

ST. CRISPIN'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, GURGAON

HOLIDAY HOME-WORK

CLASS IX

Subject English



Holiday homework is an attempt to channelize the creative energy of the children. Doing it in the right spirit with enthusiasm will make it a great learning experience. Make sure that your work is neat, presentable, and original and conforms to the guidelines.

Q1. Find out the names of the prizes awarded to writers. Also make a list of some of the literary icons who have won the Nobel prize for literature in the last 5 years and mention their nationalities.

Q2. Select an author from the two textbooks that have been prescribed in the syllabus. Do the research and prepare a biographical sketch of his/her life and achievements. Your research must focus on:

- His/her life
- Significant works
- Features of his writing style
- His/her achievements
- Include famous characters, storylines and quotations from his/her works.

Q. 3 Read any one book written by Mulk Raj Anand and do the following tasks.

- a. Design a word puzzle, comprising a minimum of 15 words. It can be a crossword, a Jumbled word game, rebus or a word search. The game must provide interesting clues/instruction to the readers to help them figure out the correct answer.

The following websites can be used while designing the word games.

- <https://crosswordlabs.com/>
- <https://thewordsearch.com/maker/>
- http://rebus1.com/en/index.php?item=rebus_generator

- b. Design an attractive book cover. Don't replicate the original cover of the book.
- c. Write the book review in about 150 words. Make sure you include your personal response to the review.
- d. Draw a pen portrait of your favourite character in about 100 words.
- e. Pick out 50 new words / difficult words and prepare a dictionary of those words with –synonym and antonym.

Some suggested books are:

- [Untouchable](#)
- [Coolie \(Penguin Twentieth-Century Classics\)](#)
- [5 Indian Masters](#)
- [Across the Black Waters](#)
- [The Hindu View of Art](#)

Q.4 Parents are the child's first role model. Children behave, react and imitate same as their parents. Taking help from the lessons 'The Little girl' and 'The Lost Child', write an article on the topic 'Role of Parents in a Child's Life' in about 100 words.

Q.5 Do the unseen passages and editing passages given in the assignment in English notebook.

Assignment

Unseen Passages

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

1. In India, working women lead a life of dual responsibilities if they are married and have a family. In the West, many women are hard-headed careerists and are committed to their jobs. Here in India, women still have traditional roles to fulfil and prefer a career to avoid domestic drudgery.
2. There are four categories of working women in India. Some work while they are waiting for matrimony. A majority work because they are qualified, want a second income and a different kind of life for part of the day. A small section consists of career-women. A sizeable section of women are bread-winners.
3. It is quite apparent that with a majority of working women, the family take precedence over the job. They prefer to stay in joint families where their children can be taken care of while they are at work. When they come back in the evening from the relatively modern surroundings of their work-spots, their personalities have to undergo a change to accommodate the demands on their time and attention by different family members whose predominant feelings are believed to have been neglected. These women often do their shopping on the way from office. They reserve their weekends for heavy housework which will help them to cope with the rest of the week, with relatively less tension. Weekends are also reserved for spending time with their spouses and children, for entertainment, family duties, visits and other such endless chores. Actually speaking, they hardly have time for personal needs.
4. Despite the freedom and confidence of their jobs and pay packets, working women still prefer to leave the financial decision-making and budgeting to their husbands. They are unwilling to compromise on their dual burdens and prefer jobs with flexible timings. They are not unduly fashion conscious but take pride in graceful clothing. Indian working women are managing their double roles admirably.

Word-Meanings

drudgery	:	dull, boring work
matrimony	:	marriage
sizeable	:	large
apparent	:	clear

precedence	:	priority
relatively	:	comparatively
predominant	:	most important
tension	:	worry

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) Why do some Indian women prefer a career ?
- (ii) Why does the writer say that women have dual personality ?
- (iii) Why do working women prefer to stay in joint families ?
- (iv) What do working women reserve their weekends for ?

