

Class 9<sup>th</sup>

SECOND SEMESTER ACTIVITY SHEET

Marks- 80

Time 3.00 hours

Subject – English (L3)

SECTION I - LANGUAGE STUDY- (10 Marks)

Que. 1 (A) Do as directed .(Attempt any four)(08 Marks)

1. Complete the words by using the correct letters. (02)

i) agric-lture ii) surr-nding iii) in-eresting iv) reve-ge

2. Put the words in alphabetical order. (02)

i) pretty, regret, exact, anxious

ii) muscle , monkey, morning, mountain

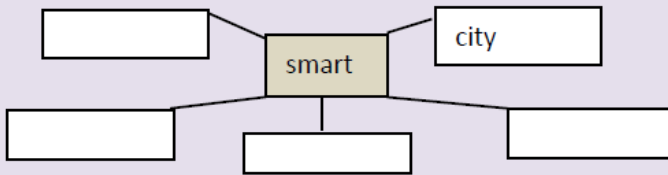
3. Punctuate the following. (02)

i) the greeks have gone they said

ii) i can stop trying to convince you

4. Make four words (minimum 3letters) using the letters in the word 'demonstration'

5. Write the related words as shown in example.



6.) Complete the word chain of the verb , beginning with the last letter of the previous word. (02)

start—, 1....., 2....., 3....., 4.....

Que. 1 (A) Do as directed . (02 Marks)

1. (Attempt any one)

a) Make a meaningful sentence by using the phrase 'afraid of' (01)

OR

b) Add a clause to the following sentence to expand it meaningfully. (01)

I know his life story.....

2. (Attempt any one)

a) Add a prefix or suffix to make new words. (01)

i) necessary ii) celebrate OR

b) Make a meaningful sentence by using any one of the following words. (01)

i) necessary ii celebrate

SECTION II- TEXTUAL PASSAGES— (20 Marks)

Que:2 A ) Read the passage and do the activities. (10marks)

As they were wondering how the horse had been built and why it had been left behind. They found a Greek with his hands tied together lying under it. When the Trojans dragged him out, the man pretended to be very frightened of them. When he was commanded to tell them why the Greeks had gone and why they had left this horse behind, he pretended to tremble very much and refused to speak. When at last they threatened to kill him, he spoke and told them this false tale.

"The Greeks are tired of the long war and have sailed away in their ships," he said. "But they are afraid of the long voyage home too, and so they have made this house and left it as an offering to the god of the sea. They wanted also to kill me and offer me as a sacrifice to the sea-god; but I escaped and hid from them."

"But why did the Greeks make such a huge horse?" Some of the Trojans asked. And the cunning Greek made this reply. "If they had made a smaller offering, you might have taken it into your city. Then the luck would have gone to the Trojans and not to the Greeks. That is why they made it too big to go inside your gates."

The Trojans were delighted to hear this. "The Greeks have gone," They said, "And the walls are no longer necessary. Let us make a hole in the wall and drag the horse in."

Their wise priest warned them not to do so. "It may be a trick that will ruin us," he said. "You will bring disaster on the city if you break down the wall." But they were so excited that they paid no attention to his words. They broke down part of their strong wall in order to drag the horse in. All that day the Trojans feasted and drank and celebrated. After all their celebrations, they went to sleep and slept soundly. But that day of rejoicing was soon followed by a night of terror and death.

A1. True or false. (02)

- 1) The huge wooden horse was an offering to the god of the sea.
- 2) The man left by the Greeks told the false story of the horse.
- 3) Their wise priest told the Trojans to make a hole in the wall.
- 4) The Greeks were really tired of long war and had sailed away.

A2. How did the cunning Greek explain the presence of a large wooden horse? (02)

A3) Match the pairs of describing words with the nouns from the passage.(02)

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| i) long      | a) horse    |
| ii) huge     | b) voyage   |
| iii) smaller | c) wall     |
| iv) strong   | d) offering |

A4) Do as directed. (02)

1) The wise priest warned them not to do so.

( change into past progressive tense.)

2) They went to sleep.

( pick out the infinitive from the sentence.)

B5. Write any four names of ancient kings in your country.



