

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**  
**Worksheet-2 2017-2018**

**CLASS-V                  SUBJECT- ENGLISH**

**SECTION A – READING**

**I. Read the following passage and answer the following questions**

**The Gypsy Woman**

The sand dunes shimmered in the heat. Soni heard Lakhi giving instructions to his caravan to head for the oasis. His new cattle needed to be fed and watered. The watering hole oasis was quite large. A shepherd boy had brought his flock of sheep to graze. Thirsty after a morning's walk, he lay flat on the ground next to the still pool and began to lap up water just like one of his sheep.

Soni heard her husband's booming laugh. "See that, Soni? That boy was born into a shepherd's family. He will never be anything but a shepherd. Why, he even drinks water like a sheep! You are either born a successful businessman like me, or you are born a shepherd like that poor boy over there!"

"Untrue! said Soni. "Birth has nothing to do with it. If that boy was taken into our house and taught about cattle rearing and business like you were, he could be as good as you. Perhaps even more powerful!"

"What!" scowled Lakhi. "You think he could be as good as me? A mere shepherd boy? Right! Prove it."

The proud man ordered Soni to get off.

"Go! Prove it. And come back to me with proof!"

He then gathered his caravan about him and leaving his wife in the oasis continued on his way home.

Soni watched the caravan leave. The boy stood open-mouthed, watching the beautiful woman, in fine clothes laden with gold jewellery, walking slowly towards him.

"Take me to your home, child. I am going to make you a very important person," she said.

Life for the boy was very different after that. Soni for all intents and purposes became his foster-mother. She taught him all about cattle, farming, business, and how to live life as a rich man's son. She took

control of his life and sent him to a school to be educated. Years later, Soni introduced the boy to Lakhi, "Please meet my son. He is the royal Tax Collector."

A. Tick the most appropriate answers.

1. Soni heard her husband Lakhi giving instructions to take his caravan to
  - a. the oasis as he and Soni were thirsty.
  - b. the oasis to feed and water the cattle.
  - c. see the shepherd boy lap up water like a sheep.
  - d. the oasis so that he could take some rest.
2. Lakhi laughed at the shepherd boy because he
  - a. was amused by the number of sheep the shepherd boy had.
  - b. thought himself to be more successful.
  - c. thought that the shepherd boy would not be able to become successful in life.
  - d. was amused by the way the shepherd boy was drinking water.
3. Soni was of the opinion that
  - a. one can be successful only if born in a rich and successful family.
  - b. birth is instrumental in shaping the future of someone.
  - c. birth may or may not be important for the success of someone.
  - d. if given the right kind of atmosphere and education, a poor boy can also become successful.
4. Lakhi ordered Soni to get off because he
  - a. wanted Soni to bring the herd of cattle back to the house.
  - b. wished that Soni should bring the shepherd boy to his house.
  - c. wished that the shepherd boy should be given education and the right kind of atmosphere.

d. wanted Soni to prove that birth is not instrumental in shaping the future of the shepherd boy.

B. Match the words with the passage with their meanings.

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| 1. shimmered | a. an area in the desert where there is water           |
| 2. graze     | b. loaded with  |
| 3. scowled   | c. shone with a soft light that seemed to move slightly |
| 4. oasis     | d. looked angry   |
| 5. laden     | e. to eat grass in the fields                           |

### SECTION B – WRITING

II. Write a story based on the hints. Give your story a title and a moral.

Two swans and a turtle ----- lived in pond---- no rain -----pond dried up---  
---swans had idea-----wanted to reach another lake-----carried turtle on  
stick----told turtle-----not to open mouth----people looked up in  
wonder-----called out to them-----turtle felt proud-----opened mouth to  
talk back-----fell down.

Moral: Pride goes before a fall.

III. Tick the correct meaning of the underlined words

- Let's play cricket now.
  - Participate in a sport
  - Theatre piece
- Give me a band, I have to tie my hair.
  - A rock band
  - A rubber band

IV. Fill in the blanks with the suitable determiners

- There is \_\_\_\_\_ hope of his recovery. (little, a little, the little)
- He showed \_\_\_\_\_ concern for his nephew. (little, a little, the little)
- \_\_\_\_\_ tact would have saved the situation. (little, a little, the little)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ persons can keep a secret. (few, a few, the few)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ words spoken in earnest will convince him. (few, a few, the few)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ towns in India have public libraries. (few, a few, the few)
7. I will buy \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes. (some, any)

**V. Underline the conjunctions.**

1. He is a thief moreover he is a liar.
2. I don't think I'm qualified for the position however I'm still going to apply.
3. Not only is he foolish, but also obstinate.
4. Rama as well as Govind was present there.
5. He ran away because he was afraid.

**VI. Read the following lines and answer the following questions**

**'And the villagers swept up Yuuki and raised him into the air.'**

- i. At what point of story does this happen?
- ii. What did Yuuki do?
- iii. Were the villagers able to celebrate rice harvest that night? Why or Why not?

**VII. Answer the following questions**

1. Name the people the speaker sees around him everyday. What goes through the speaker's mind when he sees them?
2. What is the theme of the poem?
3. What has Yuuki learnt from his grandfather?
4. What does the scarecrow want more than anything else and why?
5. Why did the woodman ask everyone to look for an oil can?

**VIII. Write the meanings of**

1. scampers
2. dolefully
3. aisle
4. castles
5. ashore
6. disputes
7. enormous