

ENGLISH LIT. HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

CLASS VIII WORKSHEET-1

Answer the following questions

- Q1.** What did the King of Siam give his daughters one year on his birthday?
- Q2.** What happened to Princess September's parrot one day? How did the princess react to it?
- Q3.** Compare and contrast the character traits of the two adversaries or contestants in the story 'The Fight'.
- Q4.** In the fight between Ranji and Suraj, who was the winner?
- Q5.** For "how many days does it rain without stopping? What does the author do on these days?
- Q6.** What is the importance of diary entry? How does it reflect the mood and phases of the writer?
- Q7.** The narrator called him 'a beautiful man'. How does he define beauty?
- Q8.** What is Stephen's idea behind saying- 'They should concentrate on what they are good at'?
- Q9.** The writer expresses his great gratitude to Stephen Hawking. What is the gratitude for?
- Q10.** What do we know about Velu's family from the story?
- Q11.** The story Children at Work highlights a serious issue in our society. Explain.
- Q12.** In the architect office. Hafeez contractor was advised to drop everything and join architecture. Why?
- Q13.** What was the role of guru in pupil's life ?
- Q14.** What were the features of education system in ancient India ?
- Q15.** Why were travellers attracted towards India during ancient education period ?
- Q16.** What was the reaction of Bepin Babu when he heard from Dinesh?
- Q17.** What were Chunilal's reactions when he asked Bepin about having gone to Ranchi?
- Q18.** 'Mountains are nature at its best' why? Major Ahluwalia talks about in the lesson.
- Q19. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

My heart was so light

That I sang day and night

For all nature looked gay.

"You sang, Sir, you say?"

Go then" say the ant, "and dance the winter away".

(A) To whom is the ant talking? (B) When was the heart light of the speaker of the first three lines? (C) What did the ant suggest to her listener?

Q20. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow

When the jet reached ten thousand feet,

it was clear why the country

had cities where the rivers ran

and why the valleys were populated.

The logic of geography

that land and water attracted man —

was clearly delineated

When the jet reached ten thousand feet.

(A) At what height did the jet reach? (B) What was clear from that height?

(C) What was the logic of geography?

Q21. Write the character sketches of the following :

a) Princess September b) Ranji c) Velu d) Hafeez Contractor c) Bipin Babu