

**PRACTICE ACTIVITY SHEET-1**  
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Std- XII

Sub- English

Marks- 80

Time- 3.00 Hrs.

■ SECTION-I: PROSE ■

Reading for Comprehension, Language Study, Summary & Mind Mapping

**Que.1 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below:**

**12 Marks**

**A1. Web. Complete the following web:** **(2)**

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Punctually at midday, he opened his bag and spread out his professional equipment, which consisted of a dozen cowrie shells, a square piece of cloth with obscure mystic charts on it, a notebook, and a bundle of Palmyra writing. His forehead was resplendent with sacred ash and vermilion, and his eyes sparkled with a sharp abnormal gleam which was really an outcome of a continual searching look for customers, but which his simple clients took to be a prophetic light and felt comforted. The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced by their position-placed as they were between the painted forehead and the dark whiskers which streamed down his cheeks: even a half-wit's eyes would sparkle in such a setting. To crown the effect he wound a saffron-coloured turban around his head. This color scheme never failed. People were attracted to him as bees are attracted to cosmos or dahlia stalk. He sat under the boughs of a spreading tamarind tree which flanked a path running through the Town Hall Park. It was a remarkable place in many ways. A surging crowd was always moving up and down this narrow road morning till night. A variety of trades and occupations was represented all along its way: medicine sellers, sellers of stolen hard ware and junk, magicians, and above all, an auctioneer of cheap cloth, who created enough din all day to attract the whole town. Next to him in vociferousness came a vendor of fried groundnut, who gave his ware a fancy name each day, calling it "Bombay Ice-Cream" one day and on the next "Delhi Almond," and on the third "Raja's Delicacy," and so on and so forth, and people flocked to him.

**A2. Complete.** **(2)**

**Appearance of Astrologer that helps to create an impression on clients-**

- i. -----
- ii. -----
- iii. -----
- iv. -----

**A3. Describe. A vendor of fried groundnut would use different tactics for selling groundnuts. Describe why people would flock to him.** **(2)**

**A4. Personal Response****(2)**

Write whether you believe Astrology or not. Give your opinion in 4-5 sentences.

**A5. Grammar.****(2)**

i. Rewrite the sentence by using the word given in the bracket.

A surging crowd was always moving up and down. (*movement*)

ii. He sat under the boughs of a spreading tamarind tree.

**(Frame a Wh-question so as to get an underlined part as an answer)**

**A6. Vocabulary.****(2)**

Write Antonyms of the following words by adding prefixes- '*re, un, semi, wide*':

i. opened

ii. square

iii. spread

iv. attracted

**(B) GRAMMAR-****4 Marks****A1. Do as directed:****(3)**

i. I spent my holiday ----- some friends ----- a wooden house.

**(Fill the blanks by choosing correct prepositions- 'to, in, for, with')**

ii. Sangita would be here right now **unless** her train was late. **(Use 'if...not')**

iii. He opened the shop's weathered door and went inside. **(Make it simple)**

**A2- Rewrite the following sentence by correcting the error in it.****(1)**

The shooter aimed his gun on the target.

**Que.2 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below****12 Marks**

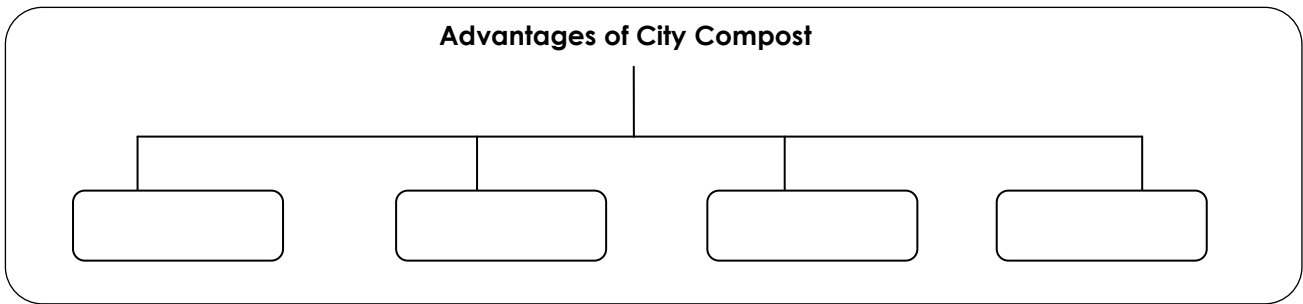
Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy. Our health depends not just on personal hygiene and nutrition, but critically also on how clean we keep our cities and their surroundings. The challenge of processing and treating the different streams of solid waste, and safe disposal of the residuals in scientific landfills, has received much less attention in municipal solid waste management.

