

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, KOTA

WORK SHEET 2019-20

ENGLISH

CLASS - VIII

Q. 1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. Students tend to lose their pencils, break them without thinking, and find all sorts of non-writing uses for them. The pencil in your hand is one of the most remarkable and useful tools in the world.
 2. A man named Friedrich Staedtler invented the modern “lead” pencil in about 1622 in Germany. He was the first person to mass-produce them. Staedtler did not use lead, and there is no lead in your pencil.
 3. The reason lead is not used in pencils is because it is toxic and not safe to use either in the hands or around the face and mouth where many pencils sometimes stray. Staedtler used black graphite, a soft form of carbon. Graphite is still used today. It is mixed with clay and wax and heated to high temperatures.
 4. The modern pencil is a superb piece of technology. The pencil is less messy than ink, can be easily erased, and makes clear, dark, smooth and smudge free lines. The modern pencil can produce a continuous line twenty-two miles long. That’s a distance of 116,160 foot-long rules laid end to end.
 5. There are many brands of pencils these days unlike in olden days when the choices were limited. Nowadays there are mechanical pencils as well commonly known as Pen-pencils. These are quite in vogue these days as they don’t require sharpening and look attractive. Enjoy your pencil. For a few cents each, it is a remarkable bargain.
- (a) Who invented the “lead ” pencil?
 - (b) Lead is rarely used to make pencils. Why?
 - (c) Of what material are pencils made of?
 - (d) What is the other name for pen pencils?
 - (e) Why can we consider the modern pencil to be a superb piece of technology?
 - (f) How is Graphite used to make pencils?
 - (g) Find words in the passage that mean the following:
 - (i) poisonous (para 2)
 - (ii) fashion (para 5)

Q 3. You are Pihu/ Prateek ,write an article on - Digital India of 21st century in about 120 words.

Q.4 You are Ria / Ritwik , Secretary of the Quiz Club of your school. Write a notice for the school notice board regarding the G.K Quiz Competition to be held next month, inviting the names of the students who wish to participate in the same. Invent all the necessary details.

Q.6 Re-arrange the jumbled words/phrases to form meaningful sentences:

- i) was a / renowned / Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam/ scientist
- ii) gathered / accident / a huge / around the / place of / crowd
- iii) playful /very/ my / naughty/ little/ sister is / and

Q.7 Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb given as per the tense form mentioned:

- i) The baby _____ (sleep) for 2hours. (Past Perfect Continuous)
- ii) The farmers _____ (sit) on agitation near the minister's house.(Present Continuous Tense)
- iii) He _____ (go) for a swim in the evening.(Simple Future Tense)
- iv) I _____ (cut) the grass yesterday. (Simple Past Tense)
- v) Sia_____ (eat) the cookies for lunch today.(Present Perfect Tense)

Q.8 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend

But tell me, dear cricket, you lay nothing by

When the weather was warm?"Quoth the cricket not !!"

- i) Whom does 'me' refer to in the above lines?
- ii) What does 'lay nothing by' means?
- iii) What is the rhyme scheme in the above lines?

Q.9 Answer the following in short (30-40 words):

- i) Who did Connie Macpherson thought her visitor was?
- ii) What tasks were assigned to the dog and the ox?
- iii) How was Almas Javed saved?
- iv) Why had Velu run away from home?

Q.10 Long Answer question(70-80 words):

- i) What message does the poet gives in the poem 'Geography lesson'?
- ii) What one throws away as waste may be valuable to others. Do you find this sentence meaningful in the context to the story 'Children at work'? How?