**Que: 2 B) Read the passage and do the activities. (10marks)**

Michael faraday is regarded as one of the most distinguished scientists and inventors of modern times, and his work on electricity is still a subject of study, in the form of faraday laws. But few know his inspirational life story which is all about courage and fighting against the odds.

Michael faraday was born into a poverty stricken family in a dirty London suburb. He suffered from a speech defect as a child. He would Pronounce 'rabbit' as 'wabbit'. He could not even say his own name and would call himself 'fawady.' Other children laughed at him and teachers did not help him either. When he was twelve, his mother was forced to take him out of school, thus putting an end to his formal education.

At thirteen, however, he started working with a bookbinder, binding hundreds of book during the day and staying up all night to read them. Reading thus became his obsession. One day he came across a book on electricity which had been sent to his master for binding. He started reading it and was completely hooked. That was his first introduction to the subject of electricity, which soon became a lifelong fascination.

Faraday was still poor at twenty-one. Once, a friend gave him a free ticket to a public lecture and demonstration by the renowend chemist Humphry Davy at London's Royal Institution. Davy's work on chemicals and electrical lighting was the subject of conversation among the scientists of that age. Seventy years later, across the Atlantic ocean in the USA, the same work enable Thomas Edison to produce the first consistent light bulb.

**B2. Complete the following diagram. 02**



- i) regarded as.....
- ii) born into a.....
- ii) he would pronounce.....
- iv) he suffered from.....

**B3. Find out four compound words from the passage. (02)**

- B4. Do as directed. 02**
- i) Faraday was still poor at twenty-one.  
( add a question tag.)
  - ii) A friend gave him a free ticket to public lecture.  
( Frame a wh question to get underlined part as an answer.)

- B1. Complete the following sentence from the passage. (02)**
- i) When he was twelve,.....
  - ii) One day he came across a book on.....
  - iii) Faraday was born into.....
  - iv) At thirteen, he started to work with.....

**A5. Which subject do you like most? Why?**

**Que: 3 A) Read the stanza and do the activities. (05)**

Slowly, silently, now the moon  
walks the night in her silver shoon;  
This way, and that, she peers, and sees  
silver fruits upon silver trees;  
One by one the casements catch  
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch;  
Couched in his kennel, like a log,  
With paws of silver sleeps the dog;  
From their shadowy cote the white breasts peep  
Of doves in silver feathered sleep  
A harvest mouse goes scampering by,  
With silver claws, and silver eye;  
And moveless fish in the water gleam,  
By silver reeds in a silver stream

- A1. Complete the sentences . 02**
- i) Two moving objects in the poem are..... and .....
  - ii) The moon walks in the night in her.....
  - ii) A harvest mouse goes.....

**A2. Which objects and animals are mentioned in the poem? 02**

**A3. Pick out the line of figure of speech 'Repetition' from the stanza.**



Que: 3 B) Write the appreciation of the poem with the help of the following points. 05

<p><u>What is success?</u>                  To laugh often and much;                  To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;                  To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;                  To appreciate beauty                  To find the best in others;</p>	<p>To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;                  To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;                  This is to have succeeded.                  By Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>
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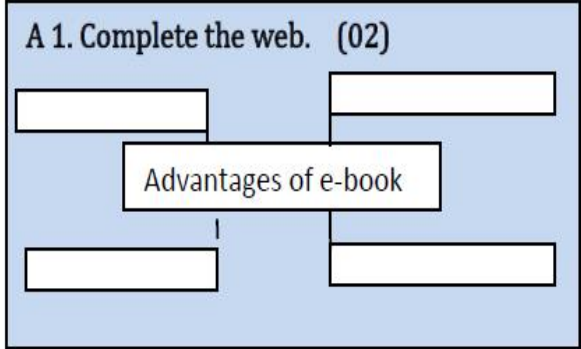
Title : .....	1/2
Poet : .....	1/2
Rhyme scheme:....	01
Figures of speech (Any one):.....	01
Theme / central idea (in 2 to 3 lines):..	02

**SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGE (15 Marks)**

Que : 4 A) Read the following passage and do the activities. (10 Marks)

Man has always felt a need to express himself. In ancient times, before paper was invented, men used to inscribe his thoughts on stones or walls. Later, he began using the leaves of the palm and the lotus to write. The art of printing was invented in 1454. Soon it became popular all over the world. Knowledge could now reach even to the common man. Thousands of additions of any book become available for anyone who wanted them.