City compost from biodegradable waste provides an alternative to farmyard manure (like cow-dung). It provides an opportunity to simultaneously clean up our cities and help improve agricultural productivity and quality of the soil. Organic manure or compost plays a very important role as a supplement to chemical fertilizers in enriching the nutrient-deficient soils. City compost can be the new player in the field. Benefits of compost on the farm are well-known. The water holding capacity of the soil which uses compost helps with drought-proofing, and the requirement of less water per crop is a welcome feature for a water-stressed future. By making the soil porous, use of compost also makes roots stronger and resistant to pests and decay. Farmers using compost, therefore, need less quantity of pesticides.

City compost has the additional advantage of being weed-free unlike farmyard manure which brings with it the seeds of undigested grasses and requires a substantial additional labour cost for weeding as the crops grow. City compost is also rich in organic carbon, and our soils are short in this. Farmers clearly recognize the value of city compost. If city waste was composted before making it available to the farmers for applying to the soil, cities would be cleaned up and the fields around them would be much more productive.

**A1. Complete.** Complete the tree-diagram:

(2)



**A2. True or False.** State whether True or False. Correct the false sentences.

(2)

- i. There is lack of organic carbon in city compost.
- ii. Use of compost helps to reduce the quantity of pesticides.
- iii. Clean surroundings of cities help us to keep healthy.
- iv. The water holding capacity of the soil affects badly by using compost.

**A3. Find out.**

(2)

If city waste was composted, there would be-

- i. ....
- ii. ....

**A4. Personal Response.**

(2)

Give two examples of the best items that can be made by using waste materials.

**A5. Grammar.**

(2)

- i. It provides an opportunity to clean up our cities.

**(Identify the tense by choosing correct alternative)**

a) Simple Past Tense   b) Simple Present Tense   c) Perfect Present Tense   d) Perfect Past Tense

- ii. Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy.

**(Rewrite by using 'Infinitive')**

**A6. Vocabulary.**

(2)

Find one word for the following from the passage:

- i. derived from the living matter
- ii. substance that provides nourishment
- iii. removing unwanted plants
- iv. permeable

**(B) SUMMARY-**

**3 Marks**

Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title:

Points- Cities and cleanliness – solid waste management – benefits of compost - agricultural productivity

**(C) MIND MAPPING-**

**3 Marks**

Develop a 'Mind Mapping' frame/design using your ideas/ thoughts/concepts to illustrate/develop on the given topic. You may take help of the following points-

**BENEFITS OF GAMES AND SPORTS**

(Points: Fitness – stamina – sportsmanship – team spirit – unity etc.)

**SECTION-II: POETRY**

**Poetry & Appreciation**

**Que.3 A. Read the extract and complete the activities given below**

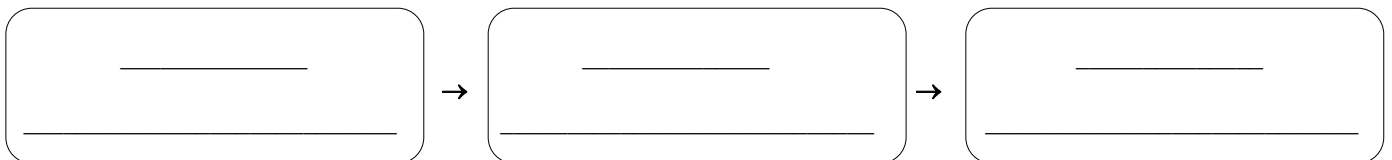
**10 Marks**

Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
 Why do you weave a garment so gay?...  
 Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,  
 We weave the robes of a new-born child.

Weavers, weaving at fall of night,  
 Why do you weave a garment so bright?...  
 Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,  
 We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.

Weavers, weaving solemn and still,  
 What do you weave in the moonlight chill?...  
 White as a feather and white as a cloud,  
 We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

**A1. Flow-chart.** Complete the flow-chart by writing the names of colours used in the poem. Also write what they describe in the poem. (2)



**A2. Complete.** Complete the table: (2)

TIME OF THE DAY	WORDS/PHRASES	WEAVER'S WORK
Early morning	Break of day	Weavers weave robes for the new-born child
Late in the evening	-----	-----
Cold night	-----	-----

**A3. Personal Response.****(2)**

Name at least four tools used by the weavers.

**A4. Find. Find from the poem the examples of-****(2)**

Alliteration	
Imagery	
Metaphor	
Simile	

**A5. Creativity.****(2)**

Compose two lines of your own on 'Importance of clothes.'

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**(B) POETIC APPRECIATION-**

Read the extract and complete the activity given below

**4 Marks**

"Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,  
 Healthy, free, the world before me,  
 The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.

Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am good-fortune,  
 Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more, need nothing,  
 Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,  
 Strong and content I travel the open road.

The earth, that is sufficient,  
 I do not want the constellations any nearer,  
 I know they are very well where they are,  
 I know they suffice for those who belong to them.

(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,  
 I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me wherever I go,  
 I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,  
 I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)"

Write the appreciation of the poem with the help of following points.