(b) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following :

- (i) The meaning of the word 'dual' in para 1 is
 - (a) immense
 - (b) weak
 - (c) twofold
 - (d) great
- (ii) In para 3, the antonym of the word 'predominant' is
 - (a) powerful
 - (b) noticeable
 - (c) weak
 - (d) unnoticeable

(c) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :

- (i) kinds (para 2)
- (ii) boring tasks (para 3)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

1. Ideas rule the world. You shape your fate and decide your destiny by your thoughts. You have to think high to rise. You have to believe and be sure of yourself to win a prize. Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man; but sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can. Success starts with your thoughts. Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. And your mind is nothing more than a bundle of thoughts. Since you have the power to shape your thoughts, you automatically also have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny. Thus, your thoughts are the most potent, powerful and prime source of your success. For your thoughts to blossom into success, they should be combined with definiteness of purpose, perseverance and a burning, pulsating, strong desire to translate them into action.
2. Believe that you will succeed and believe it firmly. You will then do whatever is necessary to bring success about. Faith in yourself, confidence that you can and will succeed is the key to your success in any venture. If you keep your mind riveted on your goal and focus your thoughts on the great and splendid things you wish to have, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for fulfilment of your desire.
3. Thoughts are supreme. Preserve a right mental attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. Think of success in your work and you will then do automatically and unconsciously the things necessary to bring success about. If your desire is weak and efforts are erratic, your achievements will also be slight and fleeting. But if you go after your goal with the single-mindedness of a bulldog after a cat, with boundless energy, enthusiasm and determination, nothing and nobody under the sun can stop you from reaping success and securing your cherished objective. The swiftness and speed of your progress towards achieving your goal depends solely on the depth and intensity of your desire. Your goal should also be definite, clear-cut, specific and should be linked to a fixed time frame so that your energies and efforts can be focussed and forcefully directed towards its attainment.

Word-Meanings

destiny	:	fate	fleeting	:	short-lived
perseverance	:	hard work	intensity	:	depth
pulsating	:	vibrating	attainment	:	achievement
riveted	:	fixed			

(a) Answer the following questions :

- (i) Who wins the battle of life ?
- (ii) What is of more significance to succeed in life ?
- (iii) What is the surest key to success ?
- (iv) What is the writer's advice ?

(b) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following :

- (i) The meaning of the word 'automatically' in para 1 is
(a) willingly (b) without any control
(c) instinctively (d) with any discipline
- (ii) In para 3, the synonym of the word 'enthusiasm' is
(a) zeal (b) goal
(c) inspiration (d) motivation

(c) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :

(i) holding firmly (para 2)

(ii) irregular (para 3)

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Sacred trees form an important part of the ecological heritage of India. Most temples, towns, villages—and sometimes even Muslim dargahs—are associated with trees. Some plants are sacred to the individual deity; others are sacred to the place... Several plants have been worshipped in India from time immemorial. Wherever the tulsi grows—from the Indo-Gangetic plains to the shores of the Indian Ocean at Kanyakumari—it occupies a position of pride in the central courtyard of the house, tended to, carefully, by the housewife.

2. Apart from the elaborate myths connecting it to Krishna, the tulsi plant has several medicinal properties. To protect and revere this plant with so many medicinal properties, it was designated as sacred, a fitting tribute to its role in providing invaluable healthcare. The worship of plants is an ancient phenomenon in India. It is probably the oldest form of worship. The association of a single tree with a sacred sthala or sthana is reflected in the chaitya vriksha and sthalavriksha or literature and society.

3. When people turned to food production, the Mother Goddess or the Earth Mother became the chief deity. Fertility, creation, and the world of plants and animals became her blessings to her devotees. The worship of the tree was the adoration of her creative abilities, symbolising fertility so essential or the survival of the early people. Spirits—good or bad—were believed to reside in trees. If the trees were worshipped, then the resident spirits were pleased. As sacred forests were replaced by agriculture, a single tree was left and was designated as 'sacred' tree.

4. The earliest temples were little more than images placed under trees. Later, the tree and the image were enclosed by a fence made of wood, followed even by stone. Numerous references are made in literature to trees as abodes of gods.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions

(a) _____ form an important part of the ecological heritage of India.

(i) Indo-gangetic plains (ii) Mother Goddess (iii) Sacred trees (iv) Kanyakumari

(b) The worship of plants is an _____ phenomenon in India

(i) ancient (ii) invaluable (iii) immemorial (iv) elaborate

(c) The _____ has several medicinal properties

(i) chaitya vriksha (ii) sthalavariksha (iii) tulsi plant (iv) sacred tree

(d) Tulsi was designated as sacred

(i) to protect it (ii) to respect it (iii) as it has many medicinal properties (iv) all of these

(e) The most important things given by the mother Earth to us are:

(i) air and fire (ii) creative abilities (iii) plants and animals (iv) spirits

(f) All trees except one were felled down by the early people for:

(i) their shelter (ii) agriculture (iii) earning money (iv) fuel

(g) A single tree left by the early people which was designated as _____

(h) The worship of plants has been started by the modern people. (True/False)

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. The time is now to save these magnificent cats, before they vanish from the earth forever. There is little time left to preserve these animals; immediate action is required.

