

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL AHMEDABAD CANTT- 2019-20**

**Worksheet-1**

Class- X

Subject- ENGLISH

Date –

**READING**

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**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-**

Internet has revolutionized the way we think the way we do things and the way we get information. It has given us the most important and powerful tool of communication. The World Wide Web has increased our access to infinite database of information. It has changed the way we do our daily tasks, like getting the current news, doing shopping, banking activities etc. It has indicated a powerful change in our lives. The internet has led to the age of information, which has given rise to an economy based on information computerization. It is also known as computer age or digital age. The wide usage of personal computers and the inclusion of internet on our mobile phones and portable devices has further, modernized our way of life. The internet and information age has also changed the way in which business is conducted. It gave rise to information-intensive industry rather than labour intensive industry. This shift has brought a significant effect on the workforce and the knowledge required. It has given rise to companies that produce and sell information. Banking, insurance, computer programming are some of the information intensive industries that gained importance in the internet age. With the rapid increase in demand for information and their processing, the demand for these industries has also grown tremendously.

In India, the internet was formally launched on 15th August, 1995 by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL). It has been powering the life of Indians and changing the way they live since its launch. In 1986, an early form of internet was launched in India known as Educational Research Network (ERNET). It was meant for the use of educational and research purpose only. In 1988, NICNet was launched to improve communication between government institutions. Post the launch of the internet, VSNL managed to add 10,000 internet users in just six months. Twenty years later, India has a total of around 302.35 million internet subscribers in India. In 2014, India was the third largest online market ranked only behind China and the United States. Hence, India is not a market that can be ignored at the global stage. The highest number of users in India belongs to the age group of 25-34 years age bracket. Internet users in the country spend an average of 5.1 hours online, daily. However, the contribution of internet to the GDP is lesser compared to other countries. One of the reasons is that the various challenges India faces regarding conditions required for internet adoption. Compared with developing countries, India lags behind while providing good quality internet infrastructure. Internet penetration as a percentage of total population is low. Monthly cost of broadband internet services is high. In order to improve this situation, India needs to take certain initiatives so that the internet can be transferred as a dynamic growth engine. There is a need to extend the internet infrastructure beyond tier-one cities. It should be expanded to reach semiurban and rural areas. Access to internet and its usage should be made less expensive.

Digitalliteracy should be encouraged on a larger scale. Internet based applications in various sectors of the economy, including agriculture should be introduced. A favorable and supportive environment should be created for internet business. As with every technology, internet age also brings along with it the dangers and disadvantages. Virus and malware are always a threat to the computer. The loss of important data due to such malwares proves to be very costly to the businesses. There is a huge risk of leakage of private information. Online transactions attract debit and credit card frauds. Addiction to the internet and exposure to inappropriate data are also some of the dangers that the users are exposed to.

1. How has internet revolutionized our life?
2. What is information age?
3. How has internet given rise to increased demand for information-intensive industry?
4. Explain about the launch of Internet in India.
5. What are the facts pertaining to the internet usage in India?
6. What are the disadvantages of internet age?
7. What are the problems faced by India in the widespread use of Internet?
8. What initiatives are required to transform internet into a much more dynamic growth engine for India?

**2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-**

1. The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will make it to a place called success!

2. In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping-stones.

3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.

4. "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.

5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

6. Success can be measured from two standpoints—the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfillment of desire.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:**

- (a) What qualities lead one to the place called success?
- (b) What is the difference between disaster and triumph?
- (c) How can one have a better future?
- (d) Describe two ways to measure success.

**2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following:**

- (a) The synonym of 'victory' as given in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) Planning (ii) Preparation (iii) Triumph (iv) Challenges
- (b) The synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) The antonym of 'Defeat' as given in paragraph 6 is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) Recognition (ii) Achievement (iii) Completion (iv) Success
- (d) The antonym of 'deep' as given in Paragraph 3 is \_\_\_\_\_

### **WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**3. You are Tanvi/ Shirish of Safdargunj Development Area, New Delhi. You are extremely disturbed about the attacks on old people living alone. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor, 'The New Indian News' making people sensitive to the problem. Make suggestions to the people living alone and the authorities to ensure that such attacks do not take place.**

**4. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow-**

Elephants (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the largest land mammals. Three species of elephants (b) \_\_\_\_\_ living today. Elephants (c) \_\_\_\_\_ other Elephantidae were once classified with other thick skinned . The elephant's gestation period is 22 months, (d) \_\_\_\_\_ longest for any land animal.

