

Section : Prose

1.1 An Astrologer's Day .

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Activity Sheets

Passage :- Ist: “***Punctually at midday... ...by shop lights***”.

Q1) Read the following extract and do all the activities given below :-

(A) Global Understanding

Say whether the following sentences are True or False.

1).An Astrologer would start his work on morning.

2.)He used to sit under the boughs of tamarind tree.

3.)A surging crowd was always moving up and down in town.

4.)People were attracted to him as bees are attracted to cosmos.

[A2] Complex Factual

* Complete the Web Diagram.

Cowrie shells

Professional
Equipments of
the Astrologer

(A2) Complete the flow chart :

**A Variety of
Trades and
occupations**

Medicine Seller

A3) Inference / Interpretation / Analysis

*** The Presence of the Groundnut Vendor is beneficial to the Astrologer : Justify.**

A4) Personal Response

*** Do you like to hear Predictions about your future? Give reasons.**

A5) Language Study

(1) Use the word given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence:

Ex:- The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced.

(*enhancement*)

(2) **The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced by their position.** (*Change the voice*)

(3) **This colour Scheme never failed.** (*Make it an affirmative sentence*)

(4) **He would sit under the tamarid tree.** (*Rewrite using – used to*)

A6) Vocabulary

(1) Make new words by adding proper Suffixes from the brackets: (able, ure, ment, eer)

(a) Auction (b) remark © fail (d) enhance

(2) Find the words from the exact which means :-

- (1) Difficult to understand (2) magical
(3) Shining and impressive (4) being loud and noisy.

(B) Non-textual Grammar

(1) Fill in the blanks a suitable articles:-

:- I met... ..artist, She is... ..good dancer too.

(a, an the)

(2) Fill in the blanks a suitable preposition.

:- My online class begins.... ..11.0011.40 .

(in, to, before, from)

(3) Find the error and rewrite the sentence :-

:- She has finish the her homework.

Passage :- Second

“ He had left his village... ..forbidding exterior.”

A1) Global Understanding :-

:- Complete the sentences with proper words :-

- (1) He had left his village without any... ..
- (2) He had a working analysis of mankind's troubles... ..
- (3) He charged... .. Per questions.
- (4) He never opened his mouth till the other had spoken at least... ..

(A2) Complex Factual.

:- Complete the flow chart :-

Tilling the land

He would have
carried on the work
of his forefathers

Analysis of mankind's troubles

A3) Describe how the Astrologer had left his village. Or

“Before gazing the palm – Astrologer had a dozen answers and advices,” Explain it.

A4) Personal Response

Do you think that Astrology is an art and can be studied? Discuss.

A5) Language Study

(1) Use the word given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence :

:- He knew what was going to happen to himself the next minutes. (happening)

(2) He had left his village without any previous thought or plan. (Rewrite using – Neither... . Nor)

(3) He couldn't rest till he left it. (Use – “unable to”)

(4) You have an impetuous nature and a rough exterior.
(Rewrite using – ‘ Not only... .but also ‘)

A6) Vocabulary

(1) Make new words by adding proper suffixes from the brackets :- (ence, ment, able, ledge)

:- enchant, know, innocent, reason.

(2) Find the words from the extract which means :-

(1) Impulsive (2) made likeable

(3) Frightening (4) outside of something.

Passage : Third

“The nut vendor blew out his flare... ..there is woman”.

A1) Global Understanding :-

- **Rearrange the following sentences in the order of their occurrence in the extract. :-**
- **“I will speak to you tomorrow,”**
- **“ Oh, stop that,” the other said.**
- **“There is a woman... ..”.**
- **“Or will you give me eight annas? ”.**

A2) Complex Factual

* Complete the following sentences :-

(1) This was a signal for the astrologer....

(2) He picked up his cowrie shells and...

(3) The other grumbled... ..

(4) This pact was accepted after...

A2) Complex Factual

*** The reactions of the Astrologer to the man are :-**

He felt challenged

He felt uncomfortable

His voice shook and became faint

.....

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A3) Inference / interpretation / Analysis

“ Our friend piqued,” Name the friend and give reasons for him feeling ‘ piqued ‘.

A4) Personal Response

Explain your reactions when someone challenges you.

A5) Language Study

(1) Use the word given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence :-

- If you find my answers satisfactory, will you give me five rupees. (Satisfaction)

(2) Tell me something worthwhile. (identify the type of sentence)

(3) Tell me the something worthwhile. (begin with, “Let... ..”)

(4) He picked up his cowrie shells. (Use-Past perfect tense)

(5) I will speak to you tomorrow. (Rewrite the sentence by using modal auxiliary showing “advice”).)

A6) Vocabulary

(1) Give the meaning of the words :-

*** Tilting * bluffing *glimpse**

(2) Add the proper suffixes to the given words.