2. I cannot imagine, nor would I wish to live in a world without tigers... without these magnificent creatures in our forests living free—without captive populations carrying on the gene pool. The power and beauty of these animals is indisputable. Tigers are an integral part of the ecosystem, as they are a major link in the food chain. Tigers have been bestowed magical and supernatural properties by many societies, and have also been revered as gods. All living creatures of mother earth depend on one another for survival. We as human beings are brothers and sisters to every living being, from the plants to the animals to each other.

3. Crimes like these—the killing of tigers—must be stopped. They are often killed in the most barbaric, the most unbelievably cruel ways. I ask you—the reader—if learning of things like this moves you at all, then take that energy and do what you can to stop the killing of these magnificent animals. Write to your government, write to the governments of tiger countries and urge them to protect tigers. Penalties for killing tigers, and other protected wildlife need to be strongly enforced—and strong enough as to be a complete deterrent to the poaching of tigers, and also deter those who profit from such killings.

4. Extremist groups would ban all exotic animals from captivity because of small numbers of individuals that mistreat their animals, and unfortunately the whole zoo “industry” and caring private owners get painted with the same brush. The vast majority of zoos big and small, treat their animals well, feed them well and give them proper environment and enrichment. The numbers of bad homes are small, but they do exist. The Animals Rights Organization should make sure they target only the bad homes and leave those providing a good, happy and healthy home for animals alone.

5. They don't realize that banning all exotics from captivity could spell the end for many species of animals. Species whose numbers in the wild are extremely low, such as the Clouded Leopard, Siberian tiger, South China tiger and so forth. Zoos, sanctuaries and responsible, knowledgeable and caring private owners are rapidly becoming the last havens to preserve ever-dwindling species of animals. These places may well, in the not so far future, hold the last remaining tigers—gems for the future who should be nurtured and protected.

6. Caring for tigers is our immense responsibility. Not just to the single tiger in your care, but to his or her species, and all tigers. Simply to own a tiger and keep him or her in your backyard as a pet is not enough, nor is it acceptable to keep this animal to yourself. You, the owner, owe it to all tigers—wild and those held in captivity—and to the future generations of these animals to educate the public about tigers—and help to change people's opinions about wildlife preservation. Education is key to developing sensitivity to and awareness of our environment. Our children hold the hope for the future of the tiger. Heightened awareness of environmental issues will help assure our children grow up to respect and care for our global environment. Think Globally—Act

Locally!

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

(a) Why is the writer unable to imagine a world without tigers?

(b) What can you do to stop killing of tigers?

(c) What are the extremist groups banning? What could be its consequence?

(d) Think Globally—Act Locally! How is this possible?

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

- (a) The synonym of 'conferred' as given in para 2 is _____
(i) bestowed (ii) magnificent (iii) revered (iv) captive
- (b) The synonym of 'fanatic' as given in para 4 is _____ .
- (c) The antonym of 'freedom' as given in para 5 is _____ .
(i) exotics (ii) captivity (iii) havens (iv) nurtured
- (d) The antonym of 'questionable' as given in para 2 is _____

EDITING

1 Ayurveda uses Neema on various forms to treat diverse diseases. Its medicinal property is as powerful that it is being researched from modern scientists not only in India but all over a world.

2 We can't try another simple experiment for show that gases transmit pressure. Let us taken a ball having a number at holes connected to a tube.

3 Often gas is founded with a oil. It is calling natural gas because it is not manufacturer like coal gas in gasworks. Scientists think that it was formed from the same process which has about twice the heat value of manufactured gas.

4 "Death is a great price to pays for a red rose," cried the Nightingale, "and life is very deer to all. Yet love is well than life, and what is the heart of a bird comparing to the heart of a man ?"

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(d)

5 “So you want other day of”, shouted the office manager on his clerk. I am anxious to heard what excuse you have now. You are gone for your grandfather funeral twice already.” The clerk smile sheepishly and said, “Today my grandmother is getting married again.”

e.g. other - another

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____

6 The concern in global warning is not that its happening but that it’s been hastened by modern man. It is also occurring in a far greater rate then the natural evolutionary process. We are cut down trees, forcing an extinction of many species and polluting the environment.

e.g. in - over

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____