(a) (i) is (ii) are (iii) was (iv) were

(b) (i) are living (ii) have been living (iii) had been living (iv) will be living

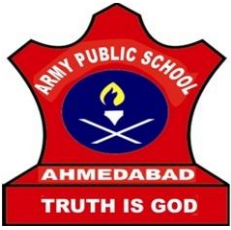
(c) (i) with (ii) also (iii) and (iv) but

(d) (i) a (ii) an (iii) which (iv) the

**5. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.**

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Tsunami is a series in waves	(a) _____	_____
generated in a body from water	(b) _____	_____
through an impulsive disturbance	(c) _____	_____
causing damage to property or loss of life. (d)	_____	_____

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**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL AHMEDABAD CANTT- 2020-21**

**Worksheet-2**

Class- X

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## READING

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### 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-

Fish keeping has benefits that make it an attractive hobby for millions of people. Aquariums can bring a bit of nature, a living ecosystem, into any home, including apartments that do not allow other pets. Like tending a furry animal, helping to maintain a fish tank can teach a child the responsibility of caring for other living creatures. As pets fish have distinct advantages: they are quiet, they do not chew or scratch the furniture, and with a few slow -release feeders in their tank, they can safely be left alone for a week or two. But it is likely the documented benefit to human health that has helped make aquariums so popular .like petting a dog or cat , gazing at an aquarium at the end of a long, hard day can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Likewise, research shows that people waiting to see a doctor or undergo medical procedure were less anxious after watching fish swimming in a tank. Watching fish also has a significant calming effect on children with attention deficit as well as on elderly people with Alzheimer's disease. Today, home aquariums became popular as commercial fish breeding operations and air transport made it easy and affordable. More durable tanks and improved filtration system enabled hobbyists to sustain fish for longer periods.

Today, home aquariums range from a child's goldfish bowl to elaborate tanks holding several hundred gallons of water and dozens of exotic fish. more adventurous hobbyists opt for saltwater tanks ,which take more work and equipment to maintain a stable environment .saltwater fish are more costly and more susceptible to changes in temperature and water quality than freshwater species .on the positive side ,they are spectacularly colorful and turn a tank into a dramatic focal point. Modern aquariums have evolved far beyond the boring rectangular tank. Today's models come in almost any shape imaginable - round hexagonal, bow front ,concave ,free form and flat to hang on the wall .they also have become key elements in home and office decor .they are built into walls and incorporated into tables ,lamps ,desks and even bath tubs. Almost any object it seems can be turned into a fish tank.

- Why do people prefer keeping fish as a pet?
- What are the special advantages of petting fish?
- How does fish-keeping control high blood pressure?
- Why is salt water tank used sometimes for keeping fish?
- What is the main reason for the popularity of aquariums?

- f. Why are aquariums available in different shapes?
- g. Find a word from the passage which means the same as:
  - i. a disease of the brain that affects memory.
  - ii different/ unusual

**2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-**

Tourism is travel for recreation, leisure, religious, family or business purposes, normally for a limited duration. Tourism is generally associated with International travel, but may also refer to travel to another place within the same country. The World Tourism Organization defines tourists as people “travelling to and staying at places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes.”

1. Tourism has become a popular global leisure activity. Tourism can either be domestic or international and international tourism can be classified as either inbound or outbound tourism. Today inbound tourism is a major source of income for many countries, especially in terms of foreign exchange earned by the country as a whole. It also has a substantial impact on the local economy and employment of a place frequently visited by tourists.

2. India is a country with a rich cultural heritage which has always fascinated travelers. It is a unique land of diversities where all kinds of natural beauty including desert, sea , forests , mountains, flowers, wildlife is present within a single geographical boundary of a country. Anybody visiting India will have experience of different dresses, culture, flora and fauna in different states. Thus India has always been a destination for tourists who want to enjoy this combination of culture, tradition and rich heritage. Not only this, foreign tourists act as “Ambassadors Of Indian Culture” and take the message further across the world.

3. Indian government has made various efforts to take advantage of these unique possessions to promote tourism. One such big initiative is the scheme of e-Tourist Visa. The measure has been introduced to make travelling to India easier and simpler for foreign tourists.

4. The entire scheme began with the demand by the tourism industry to liberalize the visa regime for foreign tourists to give a boost to tourism in the country. In response, “Visa-On Arrival” was initiated by the government and is now made available to forty four countries. “Visa- On-Arrival” means that you need a visa to enter but it is possible to apply for and receive the visa only when you show up in the country of visit itself.

- a) What do you understand by ‘tourism’?
- b) How is the economy of a country affected by tourism?
- c) Can India be a popular tourist destination? Give 2 reasons.
- d) Give any two factors that help boost tourism in India.

**WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**3. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, expressing your opinion and views on the increased human dependence on technology. Right from a small child to an adult, or even an old man, everyman wants gadgets only-cell phone, I-pod, laptop, etc. This also has a negative effect on social relationships. Write a letter in 100-120 words.**

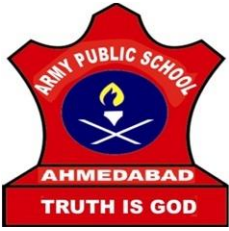
**4. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow-**

It is not possible even for the greatest optimist (a) -----(on, for, of, to) smile all the time and feel good throughout the day. Everyone (b) ----- (had, have, has, having) a tension now or then, when everything seems dark. But once you develop a positive attitude (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (so, but, and, or) realize that life is a roller coaster ride, a series of ups and downs, life becomes easy.

