

P.S.Senior Secondary School, Mylapore
Worksheet-3 March 2020

Class: X

English

SECTION – A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below –

1) These days, it is not unusual to see people listening to music or using their electronic gadgets while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transports, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks; is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them? Or is it that they just want to show how cool they are? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragic-comic situations.

(2) The other day, an electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what needed to be done. But after he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had an earphone on. Hundreds of such earphones addicts commute by the Metro every day. While one should not hold grudge against anyone, their moments of privacy or their love for music, the fact is 'iPod oblivion' can sometimes become very dangerous.

(3) Recently, I was travelling with my wife on the Delhi Metro. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't too many passengers in our compartment. Other than us, there were only two women sitting on the other side of the aisle. And then suddenly, I spotted a duffel bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. Then suddenly a youth emerged from nowhere and picked up the bag. When we tried to stop him, he looked at us, surprised. Then he took off his earpieces, lifted the bag, and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station.

(4) We were stunned but recovered in time to ask him where he was all this while. His answer: he was in the compartment, leaning against the door totally immersed in the music. He had no clue about what was going on around him. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song.

(A) Read the above passage and answer the questions that follow: (5x1=5)

- (i) What reasons does the author offer for the people taking risks on the road ?
- (ii) Why didn't the electrician carry out the work properly ?
- (iii) Explain the term 'earphone addicts'.
- (iv) Why were the people in the Metro doubtful about the bag?
- (v) Why were the passengers stunned ?

SECTION – B (Writing)

2. The Indian monsoons have begun. Torrential rains have shown how poor cities are in preparedness for rains. These cities also lack cleanliness and hygiene. As Secretary of the Resident's Association of Pranavam colony in Bangalore, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on the poor sanitary conditions in the locality/city, with suggestions for improvement. Write the letter in 120-150 words.

3. Based on the inputs given, develop a story in about 200 words.

(2 leading singers ---- one sings foot-stopping rustic songs, other one old-time numbers---- audience charged---- arrival of the dignity---- only 10 minutes each, time permitted for the artists---- tension brews, supporters take sides----pandemonium...)

Q4.The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the corrected word. (6x1/2 marks)

	incorrect word	corrected word
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In July 2012 Physicists with CERN in Switzerland	eg. with	at
announces the discovery of a new subatomic	a) _____	_____
particle that look like the Higgs boson .	b) _____	_____
The discovery with confirmation of this	c) _____	_____
particle is crucial for scientists	d) _____	_____
as it helped them for complete	e) _____	_____
his model of how the universe was formed	f) _____	_____

Q5.Arrange the words to make meaningful sentences; -

1. you /work/a/to/student/hard/ As /must/be/successful
2. No/be/one/able/should/beat/to/you
3. in/help/others/always/However/needs/their

Q6.Reported Speech

Nicholas: Bobby won't enjoy himself much, and he won't race much either. His boots are hurting him. They are too tight.

Aunt: Why didn't he tell me they were hurting?

Nicholas: He told you twice, but you weren't listening. You often don't listen when we tell you important things.

Fill in the blanks using reported speech.

Nicholas said that Bobby(1) and because (2)..... and

His aunt asked (3).....

Nicholas replied that (4)..... He added that (5).....

Q.7. Answer each of the following in about 30 to 40 word:

1. How does the crow change the poet's mood?
2. What is the underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'?

3. How does Frost's poem 'Fire and Ice' reflect the modern world?
4. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire ?
5. How does Dr Herriot treat Tricki?
6. Why does Mrs Pumphrey believe that Tricki's recovery was a triumph of surgery?