

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, PRAYAGRAJ
SESSION: 2020-2021
CLASS 9 - A, B,C,D,E,
WORKSHEET NO.4
SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Parents are expected to ensure that the student spends two days to read and understand the chapters according to the reference books given below and thereafter answer the given questions.

BOOKS:

- 1) A Comprehensive Grammar of Current English by Joseph, Myall & Biswas
- 2) Total English 9 ICSE by Pamela Pinto & Xavier Pinto

Chapters: Notice and email, Preposition, Verb Forms, Transformation of Sentences and Comprehension.

Q1. Notice and email

- a. Your school is organising an inter–house Poetry recitation competition. Write a notice to be put in your school informing the students and inviting them to participate.
- b. Write an email to the Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send a team of three teachers to judge the event.

Q2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

My husband and I had been happily married for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with his word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, he blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter. My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty.

We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old. I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella."

In spite of changing over twenty – five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children. While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother – I didn't even come close – I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God.

I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to “wash up” Jesus too.

Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his “last wife.”

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine.

My five-year-old shepherd had practised his line, “We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.” But he was nervous and said, “The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes.” My four year-old “Mary” said, “That's not ‘wrinkled clothes,’ silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes.”

A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing. I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, “Mama – mama.” Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, “We are the three wise men, we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur.”

The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation. “I've never enjoyed a Christmas programme as much as this one.” Father Brian laughed, wiping tears from his eyes. “For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur.”

“My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing,” I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

- a. Give the meaning of each of the following as used in the passage. One word answers or a short phrase will be accepted:
 - i) generous
 - ii) slouched
 - iii) dissolved

- b. Answer the following questions in your own words:
- i) What promise did the mother make while praying?
 - ii) How did the husband feel about the blessings they had received?
 - iii) According to the mother what were the drawbacks of being blessed?
 - iv) What made the mother feel that she was “missing the mark” in keeping her promise to God?
 - v) Which was the proudest moment for the mother?
- c. In not more than 50 words of your own relate why the mother felt that her children were her pride, joy and her greatest blessing.

Q3. Fill in the blank of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

One day Akbar1..... (ask) Birbal if he 2 (can) tell him the difference between truth and falsehood in three words or less. “Four fingers” said Birbal. “Four fingers”? asked the emperor,3..... (perplex). “That’s the difference between truth and falsehood, your Majesty,” said Birbal. “That which you 4(see) with your own eyes is the truth. That which you have only 5.... (hear) about 6 (may) not be true. More often than not, it’s likely to be false.” “That is right,” said Akbar. ‘But what7.... (do) you mean by8.... (say) the difference is four fingers?’ “The distance between one’s eyes and one’s ears is the width of four fingers, Your Majesty,” said Birbal,9.... (grin).

Q4. Fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

- a. Cholera has broken in our village.
- b. We shall discuss this matter a cup of tea.
- c. We were amazed what the police said.
- d. He promised to come but he never turned
- e. The child is hard hearing.
- f. The two families are living the same roof.
- g. Look my children when I am away.
- h. The storm almost lifted me my feet.

Q5. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using **and, but or so –**

- a. Mona has won the first prize. I am pleased to announce it.
- b. He worked hard. He wanted to get a scholarship.

- c. The teacher liked the card. James made it for her.
- d. Neeta will come to the party. I am sure about this.

Q6. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, **but do not change the meaning of each sentence.**

- a. We must listen to his music.
(Begin: His music)
- b. We won't buy the car if we do not like it.
(Begin: Unless)
- c. How stupid of me to forget his name!
(Begin: It was)
- d. He is poor, but he is honest.
(Begin: In spite)
- e. Our secret plan has been discovered.
(Begin: Someone)
- f. "Can I have a new dress?" said Tara to her father.
(Begin: Tara asked)
- g. "It may rain this evening," said the farmer.
(Begin: The farmer said that)
- h. She examined the document carefully.
(End: with care.)

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