

# INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, RIYADH

## WORKSHEET, SA-2, 2016-17

### CLASS: VII

#### SUBJECT-ENGLISH (Reading and Writing)

#### SECTION 'A' (READING)

**A1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Intelligence is a much hyped up theory. But is it really so necessary? As Edgar Degas has said, 'One must have intelligence only for what one is doing'. Always remember that you have qualities and skills that other people do not have and you should be proud of these and believe in yourself. A psychologist at Harward University, came out with the theory of multiple intelligence which states that not only do human beings have many different ways to learn and process information, but that these are independent of each other. He listed seven types of intelligences: **Linguistic intelligence-** this concerns language and how we use it. Writers, poets, lawyers and speakers are among those who have high linguistic intelligence. **Logical mathematical intelligence-** this is associated with calculation and logical reasoning. **Musical intelligence-** associates with musical appreciation as well as performing and composing music.

**Bodily-kinaesthetic intelligence-** associates with physical skills like sport, dancing and other aspects of movement.

**Spatial intelligence-** this concerns with art and design, as well as finding your way around.

**Interpersonal intelligence-** associates with interacting with people socially and sensitively. Educators, salespeople, religious and political leaders and counsellors all need a well developed interpersonal intelligence.

**Intrapersonal intelligence-** concerns with understanding yourself, to appreciate your feelings, fears, motivations and abilities.

To become successful in life, concentrate well on what you do , not what you don't. Reprogram your mind, replace your old conditioning and get more out of life.

**A.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.**

1. What does the theory of multiple intelligence state?
2. How should one feel about one's qualities and skills according to Edgar Degas?
3. What do you understand by spatial intelligence?
4. What is to be done to become successful in life?

**A2.** Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### **SOLITUDE**

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;

Weep, and you weep alone;

For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,

But has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and the hills will answer;

Sigh, it is lost on the air;

The echoes bound to a joyful sound,

But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;  
Grieve, and they turn and go;  
They want full measure of all your pleasure,  
But they do not need your woe.  
Be glad, and your friends are many;  
Be sad, and you lose them all,—  
There are none to decline your nectared wine,  
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;  
Fast, and the world goes by.  
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,  
But no man can help you die.  
There is room in the halls of pleasure  
For a large and lordly train,  
But one by one we must all file on  
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

**-Ella Wheeler Wilcox**

A2.1. Fill in the blanks with one word only to complete the summary of the poem.

When we laugh the world (a) \_\_\_\_\_ with us. The sad earth only (b) \_\_\_\_\_ its happiness from us. The hills will (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to a joyful sound but not answer the (d) \_\_\_\_\_. People will (e) \_\_\_\_\_ with you if you rejoice but (f) \_\_\_\_\_ you if you grumble and are sad. You must (g) \_\_\_\_\_ your griefs alone. If

you give a (h) \_\_\_\_\_ people will gather around you. To succeed we must learn to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and face our sorrows, boldly.

A.3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A young man was about to complete his college and he wanted a beautiful sports car from his father. He knew his father could easily afford it, so he asked his father to buy him that car. Finally the Graduation Day approached. That day his father called him and told how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a nicely bound Bible. Angrily, he said, "With all your money you gave me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving behind the holy book. Many years passed and the young man became very successful in his business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family. One day he thought that his father must be very old now, and decided to visit him. He had not seen him since the graduation day. Before he could go and meet him, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled in his heart. He began to search for important papers and saw the Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tearful eyes he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. Suddenly the key of the car dropped from inside the Bible. The key had a tag attached to it with the date of his graduation and the words... "**PAID IN FULL**" ... and signed by his father.

A3.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage choose the correct option from the given questions.

- (i) After completing his college days, the young man wanted to \_\_\_\_\_?
- a) Buy a car.
  - b) Gift a sports car.
  - c) Buy a car for his father.
  - d) Get a car from his father.
- (ii) On the Graduation Day, the father \_\_\_\_\_
- a) handed his son the car's key.
  - b) Gifted his son a box.
  - c) Presented the gift in a box

- d) None of the above.
- (iii) While opening the wrapped box.
- The young man was excited.
  - The young man was curious.
  - The young man was disappointed.
  - The father was curious.
- (iv) At the end the young man realized that \_\_\_\_\_
- His father was very clever.
  - His father was very proud of him.
  - His father could afford the car
  - His father loved him very much,
- (v) Pick the word from the passage which means 'to move/rush violently'
- Storm
  - Angrily
  - Regret
  - Suddenly

A3.2 Answer the following questions.

