

**GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ.**

**SESSION: 2020-2021.**

**CLASS: 10 A, B, C, D, E & F.**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**WORKSHEET NO. 01.**

**Instructions:** Parents are requested to ensure that the student spends two days to read and understand the lesson and find the meaning of hard words in the lesson and thereafter answer the given questions.

**Note: Books:**

1. Treasure Trove a Collection of Poems and Short Stories for classes IX & X.
  2. Workbooks on Treasure Trove Volume II Short Stories by DD Halder (Selina).
  3. Workbook on Treasure Trove Volume II Short Stories by Xavier Pinto (Beeta).
- > **You Tube** :The story (video) 'The Little Match Girl'.

**Lesson:** The Little Match Girl.

**1. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:**

It was bitterly cold, snow was falling and darkness was gathering, for it was the last evening of the old year—it was New Years Eve. In the cold and gloom a poor girl walked bareheaded and barefoot, through the streets. She had been wearing slippers, it is true, when she left home, but what good were they? They had been her mother's, so you can imagine how big they were.

- a) In the extract which day is being referred to? Who is 'the poor girl'?
- b) Why were the slippers 'no good'? What does 'no good' mean?
- c) Describe the little girl in the story.
- d) What was the little girl doing out on that cold evening? Why did she not go back home?
- e) What social evil can you gauge from the story?

**2. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:**

Snowflakes fell on her golden hair which curled so prettily about her neck, but she did not think of her appearance now. Lights were shining in every window and there was a glorious smell of roast goose in the street, for this was New Year's Eve, and she could not think.

- a) Who is being referred to here? Where is she? What is she doing?
- b) What is special about this day? What kind of weather is she facing?
- c) What time of the day is it? How do you come to know?
- d) Why do you think she did not bother about her appearance?
- e) What do you think was foremost on her mind? Why?

**3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

She struck another – it burnt clearly and, where the light fell upon the wall, the bricks became transparent, like gauze she could see right into the room.

- 1) Where is 'she'? What is she doing there?
- 2) What happened when she lit the match stick?
- 3) What was visible to her?
- 4) What happened after sometime? Why did she actually burn the first matchstick?
- 5) What did she see on lighting the second matchstick? What happened after the match was extinguished?

**4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

“Now someone is dying,” said the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only one who had ever been good to her but now was dead, had said, “ whenever a star falls, a soul goes up to God .”

- 1) What happened when the girl lit the third match? What did she feel about what she saw?
- 2) Why did she stretch out both her hands? What happened as she did so?
- 3) What happened to the lights? All of a sudden what did she see in the sky?
- 4) What belief did she have regarding what she saw in the sky? Who had told her so?
- 5) Finally what vision did she see? Why did she light all the matchsticks together?

**5. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:**

“She was evidently trying to warm herself,” people said. But no one knew what beautiful visions she had seen and in what blaze of glory she had entered \_\_\_ into the heavenly joy and gladness of a new year.

- 1) When did the people see the girl? Where was she?
- 2) What had happened to her? What was the reason?
- 3) What kind of relationship existed between her and her grandmother? What do you know about the girl’s father?
- 4) How does the extract bring out the hope for a better life after death? Fill in the words of the blank in the extract.
- 5) Comment on the title of the story ‘The Little Match Girl. ‘

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