

FIRST SEMESTER ACTIVITY SHEET

STD 8TH.

SUB. ENGLISH.

TIME: 2HRS.

MARKS: 50

SECTION I – LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1. A) Complete the activities. (Any four)

(05 Marks)

1) Complete the words by using the correct letters (01)

1) emp - ror 2) mas - er

2) Put the Words in Alphabetical order (01)

1) Mason, Engineer, Architect, Contractor

3) Punctuate the following (01)

why can't you sing like him

4) Make two smaller words (minimum 3 letters) using the letters in the given word: 'opportunity'

5) Write related adverbs to the given verbs. (01)

..... walk

6) Complete the word chain of noun. (01)

King → g..... ,

Q. 1.B) Do as directed. (Any one) (01 Mark)

1) Make a meaningful sentence by using the phrase 'filled with fear'.

OR

2) Add a prefix or suffix to make new words :- a) bound b) beauty

SECTION II : TEXTUAL PASSAGE

Q.2) Answer the following question in this passage (10)

A1) State whether the sentences are true or false. (02)

- i) Androcles had a very kind master.
- ii) Poor people were used as slaves.
- iii) Slaves had no freedom.
- iv) Androcles was a kind man.

A2. Complete the sentences. (02)

Condition of slaves at that time –

- I) They were forced.....
- iii) They had to do
- ii) They had no
- iv) They were bounded.....

Long, long ago, there lived a kind, gentle and courteous man called Androcles. But he had a very cruel master. In those days, kings, nobles, and other wealthy men used poor people as their slaves. Androcles was a slave. The slaves were forced to work for their masters. They had to do what their masters told them. They had no freedom, no rights. Even when they were unhappy with their master, they could not leave him. They were bound by law to obey their master, however wicked he might be. Androcles did not like his heartless, wicked master. His master starved serving such a master. He kept looking out for a good opportunity.

A3) Write the opposite words (02)

A	B
i) Kind	a) Master
ii) Slave	b) Cruel
iii) Poor	c) Happy
iv) Unhappy	d) Wealthy

A4) Do as directed. (02)

1) Choose the correct tag for the following.

Androcles was a slave,

- i) didn't he? ii) wasn't he? iii) was he?

2) Pick out the infinitive from the sentence.

The slaves were forced to work for their masters.

A5) Is it right to treat poor people as slaves? Why?

(02)

SECTION III : POETRY

'Tis a lesson you should heed,
 Try again ;
 If at first you don't succeed,
 Try again;
 Then your courage should appear,
 For if you will persevere,
 Try again;
 If we strive 'tis no disgrace,
 Though we do not win the race.
 What should we do in that case ?
 Try again;

A1) Complete the following lines with a proper word from extract .
 i) If you don't in the beginning, you should try again.
 ii) Trees spread shade for sleepy tigers.

A2) What lesson should we keep always in mind?

A3) Find the rhyming words from the poem.

Q.3 :B) Write an appreciation of the poem. (05 marks)

- 1) Title of the poem is.....
- 2) The poem is written by.....
- 3) The poem has stanzas. Each stanza has lines.
- 4) The line I like most is-

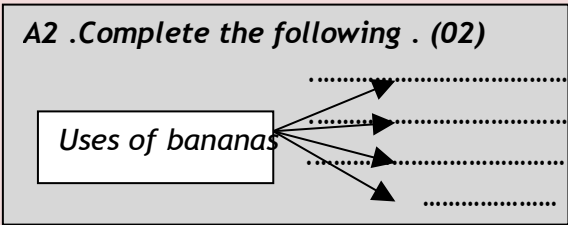
'Be the Best'

Be the best
 If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
 Be a scrub in the valley - but be
 The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
 Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
 If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
 And some highway happier make;
 If you are a muskie then be a bass -
 But the liveliest bass in the lake!
 We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
 There's something for all of us here,
 And the task your must do is the near.
 If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
 If you can't be the sun be a star;
 If isn't by size that you win or you fail
 Be the best of whatever you are!
 - Douglas Malloch

SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL (UNSEEN) PASSAGE

Q.4) Read the following passage complete following answer of the question. (10)

- A1. Choose the correct alternative. (02)**
- i) How many calories does half of a kilo of bananas contain?
 a) 500 b) 250 c) 460
 - ii) In American and Asian kitchens bananas are used-
 a) cooked b) uncooked c) boiled
 - iii) How many varieties of banana are there?
 a) 200 b) 500 c) 270
 - iv) How many leaves does each banana plant have?
 a) about 15 b) about 10 c) about 16



Banana is a wholesome food. It is made up of water(75%),sugar(20%), proteins (2%), fats(1.5%) , cellulose (1%) And other substances (1%). It also contains vitamins such as A, C, B1 and B2. It is quite a nourishing and easily digestible fruit. Half a kilo bananas contains 460 calories and are more nourishing than any other fruit. A type of flour is also made of dried bananas. In American and Asian kitchens bananas are used uncooked in salads and with ice creams . In Africa people thatch roof of their huts with the banana leaves. The plant yields a kind of fiber which is used to make ropes. There are over 200 varieties of banana. Its height varies between 5 to 30 ft. Each plant has about 10 large leaves and bears a single bunch of fruit.

A3) Match the opposites words. (02)

- | A | B |
|----------------|-----------------|
| i) uncooked | a) indigestible |
| ii) digestible | b) cooked |
| iii) dried | c) small |
| iv) large | d) wet |

A4. Do as Directed. (02)

- 1) It also contains vitamins. (Choose the correct tense .)
 a) Simple present tense b) Simple past tense c) Present perfect tense
- 2) Bananas are more nourishing than any other fruit.
 (State the degree of comparison in the above sentence.)

A5. Do you like to eat fruits? Tell any four names of fruits.

SECTION- V : WRITING SKILL

Q.5 A) (a) Your school has arranged a trip to Tadoba Tiger sanctuary , Chandrapur.

Write a letter to your father asking him for permission and fees.

(05 marks)

OR

(b)

1) Prepare a dialogue from the jumbled sentence. (01)

- * I read these story books in my free time.
- * What do you do in your free time?
- * Sure, you may take it.
- * May I take this book?

2) Complete the dialogue. (02)

A:..... ?

B: I live at Jambhora.

A: Are you a student?

B:

3) Prepare a dialogue of six exchanges on ' Favourite game'. (03)

Q.5 B) Complete the story by using the words given in bracket. (05 Marks)

Once a lion was sleeping in a a mouse started playing on his back. The lion got up..... He caught the mouse and was ready to it. The begged the lion to leave it and said that someday it would The lion. The lion and let it go.

One day the lion was in a net set up by hunters. He loudly as he tried too hard to escape. The mouse the lion and came. It up the net with its sharp teeth and set the lion.....

(help, angrily, caught, forest, mouse, kill, roared, free, chewed, heard, laughed) Moral of the story

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Q.6) Translation (05)

a) Translate the following words into your mother tongue. (Any four) (02)

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| 1) gaze | 2) pal | 3) legal |
| 4) slave | 5) courage | 4) honest |

b) Translate the following sentences into your mother tongue. (Any two) (02)

- 1) Androcles was a slave.
- 2) Grace was always unhappy.
- 3) I love my country.

c) Translate the following proverb / idiom into your mother tongue. (Any one) (01)

- 1) Where there is will, there is the way.
- 2) Success is the hardwork.