- Why did the son storm out of the house leaving behind the holy book?
- When the young man arrived at his father's house his heart was filled with sadness and regret. Why?
- Give a suitable title to the passage.

A.4 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### **Freedom**

Freedom is the right to do

Anything that pleases you,

As long as you keep in sight

That others also have a right

Have you the right to kill a cat?

Oh no! It's wrong, just consider that

The cat has the right to live like you.  
A right of eating and drinking too!  
So remember that it's certainly wrong  
To deprive a nightingale its song  
To cheat the poor people, as rich men do  
To rob the innocent, as robbers do  
To injure someone to win a race  
To despise some and others embrace  
To disobey every order and rule  
And drown a swimmer in the pool  
And shout and scream like a fool  
Disrespecting the teachers in the school.  
So never forget that although you are free,  
You should think of others, not only 'ME'.

A4.1. On the basis of your reading of the above poem answer the following questions briefly.

- (i) What is freedom?
- (ii) What do rich men and robbers do?
- (iii) Write the actions mentioned in the fourth stanza which we should not follow?

A4.2. Fill in the following blanks with suitable words or phrases from the passage.

Only fools (i)..... and (ii)..... Disrespecting (iii)..... does not mean freedom. One should not think only of oneself but of (iv).....

### SECTION ' B' (WRITING)

#### Writing Tasks

- ① Notice Writing
- ② Autobiography
- ③ Letter to the Editor
- ④ Diary Entry

B.1 Imagine that you are the Sports Secretary of your school. You have been asked to inform the students of class VI to VIII about the annual sports meet in your school. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice board with all necessary details like date, time, and venue. Put the notice in a box.

B.2 A trip to Mount Abu is being organised for the students of VI-VIII section of your school during the Eid holidays. As the Cultural Secretary of the school, draft a notice giving relevant details like the cost, mode of transport, hotel stay, etc.

B3. In spite of being the capital city, New Delhi is still short of many civic amenities. Based on some of the issues given below write a letter to the Editor of The Hindustan Times, New Delhi. The letter should also include suggestions and recommendations to solve the problems. You are Amith/Amrutha, a student.

Hints:

- Traffic jams at peak hours
- Pavement markets – a hindrance to the smooth flow of the traffic
- Shortage of public transport – overcrowded and unsafe buses
- People disobeying traffic rules – a common sight
- Poor road condition – especially during rainy season

B4. Write a letter of complaint to the editor of 'The Hindustan Times', New Delhi about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your town.

- Supply-irregular
- Students-suffer
- Causes water problem
- Accidents occur
- Any other relevant point

B5. Imagine yourself to be Nikhil/Nisha. Write an autobiography using the information given below-

- Aged- 13 years, good health
- Height- 155cm
- Family- only child, father an officer in Delhi Police, mother a teacher in Senior Secondary School.
- Hobbies- reading, playing lawn tennis, viewing T.V.
- Dreams- wants to be an I.P.S officer one day
- Likes/Dislikes- fond of studies
  - likes to lead a good life
  - dislikes honesty, cheating and corruption
- Why distinct from others- has been awarded many prizes in debates, academic and sports.

B.6 Walt Disney is the father of animated cartoon films. Given below are some notes on Disney's life. Imagine yourself to be Walt Disney. Using the given notes write an Autobiography on Walt Disney.



## WALT DISNEY

1901 – Born in Chicago, USA

1923 – Forms a small company in Hollywood

1928 – created world famous cartoon character ‘Micky Mouse’

1938 – Makes ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’. The first full length animated cartoon film. Film becomes one of the biggest money maker film.

1955 – Found Disney land at Anaheim California.

Sets up Disney World in Florida.

Honours – 700 awards and honour ,

29 Motion Picture Academy Awards  
(the highest honour in Movies)

Presidential medal of freedom  
(America’s Highest civilian honour)

B.7 You are Priyanka/Prem of class VII. Today in the Special Assembly you were declared as the ‘Head Girl’ of your school. Write a diary entry to express your views.

B.8 Today is your 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Although your friends and teachers are there with you to celebrate your birthday, your parents are not there with you as you are in the hostel. Being upset about it you decide to write your feelings. Write a diary entry about it.