the violence.

3. The swearing-in ceremony was seen by various officials and dignitaries, but was not attended by Alkatiri. Prosecutors have said they intend to question the former prime minister over his alleged role in the violence. One East Timor political leader said at the weekend that Ramos-Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin, the dominant party with 55 seats in the 88-member parliament. Ian Martin, a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help, has welcomed Ramos-Horta's appointment, saying he hoped it would bring peace and stability to the young country.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.**

**(a) Ramos- Horta in his inauguration speech promised to:**

- (i) bring peace
- (ii) ensure stability
- (iii) stop violence
- (iv) send more funds to the poor and maintain security

**(b) Ramos-Horta, 56, spent years abroad:**

- (i) as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia
- (ii) as an official
- (iii) as the President
- (iv) as a person raising funds

**(c) Mari Alkatiri dismissed:**

- (i) about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army
- (ii) 1,400-strong army
- (iii) about 300 members of the strong army
- (iv) about 400 members of the 1,200-strong army

**(d) Who among the following resigned from the premiership?**

- (i) Gusmao
- (ii) Ramos-Horta
- (iii) Alkatiri
- (iv) none of these



**(e) The violence in East Timor lead to**

- (i) struggle for independence
- (ii) chaos for nearly three months
- (iii) the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers
- (iv) both (i) & (ii)

**(f) 'watchful eye' means**

- (i) to watch                      (ii) alert eyes
- (iii) observant                      (iv) keen

**(g) Was a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help. (True/False)**

**(h) Ramos- Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin. (True/False)**

### **SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**Q3.** Taking ideas from the clues given below, write an article in 100-150 words on 'Go Solar: Save Environment'.

- Mankind extremely dependent on activities that add to harmful emissions
- Solar energy harnessed with modern technology
- Eco-friendly, clean and pure
- Positive effects on environment; greener and cleaner Earth

**Q4.** You are Abhinav/Akansha. You experienced bungee jumping at a mall you recently visited. Make a diary entry sharing your experience in about 100-150 words.

**Q5.** Given below is an outline of a story. Taking help from the outline, develop an interesting story in about 150- 200 words.

**Outline:** Sachin and Amit arrived at a hill station/ decided to explore the place on their own/ visited few tourist places/both returned home disappointed.

**Q6.** Write a Descriptive paragraph on International Yoga Day based on the clues given below:

Celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June across the world-UNs promotion of good health, harmony and peace-

aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

**Q7.** You are Soham/Suhani, a resident of Model Town, Jhalandar. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper complaining against the menace of street dogs in your locality.

**Q8.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage.

	Incorrect	Correct
The Nile is a longest river in	e.g. a	the
the world. Almost all a population	(a) _____	_____
of Egypt and his cultivated land	(b) _____	_____
is mostly on the flood plains of	(c) _____	_____
the Nile. Cairo, the capital in Egypt	(d) _____	_____
is at the head of the Nile Delta.		

**Q9.** Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

(a) the temple/architecture/form an/sculpture and painting/of/essential part

(b) is/situated in/Konark Temple/north-eastern part of Puri/the

(c) of a chariot/the temple/in the form/is

(d) Narasimhadeva/the/king/by/is/that/it/was/believed/temple/built

**Q10.** Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of the options that follow.

Reading is one of the best hobbies a)..... you can adopt. b)..... not only helps you to pass your leisure time usefully c)..... keeps you well informed. d)..... develop it e)..... reap success besides enjoying life.

**Options:**

- |              |             |             |         |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| (a) (i) that | (b)if       | (c)so       | (d)when |
| (b) (i) that | (b)it       | (c)which    | (d)what |
| (c) (i)but   | (b)although | (c)but also | (d)that |
| (d) (i)it    | (b)since    | (c)because  | (d)so   |
| (e) (i)to    | (b)if       | (c)for      | (d)as   |

**Q11. 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. Underline the word which you have supplied. Attempt any eight.**

	<b>Before</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>After</b>
Safety is the major concern all of us.	(a) .....	.....	.....
One thing we all must do to cooperate	(b) .....	.....	.....
with police and pay heed their advice.	(c) .....	.....	.....
They warn us not touch unidentified,	(d) .....	.....	.....
unclaimed suspicious objects like transistors,	(e) .....	.....	.....
briefcases etc. We need watch out for	(f) .....	.....	.....
abandoned cars or scooters report the	(g) .....	.....	.....
details of objects to the police. We all	(h) .....	.....	.....
should always keep eyes open for the sake	(i) .....	.....	.....
of our own self as well the nation.			