(ure, tion, ment ance)

(1) Prepare (2) Proceed (3) argue

Passage : Four

“Stop,” said the other...gratified to hear it.”

A1.) Global Understanding :-

(1) Choose the correct alternative:

- (a) The astrologer says that if Nayak doesn't leave his village again, he would... ..
- (1) Return the money. (2) face danger (3) go back to home and stop looking for the man who tried to kill him
- (2) Guru Nayak consults the astrologer because he wants to... ..
- (3) Understand the past (2) find out who the astrologer is
- (3) Get the answer to a specific.

© Guru Nayak is looking for the man who tried to kill him... .

(1) To take revenge (2) to get an apology (3) to demand an explanation

(D) The Astrologer's remarks make Guru Nayak feel all of the following except...

(1) Relieved (2) Suspicious (3) impressed

(2) Say whether the following sentences are True or False :

- (1) The astrologer gave a correct prediction to the client about his past.
- (2) The astrologer tried to back out of the deal and talked about the client's past.
- (3) The astrologer rescued himself from Guru Nayak's revenge.
- (4) Some passerby saved Guru Nayak.

A2) Complex Factual :

- (1) He had been stabbed... . (3) He had been left...
- (2) He had been pushed.....(4) The attacker had died.....

A3) Inference / interpretation / Analysis :-

(1) The man was left for dead. Explain it :

(2) The man looked gratified because...

A4) Personal Response :-

Suggest some steps to eradicate superstitious and other ill practice from our society.

A5) Language study :-

(1) Use the word given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence :-

(a) He shook his head regretfully. (regret)

(b) The other groaned on hearing it. (heard)

(2) The other said, “I don’t want to all that, “.

(**Change the reported speech**)

(3) I will not open my mouth. (**Make it affirmative**)

(4) I will speak. (**Change it into Present perfect tense**)

(5) You were pushed into a well.

(**begin the sentence with, “Someone... .”**)

(6) Rub it on your forehead. (**begin with, “Let... ”**)

(7) He took out a pinch of sacred ash.

(**begin with, “ A pinch of sacred ash... ”**)

(8) He has escaped my hands. (**identify the tense**)

A6) Vocabulary :

(1) Guess the meaning of the words :-

- (1) Passer-by (2) Peep (3) disgorge
(4) incantation (5) haggling (6) groaned
(7) overwhelmed (8) Passer-by (9) gratified

(2) Make the new words by adding suffixes

/Prefix es:- (fully, ly, dis, in)

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| (1) Gorge | (2) Cantation |
| (3) Regret | (4) reflective |

Passage : Five

“The place was deserted... ..himself on the pyol”.

A1) Global Understanding

*** Rearrange the following sentences in the order of their occurrence in the extract :-**

(1) We drank, gambled and quarreled badly one day.

(2) His wife was waiting for him at the door.

(3) I ran away home and settled here.

(4) The child has been asking for sweets for so many days.

A 2) Complex Factual.

(1) Complete the following Flow Chart :-

The life of
Astrologer in
his village

He was a silly youngster

He would quarrell

A3) Inference / Interpretation / Analysis

(1) The astrologer feels relieved that Guru Nayak is not dead as it relieves a great burden from him. Justify and Explain it.

A4) Personal Response

The astrologer wins / gets the sympathy / criticism of the reader in the end of the story. Express your opinion with support of the story.

A 5) Language Study

(1) Use the words given in the brackets and rewrite the sentence :

(1) You tried to kill him. (Killing)

(2) I will prepare some nice stuff for her. (Preparation)

(3) The astrologer picked up his articles and put them into his bag. (Change the vice)

(4) The stranger had gone off into the night.

(Change it into simple past tense)

(5) His wife was waiting for him at the door. (Identify the tense)

(6) He flung the coins at her. (Change it into the present perfect tense)

(7) He said to his wife, “ Count them. One man gave all that”. (Change it into indirect speech)

(8) She said to him, “ I can buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow”. (Change the reported speech)

(9) The child has been asking for sweets for so many days. (identify the tense)

(10) I will prepare some nice stuff for her. (begin the sentence with, “Some nice stuff...)

(11) He said to his wife, “ Do you know a great load is gone from me today “,.(Change the reported speech)

(12) He is alive. (Make it negative sentence)

(13) She gasped, “ You tried to kill him”. (Change the reported speech)

A6) Vocabulary

(1) Find the words from the extract which means :-

(1) a string cot

(2) heaved

(3) pack

(4) gaping

(2) Find out the qualities of Astrologer, Guru Nayak and Astrologer's Wife from the brackets.

(Caring, arrogant, shrewd, worried, aggressive, clever, rational, demanding, sharp, humanistic, sceptical,)

(1) The astrologer :-

(2) Guru Nayak :-

(3) Astrologer's Wife :-