

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ASSIGNMENT & WORKSHEET
CLASS-VII

1. Write compositions (200-250 words) on each of the following topics (30 minutes for each topic):

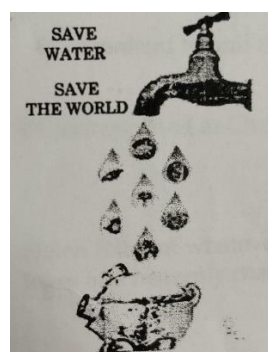
a. Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it and must have a clear connection with the picture.



b. Develop the following outlines into a short story:

Travelling in the spaceship heading towards a new planet curiosity alien's promise accompanies adapts amazes.

c.



Water is essential for life. Every drop counts. Resources are depleting, they are not incessant. Develop a story with a title on the given theme.

2. Letter Writing (20 minutes for each):

1. Write a letter to your grandmother stating the kind of activities that you are carrying out at home and keeping yourself busy with.
2. Write a letter to your cousin telling him / her about your visit to the 'Book Fair' this year.

3. Comprehension (30 minutes for each):

- I. Read the following passages carefully and answer the following questions given below:

A father one day asked his daughters, "What is the sweetest thing in the world?"

'Sugar!' said the elder daughter. 'Salt,' said the younger daughter. Father thought that the younger daughter was making fun of him. Father and the younger daughter were both obstinate. A quarrel broke out between them and he drove her out of the house, saying, "As you think salt is sweeter than sugar, you had better find another home where the cooking is more to your taste."

It was a beautiful summer night, and as the pretty maiden sat singing sadly in the forest around her father's house, a young prince who had lost his way while hunting, heard her voice and came to ask her the way. They decided to get married.

The bride invited her father to the wedding feast, without telling him that she was his daughter. All the dishes were prepared without salt, and the guests began to complain as they ate the tasteless food. "There is no salt in the meat!", they said angrily.

"Ah!" said the bride's father. "Salt is truly the sweetest thing in the world! But when my daughter said so, I turned her out of my house. If only I could see her again and tell her how sorry I am."

Drawing the bridal veil aside from her face, the happy girl went to her father and kissed him. Now properly salted dishes were brought in and all the guests were satisfied.

1. Answer the following questions:
 - a. What question did the father ask his daughters?
 - b. What answers did the daughters give?
 - c. Whose answer did the father think to be right?
 - d. Why did the guests complain?
 - e. What made the father feel sorry for his behaviour towards his younger daughter?

2. Find words from the passage which mean the following:
 - a. Unbending b. A young unmarried girl c. contended
 - d. stubborn e. lacking flavour

3. Make sentences with the following words:
 - a. decided b. properly c. invited
 - d. complain e. prepared

II.

Ravi Shankar was born in Varanasi in 1920. He began as a dancer in his elder brother Uday Shankar's ballet troupe. The call of music was greater and Ravi Shankar left the ballet troupe to learn the sitar under Ustad Allaudin Khan of Maihar. The sitar is the creation of Amir Khusro who gave it the name of 'sehtar', which means 'three strings' in Persian. Ravi Shankar underwent rigorous training under his mentor, George Harrison, of the well-known group, 'The Beatles' and was so impressed by him that he took to playing the sitar. Besides the chaste classical tradition, he has also composed tunes for light music. The tune of the popular song 'Sare Jahan se Accha' was composed by him in 1945.

1. Complete the following statements:
 - a. Ravi Shankar left the ballet troupe because _____
 - b. Ravi Shankar composed the tunes of the popular song _____

c. George Harrison took to playing sitar as

d. The word 'sehtar' means

2. Write the meanings of the following words:

- a. Rigorous b. Troupe c. Composed
d. chaste e. tradition

3. Make sentences with the following words:

- a. creation b. impressed c. popular

III. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

The child who is decked with prince's robes
And who has jewelled chains round his neck
Loses all pleasure in his play;
His dress hampers him at every step.
In fear that it may be frayed
Or stained with dust
He keeps himself from the world,
And is afraid even to move.

1. Answer the following questions:

- a. What is the child wearing round his neck?
b. What is the child decked with?
c. What makes him lose all pleasure in his play?
d. 'In fear that it may be frayed'. What does it refer to?
e. Why is the child afraid even to move?

2. On the basis of your understanding of the poem give a suitable title.

4. Fun with Grammar (30 minutes):

(i) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

- a. Honest men always speak _____ truth.
b. Wisdom is _____ great virtue.
c. My father is _____ artist.

- d. She is _____ European by birth.
- e. It was _____ act of kindness.
- f. It was time for _____ bell to ring.
- g. One of _____ men aimed _____ flashlight around _____ room.
- h. About 5,700 stars can be seen on _____ clear night.
- i. _____ boy in shorts took _____ book from _____ shelf.
- j. We need to take _____ firm decision by May at _____ latest.

(ii) Which prepositions will you use in the following sentences?

- a. Rupa has a passion _____ tennis. (of / for)
- b. Neela was suffering from _____ flu. (from / with)
- c. I cannot choose _____ coffee and tea. (among / between)
- d. Tina is scared _____ spiders. (of / by)
- e. Look _____ a red rose _____ this row. (down / for / along / up)
- f. Please do not walk _____ the grass. (over / on)
- g. Our markets are flooded _____ foreign goods. (by / with)
- h. We are going _____ a picnic _____ the zoo. (to / for / on / at)
- i. Mother was angry _____ me. (on / with)
- j. I keep thinking _____ all the fun we had. (of / about)

(iii) Choose the correct form of verb given in brackets:

- a. I _____ a new bicycle last week. (bought / have bought)
- b. The headmaster _____ to speak to you. (wants / is wanting)
- c. I _____ of something burning. (smell / am smelling)
- d. Don't disturb me. I _____ my homework. (am doing / did)
- e. My aunt _____ a plate last week. (had broken / broke)
- f. I _____ my tiffin before the bell rang. (had eaten / ate)

- g. The dog _____ at the visitor. (barks / is barking)
- h. We _____ tea every morning. (drink / is drinking)
- i. They _____ the road for several days. (have been repairing / repair)
- j. I gained weight because I _____. (has been overeating / had been overeating)