The latest invention, the e-book, has brought about a great change in the field of printing. The e-book is an electronic book. It is a book printed in digital form. You can read and e-book on a computer or laptop. The e-book needs neither paper nor ink. The CD's of the e-books have a life of many years. The same e-book can be made available in different languages. Even CD's of famous Marathi books are available today. In the future, there will be libraries of e-books. What a wonderful invention the e-book is!



**A2. Describe the latest invention, the e-book , with the help the passage. 02**

**A3. Match the pairs of opposite words (02)**

A	B
1) modern	a) Knowledge
2) different	b) ancient

**A 4. Do as directed. (02)**

1) The e-book is an electronic book. (Add a question tag.)

2) Choose the correct active voice for the following.  
 The art of printing was invented in 1454.  
 a) They were invented the art of printing in 1454.  
 b) They invented the art of printing in 1454.  
 c) They invent the art of printing in 1454.

**A 5) Personal response. (02)**

Which books do you like most printed books or e-books? Give your reason.

**Que: 4 B) Write the summary of the above unseen passage. Suggest a suitable title. (05)**

**SECTION V- WRITING SKILL**

**Que 5 A) Letter writing. (05)**

**Tadoba Tiger Sanctuary**  
Flora and Fauna in their natural habitat  
A Feast for the eyes

- \* Students concessions available
- \* Plan your trip now
- \* Booking available for
- \* Boarding and lodging
- \* Mode of travel to and from Tadoba
- \* Nice Tadoba
- \* Full security and medical aid.

**:-Contact:-**  
The Divisional Forest Officer  
Tadoba Tiger Sanctuary  
Chandrapur  
www.mahagovt.forestdept.com

**A1. Write a letter to your father asking for his permission to join the trip, with the help of the above guideline. Add your own points.**

**OR**

**A2. Write a letter to the Divisional Forest Officer with the help of the above guideline, asking for his permission to arrange the trip, Add your own points.**

**Que 5 B) Do any one of the following. B1 or B2 (05)**

**a) Put the sentence in correct order to Prepare a meaningful dialogues. (01)**

- 1) I like to read books in my free time.
- 2) How do you spend your free time?
- 3) I enjoy reading the moral story books most.
- 4) What kind of books do you like?

**b) Complete the dialogue. (01)**

A: Where did you go for picnic the last week?

B: .....

A: What did you see there?

B: .....

**c) Write a dialogue of minimum six meaningful exchanges on 'Importance of exercise'. (03)**

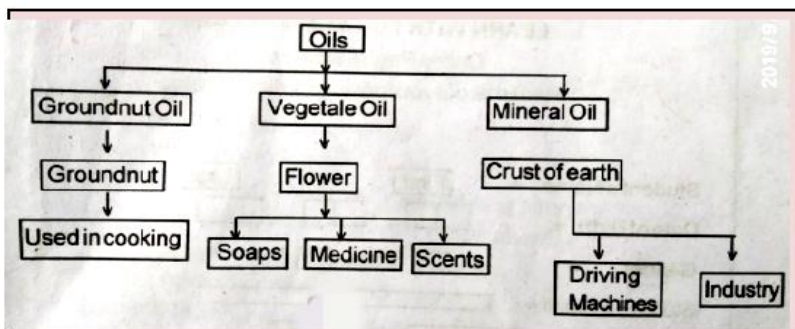
**OR**

**B2. Prepare a speech on 'Importance of games'. You may use the following points:**

- \* Keep us healthy and strong
- \* win different prizes
- \* achieve name and fame
- \* matter of pride
- \* career opportunity

**Que : 6 A) Information transfer . Do any one of the following A1 or A2. (05)**

**A1. Non-Verbal to Verbal :**





OR

**A2- Verbal to Non-Verbal**

**Using information given in the extract and complete the table given below it.**

Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1869. He completed his degree in law. from Englan and returned to India. He was keen on helping the poor and down-trodden. He is internationally known for his work in South Africa; where he fought against racial discrimination. He joined an Indian freedom struggle after returning to India . He began the 'Satyagraha' movement and initiated a major agitation in the form of a Non-Cooperation Movement against the British in 1930, followed by the Quit India Movement in 1942. He was killed by a fanatic on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1948. He was given the title ' Father of the Nation .'

