

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU
REVISION SHEET FOR CYCLE TEST-I
SESSION: 2018-19

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Topics: Fiction:	Two Gentlemen of Verona Mrs Packletide's Tiger
Poetry:	The Frog and the Nightingale
Play:	The Dear Departed
Writing:	Diary Entry, Story Writing, Letter to the editor/placing order
Grammar:	Editing/omissions, gap-filling, Reported speech, Dialogue completion and sentence re-ordering

SECTION A
(READING: 6 MARKS)

Read the passage and answer the following:

(1x6=6)

People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they didn't know they owned. Those who never have to change house become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy and sentiment. Things owned for a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

Some things are deliberately kept in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspaper sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit but it litters up her desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of—stamps, records, first edition of books, china—there is always something to do in connection with it, from finding the right place for the latest edition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet likeminded collectors to get advice, to compare notes, exchange articles. So one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years one may well become an authority on

ones hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gatherings and then if successful, to large audience.

- a) Why do old people accumulate belongings?
- b) How collecting money can be a mania?
- c) What advantages collecting money, as a hobby, provides?
- d) Give synonyms of: a) Accumulate (b) Mania
- e) Give a suitable title for the passage.

SECTION B

(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

Q1: COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STORY IN 200-250 WORDS.

It was getting dark, Raghav was coming home from his tuition. He suddenly realised that he had lost his way...

Q2: Do any one of the following in 120-150 words

You are Amit/Amita, a resident of 234/C, South Ext., Greater Noida. You recently went to Rajasthan and saw how people have to cover a lot of distance to fetch water. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a local daily on the importance of water and how we can conserve it. Also ask him to publish an article on this topic.

Or

Write a letter to M/S Satya and Sons complaining about the poor quality of clothes they sent you. You are the owner of V.K. Cloth House.

Q3: In the following passage 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.

- | | Before | Word | After |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| a) You may have forget your own | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b) Voice long before. You were never gave | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c) Freedom enough to voice you opinions. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| d) You was always taught obedience, to | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| e) Say 'yes' for everything that your elders | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| f) Were said to you. You were taught | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| g) That you have to followed whatever | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| h) Your teachers or priests were doing. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Q4: Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below.

Teacher: Why didn't you complete your homework?

Ankit: Ma'am, yesterday I caught a fever.

Teacher: How can I believe it?

Ankit: Ma'am you can ask Arun who is my neighbour

Teacher: I will call your mother and confirm it.

Ankit didn't complete his homework, so, his teacher asked him why (a) _____. Ankit said that (b) _____. The teacher further asked him how (c) _____. Ankit asked her that she could ask Arun who is his neighbour. The teacher told him (iv)_____.

Q5: Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- Boy/as/even/was/fearless/and/Alexander/strong/a
- a/horse/spirited/he/and/beautiful/tamed
- his/his/power/father/the/over/proud/horse/was/of/very
- his/loved/father/much/him/very

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q1: Read the extract and answer the questions that follow

"Did you... did you like my song?"

"Not too bad-but far too long.

The technique was fine of course,

But it lacked a certain force."

- Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- What did she ask and to whom?
- How did the listener analyse the song?
- Find the word in the above lines that mean the same as 'had shortage'.

Q2: Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- Draw the contrast between the 'childish' and 'artless' faces of Nicola and Jacopo and the 'seriousness' on their faces citing examples from the chapter 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.
- Is Saki's 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger' a satire? Explain with examples from the chapter.
- In the poem "The Frog and the Nightingale" how did the frog satisfy his greed through the nightingale's song?
- Why were the children posted on the outskirts of the village in 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger'?

Q3: Based on your understanding of the play 'The Dear Departed', give a detailed character sketch of Mrs Slater in 80-100 words.