About Poem/Poet/Title	
Theme	
Language/Poetic devices	
Message	

## ■ SECTION-III ■

### Writing Skills

**Que.4. Complete the activities as per the instructions given below:**

**16 Marks**

**A. Write any ONE of the following (4)**

Read the following conversation between Diksha and Mr Rao-

**Diksha:** Hello, may I speak to Sumeet, please?  
**Mr Rao:** Sumeet is getting ready for school. May I know who is speaking?  
**Diksha:** My name is Diksha. I am Sumeet's classmate.  
**Mr Rao:** Hello, Diksha. I am Sumeet's father. Is there any message?  
**Diksha:** Yes. Please ask him to bring his Chemistry notebook to school today. I was absent from school due to illness. I would like to copy the notes which our Chemistry teacher gave to the class during my absence.  
**Mr Rao:** Sure. I will definitely do that.  
**Diksha:** Thanks uncle.

**Since Mr Rao had to go for his morning walk he left a message for Sumeet. Draft that message in 50 words.**

**OR**

Your hobby is climbing the mountains. You are fit, both physically and mentally. You have already climbed various mountains in India. Now your dream is to climb Mt Everest, world's highest mountain. You wish to join Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling to get proper training for it.

**Make a Statement of Purpose which will help you to get admission in this Institute.**

**OR**

An Inter-school state level Basketball final match is going on. Your team seems to lose the match. You are the captain of the team and discussing with your teammates in the short break, about the strategy. This is the 'do or die' situation for the team.

**Write the views and suggestions of the players in the form of dialogues.**

**B. Write any ONE of the following (4)**

This summer you planned to go to Manali with your family. You have to book a hotel room for 5 days stay in Manali. Write an e-mail to the manager of a hotel to book a room. Provide all the necessary details like room type, ID proofs, address, credit card details etc.

**OR**

Imagine you have visited the jungles of Nagarhole. Write a Report, to be published in your college magazine / in a local newspaper.

**OR**

Imagine you have to interview an old woman who lives in an 'Old Age Home'. Write a set of 8 to 10 questions for the interview. You may take the help of the following points:  
Her family - Reasons for being here - Feelings - Expectations - Her advice etc.

**C. Write any ONE of the following (4)**

Your Junior College is celebrating 'National Science Day' next week. On this occasion, you have to deliver a speech on the topic- "SCIENCE AND SUPERSTITIONS".

Prepare a short speech in about 100 words. You may use the following points:

**Importance of the Day – Scientific Revolutions – People follow Superstitions -  
Scope of Superstition - Solutions**

**OR**

Imagine that you are a compere/anchor of a 'Teacher's Day Program' of your school.

Prepare a compering script for it, with the help of following points:

- Program Introduction and Background
- Lighting the Lamp
- Welcome Song
- Guest's Introduction and Felicitation
- Speeches
- Vote of Thanks

OR

Read the following Proverbs. Share your Views and Expand the Ideas-

**i. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**

**ii. SPEECH IS SILVER AND SILENCE IS GOLD**

D. Write any ONE of the following (4)

Write a Review of the Film in about 100 to 150 words, with the help of following points:



- Story line
- Producer
- Director
- Music Director
- Casting
- Setting
- Conflict
- Message

OR

Write a Blog on the topic-

**STAY HOME, STAY SAFE**

Use proper Blog-format



OR

**Write an Appeal to use handloom products in our daily life.**

Use following points-

- Prepare an attractive slogan
- Make persuasive appeal
- Mention the importance
- Add your own ideas

■ **SECTION-IV** ■

**Literary Genre - Novel**

**Que.5 A. Complete the activities given below as per the instructions:**

**4 Marks**

**A1. Match the columns. (2)**

**Novel**

- a. 'The Heart of Darkness'
- b. 'Rajmohan's Wife'
- c. 'Tale of Genji'
- d. 'The Pilgrim's Progress'

**Writer**

- i. Murasaki Shikibu
- ii. John Bunyan
- iii. Joseph Conrad
- iv. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya

**A2. Complete the following statements. (2)**

- i. There are several aspects of the setting. It includes \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ii. The word 'epistolary' derives from the Latin word \_\_\_\_\_ .
- iii. The autobiographical novel is the novel based on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- iv. The phrase 'stream of consciousness' is coined by \_\_\_\_\_ .

**B. Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below:**

**4 Marks**

1. Describe in brief the purpose of organizing the half-yearly report programme of Student's Council. (2)
2. Identify the event that took place in the extract. Give reason to support your answer. (2)
  - i. Annual Sports Day on November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Annual Social Gathering on November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Farewell Programme on November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Student Council's Half-yearly Report on November 15<sup>th</sup>

**C. Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below:**

**4 Marks**

1. 'Phileas Fogg is as cool as a cucumber whereas Passepartout is as crazy as a loan'. Explain by citing references from the extract. (2)

2. Write 2-3 sentences on the themes 'Time' and 'Morality' from the extract. (2)

**D. Answer in about 50 words to the questions given below:**

**4 Marks**

1. Compare the qualities of Dr. Watson with the qualities of Sherlock Holmes. (2)
2. Narrate in brief the importance of the places 'London' and 'Agra' from the extract. (2)

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