**5. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.**

		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
You are very trusting with my servant. The local	e.g	My	Your
grain merchant warns me one day.	a.	_____	_____
You shall lock up your house when you	b.	_____	_____
go out and let the boy sleeps elsewhere.	c.	_____	_____
some of this boy turn out to be thieves.	d.	_____	_____

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**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL AHMEDABAD CANTT- 2020-21**  
**WORKSHEET-3**

SUBJECT- English

CLASS- X

**SECTION A : READING**

**Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions asked:**

First introduced in 1927, The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories are a series of books about the adventures of brothers Frank and Joe Hardy, teenaged detectives who solve one baffling mystery after another. The Hardy Boys were so popular among young boys that in 1930 a similar series was created for girls featuring a 16 year old detective named Nancy Drew. The cover of each volume of the Hardy Boys states that the author of the series is Franklin W. Dixon; the Nancy Drew Mystery Stories are supposedly written by Carolyn Keene. Over the years, though, many fans of both series have been surprised to find out that Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene are not real people. If Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene never existed, then who wrote The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries?

The Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew books were written through a process called ghostwriting. A ghostwriter writes a book according to a specific formula. While ghostwriters are paid for writing the books, their authorship is not acknowledged, and their names do not appear on the published books. Ghostwriters can write books for children or adults, the content of which is unspecific. Sometimes they work on book series with a lot of individual titles, such as The Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew series.

The initial idea for both the Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew series was developed by a man called Edward Stratemeyer, who owned a publishing company that specialized in children's books. Stratemeyer noticed the increasing popularity of mysteries among adults, and surmised that children would enjoy reading mysteries about younger detectives with whom they could identify. Stratemeyer first developed each book with an outline describing the plot and setting. Once he completed the outline, stratemeyer then hired a ghostwriter to convert it into a book of slightly over 200 pages. After the ghost writer had written a draft of a book, he or she would sent it back to Stratemeyer, who would make a list of corrections and mail it back to the ghostwriter. The ghostwriter would revise the book according to Stratemeyer's instructions and then return it to him. Once Stratemeyer approved the book, it was ready for publication. Because each series ran for so many years, Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys both had a number of different ghostwriters producing books; however, the first ghostwriter for each series proved to be the most influential. The initial ghostwriter for The Hardy Boys was a Canadian journalist named Leslie McFarlane.

A few years later, Mildred A. Wirt, a young writer from Iowa, began writing the Nancy Drew books. Although they were using prepared outlines as guides, both McFarlane and Writ developed the characters themselves. The personalities of Frank and Joe Hardy and Nancy Drew arose directly from Macfarlane's and Wirt's imaginations. For example, Mildred Wirt had been a star college athlete and gave Nancy similar athletic abilities. The ghostwriters were also responsible for numerous plot and setting details. Leslie McFarlane used elements of his small Canadian town to create Bayport, the Hardy Boys fictional hometown.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, fill in the blanks with appropriate words/ phrases:**

- (a) The 'Hardy Boys' mystery stories are a series of books that contain \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ was a similar series created like 'The Hardy Boys' created for the girls.
- (c) The process of writing the Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew was called \_\_\_\_\_.



- (d) The initial idea for both the Hardy Boys and Nancy drew series was developed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books were created based on the idea that children \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys both had a number of different ghostwriters producing books \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) The personalities of Frank and Joe Hardy and Nancy Drew arose directly from \_\_\_\_\_ and imaginations.
- (h) The ghostwriters were responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ plot and \_\_\_\_\_ details.

**Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1. Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in over-assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over-assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.

2. Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word ‘impossible’ was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.

3. Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors- one’s personal planning and support from the external world. People take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. As a result they are unable to foresee future developments. Hence, a great risk of failure.

4. Then there is the question: how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, “I was wrong”.

5. Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.

6. Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.

7. There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)**

- (a) Why does a person become overconfident?
- (b) What does overconfidence generally lead people into?
- (c) How can one manage overconfidence?
- d) What kind of person does ‘modesty’ make you?

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following: (1x4=4)**

- (a) The synonym of ‘endangering’ in paragraph 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) reckless                      (ii) imperil
- (iii) risky                        (iv) threatening
- (b) The synonym of ‘assess’ in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (c) The antonym of 'invaded' in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) protected                      (ii) guarded  
 (iii) risked                        (iv) attacked
- (d) The antonym of 'cautious' in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION –B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**3) You are Amit/Amita of 60-C, Gobindpura, Patiala. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern over the constant migration of young boys and girls from your state to foreign countries.**

**4) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options :**

In a novel approach, drug-eluting stents are now being used (a).....(are, were, is, to) cure chronic sinusitis which is not treatable with medicines. The technique (b)....., (are, is has, have) also advisable for diabetics and those suffering (c).....( from, for, of, from) hypertension.

**5) In the following passage, there is one error in each line. Underline the same and write the correct word in the space provided alongside.**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correction</b>
(a) One morning, the Nawab call	_____	_____
(b) his minister and said him	_____	_____
(c) that a wanted the length and	_____	_____
(d) breadth from the earth	_____	_____
(e) measured. He also feel the	_____	_____
(f) need to have the stars on the	_____	_____
(g) sky counted. The minister says	_____	_____
(h) that the task he have been set was impossible.	_____	_____