Name -----	
Date of Birth -----	
Academic qualifications -----	
Aim of life -----	
work in South Africa -----	
Two major Movements -----	
Title given to Gandhiji -----	
Date of death -----	

Que 6 : B) Expand the theme. Do any one of the following, B1 OR B2 (05)

B1) News report.

Read the following headline and prepare a news report with the help of given points.

*'Annual sport program in Saraswati Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Jambhora'*

- \* Headline
- \* Dateline
- \* Introductoin
- \*Short continuing paragraph

OR

B2) Complete the story with the help of given ending. Suggest a suitable title. (05)

Once, there lived two friends named Raju and Ganesh. One day they went in a jungle for a walk. ....

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## SECTION VI – SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Que : 7 Translation (05Marks)

a) Translate the following words into your medium of instruction. (Any four) (02)

- 1) slave   2) attack   3) harsh  
4) poverty   5) education   6) fortunate

b) Translate the following sentences into your medium of instruction. (Any two) (02)

- 1) Raza was born in a small village.  
2) Troy was a strong city.  
3) Who is your favorite warrior.

b) Translate the following idiom/ proverb into your medium of instruction. (Any one) (01)

- 1) Every dog has its days.  
2) Books are our real friends.

### ANSWER SHEET

Q1A-

- 1) i. agriculture   ii. surrounding   iii. interesting   iv. revenge  
2) 1. anxious, exact, pretty, regret   2. Monkey, morning, mountain, muscle  
3) i. "The Greeks have gone," they said.  
    ii. I can stop trying to convince you.  
4) demo, mad, dam, rat, tar, stairs, station, one  
5) village, boy, girl, teacher, school  
6) start-take- eat- tell-learn-neglect

Q.1B.

1. a) I am afraid of wild animals. Or

b) I know his life story which is full of sorrow.

2. a) i) unnecessary ii) celebration Or

i) it is very necessary for me.

ii) We celebrate the teachers day every year.

Q.2 A

A1- True , True, False, False

A2- accept any reasonable answer

A3- long- voyage, huge- horse, smaller- offering, strong- wall

A4- 1) The wise priest was warning them not to do so. 2) to sleep

A5- Accept any reasonable answer.

Q.2B

B1- i) his mother was forced to take him out of school

ii) electricity iii) a poverty stricken family in a dirty Landon suburb ,iv) a book binder

B2- i) one of the most distinguished scientist and inventor of modern times

ii) a poverty stricken family in a dirty London suburb

iii) 'rabit' as 'wabit'

iv) a speech defect as a child

B3- life story, poverty stricken, bookbinder, twenty-one

B3- i) wasn't he? , ii) Who gave him a free ticket to Public lecture?

B5- Accept any reasonable answer

Q.3 B

Title- What is success

Poet- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rhyme scheme- free verse

Figure of speech- Alliteration (...a bit better...)

Theme- (accept any reasonable answer)

Q.4 A .A1) you can read on a computer or laptop, needs neither papers nor ink, have a life of many years, same e-book can be make available in different languages

A2) accept any reasonable answer

A3) modern- ancient, different- same, ignorance- knowledge, earlier- later

A4) 1. The e-book is an electronic book, isn't it?

2) b. They invented the art of printing in 1454.

A5) accept any reasonable answer

Q.4 B) accept any reasonable answer

Q.5A )accept any reasonable answer

Q.5 B) a.

How do you spend your free time?

I like to read books in my free time.

What kind of books do you like?

I enjoy reading the moral story books most.

b). And c) - accept any reasonable answer

OR- accept any reasonable answer

Q. 6 A1 or A2 and B1 or B2- accept any reasonable answer

Q. 7 a) गुलाम, हल्ला, कठीण, दारिद्र्य/गरिबी, शिक्षण, भाग्यवान

b) 1.रझा एका लहान खेडेगावात जन्मले होते.

2. ट्राय एक बलवान शहर होते.

3. तुझा आवडता योद्धा कोण आहे?