

Worksheet : Class - VIII

Section A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below carefully:

Love is quite like a triangle. It has three sides – compassion, care and sacrifice. The sum total of these sides constitutes what is called ‘true love’. Purity is the perpendicular of this triangle. Love with purity is a hymn. Without it, it is an abuse – a cesspool of lust.

Compassion is the longest arm of the triangle of love. It springs from the core of the heart. It is the elixir of life and makes life musical. Without compassion, love can never be love nor can it be meaningful. Mother Teresa showed compassion towards the poor and the underprivileged. She served the marginalized and lepers. This, according to her, is the greatest service to the Almighty Father. A selfless service to the needy is what makes you compassionate. A compassionate heart always stays young and pure. The second important arm of love is care. This arm is an extension of the arm of compassion. Care for both living and non-living beings is what love stands for. Care is the fulcrum of love. Without the pious element of care, love ceases to be love. Bhagat Puran Singh who pioneered ‘pingalwara’ (a house for disabled) at the holy city of Amritsar was a pure epitome of care. His selfless service and extraordinary care of the disabled gave them a new lease of life.

Sacrifice is third side of the triangle of love. Love demands sacrifice and sacrifice sustains love. Just as gold gets extraordinary sheen after it goes through fire, similarly, love gets special meaning when it goes through the ordeal of sacrifice. A mother sacrifices everything for her kids. It makes her love inexplicable and incomparable. Lord Rama’s sacrifice for his father not only strengthened the filial bond but gave a new meaning to love. It triggered a chain reaction. It inspired Lord Ram’s wife Sita and his brother Lakshman to emulate Lord Ram.

“Love thy neighbor”, says bible. Love makes both the mind and soul pure. It is the elixir of life. Let us drink it and make others taste it too.

a). Answer the following questions :

- (i) What does the passage talk about and what is called true love ?
- (ii) What part does compassion play in the triangle of love?
- (iii) How is care described in the passage ?
- (iv) How does sacrifice play an important role in love. Give one example of it.

b). Find the synonym of the following words:

- (i) a song of worship (para 1)
- (ii) omnipotent (para 2)
- (iii) most important (para 2)
- (iv) unaccountable (para 3)

Section B : (Writing)

2. Read the notes given below on the life history of India's top badminton player Saina Nehwal and write a short bio-Sketch in 50 words.

- 1990 : Birth on 17th March in Hyderabad.
- 1998 : Starts training under coach Nani Prasad
- 2002 : Yonex company sponsors Saina's kit
- 2006 : Becomes first Indian woman to win the Phillipines Open Tournament
- 2008 : Wins Yonex Chinese Taipei Open
- 2009 : Wins BWF super series
- 2010 : Wins Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

Wins Gold Medal in Commonwealth Games on 14th October.

3. On the basis of the information given below, write a short bio-sketch of Abraham Lincoln.

- Born : 1809 in Northern Kentucky
- Family : Father- wealthy farmer, lost his land when Lincoln was 7, moved to Indiana
- Mother : died when he was nine, family moved to Illinois soon after
- Education : Little formal education, loved to read. Studied law by reading law books- became a lawyer in 1837, Springfield, Illinois.
- Political Career : began early- served in State Legislature, in the U.S. House of Representatives. Gifted Speaker, speeches against slavery, nomination for Presidency- won in 1860. Re elected in 1864
- Death : assassinated by John Wilks Booth on April 15, 1865. Remembered for wisdom, compassion, patriotic.

4. Develop a story with the help of given outlines about 150 words.

flood in the village - widespread destruction - no govt. relief for two days - people's - movement to safety -Gobind, a 14 years old boy - notices - frightened puppy - carries along - friendship.

5. Develop a story with the help of given outlines about 150 words.

Man - finds a purse in a ditch - covered with stone- moves the stone to allow a car to pass by - sees the purse - takes it out- opens it - finds money - people gather-think he is a thief - start beating him - Man runs to save himself - finds a police station- hands over the purse- is appreciated by the police.

6. Write a paragraph on "Importance of Sports and Games in life" in about 100 to 120 words.

Section : C (Grammar)

7. Correct the tense form in the following sentences.

- a. Monika was having many video games.
- b. The bell rang before I reached school .
- c. The earth revolved around the sun.
- d. They were living in Delhi since 2001.
- e. She is having a beautiful car.

8. Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiners :

Suresh joined (a) _____ (a/an/the) university but he could not make (b) _____ (some/many/any) friends there. His father is (c) _____ (the/a/an) engineer and he has (d) _____ (any/many/much) friends. Suresh wanted to buy (e) _____ (a/much/a few) books on how to make good friends but he did not get any. Once he participated in (f) _____ (the/a/some) seminar, there he found (g) _____ (some/much/little) good people. There he got (h) _____ (a/an/many) chance to make friend.

9. a) Rewrite the opposite meaning of the underlined word.

- i). Peter was quite ashamed to see the behaviour of his child in a public gathering.
- ii). Mr James was selected as the new chairman of this company.

b) Rewrite the same meaning of the underlined word.

- i) We made a very short visit to Chandigarh.
- ii) He is full of energy.

10. Change the following sentences in indirect speech.

- a. Mohit said to me, "I will come to your house tomorrow."
- b. Reena said to me, "Will you come to my school tomorrow?"
- c. My teacher said to me, "Work hard for getting good marks."
- d. Deepak said, "How great Gandhi ji was!"
- e. My mother said to me, "Why are you wasting your time?"

11. Change the following sentences in passive voice.

- a. Varun has eaten ten bananas.
- b. They did not give him money .
- c. Why will you not complete this work?

12. Change the following sentences in Comparative and Positive degree:

- a. Tarun is one of the most handsome of all the boys in the class.
- b. Garima is the smartest girl in the class.
- d. Who can lift this stone?

Section : D (Literature)

13. Answer the following questions.

- a. Why did that one word, “sayonara”, make such a great impression on the author?
- b. Why, in your opinion, did Ben Price pretend not to recognize Jimmy?
- c. What does the poet mean by saying “the head is held high”?
- d. Who was Jimmy Valentine? Why was he set free?.
- e. Why did Ben Price begin to look for Jimmy again?
- f. Explain how dead habits can create a dreary desert.
- g. What piece of advice did the warden give Jimmy?
- h. Why did the author feel that „sayonara“ was the most beautiful of all goodbyes?
- i. Comment on the title of the story „Retrieved Reformation“ . Say if it is apt. Give reasons.
- g. What are the narrow domestic walls that the poet is alluding to? Mention at least three points.
- h. Do you think that Smith had killed Victor Savage in the same way? Why?

14. Imagine you are Jimmy Valentine. When Ben saw you, you knew that your game was up but he chose not to recognize you and made you realise that he gave you the gift of life. As Jimmy write a page of diary about your feelings and about Ben .

Imagine you are Atzal. You realise that your selfish behaviour to go to heaven made your family unhappy. You feel guilty and decided to write a page of diary. Write the page of diary in about 120 words.