



RAMAGYA SCHOOL NOIDA

CLASS VIII Sub–English (2017-18)

OLYMPIAD PRACTICE WORKSHEET

Concept

Identify the word in bold(Q1-Q3)

1. The **studios'** walls have been freshly painted, and the floors have been waxed, so the units are ready to be rented out.

- a) Possessive noun b) Adjective c) Adverb d) Gerund

2. Even though my new laptop has more memory and runs a bit faster than **Elizabeth's**, it has a shorter battery life.

- a) a) Gerund b) Adjective c) Adverb d) Possessive noun

3. An **astronomer's** career usually begins with a teaching or research position at a university or college.

- a) Gerund b) Adjective c) Adverb d) Possessive noun

Complete the sentence with the correct option.(Q4-Q5)

4. Our kitten likes to rub her soft, furry face against Dad's _____ beard.

- a) Coarse b) course c) come d) of course

5. In the large field next to the farmhouse they _____ corn.

- a) So b) sow c) sew d) some

Complete the analogy (Q6-Q7).

6. Sleepy is to exhausted as old is to

- a) Age b) ancient c) happy d) sad

7. Break is to repair as smile is to

- a) Frown b) upset c) angry d) bored

Identify the words in bold.(Q8-Q10)

8. Gongs, circular metal percussion instruments, **originated in China**, where they were—and sometimes still are—used in ceremonial events.

- a) phrase b) clause c) simple sentence d) compound sentence.

9. **Harriet's suitcase was too large to fit in the overhead bin**, so unfortunately she had to check it.

- a) phrase b) clause c) simple sentence d) compound sentence.

10. The champion didn't expect the challenger to be such a formidable opponent, but despite his small size, **the challenger possessed brute strength**.

- a) phrase b) clause c) simple sentence d) compound sentence.

Complete the sentence.(Q11-Q12)

11. _____ an orca on the whale-

watching tour, but she also captured some amazing footage of a group of harbour porpoises.

- a) Catherine saw not only b) Not only did Catherine see

12. Vladimir Nabokov, who was a famous Russian novelist and _____

spoke three languages fluently: Russian, French and English.

- a) fascinated by zoology b) zoologist

Application

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

O. Henry wrote "The Ransom of Red Chief" in 1910. The story follows two kidnapers who steal Johnny, the son of a rich man. The son, called Red Chief by the kidnapers, is a redheaded, devilish brat. He makes life miserable for the two criminals. Below is the ransom demand sent to Red Chief's father and the father's reply

Ebenezer Dorset, Esq.:

We have your boy concealed in a place far from Summit. It is useless for you or the most skilful detectives to attempt to find him. Absolutely, the only terms on which you can have him restored to you are these: We demand fifteen hundred dollars in large bills for his return; the money to be left at midnight tonight at the same spot and in the same box as your reply — as hereinafter described. If you agree to these terms, send your answer in writing by a solitary messenger tonight at half-past eight o'clock. After crossing Owl Creek, on the road to Poplar Cove, there are three large trees about a hundred yards apart, close to the fence of the wheat field on the right-hand side. At the bottom of the fencepost, opposite the third tree, will be found a small pasteboard box. The messenger will place the answer in this box and return immediately to Summit. If you attempt any treachery or fail to comply with our demand as stated, you will never see your boy again. If you pay the money as demanded, he will be returned to you safe and well within three hours. These terms are final, and if you do not accede to them no further communication will be attempted.

TWO DESPERATE MEN

Two Desperate Men. Gentlemen: I received your letter today by post, in regard to the ransom you ask for the return of my son. I think you are a little high in your demands, and I hereby make you a counter-proposition, which I am inclined to believe you will accept. You bring Johnny home and pay me two hundred and fifty dollars in cash, and I agree to take him off your hands. You had better come at night, for the neighbours believe he is lost, and I couldn't be responsible for what they would do to anybody they saw bringing him back.

Very respectfully, EBENEZER DORSET

13. _____ wrote "The Ransom Chief"

- a) Ebenezer Dorset b) O'Henry c) Khalid Hussein d) Arundhati Roy

14. Ebenezer Dorset is father of _____

- a) Two Desperate Men b) Red Chief c) Yellow Chief d) Green Chief

15. The neighbours believe that the son is _____

- a) Lost b) Run away c) Sleeping d) Gone on vacation.

16. Kidnappers demanded fifteen hundred dollars in _____.

- a) Small bills b) Large bills c) Medium bills d) Coloured bills.

17. The boy's father asked kidnappers to pay him _____

- a) 450 dollars b) 350 dollars c) 250 dollars d) 150 dollars.

Value based:

18. Two Desperate men are _____

- a) Giving a fair option b) gentlemen in true sense c) doing a wrong deed d) doing great job

19. Criminals are _____

- a) great for society b) bad for society c) required in society d) solitary messenger

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20. Which river has been legally personified by Supreme Court in India?

- a) Cauvery b) Krishna c) Ganges d) Yamuna