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Practice Worksheet  
Class VIII Subject –English**

**Topics**

- 1. Reading**
- 2. Writing**
- 3. Tenses**
- 4. Part of Speech**

**Q1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions complete the statements given below:**

1. Oh! Defenders of borders
2. You are great sons of my land
3. When we are all asleep
4. You still hold on to your deed.
5. Windy season or snowy days
6. Or scorching sun's sweltering rays
7. You are there guarding all the time awake
8. Treading the lonely expanses as Yogis.
9. Climbing the heights or striding the valleys
10. Defending the deserts and guarding the marshes
11. Surveillance in seas and by securing the air
12. Prime of your youth given to the nation!!
13. Wind chimes of my land vibrate your feat
14. We pray for you brave men!!
15. May the Lord bless you all!!

– Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Questions:**

1. The poem is dedicated to.....
2. What do they sacrifice for the nation?
3. What does the phrase “great sons of my land” signify?
4. Which figure of speech is used in the 8<sup>th</sup> line ?
5. Which figure of speech is used in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> line?
6. What does Dr. Kalam express through the last two lines?
7. The word “Scorching” in the poem means.....

8. For whom does the poet pray and to whom?
9. What emotions are expressed in the final two lines of the poem?

**Q2. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also.**

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, "There's a tiger, tiger, there's a tiger ... .."**Moral of the story is, "Truth doesn't cost you anything but a lie could cost you everything".**

**Q3. Put the Verbs into the correct form ( Present Continuous or Present Simple). Sometimes you may need the negative . ( I'm not .....etc.)**

1. Usually I .....(go) to school by bus but today I ..... (go) on foot.
2. A boy .....(come) towards us. He .....(look) like your brother Tim.
3. I .....(work) this week. I am on holiday. I .....(learn) French.
4. I have got a letter from my mother. She .....( say), she ..... (arrive) here for vacation on Sunday.

**Q4. Read the following sentences carefully and write a new sentence using the hints given in italics.**

1. a) Ruskin Bond is a prolific writer.

*b) write/ more than 50 years*

b)  
He.....  
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2. a)Rakesh and Himanshu are photographers.

*b) photograph/ tigers in the wild/ ten years*

b)

They.....  
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**Q5. Fill in the blanks with Past Continuous or Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets:-**

1. I .....(say) my prayers when she .....( arrive).
2. I .....(sleep) in my room, when a loud crash ..... (wake) me up.
3. Remember how you .....( always taunt) me when we were little kids?

**Q6. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct verb given in the question:-**

We (a) ..... to the radio when father comes home. He usually (b) ..... home by 6p.m. Today he is late. He might have got c).....in the rain. It d) .....so heavily that it is difficult to e) ..... A strong wind is also f) .....  
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| a) Listened   | will listen | were listening |
| b) Come       | comes       | came           |
| c) Catch      | caught      | being caught   |
| d) Is raining | was raining | had rained     |
| e) Drive      | be driving  | drove          |
| f) Blown      | blowing     | blew           |

**Q7.** Identify what part of speech the underlined word belongs to.

1. I know a man who sells pickles.
2. She ran after the cat.
3. They walked around the old town for hours.
4. He is my friend but I don't trust him.
5. That was a long time ago.
6. You never tell me what you are thinking.
7. Can you see a pigeon over there?

8. Do you know why she is angry with me?
9. It took me a long time to get used to living alone.
10. He is saving money to buy a home.
11. I am looking forward to starting a new job.
12. What a brilliant performance it was!

Q8. Rearrange the following group of words into a meaningful sentences:-

1. **(a)** pillars/there/human life/man/of/woman/and/are/two  
**(b)** both/in the making of/share/responsibility/equal/the/society  
**(c)** both/each other/hence/are/supplementary/to
2. **(a)** one of the/Saudi  
 Arabia/largest/petroleum/producers/is/world/in/the/of  
**(b)** Saudi Arabia/lifestyle/discovery/has changed/of/of the  
 people/the/petroleum/in/the  
**(c)** petroleum/world/all over/in great/is/demand/the
3. **(a)** uppermost/soil/layer/is/earth/the/of/the  
**(b)** it/plants/which/supports/food/provide/all living  
 things/to/planet/on/this  
**(c)** soil/thus/foundation/earth/life/on/of/is/the/all
4. **(a)** people/look at/tend to/you look/the way/yourself/at/you  
**(b)** brought up/oliver/was/workhouse/orphanage/run by/the/an/in  
**(c)** from the very beginning/status of women/there/but/question  
 mark/has been/a/big/the/ an/in  
 our society
5. **(a)** the/Indian/English/exploited/the/farmers  
**(b)** pay/the/had to/poor farmers/high times/very  
**(c)** natural disasters/farmers/share of taxes/even/pay/their/in times  
 of/the/had to